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SPRING FIELD TRIAL

Old Hill Village, Hill NH
May 21 & 22, 2011

The Northern New England Brittany Club held our annual spring field trial during the weekend of May 21st & 22nd. The old village of Hill NH is an optimal place to run our Brittannies with it groomed fields along the Pemigawasset River. This area is receding back towards overgrown New England former farmland. The Grounds with the apple trees in bloom it is as picturesque as any area in the northeastern states. NNEBC would like to thank all the Judges and Committee members for their efforts in making this trial a success. A special thank you must go to John and Rita Poland without these two individuals working as Secretary and overall getter dowers we would not have a trial. Chairman Keith Madden also needs a thank you for his help getting all the permits and judges lined up. We had a total of 89 dogs come to the line this year over the two days with several exciting performances and one new champion named. The judges noted on the quality of the dogs in several categories. Our German Shorthaired Pointer friends showed their usual support and we appreciate all they do to keep the



Taking a break in-between braces, some of the handlers enjoy some shade from the late spring heat.



Mike Ernest cooking up some Kielbasa and a bunch of sauerkraut for the happy hour dinner.

The Derby stake featured a super performance by a young dog out of New Brunswick owned by Leonard and Gail Sinclair. Benson had a Woodcock find along with an exciting race and took home a beautiful plaque called the Lisa Deforest & Howard Lister Trophy. Ray Gorman put Dr. Roger McPherson's dog through his paces in the OLGD to obtain the dog's needed major and FC title. NNEBC appreciates the Pro entries from Sarah Conyngham as she came up from Rhode Island to participate. Our Club President Bryan Clark took home the Stan Kosowicz trophy for best Amateur Walking Hunting dog on Saturday, which is a fun stake to watch as any with his dog Jake. Tom Ettinger took home a beautiful trophy named the Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown Trophy in the Open All-age stake for winning that race. The weather broke just enough for most everyone to remain dry for the most part with one heavy storm rolling through around 1pm Saturday causing a delay in the running. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time and hope to see all and more next year.

ArthurHembrough

Director's Meeting

6/6/2011

Bayberry Commons, Concord, New Hampshire

Meeting Started at 7:12 PM.

In attendance: Rita Poland, Donna Howe, Bryan Clark, Dan Godbout, Patty Godbout, Dave Hayes and Steve Belletti

Absent: Guy Pagella, Ron Gosselin and Keith Madden

Secretary's Report

We received a request for a donation from National Animal Interest Alliance out of Portland, OR. The board said no.

Treasurer's report \$5205.68

The club received a \$100 donation from Linda and Drew Holcomb.

1st Vice President Keith Madden

The May two day field trial was a success. We had nice weather, low bug count and good food.

The Memorial Trophy in honor of Howard Lister and Lisa Deforest went to the winner at our field trial of the Amateur Derby Stake, who was Club member Leonard Sinclair from New Brunswick, Canada.

Hunt test - Brian Drelick

Steve and Brian are working on the registration for the September 2011 hunt test. Steve will look into signing up for the AKC responsible dog ownership day (RDOD) (see below, 2nd V.P. notes).

Member's day – Ron Gosselin

Ron's all set to run member's day.

Pheasant Shoot/Club day - Bryan Clark

2nd V.P. Membership: Dave Hayes

The club was notified about the AKC responsible dog ownership day (RDOD) to educate the public. The event can be held in September. We need to register by 8/1/11 for RDOD credit.

The April training day organized by Tom Zuk was a great venue. We earned \$118 for this day. We spent \$70 for the ad in the Hawkeye. We were pleased a couple of people mentioned they saw the ad.

New members' applications voted on:

Skip Maynard, Orwell, VT., sponsored by Mike Blondin. The Board voted all in favor - aye.

3rd V. P. Donna Howe

Check from New England sporting group, \$39. Small entry in sweepstakes.

Unfinished Business

Business cards to hand out

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Director's Meeting

6/6/2011

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New Business

Rita is the committee person for nominations:

1st VP – Brian Drelick

2nd VP – Dave Hayes

1 director position opened as Guy has stepped down. John Poland nominated.

Rita suggested you r.s.v.p. to Pat if you're not going to make the director's meetings to save those of us who travel a distance. It was suggested we eliminate one director's meeting in the year. Currently we meet 4 times a year. Steve will check with AKC to see how many times we must meet.

Dave - We are one of the four largest Brittany clubs. We should continue to mail newsletter.

Steve suggests – we should ask who still wants newsletter via snail mail. Maybe charge a fee for mailing.

John – there is a lot of work to copy, seal, stamp and label. It takes a person's day .

Bