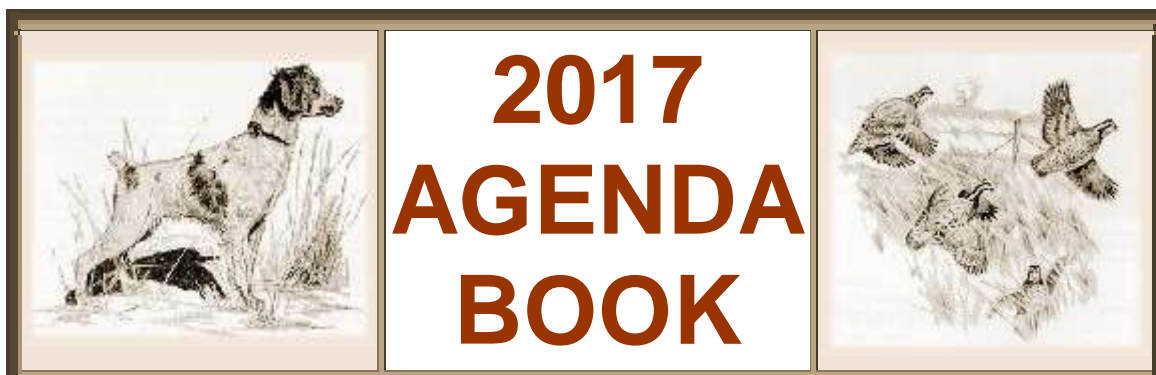




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AGENDA
2017 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF
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NR = No Report

2016 ABC BOD MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting Place, Booneville, AR

November 26, 2016

The American Brittany Club meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Dr. Robert Rankin. Directors present in person were Karen Hanson, Bob Fleury, Darlene Dow, Brian Hendrickson, Helen Riggle, Steve Ralph, Tom Jagielski, Bernie Crain, Andi Christensen, Ed Tillson, Mary Karbinger, Joe Gower, and Robin Tomasi. Ron Gulembo was connected by telephone due to his recent medical emergency. Bob West arrived at 8:30 AM.

The 2nd Vice President Sandy Malloy Presented her report and action items:

MOTION #1 MOTION BY HANSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO ADD TO THE DUTIES OF THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT THAT AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT WILL REACH OUT TO REGIONAL CLUBS TO UPDATE THEIR LIST OF ALL OFFICERS FOR THE ABC. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

MOTION #2 MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT ABC WORK WITH LEGAL COUNCIL TO DESIGN A BREEDERS' DIRECTORY TO GO ON THE WEBSITE WITH FINAL APPROVAL BY THE ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. 13 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSTAINED (KARBINER & GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

The president appointed Sandy Malloy, Steve Ralph, Helen Riggle and attorney Sharon Wice to work on the design.

Third Vice President Terry Hilliard present her report and action Items.

MOTION #3 MOTION BY TOMASI, DECONDED BY GOWER. I MOVE THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT HOST CLUBS OF THE SUMMER SPACIALTY PROVIDE AWARD OF MERITS AS PER AKC RECOMMEDATIONS. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED The president appointed a committee composed of A. Christiansen Chair, B. Hendrickson, K. Hanson, H. Riggle, and 3rd and 4th Vice Presidents to work on a proposal that the Summer Specialty no longer be held and the National Specialty be held in the summer and move across the country.

The 4th Vice President John Perry reported on the Gun Dog Nationals.

Executive Secretary Trimble presented her action items.

Agenda Book: MOTION #4 MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY TOM JAGIELSKI: I MOVE TO PUT IN THE POLICY BOOK THAT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

Judges' Education: MOTION #5 MOTION BY HANSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE THAT ABC ASK AKC TO RECOMMEND THAT SHOW JUDGES ATTEND ONE FIELD TRIAL OR HUNT TEST AND BE MENTORED BY A DOG OWNER WHO HAS OWNED A SPORTING DOG FOR AT LEAST 12 YEARS. MOTION PASSED

American Field Report: President Rankin reported he was serving on a committee of Continental Breeds for the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America and that the Continental breeds are exempt from requiring individuals who run in Continental Breed trials/championships to pay the \$25 individual dues paid by other non-continental breeds.

Judy Graves, Chair of the ABC Finance Committee presented the finance committee's action items and 2017 ABC Budget.

MOTION #6 MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT A CHANGE BY MADE TO THE POLICY BOOK TO BE AS FOLLOWS: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: ANY CHECK EXCEEDING \$5,000 SHALL REQUIRE A SECOND SIGNATURE FROM THE PRESIDENT OR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED.

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MOTION #9: MOTION BY JAGIELSKI, SECONDED BY RALPH: I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2017. 10 YES, 3 NOES (HENDRICKSON, DOW, TOMAS'), 2 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO, RIGGLE). MOTION PASSED

Lunch Break declared at 11:53 A.M. Meeting resumed at 12:19 P.M.

Ed Tillson, chair of the ABC Nat. Gun Dog Championship study committee presented his report:

MOTION # 10: MOTION BY RIGGLE, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT THE GUN DOG GROUNDS COMMITTEE CONTINUE THEIR RESEARCH AND COME BACK IN 2017 WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON BOTH WHERE AND WHEN (DATE) THAT THE GUN DOG NATIONALS SHOULD BE HELD. 12 YES, 1 NO (HENDRICKSON), 2 ABSTAINED (DOW & GULEMBO). MOTION PASSED

Magazine Committee:

MOTION # 11: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY CRAIN: I MOVE TO HAVE THE MAGAZINE CHAIR CONTACT AKC REGARDING THE PUBLISHING ABC STATS OBTAINED FROM AKC ON THE INTERNET. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED. (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

MOTION # 12: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY JAGIELSKI: I MOVE THAT PHOTOS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE UNLESS AN EVENT REPORT (RESULTS) HAS BEEN RECEIVED. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

Nominating Committee, Bob Fleury Chair read the list of Directors elected for 3-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Directors elected are: East Coast Leslie Hunt, East Central Brian Hendrickson, Central Steve Ralph, Midwest Andi Christiansen, West Coast Mary Brown.

MOTION # 13: MOTION BY HENDRICKSON, SECONDED BY RALPH: I MOVE TO APPROVE ALL EMAIL MOTIONS VOTED ON SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO). MOTION PASSED

Registry of Merit Program (ROM):

MOTION # 14: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY TOMAS': I MOVE TO ALLOW KAREN HANSON TO SET UP AND MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF MERIT (ROM) PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE. MONEY COLLECTED SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

Junior Achievement Award:

MOTION #15: MOTION BY TOMAS', SECONDED BY RIGGLE: I MOVE TO APPROVE A JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ABC. KAREN HANSON WILL ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM: AWARD COSTS ARE NOT TO EXCED \$50. AWARD WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY SEPT. 1, 2017. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

Policy Book Change: MOTION # 16: MOTION BY TILLSON, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE POLICY BOOK CHANGES LISTED ON PAGE 99-100 OF THE AGENDA BOOK WHICH CORRECT TERMINOLOGY FROM AMERICAN FIELD TO FIELD DOG STUD BOOK. CHANGES NEEDED CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 46, 91, 107. 155. 156. 157 AND 158: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO). MOTION PASSED

Dog of the Year Program:

MOTION # 17: MOTION BY RIGGLE, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE TO ADD SHOW BREEDER OF THE YEAR, FIELD TRIAL BREEDER OF THE YEAR, HUNT TEST BREEDER OF THE YEAR, AND PERFORMANCE BREEDER OF THE YEAR BE ADDED TO THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

MOTION # 18: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY HENDRICKSON: I MOVE THAT ABC WILL PAY FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FROM AKC FOR THE DOG OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. PROGRAM CHAIR IS TO CONTINUE WITH FUND RAISING TO SUPPORT THE REST OF THE PROGRAM. 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED (GULEMBO) MOTION PASSED

Executive Session called (Time not recorded) The following was voted on in Executive Session and confirmed in the Open session following the Executive Session.

MOTION # 19: 14 YES, 0 NO, 1 NOT VOTING (GULEMBO).

.... No dog or people elected to their respective Hall of Fames.
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...Officers Elected: 1st VP Tom Milam, (Elected) Secretary position Leslie Andreas, 3rd VP Emmy Wollenburg, 4th VP Bob Burchett.

.... Jennifer Brooke Burlingame will shadow the secretary position.

Brian Henderson moved for adjournment at 4:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Executive Secretary

2017 REPORT OF THE ABC PRESIDENT

Robert Rankin, MD

Things continue with the ABC. Working volunteers are getting hard to find except those who have continued in their previous jobs. The Finance committee under Judy Graves continues their valiant work of trying to keep us within budget and continues to function well in the midst of complaints, even from some people who haven't turned in a budget. Money coming in continues to decline with decreasing membership and fewer dogs being run in field trials. These 2 things have seemed to affect many of the dog clubs that run field trials and will continue to be a problem. This problem has also hit the AFTCA which sanctions amateur pointer/setter trials to the point that they initiated a \$25 individual membership fee to go along with the club fees. At the last meeting, it was decided to continue with the Brittany clubs as they had been doing, i.e. continue with the \$100 club membership and another \$100 to run a sanctioned Amateur Championship under the AFTCA. Individual memberships WILL NOT be needed to run in these trials. Individual memberships will be needed IF you run your dog in a Amateur pointer/setter trial, or if you want a win certificate (printed off the AFTCA web site) or a championship scroll. One benefit of your club joining the AFTCA would be your club's opportunity to apply for a grant from the 20th Century Fund for improvement of quail and quail habitat at your trial grounds

I've been at this job for 4 years now and it's time to give someone else a chance to help keep the club together and consider the future.

Robert A Rankin, MD

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

END OF YEAR REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

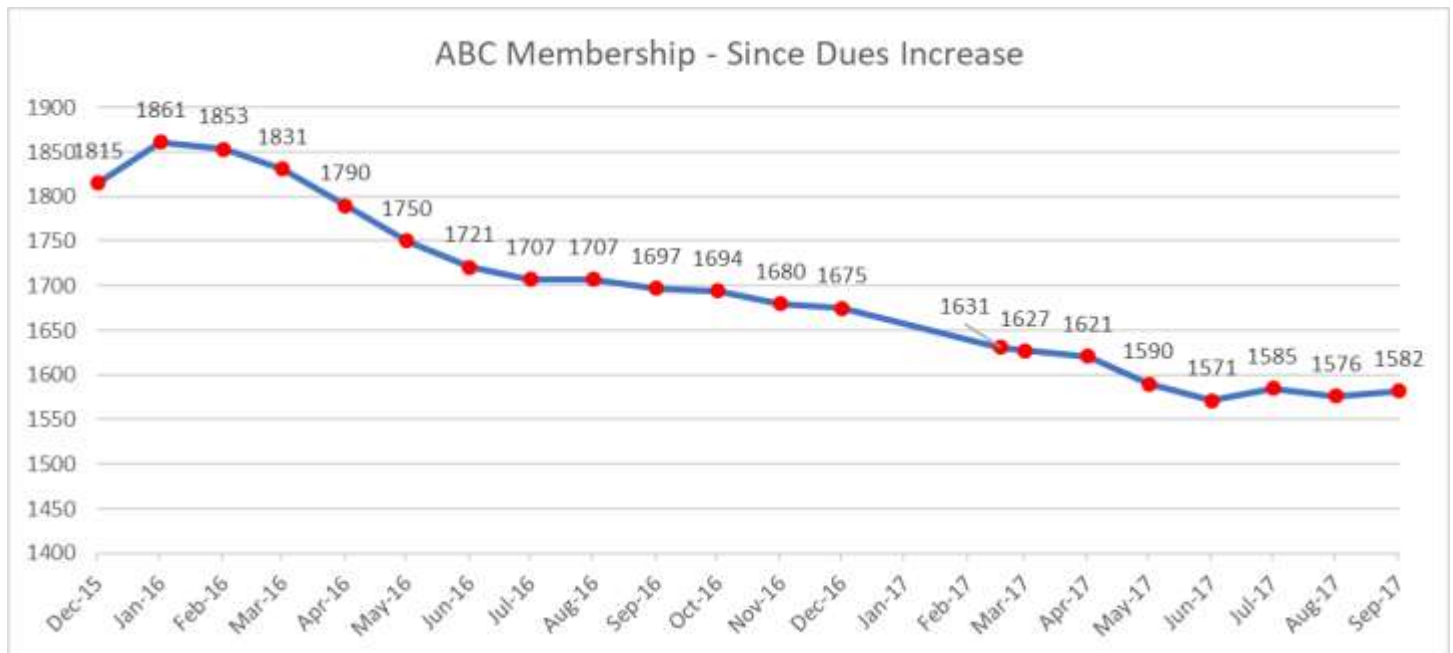
Sandy Mallory

I am pleased to be able to report that it appears that the downward trend of membership decline since our dues increase has begun to level off. I will continue to evaluate the data between now and the Board Meeting in November, and provide updated data at that time.

To compare our membership data is always a challenge because the data from the download must be manipulated extensively by hand. It is difficult to ensure that the exact same data is being captured and compared accurately. However, it does appear that that downward trend we have experienced is slowing down, which is good news, as it will provide some stability in our ability to predict revenue and future agendas.



Using the Magazine Circulation has been a quick and easy way to look at one data point over time, but it is not a true measure of our membership, and needs to be considered as only one piece of the picture. That said, the data appears to support the retention data from the database, and I will attempt to confirm this over the next few months.



As 2nd Vice President, Chair of the Membership Promotion Committee, and Chair of the Membership Database Committee, my issues and recommendations overlap, so my report on each is brief.

Membership Promotion Committee

The Membership Promotion Committee met by conference call and continued discussions by email regarding solutions that would help grow the membership at ABC. The Committee was enthusiastic to embark on this project, but soon felt that it was difficult to have any significant impact on the membership itself without support and direction from the Board. As a small committee with little funds available, we could not expect to affect the overall membership at large. As the Chair of this Committee, I see no benefit in spending volunteer time mailing out magnets or asking members to send welcome or renewal emails manually, every month. These functions can, and should be automated using upgraded technology, leaving our volunteers available to contribute in ways that cannot be automated. The Committee would be very interested in developing a true Strategic Plan for ABC, if the Board would be interested in implementing the findings.

Membership Database Committee

The Membership Database Committee is at a bit of a standstill. It was my recommendation last year that the Board continue to evaluate the merits of all solutions. It was also recommended by the Executive Secretary that ABC continue to work with Linda Langford to make upgrades to the existing database. As far as I am aware, there have been no program upgrades, scope of work or written proposal for any changes. I continue to support the concept of further evaluation of 3rd party AMS software options rather than a custom-built database for a variety of reasons. Since we do not have an in-house IT department, we are reliant on individuals to repair, revise, or upgrade technology. Using an AMS database solution eliminates this direct responsibility, and typically organizations can utilize a more powerful and comprehensive program than they can afford to build for themselves.

Summary and Action Items

Despite the possibility that the membership trend is stabilizing or potentially turning around, I think that ABC needs to be careful that we are listening to our members and providing “value” in our membership. Anecdotally, I am still hearing from members that they are not getting enough from ABC to continue to pay dues, and when their memberships expire, they may not renew.

In fact, in review of the Board Minutes from the last several years, I found that this issue was brought forward in the 2012 Action Items by then President, Ken Windom, recommending to “...*authorize a standing committee to study the membership situation and make recommendations to the Board for implementation of recruiting and maintaining members...[and] a serious evaluation of our membership situation needs to be studied and revised to provide a more uniform structure, a more easily accessible database, and more content/activities for the average Brittany owner to attract them to become, and remain, members of ABC.*” Since that time, a Membership Promotion Committee was established, but to my knowledge, no significant changes have been implemented.

Therefore, I forward the following Action Items:

1. Acquire New Membership Database

This issue is not new. It has been on the Agenda of the Board of Director Meetings for the last three years. We have been fortunate to have access to the existing database for many years, which was built and maintained free of charge to ABC. However, we are aware of its limitations, and as far as I am aware, plans to upgrade this database have not occurred, nor are currently being developed.

The existing database does not allow ABC to contact its members directly, and requires us to disseminate information via the Magazine, or by Facebook, the Dual Brittany List (Yahoo Group), the ABC Notice Board (Yahoo Group), and through Regional Club Secretaries, who may or may not forward the information. It cannot be used to send welcome letters/receipts or renewal notices, and extracting accurate summary information or projections from the membership data is extremely

difficult. Technology exists that could manage these processes, as well as provide other features including functions that could help streamline the receipt and recording of membership dues for ABC.

Action Item #1: I propose that ABC assemble a new Membership Database Committee made up of members who are committed to evaluating options and acquiring a membership database solution.

2. Assessment of the Magazine

As the largest expenditure of ABC, and the primary membership “benefit” – as the magazine is one of the only advantages that members receive that non-members do not – I believe it is important that we ensure that our members are satisfied with the magazine – both the content and the appearance.

In 2016, the net cost of publication (the cost of the magazine minus advertising revenue) was \$50,381. As a percentage of Membership Revenue, which totaled \$51,640, the magazine represented **97.56%** of all dues income. It is my opinion, therefore, that ABC needs to be sure that the membership is satisfied with the magazine.

We have often been told that the current publisher of our magazine is providing the best value possible, and provides many free services to ABC, but until we truly examine the actual costs it is impossible to know if this is true. Furthermore, even if the publishing of the magazine is a great value, if the content is not interesting to our members and/or they do not read the magazine, it is still a waste of our resources.

Action Item #2: I propose that ABC assemble a working group or Committee to evaluate the actual cost/benefit of publication/services from Webster Co. Publishing, and obtain side-by-side cost comparisons from other publishers. Additionally, this Committee should determine member satisfaction regarding the content and identify the content our members wish to see in a Parent Club/Breed magazine.

3. Breeder Directory

This is also not a new item, and was approved by the Board of Directors last year. (MOTION # 2: MOTION BY RALPH, SECONDED BY GOWER: I MOVE THAT ABC WORK WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DESIGN A BREEDERS’ DIRECTORY TO GO ON THE WEBSITE WITH FINAL APPROVAL BY THE ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION PASSED: 13 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSTAINED (KARBINER & GULEMBO) The President appointed Sandy Malloy, Steve Ralph, Helen Riggle, and attorney Sharon Wice to work on the design.)

Despite efforts to design a Breeder Directory, we were unable to obtain a legal disclaimer from our Legal Advisor as the issue was considered “too risky” to move forward. While I agree that it is impossible to eliminate all legal “risk,” I think this issue is unlikely to be as risky as many other activities at ABC, and since 86% of our members were in favor of this concept, it is something we should pursue. Additionally, I believe it is our duty as a Parent Club to help the public find ethical and knowledgeable Brittany breeders, and therefore a risk we must take.

Action Item #3: I propose that ABC assemble a working group or Committee to design a Breeder Director to go on the website.

3rd VICE PRESIDENT

END OF THE YEAR REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emmy Wollenburg

The scope of the National Specialty has increased for the past several years under the guidance of Terry Hilliard. I would like to thank Terry for her service to the American Brittany Club and her willingness to mentor me as a new 3rd VP.

Report of the 2016 NSS

- In 2016, we had 14 entries in the Match Show, 83 sweeps entries and 168 entries in the breed competition.
- We had 6 entries in the 4 to 6-month puppy class.
- Our Junior Showmanship numbers have been low for the past several years and in 2016 we had 5 juniors.
- Obedience and rally entries increased from 2015 with 26 obedience entries and 20 rally entries.
- In addition to sweeps, breed, obedience and rally, we offered Mini-me's, agility, and barn hunt as part of the National Specialty last year.
 - Mini-Me's were a huge success, with participation from a number of future handlers.
 - Barn hunt was held at Kay Rodgers Park and entries from both Brittany enthusiasts and non-Brittany folks was a financial success.
 - The ABC supported the entry at the Northwest Arkansas Agility Group Agility Trial as part of the official activities related to its 2016 Nationals.
 - There were 84 runs at this inaugural event.
- In 2016, the National Specialty showed a profit of approximately \$3,000.
- We look forward to offering barn hunt, Mini-me's, and agility all together with the National Specialty Show at Kay Rodgers Park this year.
- This is my first year as the 3rd VP. I want to thank all the officers and BOD members for their support. I look forward to continuing in this role in 2018.

Report of the 2017 Summer Specialty

The Summer Specialty was hosted by the Western Michigan Brittany Club in conjunction with the Michigan Sporting Dog Association and the Ann Arbor Kennel Club.

- There were 23 entries in sweepstakes and 66 entries in the regular classes.
 - In the regular classes there were 15 dogs, 22 bitches, 16 dog specials and 13 bitch specials.
 - Best of Breed was won by the young bitch, CH Classic's Kacie Can Do.
- Thanks to Western Michigan Brittany Club Show Chair Diana Kubitz and her committee for organizing a great weekend of Brittany events.

Action Item 1: Magazine Cover for High in Trial Agility Winner

I would like to request that the National High in Trial Agility winner be featured on the cover of the ABC magazine. We offer this to the other National level winners and now that we are including Agility as part of our National events I feel it is appropriate to offer a cover for the winner.

2017 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AGENDA REPORT

Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

This will be one of the most difficult agenda report I have ever written. I've been contemplating what to say for the last year, and I am still at a loss as how to begin. I expect to turn over my duties to my replacement in 2018 as we work through a transition period. For around 20 years, I filled both the Secretary and Executive Secretary positions. During 2017 Leslie Andreas has assumed the Recording Secretary duties which are minimal, and I have continued as Executive Secretary/ Corresponding Secretary. Since AKC does not recognize the office of Executive Secretary, I have had the title with AKC of Corresponding Secretary as well. I expect that after two full years of being my understudy, that the ABC BOD will appoint Leslie to assume the duties of Executive Secretary to the BOD and Corresponding Secretary. Leslie has been involved with ABC since her youth. She is well versed in policy, history, shows, other Brittany events, breeding, and field trials. A must for this position. Being an ombudsman for the membership demands a knowledge of every facet, policy, rules not only of ABC but AKC, American Field, and AFTCA (Amateur Field Trial Club of America). For those things that may not be in our knowledge base, we must know where or to whom to go to get the information to help clubs. In addition to training my replacement, I have also been helping Ray with correspondence with Kent Patterson who is now assuming the ABC Purina Coordinator's duties and Joe Waitman who is taking over the Chair's position for the Classic's Committee as Ray is retiring from those positions.

With that said, there are many issues that need to be discussed by the BOD as to how they will be handled in the future. Some of the duties are outlined in By-laws and must be followed. Other duties have been added in the Policy Book and can be modified. There are many duties I perform that are not in writing anywhere but I have done all of these years. I will list some of the duties the BOD needs to discuss and determine how they want them handled. I will help Leslie in every way possible. The Executive Secretary deals with every aspect of the ABC on a daily basis. During my first decade of holding this position, I felt I received the respect due the office. During the last decade, I felt like some of the Directors and Officers looked upon the position as she is just the Secretary and her opinion is not important. I hope that will change in the future and not only the Executive Secretary, but all the other Officers and Committee Chairs will not be subject to intense criticism, hateful charges, and micro-managing of the things they deal with on a daily basis. That is a harsh statement, I know, but to diminish the importance of the people who work every day with their jobs has a terrible effect on morale and causes discontent in the organization as a whole. Everyone, including officers, members, and Directors need to **address issues and not personalities** which make volunteers feel they are constantly under fire for not doing their jobs or are in violation of Robert's Rules, AKC, or the Government. I know it is not most members or directors, but hateful or incorrect personal statements tend to dominate one's thinking especially when they appear in motions or before the whole BOD rather than the issue being presented to the individual.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS.... CONSIDER THEM ACTION ITEMS

1. The most time-consuming duty I have is receiving field trial and show reports. I scan each of them and post on an FTP site for the magazine, and numerous statisticians and national field trial secretaries. This requires clubs to mail or email me copies of all event results sent to AKC. Postage to Canada is double what it costs to send stateside. We need to determine how to deal with this issue for getting the reports to the Ex. Sec. I also must contact clubs (mainly championships) to send their reports and pictures which is very time consuming when they don't do it automatically. We might consider also a credit card machine access for the Ex. Sec. as checks currently are sent for starter fees. Scans from clubs and a credit card machine could eliminate that problem or someone else could scan and upload for the Ex. Sec. to work with for correct results, late fees, and prepare the event financial reports, etc.
2. What will be the permanent mailing address for the ABC? It has always been the long-term Ex. Sec.'s address in the past. Insurance companies want to send policies and bills to the official ABC Address rather than individuals who might be the ABC insurance chair which changes from time to time. These checks and reports constitute the bulk of snail mail that I receive.
3. The BOD put me in charge of membership data years ago when the magazine had that duty. It is important that the Ex. Sec. have a wide knowledge of people in the ABC in order to work with the Data Chair. For example, in preparing ballots this year, I recognized that I had not seen a ballot for one Hall of Fame member. In checking, I found that 3 had been left off the label list. We are still trying to figure out how that happened in the sorting and

will correct that error. This is something that an outsider or someone with a shorter history with ABC would not have caught.

4. Besides the ABC Laptop which contains most all business transactions and reports, what should be transferred to the new Ex. Sec. It may take a semi or U-Haul to transport all the old files, policy books, agenda books, impt. Papers, horizontal file, old trophies, set of bound magazines, etc. Or, do you want me to rent a storage space and go ahead and keep those files here in Carterville or trash some of them. I have a large trunk of files and several boxes of the Jim and Janet Chase estate in addition to my files. My house is full after 20 years. Joy Searcy, former Ex. Sec. before me has sent several boxes this last year of similar material and books. I know I will not have time to sort all that is in my house between now and November.
5. I would like to continue along with the new Ex. Sec. as a moderator on the Notification Google List so that I can post legislative alerts issued by AKC or my legislative lists on state issues. Legislation has always been one of the issues near and dear to me and something I would like to continue dealing with and not specifically a duty of the Ex. Sec.
6. The new Ex. Sec. will need to open a bank account to deposit checks and make refunds for overpayment, pay for having ballots and questionnaire printed for the Directors' Election, order CH pins, pay some minor bills. I forward large bills to the Treasurer to pay.
7. One of my unofficial duties that requires no action of the BOD is training new Field Trial Secretaries how to do their duties, reporting to AKC, what is required for trials, reports, etc. I mention this because the regional clubs often appoint new people and just expect them to take over with no training or explanation of what is expected. When that happens, the job falls to the Ex. Sec. to do and that person must have a knowledge of what is involved with both AKC and American Field.
8. I receive and send out the AKC Stud Book and New Titles for the ABC. They come by email and I forward to those who need them. The Championship pins are mentioned in both Sec & Ex. Sec policy sections. I suggest those fall to the Secretary. Not a big job but pins have to be mailed.
9. The Executive Secretary must stay in contact with the Classic's Chairman and order the Garmin Collars from Warner Smith and send him info on where to ship them. This is at their request as they did not want to deal with multiple individuals.

If you think of any other issues I have not mentioned, feel free to contact me and share your thoughts so I can begin to deal with the issue prior to the BOD meeting. I would like to thank those of you who have worked closely with me over the years. I certainly appreciate your advice, support, and cooperation. It made all the difference. I hope you will continue to support my replacement and help her adjust to a major change in her life as she takes on the humongous task of becoming the American Brittany Club's Executive Secretary's job. **The best advice I can pass on came to me from former ABC President, Ron Zook, "Just remember that the only people who make mistakes are the people who are doing something." God Bless you all.**

Mary Jo Trimble

2017 AGENDA BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

Brooke Burlingame, Chair.

As this is my first Agenda Book, I can say this is an arduous task. It's very hard to get people to do the reports much less email or mail the reports timely. My recommendation is to hard-set a date with reminders set for 2 months prior to due date to assist committee members. If no report is sent, then the report is not published. Thank you, Hank, for the template and answering all my questions.

Reports with action items are noted in **BOLD** in the index. NR in the index indicates No Report was submitted in time to be included in the Agenda Book.

I will continue with Hank's idea to reduce costs by sending this agenda in Adobe (.pdf) format electronically and only print minimal hard copies requested.

Thanks to those committee leads who sent their reports by the due date and did their best to make this task easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Burlingame

2017 ANNUAL DELAGE REPORT

Jane Bjork

This report marks my first year as your delegate. Major issues throughout the year included disaster relief for pets (\$1000 was just approved by the ABC Board of Directors for the AKC Reunite General Relieve Fund to help with Hurricanes Irma and Harvey and western wildfires), AKC Canine Health initiatives, animal rights threats to our livelihood, reinstatement of disqualified dogs (vote was tabled at the September delegate meeting) and declining pointing breed and conformation entries. On the plus side, the introduction of several new titles and activities and recognition programs are in place, and litter and dog registrations are on the increase.

One issue I will work to improve is finding the balance between a lack of information and duplicate information. In this age of instant communication, AKC has all our emails. Often the AKC sends out a communication within a day of my communication, and I experienced duplicates of information from our previous delegate as well. AKC sends emails to people with registered animals from a variety of AKC departments. The result is a bombardment of information. The risk of too much information is that, like the overuse of “breaking news”, we begin to ignore it.

Also, email and social media are in competition with the paper magazine format. Most times, social media beats paper. Once, it was the other way around! Case in point: In the August 2017 magazine, I reported on AKC’s dissatisfaction with the current state of Limited Registration as reported by Carmen Battaglia at the June 2017 delegate meeting in the July ABC Magazine. Yet, in September, Facebook exploded about this news from people who get the magazine. In this case, the magazine beat Facebook. Moral of the story- read your magazine, and check in with your delegate (jjflanagan@aol.com.) I plan to take pictures at the December meeting in Orlando to attract attention to the article. *As an incidental note, the Limited Registration removal was only proposed as an idea for consideration, and got taken out of context. It will remain as a tool for breeders.*

Issues requiring timely feedback need quicker dissemination than the magazine can provide. This year hasn’t been a year where quick feedback is needed, excepting the Chapter 11 Section 8A dog disqualification (tabled) changes. I propose that, for issues between the AKC and ABC where club member feedback is required, there be a cascading distribution list from the delegate to ABC Executive Secretary and the ABC Board, and/or from the delegate to the ABC Executive Secretary and the ABC Board and all regional club secretaries. Regional club secretaries can then send out emails to their members. At this point (my first year as a delegate) there haven’t been any time-critical issues regarding the need for quick member feedback. As is stated above, much duplicate communication exists. Yet, Facebook pages and email lists leave some members out. This set up will ensure each member has the opportunity to be informed and give feedback. Additionally, the ABC Facebook site can be a central area of information dissemination in addition to the Dual Brittany’s list serve. I would like to create an archive of delegate reports, once published in the ABC Magazine, on the ABC website. In benchmarking with other clubs, the Brittany Health Committee should increase visibility to membership and increase national event presence with Canine Health Foundation/OFA clinics, relevant lecture topics and scientifically sound survey structure. At this time, there is a DNA clinic in the works for the 2017 Nationals.

What feedback do you have for me?

Contact me at JJFlanagan@aol.com

2017 AKC GAZETTE REPORT

David Webb, Chair

During this past year there have been four brief articles written and submitted to the AKC Gazette for publication in the Brittany breed column, which appears quarterly each year in the magazine. These articles are written for the Brittany breed column and are based on my 40 plus years with the Brittany.

The four pieces were titled – “Sunday Morning” – January issue, “Puppies” – April issue, “Along the Line” – July issue, and “Nose Prints” – which will be in the October issue. In addition, a piece is being written is entitled, “Breeding”, which will appear in January 2018 issue of the Gazette.

These articles have been written with intent to provide the reader with information about our breed. Appreciate the opportunity to write for the AKC Gazette.

2017 JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Diana Kubitz, Chair

This year I was asked to write two articles, one for the Canine Chronicle and one for Show Sight magazine. They were due a week apart so I had to hustle to complete both assignments. One addressed my pet peeves as a JEC. Judges continue to examine the entire mouth of a Brittany, when the only thing they need to do is look to see if it's a scissors bite. I include AKC's "cheat sheet" in judge's packets now that tells the judge exactly what to do about bites, no matter which breed they are judging. I was honored to do the Canine Chronicle piece as that's a prestigious publication in the dog world. Both articles were very well received.

We did five seminars this year, the largest was the North Carolina one that Judy Tighe did with 30 attendees. Two of the seminars already held I conducted and was gratified to still get good numbers at the MSDA judge's event. I was short on dogs this year as some of my regular folks had plans for that weekend. We were still able to show the judges some good dogs and got many compliments on our presentation. Ron Auten, Paul Renius and John Wencley did the bird planting honors for the field demonstrations and provided the quail that were used. All the sporting breeds in attendance appreciate the expertise of these guys, so that everyone had an equal opportunity to find a bird. I can't thank enough the individuals that are always there to help in any way they can. Couldn't do it without you!

It frustrates me that more "show" people can't take a weekend off from showing to educate judges about our breed. Many of the individuals that complain about bad judges, could be a positive force in fixing the problem if they bought their wonderful dogs to help judge's education. As you've heard me say before, Metamora is a unique teaching opportunity as it's all hands on – no canned presentation – and there are field demos to give the judges a chance to see what each breed does in the field.

Which brings me to the unfinished business with AKC. I contacted AKC on four different occasions asking for the opportunity to change the criteria for Brittany judges to include going to a field trial or observing Master or Senior Hunt Test stakes in order to obtain provisional status. Tim Thomas is Doug Ljungren's counterpart in the show world and I wrote him several emails outlining our request. The first three he said it shouldn't be a problem and the last one I asked him what he wanted me to tell our Board of Directors. Then he admitted that it would have to come to a vote of the AKC Board and likely as not they'd want the other breeds on board. I also contacted the judge's education department at AKC and never did get a reply from them. I think we need to involve our ABC representative to AKC to help move this forward and get it to a vote by the AKC Board. I will contact Jane to begin that process. I could have done that in the beginning if Tim Thomas had been straight forward in the beginning.

I have been assisting AKC in the making of a new Brittany video. My judge's ed committee members submitted suggestions for the script. Our concern with the original script was that it painted such a rosy picture of our breed that it didn't mention the fact that Brittanys need a job! Our fear was many Britts would end up in rescue, because some people wouldn't be able to put up with the energy level of a young Brittany. AKC understood our concern and is adapting the script accordingly. My committee came up with names of breeders that they felt would be able to provide animals for anything they needed to film and that was submitted to AKC. The gal is wonderful to work with and I should be hearing from her any day as filming is supposed to begin shortly as a September date was mentioned.

Lastly, I'd like to tell you how proud I was of our breed at the Summer Specialty weekend. Many judges came up to me that weekend and commented on what a lovely, quality entry we had. All the judges that judged Brittanys had attended Judge's Education. While no one ever agrees 100% on the placements, I could see that each judge worked hard to find the best dog in their eyes. Several people made the comment on how TYPEY the entries were. Breeders are doing a good job, for the most part, keeping our breed a dual type dog. We still see some pretty straight shoulders and some flat feet, but even that is improving! It gives me hope for the future and reinforces how important judge's education is for the judges and the breeders.

Two things came up that weekend. Apparently, clubs are not aware that they need to work hard to find a judge for their specialties that have taken judge's education in the last five years. We keep finding new and better ways to present our breed. I see lots of judges doing specialties that I can't find on our list anywhere, let alone in the last five years. I keep a list of judges who have attended judge's education and it is available to anyone who asks for it. Secondly, the age that veteran's classes start in our breed is 8 years of age. Many Brittany specialties using 7 years of age for veterans. We need to make

everyone aware of the ABC policies regarding these two issues. Hopefully they will read this report in the magazine and become aware.

Respectfully submitted:

Diana Kubitz

A note about the Summer Specialty

We had 98 dogs attend the SS! My goal was 100, so I was thrilled! It was real work putting on three specialties in 3 days. There was a 4th show as well, so it provided 4 opportunities for majors. We had exhibitors from all over the country. I encourage the board to continue the SS as it now exists. It affords the opportunity for exhibitors and Brittany lovers to come together and we had many visitors who no longer show dogs, but came to visit old friends. With some, it may be the last time we meet...people are important as they make the breed what it is. A National Specialty and A Summer Specialty are part of our past and both need to be a part of our future. Thanks! Di

2017 AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AGENDA REPORT

Mary Jo Trimble, Chair

- I will not attempt to go into all the legislative issues that AKC has been involved in during 2017. I do encourage our BOD and Members to frequent the Government Relations page at www.akc.org/government-relations/. In the future, I will try and get more state related AKC Legislative Alerts posted on the ABC Notification List. Please encourage your club members to sign on to this one-way list to receive important information from both AKC and ABC. Contact Director Bernie Crain to be added to the Google List.
- One of the HSUS initiatives in both cities and states last and this year is to stop the sale in Pet Stores of any species that does not come from a rescue group. The fear is that some federal and state legislation will identify breeders as “Pet Shops” and thus prevent you from selling puppies in those areas. Some of the information provided on the Government Relations pages is as follows:
 - Tracking and reviewing legislation for potential impact on fanciers and the general dog-owning public.
 - Developing and sending materials and statements of opposition or support as necessary to local, state and federal officials to ensure that legislation dealing with dogs is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory.
 - Working directly with clubs, federation members and other allied groups to assist and empower them in developing and implementing strategies to advocate for the rights of responsible dog-owners and breeders, and to train trainers about issues in canine legislation, lobbying and other advocacy techniques.
 - Providing issue-based policy expertise including policy briefs, model legislation/sample laws, and alternate language to policymakers, clubs, federations, and individuals involved in the development of canine policy.
 - The AKC PAC provides support to candidates for federal or state legislative office who support reasonable enforceable laws that protect the health and welfare of dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.
 - For more information on how the Government Relations Department can help you, email doglaw@akc.org, call 919-816-3720. Look for their flyer of services the department offers.

**2017 AKC POINTING BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
REPORT
RAY TRIMBLE, Liaison**

The AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial Advisory Committee last met in Boise, Idaho, on 11 April 2005. This committee used to meet every 5 years. At this point, we have been told that this is not a required meeting by the AKC, and we have not been advised that any meetings will be held in the near future.

Recent changes in the Field Trial program have been added/changed by the Performance Department and not through any Pointing Breed Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Trimble

2017 AMERICAN FIELD LIASON AGENDA REPORT

Ray Trimble, Chair

The American Brittany Club has been trying to increase the number of regional trials that advertise their events in the American Field to make sure that dogs running in the ABC National Championships and Classics are qualified to receive the title of Champion or Runner-Up Champion if they would win one of our national stakes. A derby placement in an American Field sponsored event qualifies a dog for life as does an adult placement. Regional Clubs that are members of the AFTCA will have win certificates issued to their Amateur handled winners which qualifies them to receive AFTCA Championship titles **provided that handlers and owners pay AFTCA a \$25 Membership fee if they want either a win or a championship certificate.**

The ABC Secretary has asked clubs to indicate if their regional trials are also American Field sponsored on the ABC Field Trial application blank. The ABC trial reporting form has a place to check if results are also being sent to the AFTCA as well as the AF and AKC. Not as many clubs are members of AFTCA as are now running their trials under the American Field.

A larger proportion of the events NOT run under the AF are Walking trials which does hurt people trying to get win certificates or placements that would make the dog eligible to receive an AF/AFTCA Gun Dog National Champion Title. They still get the AKC National title but not the American Field or AFTCA ones.

For more information on running trials under both the American Field and AFTCA, contact the ABC Executive Secretary.

Piper Huffman, AFTCA Secretary, had a phone conversation with ABC Executive Secretary, Mary Jo Trimble. She said that owners and handlers of Brittanys (Continental Breeds) are not required to be AFTCA Members in order to enter a trial sponsored by the AFTCA as are pointer/setter owners and handlers. However, if they want a win certificate or Championship certificate, they must pay the \$25 ABC owner/handler Membership Fee to AFTCA. This can be done after a dog wins or places. Mary Jo pointed out the minutes of the AFTCA published in the American Field did not clearly state this. She told Mary Jo they would be publishing more details closer to the Field Trial Season this fall. As of this date: September 4, 2017, we have seen no such update so must rely on the spoken word given to us. After fee is paid, certificates may be downloaded and printed by the owner.

ABC REGIONAL AKC CLASSICS/ AF CHAMPIONSHIPS;

In addition to the regular ABC Original Classic/Championships, the ABC also sponsors Regional AKC Classic/AF Championships in conjunction with several Championship Associations. Clubs running these events need to follow the guidelines as posted on the ABC Website or contact the ABC Secretary for a copy. Please indicate on the result form that the trial is both an ABC Classic and an American Field Championship. There is a space provided on the ABC/AKC/AFTCA/AF result form. Please use this form to report results. Prior to the event, the current insurance certificate and completed AKC Field Trial application and the \$15 AKC fee should be sent to the ABC Secretary who will sign and send to AKC. Associations will be responsible for any AKC late filing fees as well. Please appoint a reporter to cover the trial and get reports and writeups in promptly to the American Field and the ABC Secretary for publication. **Please try and get photos of the winners as well. These Regional Classics must obtain Dates approval from their respective Dates Coordinators prior to sending application to the Executive Secretary.**

Respectfully submitted, Ray Trimble

2017 ABC CLASSICS COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

Ray Trimble, Chair

The following ABC Original Gamebird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships will have been completed by the time this report is read:

- A. The 2017 Chukar Classic/Championship** was hosted by the California Brittany Club on 2-3 February 2017, at Camp H, California City, CA.
- B. The Chicken Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Nebraska Brittany Clubs, 18-22 September 2017, at the Ted Morton Ranch, Bassett, NE.
- C. The Pheasant Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, 25-29, September 2017, at Harm's Cattle Company, Valentine, NE.
- D. The Gun Dog Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Anthracite Brittany Club and the New England Field Trial Association, 1-3 May 2017, at the Flaherty Grounds, East Windsor, CT.
- E. The Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Badger Brittany Club, 13-14 October 2017, at Eau Claire County Forest near Augusta, WI.
- F. The Quail Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, 13-18 November 2017, at Sportsmen's FT Grounds, Grovespring, MO.

Along with our current sponsor, Nestle-Purina, Garmin continues as a sponsor of these events. Garmin is supplying collars for the winners of the ABC Original Game Bird/GD Classic/Championships and monetary support for the painting of the winner of the Gun Dog of the Year Award of which the Classics/Championships are a big part of the point total.

I have been working with Joe Waitman of the West Coast who will be taking over as the new Classic's Chairman, Joe has served on the Committee for a 5-year term and is well acquainted with the Classic Approval process. I know he will do a great job as your new chair. He is currently seeking applications for 2018. Since many of those events take place in the Spring, he has already begun his duties for 2018 events.

It has been my pleasure to serve as ABC Classic Committee Chair for many years. I would like to thank all the committee members and host clubs who have worked with me over the years and let you know how much I have appreciated your help, support, and excellent cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Trimble

EAST CENTRAL DIRECTORS REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Brian Hendrickson

Discussion Items

1. In light of the \$8000 surplus projected to be in our income budget, the need for increased participation and raising the bar on the overall significance of our national events, I think that the ABC should allocate \$1.00 per recording fee to go toward purse money for the 3 main National events. These 3 events shall be the National Open All Age Championship, The National Open Gun Dog Championship, and National Specialty Show, with a 25% portion held to be split as prize money for two Handlers of the Year awards, going to a named handler for both Gun Dog and the All Age venues.

Monies garnered from starter fees generated by the juvenile entry money can be put toward increasing the purses to the top placing futurity dogs in each of the 3 regions. The adult starter fees should be allocated by their respective stakes as well (Gun dog entries get gun dog starter fees, All Age to get the appropriate starter fee as well. The allocated \$1 from the Specialty shows should be put toward the NSS Best Of Breed winner.

Purses may only be paid out to current ABC members in good standing. Only Brittany sponsored trials and placements by dogs with owners that are current ABC memberships to count. Handlers must be current ABC members as well. Amateur handlers only receive points for dogs personally owned.

Other breeds have these purses and Handler of the year awards and have great success with these programs bolstering entries and making their national and top Handlers more prestigious.

2. The ABC to include a required Shooting Dog stake as well as an offered Amateur hour stake, (either Shooting Dog or All Age, depending on host club/venue) for the Chicken, Quail, Pheasant, and Chukar Classics. These stakes would be run concurrently with each corresponding Classic. Many other breeds do this and have very good success. It is well known that many Gun Dogs sit idle for long periods at a time during the Fall when the Pros are entered at the Classics with no place to run their Gun Dogs. This affords the chance for these dogs to compete, the Pros to garner more of a paycheck and the inclusion of the Amateurs in the Classic venues. This ideology also adds four more-hour stakes that shall count towards the Tri Tronics Shooting Dog Award, which has few places for dogs to garner hour points. If time is a factor then limit dogs to be run in All Age or the Shooting Dog and no dog may not be entered to run both ways.
3. ALL ABC reimbursed expenses over \$50.00 must be accompanied by a receipt.

Motions:

Action Item #1 I move the ABC return to a single DNA testing lab for national events. Being an AKC club they should be the source for our DNA testing.

Now that there is no backlog of testing at AKC we should return to a single provider. This will allow for more accurate cross checking as there would only be one database and no back and forth.

Action Item #2 I move to reduce the ABC dues to \$30. And make the magazine an option at additional charge.

Additional charge must be enough to cover entire cost of magazine printing and shipping.

Action Item #3: DNA Policy

Under our current policy DNA is only required to enter the National events. Would like to propose extending our DNA requirements to require AKC DNA on all entries for all ABC Classics (including Derby), Wild Bird Championships, and on both Sire and Dam for all Futurity Litter Nominations starting in 2018.

Helen Riggle

HEIGHT STANDARD Protests/ Enforcement Currently Only Show Dogs are required to adhere to our AKC Breed Standard Height Requirement. The written standard clearly lists height as one of only 2 disqualifying faults for the Brittany. The other is the color black in the coat and or nose. Considering the recent trend of the last 10 years that breeding and competing “bigger is better”, as well as the most recent public push to work towards this becoming the desired accepted new American Brittany style, I move the Height Requirement be imposed to all entries in any National event.

This would mean that all dogs, regardless of whether entered in the NSS or the National Championships would be required to be within the written standard of measurement. Currently in the show ring anyone may ask for a fellow exhibitor to be examined and measured. The rule specifically says: If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the height of a dog under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the dog measures within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show.

In all cases, the judge shall use equipment that meets AKC requirements. If the judge finds that the dog’s height is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, he shall mark his judge’s book “Measured in.” If the judge finds that the dog’s height is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog...

My motion is to extend this rule to the National Championship entries by applying the same rules to anyone entered in the national open or amateur stakes. My thinking is, it’s the owner, handler, and fellow competitor’s accountability to encourage only dogs within our height standard to compete without having the need to measure every dog on the line. If a fellow competitor believes another dog within the stake to not be within the height standard, that person may ask to see the dog measured by the MARSHALL and at least one, if not both Judges before it is cut loose to run in its drawn brace. A fee of \$\$ (fee to be determined by BOD) should be applied as well to bring forth such protest (like is required to file a misconduct complaint at any AKC FT event) to ensure that only serious such protests occur.

(Below are examples of what is happening in Brittany Forums all over social media and why this should be addressed)

2017 FIELD TRIAL DATES COMMITTEE

Steve Ralph, Chair

National Dates Chairman

There were no issues reported by the Regional Date Coordinators.

Thank you to the Regional Date Coordinators (Bruce Conover, Wade Haines, Ed Graves, Jim Crawford, Larry Sandusky) for all their hard work in coordinating their regional dates and resolving conflicts in the best interest for their regional clubs and ABC. All Spring & Fall dates presented by Regional Date Coordinators were reviewed and approved for this year and the coming year schedule.

A remind to clubs to please work with their Regional Date Coordinator concerning field trial date scheduling, since all field trial dates must first be approved by the Regional Date Coordinator before ABC can approve the field trial application.

2017 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy Graves, Chair

Members: Judy Graves, Chair; Lucile Sawicki, East Coast; Kent Patterson, East Central; Bernie Crain, Central; Mary Karbinger, MidWest; Joe Gower, West Coast
Ex-Officio: Robert Rankin, President, Jim Brigham, Treasurer.

Having been formed in 2013, this committee continues to carry out its duties as outlined in the Policy Book. The first order of business for the committee is to oversee the audit function. Because of the ABC size and structure, an independent, certified audit would add unnecessary costs to the operating expenses, and provide nothing more than a certification that the financial statements were presented fairly. The committee members participated in an in-depth internal review and reported to the Board of Directors. There were deficiencies noted and reported to the Board of Directors. However, none were material in nature. We are requesting several action items which we feel will eliminate the deficiencies noted in our confidential report.

Membership in this committee is on a five-year rotating appointment. The West Coast representative, Joe Gower, will be rotating off at the end of this year as well as the Central representative, Bernie Crain who was appointed to fill Jim Brigham's slot when he became treasurer. Both gentlemen have agreed to serve another term and our action item (#6) is included in this report for Board Action.

The IRS group exemption continues to be in force with 45 clubs included in our umbrella. The ABC's 2016 IRS Form 990T was filed by the Treasurer earlier this year. Because our books were not officially closed by the May 15th deadline, an extension to file our 2016 IRS Form 990 was requested and granted. November 15, 2017 is our new filing date. Our 2017 CP 119 was filed prior to Sept. 1, 2017 as required by the IRS. Two clubs were added to the group exemption for 2017: Washington & Southern San Joaquin Valley.

As a result of the issues surfacing this year with our national events so close to year end, an action item (#3) is presented changing our calendar year financial activity to a fiscal year ending 8/31. This action also requires a by-law change. This does not affect terms of office or the election & membership process. We will continue to strive to establish a general operating fund reserve of at least twice our operating income.

The following Action Items are presented in the order of issues raised in the annual audit.

ACTION ITEM #1

Duties of the Treasurer:

Motion to expand Item #8 to read:

Any person or outside organization collecting funds in the name of the American Brittany Club shall first obtain approval of the Treasurer prior to collection. The Treasurer shall determine if funds should be deposited directly into ABC accounts, held by the organization or person and returned to ABC for deposit or held until event final report is submitted. Any expenses paid out of funds collected must have receipts attached in order to claim reimbursement. (2017)

ACTION ITEM #2

#20. Bad Check Policy:

Motion to delete current policy #A, #B, & #C and replace with the following:

#20: A. The Treasurer shall notify a person if a check is returned for insufficient funds or any other non-payment by the bank. All bad checks must be made good within 14 days of notification, to include a fine set by the Board of Directors (See Appendix 1, 2013) and any bank charges. If not paid within the 14 day period, the person will be placed on a status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them until the check is made good.

B. If a second check is returned within a period of 12 months, and then the person will be placed on a status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them for a period of 12 months.

C. If a third check is returned within a 15 month period the person will be placed on a permanent status of ABC accepting only certified checks or money orders from them in perpetuity.

D. No person who has failed to make good a bad check will be allowed to participate at any national event (including the 6 ABC Classics) unless a waiver is granted by the Board of Directors.

E. The Treasurer shall notify secretaries of each national event of those individuals required to pay entry fees with a certified check or money order or who are barred from participating.

ACTION ITEM #3

Motion to put to the membership a by-law change for Article VIII, Section 1: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Club shall be September 1 to August 31.

Motion to add #32 to the duties of the Treasurer:

32. The accounting records shall be reported on a fiscal year of Sept. 1 – August 31 beginning Sept. 1, 2018. (2017).

ACTION ITEM #4

Motion to add to the duties of the Treasurer and Vice Presidents concerning finalized reports of their national events:

33. All ABC event managers provide the Treasurer with a finalized report in the format established by the Finance Committee within 30 days of the end of the event. Should such report not be filed, then the Treasurer will notify the Board of Directors.

This will become #16 under Duties of the 1st Vice President, #30 under Duties of the 3rd Vice President & #25 under duties of the 4th Vice President.

ACTION ITEM #5

Motion to make the following corrections to the Policy Book:

The following corrections should be made to the policy book as the existing statements are no longer relevant:

Duties of the Treasurer. #6. Delete (magazine editor does not keep a petty cash fund)

Page 63: The American Brittany Magazine Policy: Billing: Checks made payable to the American Brittany Magazine Club (2017).

Duties of the 1st Vice President: #11: The 1st Vice President shall submit an annual budget to ~~the Board of Directors for consideration and approval at the annual meeting for the next annual event.~~ Finance Committee as requested (2017).

Duties of the 3rd Vice President: #13. The 3rd Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the ~~Board of Directors for consideration and approval at the annual meeting for the next annual event or by e-mail during years in which a new 3rd Vice President is taking over~~ (2010) Finance Committee as requested (2017).

Duties of the 4th Vice President: #12 The 4th Vice President shall submit an annual budget to the ~~Board of Directors~~ Finance Committee as requested (2017)

ACTION ITEM #6

Motion to appoint Joe Gower to serve a full 5 year term commencing 1/1/18. Motion to appoint Bernie Crain to serve a full 5 year term commencing 1/1/18.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Graves, Chair
ABC Finance Committee

2017 FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Karbiner, Chair

2017 Fund raising		2013	2014	2015	2016
National All Age	Auction	\$1,722.00	\$5,040.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,200.00
	Raffle	\$3,695.00	\$2,153.00	\$2,920.00	\$3,000.00
	Expenses	\$1,763.00	\$1,412.00	\$1,913.00	\$1,620.00
	Net				\$2,580.00
	Banner	\$1,250.00			
National Gun Dog	Auction	\$1,755.00	\$897.00	\$2,765.00	\$835.00
	Raffle	\$1,815.00		\$450.00	\$470.00
	Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Net	\$2,570.00	\$897.00	\$2865.00	\$1,305.00
	Banner	\$3,100.00			
National Specialty Show	Auction-Silent	\$1,781.00	\$4,285.00	\$3,151.00	\$3,000
	Raffle	\$7,590.00	\$5,330.00	\$6,610.00	\$5,300.00
	Expenses	\$4,224.00	\$4,527.60	\$2,301.00	\$1,296.00
	2, region. clubs				(agility)\$2500.00
	Net		\$5,087.40	\$7,460.04	\$7,004.00

2017 FUTURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Lehosky, Chair

2017 was a great year for the American Brittany Club's Futurity program! 120 litters were nominated for the 2017 futurity and 160 dogs competed to comprise 193 entries. Much of the credit for this success goes to former futurity chair Judy Robin and secretary Kristi Anglen. Both have found it necessary to resign due to health and personal reasons. On behalf of my committee and the American Brittany Club I sincerely thank them for all their efforts.

Thanks as well to Linda Langford who has stepped in to fill the very time-consuming position of futurity secretary. This volunteer job is quite demanding, particularly around the individual dog nomination deadline and in the winter and spring when things are being finalized for the regional futurities.

Additional credit for the successful futurity year goes to the host clubs the California Brittany Club, Buckeye Brittany Club and Iowa Brittany Club. The western futurity was very well attended with a total entry of 85, 43 entered in the show, 14 all age entries and 28-gun dogs. The eastern futurity had a total of 63 entries with 33 shows, 6 all age and 24-gun dog and the central hosted a total of 45 entries with 21 in the show, 11 all age and 13-gun dog. The total purse distribution for the year was \$13,810!

The host clubs for the 2016/2018 futurity are the California Brittany Club, Minnesota/Iowa Brittany Clubs and the Pennsylvania Brittany Clubs. 106 litters have been nominated for this futurity with a total of 681 puppies. Applications have also been received for host clubs for the 2019 eastern and central futurities and we hope to have all finalized in the next couple months.

Many thanks to all those that have supported the futurity through the years and continue to promote the futurity through their litter nominations and entries. With the assistance of my committee and the ABC membership I hope to see the futurity grow and prosper!

Sue Lehosky, Futurity Chair

2017 ABC DOG HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT

Kent Patterson, Chair

The ABC Dog Hall of Fame committee reviewed 5 nominations submitted per ABC policy:

Bourbon XIII

Countess Mon Petite

Whiz Buck's Hit the Road Jack

High Hope's Fly By Nite

Jayhawkers Tequila With A Twist

Based on the review criteria and voting process outlined in the ABC policy, the following dogs received a majority of committee member votes through two rounds and are submitted to the Board of Directors as candidates for the ABC Dog Hall Of Fame. Bourbon XIII High Hope's Fly By Nite Jayhawkers Tequila with A Twist Kent D. Patterson ABC Dog HOF Chairman

DUE TO SIZE OF NOMINATION PACKETS AND TRYING TO FIT THEM INTO THE AGENDA BOOK ONLY THE NOMINATION PACKET IS IN THE BOOK. I WILL EMAIL THE WHOLE PACKET TO ALL DOB, IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE ABC WEBSITE.

2017 ABC HEALTH & GENETICS COMMITTEE

Margaret Horstmeyer DVM, Chair

In 2016 ABC members generated \$3300 through the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program by sending in their Purina Pro Plan weight circles. The ABC donor advised fund (DAF) then contributed these funds to support the Tick-Borne Disease Initiative. AKC will be matching this donation dollar for dollar!

ABC's 2017 midyear DAF is \$2,964.11.

The generation of funds for using Purina ProPlan foods is going to change from contributing weight circles to using receipts as proof of purchase in the next couple of months/year. The change information will be clearly disseminated to ProClub members well in advance.

As H&G chair M. Horstmeyer attended the AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. A synopsis will be published in the ABC magazine. Several informative articles from the Canine Health Foundation: "Understanding Canine Epilepsy" and "Tick Borne Disease: Prevalence, Prevention & Treatment" have been put on the ABC website under Veterinary Articles.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM
Health & Genetics Chair

2017 WEST COAST DIRECTOR REPORT

Robin Tomasi, Bob West, Mary Brown

Bylaw & Policy updates from AKC

Motion #1: Approve use of email notification guidelines provided by AKC following instructions in AKC memo dated January 2006.

"Clubs may send members notification of club meetings (also included would be dues notices; minutes and newsletters) and board members notification of board meetings via email, provided that: The member or board member has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control."

Motion #2: Update policy to incorporate AKC approval of e-mail communication for use by Parent Club Board of Directors, and follow procedures to update the bylaws. See AKC memo dated February 2007.

Motion #3: Update policy & bylaws to incorporate AKC's procedure on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs. See AKC memo dated September 2013 regarding Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs

Motion #4: Authorize an Independent external audit.

Rationale: At the time of this submission, the BOD has not seen any financial statements for 2017. ABR uses a firm in Illinois that specializes in Non-Profits that performs their annual audit. I recommend we use the same firm.

Motion #5: ABC National membership meeting site:

I move ABC national membership meeting shall be held at the National event having the most membership entries in the previous year's National Events.

Logic:

This motion drives transparency and open communications via the Board of Directors Annual meeting being held at the most attended National ABC event site while ensuring compliance to the state of Illinois non-profit organization and AKC sanctioning guidelines/regulations.

As the Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility to the ABC members, the national event having the most membership entries in previous year warrants the annual meeting to allow the highest attendance to interact with the Board and participate in ABC governance.

In addition, any membership vote on a bylaws, motion, committee, or financial issue should occur with largest potential membership count in actual attendance, whereby membership attendance to attain a quorum is recorded and published.

This motion would be effective starting in 2018.

Motion #6: Third Party Teller BoD Elections

An independent third party to provide teller duties for all ABC Director elections. These duties include, but not limited to, receiving membership ballots, verifying membership, following ABC's directions for ballot counting, and reporting results in a timely manner.

Logic:

This motion drives transparency in the Director election process while ensuring ABC Bylaws and policies while ensuring compliance to the state of Illinois non-profit principles, best practices, & regulations, and AKC sanctioning regulations. Current practices over the past years appear to have not been following ABC By-Laws and Policies, thus being suspect of compliance to Illinois and AKC.

Third party teller services provide transparency to the BOD election process as the membership has doubts as to the election's legitimacy since many duties and requirements have not been met in past elections. Many national clubs utilize a third-party Teller to establish transparency to improve their membership's governance perception while promoting fiscal responsibility to ensure compliance to AKC sanctioning and Illinois non-profit guidelines/regulations and best practices.

Contact has been made with one firm who performs these duties for the Weimaraner Club, American Boxers Club, American Fox Terriers Club, Pomeranian Club, Chihuahua Club of America, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club, and Dalmatian Club of America. This firm has performed these duties since 2003. The hourly rate is \$20 per hour with the usual total ranging from \$100-\$250 depending on complexities and vote count.

This motion will be effective for the 2018 elections.

Motion #7: Annual Board of Directors Meeting Location

The annual ABC Board of Directors national shall be held to enable the best attendance of ABC Members. The best measure is to hold at the National event having the most membership entries in the previous year's National Events.

Logic:

This motion drives transparency and open communications via the Board of Directors Annual meeting being held at the most attended National ABC event site while ensuring compliance to the state of Illinois non-profit organization and AKC sanctioning guidelines/regulations..

As the Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility to the ABC members, the national event having the most membership entries in previous year warrants the annual Board of Directors meeting as being more diligent to the membership needs, wants, and desires is essential. In addition, any membership presentation could be heard by largest membership in attendance.

This motion will be effective for the 2018 annual Board of Directors meeting.

Motion #8: Term Limits on Directors, Officers, & Committee Members

Set term limits as follows:

Board of Directors: two consecutive terms

Officers: Terms cannot successively repeat.

Committee members: Terms cannot successively repeat. Maximum term limit: 3 years.

Repeated consecutive terms on directors, officers, and committee members has been shown to stifle organizational creativity and progression as new ideas are rejected or stalled while clinging to history.

This motion will be effective for the 2018 appointments and elections. By-law and policy book changes will be made to reflect these term limitations.

Motion #9: ABC BoD to have monthly teleconference to improve governance in motion reviews and approvals as well as to work with committee leaders to improve the Club image as the Club has declining membership with financials in disarray. Bylaws and policy will be revised.



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**EMAIL NOTIFICATION FOR
BOARD MEETINGS AND GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS
AND OTHER CLUB NOTICES**

Effective January 1, 2006

Unless the laws of your state prohibit the use of email in general or for specific purposes, please be advised of the following change in policy which is effective January 1, 2006:

Clubs may send members notification of club meetings (also included would be dues notices; minutes and newsletters) and board members notification of board meetings via email, provided that:

The member or board member has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control.

Clubs adopting this method of communication must send us a copy of the minutes of the meeting and at some future time make the appropriate bylaw amendments to the applicable sections as soon as it is practical.

2017 MAGAZINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ken Windom, Chair

The Magazine Committee continues to work closely with personnel at Webster County Printing to put out our monthly magazine. Members of this committee probably spend more hours each month than any other committee of the ABC. Responsibilities include compiling information received from AKC concerning recent titles earned and placements awarded, preparing the calendar of events for the upcoming months, working with different contributing editors on articles for publication and proofing draft versions of each issue prior to publication.

Challenges for the committee continue to be late submissions of event results and/or preliminary information required for upcoming events. Individuals in charge of these events need to realize that their commitment extends beyond putting on the event to providing information before, and submitting full and accurate results following each event. It would be very helpful if ALL field trial secretaries submit reports on the ABC reporting form rather than the AKC or other forms. The ABC form contains additional information used to determine if a dog has qualified for one of the national championships, indicates if the stake was an hour or half hour, if the handler is an amateur, as well as providing information needed in the magazine such as breeding and ownership. Handwritten submissions may cause problems because the written portion often appears very light after multiple copies are made, making it difficult to read. Combine this with personnel who are not familiar with the often-creative spelling of many dogs' names and typographical errors are bound to occur. The committee attempts to catch these errors, but some do slip through. Likewise, titles for individual dogs need to be included on the results forms. We recognize that owners spend considerable time, effort, and money achieving these titles on their dogs and we want to recognize this in the magazine. Unfortunately, we do not have a master database containing all this information, so rely on those who submit the reports to include all pertinent information. Of course, this assumes those who submit the original entry forms include this information in the first place.

A related issue is that write-ups and photos often do not come in with the results forms. Although it is understandable that these items may not be ready by the time the results are due at AKC, they need to be submitted to the ABC Executive Secretary very soon thereafter so they can be included in the magazine at the same time the results are published. Inclusion of major ABC events such as championships, classics, and specialties is prescribed to occur in specific issues. Lack of the complete results/write-ups/photos has caused delays in getting the magazine ready to proof on more than one occasion.

I am pleased to report that we have received some articles from the general membership for publication. Most are short and fit on a single page, but some are being serialized and published over several issues. Two articles have dealt with young people becoming involved with the breed. One will be dealing with life with a Brittany from the perspective of a military man who is stationed in many different locations during his tours of duty. We would like to publish more such articles, especially show articles, articles involving grooming, articles dealing with training field trial horses, veterinary articles, etc.

Advertising is down, compared to several years ago. Much of this has to do with the emergence of the different social media available on the Internet. Many kennels have their own websites and Facebook pages, and numerous groups now exist on which individuals can advertise dogs and puppies for sale, stud services, training, etc. I believe it would be a very good addition to the committee to have one member who specifically works on soliciting advertising, especially from businesses that provide goods and/or services pertinent to the many ways our members enjoy their Brittanys. Some examples would be companies that deal in training aids, grooming supplies, kennels and crates, nutritional supplies, equine equipment and supplies, etc.

Once again, I wish to thank each member of the committee, and especially the personnel at Webster County Publishing, for all their efforts this year in working toward to producing a high-quality magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Windom

2017 NATIONAL (ALL AGE) FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Steve Ralph, Chair

All the required National All-Age Field Trial Secretary responsibilities have been completed to-date for the upcoming ABC National All-Age Championships. The Ad, Schedule, Judge Bios, Premium, and information has been sent to the American Brittany magazine, ABC website & American Field magazine for publication. The premiums will be distributed to qualified dog owners/handlers as we get closer to the Nationals.

The inaugural running of the ABC Derby Invitational was held with the two National field events and it was a huge success. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the National All Age & Specialty and we are looking forward to the upcoming Nationals.

ABC NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Ed Tillson, Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Bob Fleury, Stonington, CT – representing the East Coast Region
- Kent Patterson, TN- representing the East Central Region
- Tom Jagielski, Deerfield, IL – representing the Central Region
- Terry Gowin, Whitewater, KS – representing the Midwest Region
- Jim Hammett, John Day, OR – representing the West Coast Region
- Bob Rankin, Edmond, OK – ABC President

PURPOSE

To examine the current American Brittany Club (ABC) Gun Dog National Championships held yearly in October in Ionia, Michigan, its perceptions (positive and negative) among ABC membership, and to recommend to the Board of Directors any needed changes in the event. This report supplements the 2016 report to the board and includes the committee's recommendation on grounds for future use for the National Gun Dog Championships as well as secondary recommendations as reported last year.

The 2017 report will be sent via E-Mail to the BOD list a minimum of two 2 weeks prior to the 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

The committee requests that a motion be made to accept the recommendations of the committee, for changes to be implemented in the 2019 running of the NGDC.

Respectfully, Ed Tillson

2017 NATIONAL SHOW FUTURE GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Andi Christensen, Chair

At this time, the committee has decided that the discussion on the possibility to move the National Specialty Show should wait to make their final recommendation until the BOD makes a decision on the future location/timing of the Gun Dog National. After that is determined, the committee will reconvene, put together a survey with options including, but not limited to, change of date, change of venue, and/or change to run along with the Gun Dog National, and send it out to the membership. We will discuss the results and make a recommendation to the BOD at the directors meeting in 2018.

2017 NON-FIELD PERFORMANCE REPORT

Cindy Miller

In 2016, agility and barn hunt were added to the list of events held in conjunction with the Nationals. The agility was held with an all-breed agility trial in Fayetteville. There were close to 90 Brittany runs! In 2017, we are able to offer Brittany only agility trials at the Kay Rogers Park. We are so excited that now at one location, we have agility, rally, obedience and barn hunt.

The 2017 Summer Specialty in Monroe Michigan was also very supportive of non-field performance events. There was barn hunt, dock diving and coursing ability test. Seeing all the Brittany supporters around the lure course and the dock diving pool was wonderful. I know that we had several Brittanys earn their Coursing ability title over the weekend.

We would like to congratulate Jan Brunner and Simi (Marlo's Demon in the Ruff) for winning the 20" division at the 2016 AKC Agility Invitational.

We would like to thank the Board for their support of all the non-Field performance events. We know that we are to be 'forever a dual dog', but we also consider the Brittany to be the all-purpose family dog.

Cindy Miller
Brookewood Brittanys

2017 ABC PURINA PROGRAM AGENDA REPORT

RAY TRIMBLE, PURINA COORDINATOR



1. One thousand three hundred thirty-nine (1389) entries competed in Field and Show Events supported by Nestle-Purina Pet Care over the period of September 2016 through June 2017. This number included both show and field events with 447 show entries and 942 field entries.
2. The ABC Purina Coordinator at the end of the Spring and Fall session will submit to Purina a summary of events funded and the total amount of monetary funding to be paid in one check to the ABC Treasurer. The Coordinator will then furnish the treasurer a list of events sponsored by Purina and the treasurer will issue the individual checks to the host clubs.
3. Clubs, whose events are sponsored by Purina, must also furnish the Coordinator a signed copy of the judges' sheets. Ads, entry blanks or premiums, brace sheets, and write-ups should include the Purina Logo or otherwise give credit to them as a sponsor. Some reporters are not aware of this and the field trial committee should make sure they know to do so. We can add a Thank-You to the ABC Magazine reports if a club fails to acknowledge Purina, but we do not see the ones you send to the American Field before they are published.
4. I have been working with Kent Patterson of TN who will take over the ABC Purina Coordinator duties with the 2017 Fall Events. Please contact Kent for information on how he wants to receive your applications and product distributions. He is currently building a database for this information to be received by email. He must place orders for January deliveries in November. Other events must be sent to Purina 60 days in advance.
5. If you have a problem with the delivery of the dog food or the amount received, you must notify the coordinator immediately to possibly correct it.
6. In summation, the number of Purina sponsored field events showed a decrease of 11.9% while the number of show entries, showed an increase of 1%. Field decrease was due in part this year due to two Championships having to be cancelled due to various reasons after a 12.7% increase the year before.
7. It has been my pleasure to work with Nestle-Purina as your ABC Coordinator. They are a great organization that we certainly can't thank enough for all they do for ABC and sporting dog events. I personally have had the utmost cooperation with Purina Coordinators during my tenure: Gail Inman, Terry Trzcinski, Bob West, Pat Lamantia, and of recent months Greg Blair. These are fine people who have been wonderful to work with.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Trimble

STATISTICS REPORT

Mary Karbiner, Chair

2017 AGENDA REPORT	STATISTICS COMMITTEE					Page # 1	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		2016
BRITTANY'S Per AKC							
Dual Ch	18	14	10	9	8	13	
Field Ch GFCH	55	50	56	43	51 GFCH-10	49 GFC8	
Amt Fld Ch GACH	29	32	33	27	29 GAFC-1	24 GAFC3	
CH	57	52	60	71	159	146	
GCH	163	162	156	167	55	42	
JH	108	126	122	113	123	161	
SH	23	28	19	15	16	27	
MH	17	16	16	16	16	4	
Canine Good Citizen Award							
CGC Advanced			72	56	63	70	
Barn Hunt RATN - RATO - RATS			3	7	9	16	
Diving Dog					N-9 0-3	N2 O1 S1	
Flyball					DJ-1 DN-0	DJ2 DS1	
Therapy				1	1	0	
Search & Rescue					0	1n, 1a, 1x	
Ranking in Popularity w/ AKC			30	27	26	25	
BRITTANY LITTERS # regst'd w/AK	1565	1530	1484	1476	1550	1552	
Brittanys- # registered w/AKC	n.f	n.f	n.f.	n.f.	n.f.	4626	
AKC Pointing.Breed F.T's - # even!	431	431	416	400	380	388	
Total # Pointing dogs entered	not found	32380	31362	28,638	28,462	28,052	
# dogs in comp., not # entered at Nat'l Brittany Spec Show	117	145	158	138	141	149	

Original Gambird Classics # starters	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pr.Chicker	54	52	48	47	42	39	
Chukar	26	17	18	24	15	14	16
Gun Dog	26	29	17	23	36	25	26
Grouse/Wdc	canc	16	18	21	9	17	
Pheasant	45	47	45	52	48	34	
Quail	57	56	62	59	68	36	
Open str	74	69	65	52	61	42	
Champ's Amateur	43	40	43	32	40	44	
Invitational Derby All Age							
NATIONAL ALL AGE	45	52	50	59	49	12	
Open Sta	30	36	36	32	30	48	
Champ's Amateur						27	
Invitational Derby -Gun Dog						10	
FUTURITY Region & Starters- EA	A-15 G-20	A-11 G-28	A-15 G-26	A-6 G23	A-5 G-14	A-21 G-1	A-5 G-24
CENTR.	A-21 G-18	A-10 G-14	A-20 G-26	A-13 G-14	A-8 G-9	A-12 G-1	A-13 G-11
WES	A-9 G-20	A-8 G-11	A-12 G-30	A-6 G-26	A-11 G-17	A-2 G-2	A-14 G-28
Non Game Bird Classics- Spring	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Hr Stks - Starters#	Illinois OA	15	28	20	Olaa - 25	21	20
Double Registr'd	Au	20	13	15	21	20	23
recog. In 2007	Intern'l O	20	canc	22	Gol-20	24	20
	AJ	10		15	Gal-20	20	20
	O E	20		28	Golg -23	20	18
(*as So.Ill OLAA)	Mid South OAA	*3€	20	*1	canc	*2	*2i
	A	17	0	0		0	0
	Mich CH	17	24	canc	Gol-25	17	17
	O gun	16	15		Golg -13	9	9
	Prairie Sts OA	40	40	37	canc	27	27
	Au	20	not run	not run	not run	22	24
	O G	29	not run	22	not run	13	17
	South. Op O	canc	not run	26	GA.	2	GA 1
with Georgia B.C	A.	canc	not run	16	14	0	GA Reg III 1
	Olgun				29	33	31

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
N Eng. Grouse/Wdck	0	14	16	18	16	18	
N. Eng. Open Shootg	st 2	17	13	16	19	23	
N. Eng. Amat Shootg	st 1	17	15	13	22	17	
Penn Op	st 1	26	25	32	29	29	22
Tar Heel	st 1	30	21	20	canc	not as a CLS	24

Field Trial Events Held By Clubs-

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
- East Coast-	S-22 F-10	S-21 F-6	S-23 F-1C	S-18 F-7	S-3 f-8	S-17 f-6	S-16
E. Central	S-14 F-8	S-18 F-8	S-12 F-9	S-11 F-8	S-3 f-9	S-8 f-7	S-11
Central-	S-12 F-10	S-17 F-1	S-15 F-8	S-13 F-6	S-3 f-7	S-16 f-8	S-17
Midwest-	S-18 F-12	S-16 F-13	S-19 F-14	S-19 F-11	S-4 f-11	S-19 f-10	S-16
West Coast-	S-12 F-12	S-13 F-13	S-14 F-12	S-13 F-10	S-2 f-14	S-14 f-12	S-12
*spring is a longer season				19 evnts	canc	21	13
							canc

HOUR STAKES BY REG'N CLUBS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 HOURS	2017
EAST	0	0	1	0	0	0	S-0
All Age							
Gun Dog	2	2	2	4	3	3	S-3
East Central	6	2	2	2	2	1	S-1
All Age							
Gun Dog	3	2	2	2	2	1	S-1
Central	6	7	2	3	4	5	S-5
All Age							
Gun Dog	2	3	5	2	4	4	S-4
MIDWEST	7	9	8	7	6	5	S-4
All Age							
Gun Dog	0	0	0	0	0	0	S-0
WEST COAST	2	2	3	3	1	2	S-2
All Age							
Gun Dog	1	1	1	1	1	1	S-1
Total Hour Stakes	29	33	30	24	24	24	S-21

(does NOT include Dbl Regist. Events)

2017 U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE LIAISON AGENDA REPORT

Mary Jo Trimble, Chair

HSUS continues to fund political campaigns. I have stayed in contact with the US Sportsmen's Alliance, AKC, National Animal Interest Alliance, and other legislative groups and along with Jane Flannigan, our ABC/AKC Delegate during the last year, I do try and notify members when their state has proposed legislation that they need to react to accordingly. We need all of you to stay focused on dog or animal legislation in your state and work to keep laws that don't kill the sport we love with bad laws. Please let me know if you would like for me to alert other members in your state if good or bad legislation is pending.

For those of you unfamiliar with the US Sportsmen's Alliance, I offer the following. They like most of these types of groups serve two purposes. They have a not-for profit 501-C3 arm which promotes hunting, fishing, trapping, for the sportsmen and women as well as their promotion of involving youth in the outdoors. Their other arm represents those same interests on legislative matters mainly on a national level. I often get contact from them asking our opinion on different legislative issues and what can they do to promote or work against some major legislative issues in the various states as I work with a group in Illinois dealing with Outdoor Recreation as well as U.S.S.A.'s contact at the ABC

From their website: About the Sportsmen's Alliance: The Sportsmen's Alliance protects and defends America's wildlife conservation programs and the pursuits – hunting, fishing and trapping – that generate the money to pay for them. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is responsible for public education, legal defense and research. Its mission is accomplished through several distinct programs coordinated to provide the most complete defense capability possible. Stay connected to Sportsmen's Alliance: Online, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

For the past forty years the Sportsmen's Alliance has protected hunters, anglers and trappers from attacks by the anti-hunting movement. Sportsmen have a long tradition of fighting for what they believe in, and so it should come as no surprise that they are politically involved when it comes to protecting our natural resources, access to public land, wildlife management practices and our second amendment rights," said Sportsmen's Alliance President and CEO, Evan Heusinkveld.

The President is now Evan Heusinkveld who has worked with me on numerous issues when he was their Vice President and managed state legislative issues and programs. We do not have the time nor manpower in ABC to fight federal legislation that impacts field trials and hunting issues. We MUST support organizations like the US Sportsmen's Alliance and the National Animal Interest Alliance to represent us on a National Level. Donations to these groups help keep our sport alive as it comes under attack by those who follow the HSUS nationwide. The ABC needs to continue donations to the Sportsmen's Alliance and NAIA in order for us to have a voice when national issues impact our dogs.

I encourage all of you to sign up for their newsletter or at least monitor their notices on their website at www.ussportsmen.org and <http://www.naiaonline.org/> for more information.

2017 WEBMASTER REPORT

Steve Ralph, Chair

The ABC website continues to be an up to date source for the ABC Calendar of events, News items, National/Futurity/Summer Specialty/Regional Club information, ABC & Regional Club Premiums, ABC Event Results, Downloadable forms, Historical write-ups, and much more.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion To

1. Vote an approve 2016 meeting minutes
2. Vote and approve the National Event Budget

3. MOTION TO DONATE TO AKC REUNITE HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

Motion by: STEVE RALPH, CENTRAL DIRECTOR

Seconded by: HELEN RIGGLE, EAST CENTRAL DIRECTOR

Motion Made: SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

7 days discussion: MON. SEPT. 11 – SUN. SEPT. 17, 2017

5 days votes are open: MON. SEPT. 18 – FRI. SEPT. 22, 2017

Motion: I MOVE THAT THE ABC DONATE \$1,000 TO THE AKC REUNITE PET DISASTER RELIEF FUND FOR THE 2017 HURRICANES.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS AS FOUND ON INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

1. Committee Reports Motions
 - a. 2nd VP Motions:
 - i. Acquire New Membership Database
 - ii. Magazine Assessment
 - iii. Breeder Directory
 - b. 3rd VP Motion: National High in Trial Agility winner be featured on the cover of the ABC magazine
2. Finance Chair Motions
 - a. **Action item #1**
 - i. Duties of the Treasurer: Motion to expand Item #8 to read:
 - b. **Action Item #2**
 - i. #20. Bad Check Policy: Motion to delete current policy #A, #B, & #C and replace
 - c. **Action Item #3**
 - i. Motion to put to the membership a by-law change for Article VIII, Section 1: Fiscal Year:
The fiscal year of the Club shall be September 1 to August 31.
 - ii. Motion to add #32 item to the duties of the Treasurer:
 - d. **Action Item, #4**
 - i. Motion to add to the duties of the Treasurer and Vice Presidents concerning finalized reports of their national events:
 - e. **Action Item #5**
 - i. Motion: Policy Book corrections for Treasurer duties, magazine billing, 1st VP, 3rd VP, & 4th VP
 - f. **Action Item #6**
 - i. Motions on Finance Committee appointments
3. Region Action Items
 - a. East Coast Region
 - i. No submission
 - b. East Central Region
 - i. Motion #1: Height standard enforcement
 - ii. Motion #2: Standardize DNA Lab testing
 - c. Central
 - i. No Submission
 - d. Midwest Region
 - i. No Submission
 - e. West Coast Region Action items
 - i. Motion #1: Email notification guidelines
 - ii. Motion #2: Bylaw & policy update: approve use of email communication for updating bylaws
 - iii. Motion #3: Bylaw & Policy Update – Electronic balloting
 - iv. Motion #4: Authorize an Independent external audit
 - v. Motion #5: National Membership meeting location
 - vi. Motion #6: Third Party Teller BoD Election
 - vii. Motion #7: Annual BoD Meeting Location
 - viii. Motion #8: Directors, Officers, & Committees Term Limits
 - ix. Motion #9: BoD Monthly Telecon meetings

Appendix A

HoF Nominations

- 1. DC/AFC Bourbon XIII**
- 2. NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly by Nite (Zoey)**
- 3. DC/AFC/NBoB Tequila With a Twist**

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII

American Brittany Club Dog Hall of Fame

Lack of an election year indicates one of the British selections by the original Hall of Fame Committee in 1965.

- 2013 NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
- 2012 FC/AFC Poki-Dot
- 2012 NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow
- 2011 32X NSTRA CH Nolan's Last Bullet
- 2009 NFC/AFC HI Proof Rum Runner
- 2009 CH Jordan All Kiddin' Aside JH
- 2008 NFC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan
- 2008 FC/AFC Staddy's Chik-N-Little
- 2007 NFC/DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole
- 2007 FC/AFC HI-Scor Joe D Ruffen
- 2006 FC/AFC Ajax VI
- 2006 NFC/DC/AFC Tequila's Joker
- 2005 NFC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark
- 2005 NAFC/FC/AFC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D
- 2006 FC/AFC Jerop's Magic Tradewind
- 2004 DC/AFC R.G.'s Sundancer
- 2002 FC/NFC Microdot
- 2000 FC/AFC/NFC Beans Blaze
- 2000 FC The Magic Moment
- 1999 DC/AFC/NAC Renegade's Kansas Kid
- 1998 FC/NFC Minnehaha's Tommy
- 1998 DC Royal Britt Starbuck Of Auteh
- 1997 FC/AFC Rimardo's Trademark
- 1997 DC Scipio's Little Chick
- 1994 DC/AFC/NFC Cinnabar's Am Roc de Edwards
- 1994 DC/AFC/NFC Merkar's Joe's A Dan D

- 1993 FC/AFC Reed's Bo-Nine Max
- 1992 DC/AFC/NAC Hi-Spirit Buck
- 1990 DC/NFC Tomar's Ban Dee Sam
- 1989 FC/AFC/NAC Gun Runner's Far Out
- 1988 FC Country Cousin Lost River
- 1988 FC/AFC Le Car's White Smoke
- 1987 DC/AFC Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol
- 1987 DC/AFC Jacque of Connie
- 1986 DC/AFC/NFC/NAC Perry's Rustic Prince
- 1985 DC/AFC/NAC Heiko Dolly Miss Koer
- 1985 FC Holiday Britt's Bazooka
- 1984 DC/AFC/NAC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy
- 1984 DC/NFC Colorado's Yankee Timber
- 1984 DC Joell's Copper Jacques
- 1984 FC Kay-Cee Bandit
- 1984 FC/AFC Scipio Spinks
- 1983 DC/AFC/NAC Char-Lee O' Dee
- 1983 CH Copper Jill of Edwards
- 1983 DC/AFC/NAC Gingo de Britt
- 1981 FC/NFC Goldzone's Duke
- 1981 CH/AFC Sequari's Dana MacDuff
- 1981 CH Sommet des Collines CD
- 1980 DC/AFC/NFC Ban-Dee
- 1980 DC/NFC Pacolet Cheyenne Sam
- 1980 DC Tigar's Jocko
- 1977 DC Doctor Joe of Kaymore

- 1975 DC Lund's Trooper
- 1972 DC Way-Kan Jeff
- 1971 FC Way-Kan Jill
- 1970 FC Jeffrey of Argard
- 1968 DC Belloaks Ioby
- 1968 DC Pacolet's Sam
- 1967 Allamuchy Valley Warrior
- 1967 Price's Sunflower Gal
- 1966 DC Dingo's Little Mike
- 1966 FC Ferdinand of Leeway
- 1966 DC Holley Haven Duchess
- 1965 DC Allamuchy Valley Uno
- 1965 DC Angeliqde de Bretagne
- 1965 DC Avono Happy
- 1965 DC Brit of Bellows Falls
- 1965 Fr. CH Gwenec de l'Argoat
- 1965 DC Helgramite Howie d'Acaju
- 1965 Koer de Cornouaille
- 1965 DC Pacolet's Cheyenne
- 1965 CH Patrice de Shanogue
- 1965 DC Patsy Of Edougr
- 1965 DC Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee
- 1965 DC Pontac's Dingo
- 1965 DC Tex of Richmond
- 1965 FC Torchy of Lionheart
- 1965 DC/NFC Towsey

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Closing Date for Nominations: April 1st

To be eligible, the dog must be dead. Date of death must be within the past 10 years. Nominees should be animals that knowledgeable breeders would look for in pedigrees when establishing or improving breeding programs. They should attract the public eye and during their lifetimes have achieved national recognition from Brittany fanciers for their show and trial field and obedience ability through successful competition on a multi-regional or national level and/or that produced a high average of progeny from different dates or sires who were generally acknowledged as being of extra merit.

Mail to: Mary Jo Tibbels, Secretary
1000 Flamingo Rd. • Germantown, IL 62426

Dog's Name: DC/AFC BOURBON XIII
 Owner: Joseph Jung
 Breeder: Doug Seickmeyer
 Approximate Date of Death: 6/26/2013
 His Her Record: ATTACHED
 Percentage of times run to district level if known: _____
 Percentage of times won Best of Breed to times entered: _____


PRODUCTION RECORD

Number of litters sired or produced: ATTACHED
 Number of field winners: 11
 Number of stock dogs with points: 8 "
 Number of obedience title holders: "

I believe this dog belongs in the Hall of Fame because: Competed in an era of great dogs + won the chicken back to back 2 times in a row
 Extra special records are: Back To Back CH-Prize Chicken, Nat'l Ad & GD Champion in same year produced.
 via additional sheet if necessary.

Signed: Pam Baird
 Club Member in: Br St Louis Club

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII

Parents	GrandParents	G-GrandParents	G-G-Parents	G-G-G-Parents
 <p>SN 422526/04 White & Orange OFA29G</p>	<p>DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief JH SM986245/02 05-96 Orange & White OFA24G AKC DNA #V46219</p>	<p>NGDC/OCAFC Magnum's Masked Sam SE789277 11-87 White & Orange OFA63E</p>	<p>FC Onnabar Shoshoni War Chief SD216934 05-85 White & Orange OFA48</p>	<p>NFC/NARCO/OCAFC Perry's Rustle Prince HOF SA843941 05-72 Orange & White</p>
		<p>OH Shoshoni Washarie Skidada SD297899 05-85 White & Orange OFA37</p>	<p>Magnum Maggie II SD297899 05-85 White & Orange OFA37</p>	<p>OH Onnabar Ross Belle File SC045821 11-81 Orange & White OFA62</p>
<p>SF881663 06-93 White & Orange OFA24G</p>	<p>70/AFC Candy's Lady Perry SF881663 06-93 White & Orange OFA24G</p>	<p>NARC/OCAFC Renegade's Rankin 100 HOF SD573770 06-85 Orange & White OFA26</p>	<p>FC Hunter SD137291 06-88 White & Orange</p>	<p>DC/AFC Peppers Prince SB323756 10-74 WHITE & ORANGE</p>
		<p>NARC/OCAFC Lobo's Cotton Candy SD480051 08-86 White & Orange OFA27</p>	<p>Shoshoni's Wetamoo Zikala Su SD512081 10-85 Orange & White</p>	<p>Sacajaw ea Shoshone SC641267 08-81 White & Orange</p>
			<p>FC Prince's White Tail SB768818 10-78 Orange & White</p>	<p>OH Buffy Von Kahlhorst SC247476 08-80 White & Orange OFA56</p>
			<p>NARC/OCAFC Bandera - Belle's Roc Jnt SC208002 03-88 Orange & White OFA36</p>	<p>DC/H - Spirit Bazzokas Resol HOF SA572802 12-70 Orange Rusten</p>
			<p>Dajo's Cindy Lou SC969309 04-81 WHITE & ORANGE OFA34</p>	<p>Gringo's Cinnamon Scout SB285640 10-75 Orange & White</p>
				<p>NFC/NARCO/OCAFC Perry's Rustle Prince HOF SA843941 05-72 Orange & White</p>
				<p>NARC/OCAFC Colonel's Jumping Gypsy HOF SA730280 10-71 Orange & White</p>
				<p>2X NFC/OCAFC Ban - Dee HOF SA465221 01-71 Orange & White</p>
				<p>Lady Britt Of Brentwood SB214649 06-74 ORANGE & WHITE OFA50</p>
				<p>Brandy's Bud SA849324 02-72 White & Orange</p>
				<p>Dajo's Shanango Cheyenne Lou SB474357 09-75 WHITE & ORANGE OFA31</p>

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII

2-27-1997 - 6-26-2013

Sire: DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni Warchief

Dam: FC/AFC Candy's Lucky Penny

AKC#: SN 422528/04

FDSB#: 1489292

OFA#: BS-9643G29M-T

Owner: Joseph J. Jung

Breeder: Doug Seickmeyer

4x American Field Champion

3x American Field Runner-Up Champion

2004, 2005 LaSalle Brittany Club Dog Of The Year

Over 45 Field Trial Placements

Titled Dogs: 1 NFC, 1NGDC, 2 DC/AFC, 2 FC/AFC, 1 FC, 2 CH, 1 MH, 1 CDX, RN, NA, NAJ



The Dog

"It's not what we do once in a while that shapes our lives. It's what we do consistently." - Anthony Robbins

Al, as he was called, was one of the great dogs competing in an era of many great ones. His most outstanding virtue, as an all-age trial dog was his bid-ability; his willingness to run, find and point birds, and win under whoever had the whistle and gun that day. He did not spend very many days on a pro's truck, as Joe preferred to condition him and bring him to the trials. He lived in the house at Joe's and was his faithful companion for over 16 years.

The Competition - 1-HOUR Wins

"Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way." - Booker T. Washington

TRIAL	YEAR	PLACEMENT	STARTERS
ABC GUN DOG CLASSIC	2001	3 rd	22
FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF ILLINOIS OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC	2002	R-U	?
REGION 5 PRAIRIE STATE BRITTANY AMATEUR ALL-AGE	2002	CH	?
ABC PRAIRIE CHICKEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2004	CH	57
JIM HOLMAN CLASSIC	2004	1 st	23
ABC NATIONAL OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	2004	R-U	46
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS OLAA	2005	2 nd	23
REGION 5 PRAIRIE STATE BRITTANY OPEN ALL-AGE	2005	CH	30
NEBRASKA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2005	3 rd	33
REGION 4 MICHIGAN AAA CHAMPIONSHIP	2005	R-U	22
ABC PRAIRIE CHICKEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2005	CH	58
JIM HOLMAN CLASSIC	2005	4 th	27
GREATER ST LOUIS BRITTANY CLUB OAA	2005	1 st	25
DIXIELAND BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	2005	3 rd	32
ILLINOIS OPEN ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	2007	3 rd	21

2005

**THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
Chicken Classic/Championship
BOURBON XIII REPEATS AS CHAMPION**

The 2005 ABC Chicken Championship was conducted September 12th - September 16th, 2005 near Bassett, Nebraska. This premier event drew 59 starters representing many of the top all-age Brittany in the nation. 8 year old Bourbon XIII, handled by Al Gorrow, was to be named Champion with one nice find of a group of 10 chickens and a powerful, far flung race.

The Winners

The winner, Bourbon XIII, a stunningly handsome 8-year-old male, is proudly owned by Joe Jung and handled by Al Gorrow. This is his fourth Championship win, and he is the current American Brittany Club's Runner-Up National Champion. Included in those wins is the winning of this event last year on the Taylor Ranch near Burwell, Nebraska. Only one other dog has been able to repeat as Champion in the 41-year history of this event. Bourbon was drawn on course one to start the third day. This brace paired the current ABC National Champion and R-U National Champion. With the temperatures in the 60's and very little breeze, this exceptional pair of dogs was released. Wasting little time, Bourbon was found to the front pointing at 12 minutes in "Bird Alley". He was sharing this find with his brace mate. His style was high and his manners were above reproach. Sent on he was forward and strong. He was covering a lot of ground at a good distance, and doing it with purpose. With his handler aiming him, he would literally fly to the next objective. His race took him through the tough CRP ground and around the perimeter of several cow pastures, always forward and well directed. He seemed to get stronger as the hour went on. He finished his time forward, appearing to have not tired, and leaving little doubt that the standard had been set.



"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." - Vince Lombardi

The Ink – Write-ups of notable wins

"Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." - Henry Ford



THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
2004 Chicken Classic/Championship
Taylor Ranch, Burwell, Nebraska
September 13-17, 2004
by Jack Higgins

The Winners

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII (Al) is a beautiful orange and white male sired by DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief SH, out of FC/AFC Candy's Lucky Penny SH. His proud owner, Joe Jung, was in the dog wagon keeping track of his progress. He ran in Brace 19 on Course 2. Al is a worthy champion, showing great style on his birds. In addition, his race was outstanding. See Brace 19 for details.

19. Linvel's Blazen Rocket / Kline Bourbon XIII / Gorrow

Start at 9:09 in low rolling hills westbound, Al lined out straight away topping the hills. Rocket made a wide right and went to the front. A covey lifted beside us at 9 with no dog involved. Al went left at 14 and required some effort to bring him forward. Both were out front at 18. At 19 a bird lifted just over a hill, directly in front. Al was found standing with great style and a bird was flushed right where he said it was. Rocket was wide right and when Kline went after him, he flushed a buck that almost ran over Al as it went by. At midway we entered higher hills with great cover. Bourbon was four hills ahead, improving to six hills out, topping the highest peak. At 39 Bourbon was just a spot on the horizon while Rocket was wide right. Both dogs were rounded up at 48 and taken through the gate east of the Marshall's house. Bourbon crossed a meadow, took a fence line a half mile to a pond, then as we rode up the hills he rimmed the valley below, coming out in front for a Hollywood style finish. It was apparent to all we had seen a class performance.

2004

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikles WDA
Booneville, Arkansas
by Bonnie Hidaigo

Bourbon XIII was named Runner-up. He appeared in the final brace after being dropped from brace two. "Al" made it worth the wait, making the hour exciting to witness. Bourbon XIII, a coming eight year old, is owned by Joe Jung of W. Frankfurt, IL and was handled by Al Gorrow. Bourbon XIII hit the edges and was fast forward. He pointed at 17; birds were put up by the scout but luckily in view of his judge. The dog stood tight. At 22 he had jammed to a stop just before covey rise. Al did not move a muscle. At 26 he pointed a third time. This was along the ditch in the cotton field. Al stood high and tight as his handler flushed a large covey. He ran an appealing all age race. At 58 a quail came out of the tree line; a moment later the dog came through to his handler. Involvement was undetermined but the benefit of the doubt was given. A second bird flushed unnoticed by handler and dog as they headed to the front. Time was called as he was going away. Al was on point when picked up.

DAM: Tall Pines Little Libby

DC/AFC Bourbon's Straight Up

4/22/2005 -

Over 40 Amateur handled Field trial placements.

Grand Progeny

GFC Touch Of Bourbon Little Chug

Attached:

Complete Awards records (AKC & FDSB)

Progeny report attached (AKC & Brittany Online Database)

Progeny Field Trial Awards (Remek Field Trial Database)

Pedigree

NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly by Nite (Zoey)

Zoey was taken from Cindy and Al, along with everyone who knew her on December 22, 2014.

NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly By Nite
Offspring Summary

1st Litter

Dam Zoey

Sire DC/AFC Spring Hills Trouble Free

NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Little Ann

3rd - 2010 National Amateur Gun Dog

2nd - 2011 National Amateur Gun Dog

2nd - 2015 National Amateur Gun Dog

1st - 2016 National Amateur Gun Dog

2nd 2009 Eastern Futurity All Age

4th 2009 Central Futurity Gun Dog

FC High Hopes Flyin Full Throttle 7 show points

3rd - 2009 Eastern Gun Dog Futurity

FC/AFC High Hopes Fly'n Fancy

FC/AFC High Hopes Vindication JH

2nd Litter

Dam Zoey

Sire NGDC/DC/AFC Gamblers Ace in the Hole (Hall of Fame)

2XNGDC/DC/AFC High Hopes Dark Nite

1st - 2013 National Gun Dog Champions

1st - 2014 National Gun Dog Champions

4th - 2015 National Amateur Gun Dog Champions

2015 Show Champion for the Dual Champion Title

NAGDC/DC/AFC Hi Point's Summer Time

1st - 2015 National Amateur Gun Dog Champion

4th - 2014 National Amateur Gun Dog Champion

3rd - 2011 Eastern Gun Dog Futurity

2015 Show Champion

DC High Hopes Big Gamblers

2015 Show Champion

1st - Eastern All Age Futurity - Dual Award Winner

1st - Central Gun Dog Futurity

DC Gamblers Know When to Run

2015 Show Champion

FC Gamblers Lucky Nite

DC/AFC/NBoB Tequila With a Twist

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Mail to: Mary Jo Trimble, Secretary
10370 Fleming Rd. • Carterville, IL 62918

Dog's Name: **DC/AFC/NBOB Tequila With A Twist**
Owner(s): **Jessica Carlson**
Breeder(s): **David & Annette Barton**
Approximate Date of Death: **September 1, 2014**
His/Her Record: **see attached**
Percentage of times run to times placed (if known):
Percentage of times won Best of Breed to times entered: **1x ABC National BOB**
Production record: **see attached**

Signed: *Charles "Bernie" Crain & Steve Ralph*

Club Member in: **St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, Minnesota Brittany Club, Hawkeye Brittany Club**
Enter special records here:

- **#1 All Age hour winning Brittany female in history with 25 hour wins**
- **2008 ABC National Specialty - Best of Breed**
- **2007 Christy's Feather Duster Award (Best Bitch at the National All Age Championships)**
- **2007 ABC National Dual Award Winner**
- **2007 ABC National Specialty - 1st place Field Trial Bitch & Award of Merit**
- **2006 ABC National Championship - Posted**
- **2005 ABC National Dual Award Winner**
- **2005 ABC National Specialty - 1st place Field Trial Bitch & Award of Merit**
- **Purina Dog of the Year statistics: Ranked #2 (2009), #2 (2008), #20 (2007), #21 (2006), #49 (2005)**

Closing Date for Nominations: **April 1st**

Number of field winners: **7x Am. Fld. CH, 1x Am. Fld. RU, 3 FC, 4 AFC, 1 DC, 18 field pointed**

Number of litters sired or produced: **3**

Number of show dogs with points: **1 DC, 11 Ch, 14 show pointed**

Number of obedience title holders: **0**

I believe this dog/bitch should be in the Hall of Fame because: **see attached**

American Brittany Club Hall of Fame Nomination of



6x American Field Champion & 6x American Field Runner-Up DC/AFC/NBOB Tequila With A Twist

(September 2, 2002 – September 1, 2014)

Sex: F

DOB: 2002-09-02

Sire: NFC DC AFC Tequila's Joker HOF

Dam: Princess Haley II

Color: Orange & White

Owner: Jessica Carlson

Breeder: David & Annette Barton

AKC: SR03979606

FDSB: 1556863

Nominated by Charles "Bernie" Crain & Steve Ralph

It is with great pleasure that we place in nomination for induction into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame 6x American Field Champion, 6x Runner-up Champion, Dual Champion, Field Champion, Amateur Field Champion, Best in National Specialty Show Tequila With A Twist, "**Taryn**". Dual registered as Tequila With A Twist (FDSB) and Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist (AKC).

In our long association with Brittanys, no female has made a greater impact on field trialing than Taryn. She is in our estimation the greatest female in history. A tremendous career of 47 field trial placements that was cut short at the age of 7 due to injury, she managed to compile an **all-time record of 25 hour placements for females**. The quality of her wins was extraordinary. Twice she placed in the National Championship and twice she finished as runner-up in the Purina Dog of the Year Award. She holds the lifetime accumulated points honor for a female. In addition to being the 2008 US Open Championship Runner-up, out of only three litters she produced TWO United States Open Championship winners and one who placed in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. She is also the grand dam of the 2015 Victorie Nationale winner.

Production:

- **Titled dogs:** 7x Am. Fld. CH, 1x Am. Fld. RU, 3 FC, 4 AFC, 1 DC, 11 Ch
- **Produced:** 2 US Open Champions, 1 Victorie Nationale Champion, 1 ABC National Gun Dog Ch 4th place, 3 Futurity winners, 1 Futurity Dual winner
- **All puppies produced are field and/or show pointed and most achieved American Field or AKC titles**

Born 5/17/08 (6 in litter) by NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow

3xCH/1xRU DC/AFC Shadow's Tequila Tryst - 2014 US Open Champion

2010 ABC Western Futurity Dual Award winner

dam of:

Am Fld Ch. Rusty Ridge Pepper Rey Ann - **2015 Victoire Nationale Derby Champion** (field pointed)

.. Ch. Shadow's Peppermint Twist (field pointed)

Triple Shot of Southern Comfort (field pointed)

Tryst'n Red Pepper (show pointed)

. **FC/AFC Shadows In A Twist** - MMM Award #4 2015 & #7 2014, 2010 Central Gun Dog Futurity winner

. **FC/AFC Twist'n Tequila's Shadow - 2013 NAGDC 4th**

. **Ch. Hybrittin's PartyNaked** (field pointed)

. **Ch. Tullamore With A Twist** (field pointed)

.. *dam of:* Ch. Alar's Double Shot of Tequila JH (adult field placement)

. **Ch. 5 O'Clock Shadow** (multiple field placements)

Born 7/27/10 (4 in litter) by DC Almaden's River of Shadows

. **4xCH/FC/AFC Tequila Scorcher - 2016 US Open Champion**

. **Ch. FireStarter's Tequila Torrent**

. **Ch. Tequila Tempest**

. **Tequila Twister** (field pointed)

dam of:

Ch. Bandit's Mr Twister (field pointed, multiple adult field placements)

.. Mud On The Tires (show & field pointed)

B&T's Hooch With A Twist (field pointed)

Born 9/1/11 (3 in litter) by Nitro Express

. **Ch. Tequila's Red Corvette JH** (field pointed, multiple Best in Specialty Show winner)

dam of:

Ch. Sovereign's Legendary Ride JH (field pointed, 2016 ABC Eastern All Age futurity 4th)

.. Ch. Sovereign's Legendary Mustang (finished with all specialty majors)

Sovereign's CU Later Copper JH (show pointed)

. **Ch. Triple Shot of Tequila** (field pointed)

. **One Too Many Tequilas** (field pointed)

Performance:

Field Trial statistics: 25 All Age hour wins, 47 total field trial placements

Championship & Hour Stake placements

ABC National Championship	2005 - 4 th (63)
Greater Phoenix OAA (hour)	2005 - 3 rd (25)
Region 17 Neosho Valley Amateur All Age Championship	2005 - 4 th (26)
Region 7 Texas Amateur All Age Championship	2006 - CH (22)
Greater Phoenix OAA (hour)	2006 - 3 rd (21)
ABC National Championship	2007 - 4 th (70)
New Mexico Brittany All Age Championship	2007 - CH (21)
Dakota Prairie Championship	2007 - 3 rd (62)
Bluebonnet OAA (hour)	2007 - 4 th (20)
US Open Championship	2008 - RU (35) & Top Qualifier
Nebraska Brittany Championship	2008 - CH (36)
ABC Chicken Classic	2008 - RU (75)
New Mexico Brittany All Age Championship	2008 - RU (22)
Region 8 Amateur All Age Championship	2008 - RU (26)
ABC Pheasant Classic	2008 - 3 rd (58)
Central Arkansas OAA (hour)	2008 - 1 st (37)
Gr. St. Louis OLAA (hour)	2008 - 3 rd (38)
Texas Open Brittany Championship	2009 - CH (34)
New Mexico Brittany All Age Championship	2009 - CH (20)
Region 8 Amateur All Age Championship	2009 - CH (26)
International Open All Age Championship	2009 - RU (38)
Region 7 Texas Amateur All Age Championship	2009 - RU (20)
Region 17 Neosho Valley Amateur All Age Championship	2009 - 3 rd (20)
Gr. St. Louis OLAA (hour)	2009 - 1 st (31)
Bluebonnet OAA (hour)	2009 - 4 th (26)

Recognition:

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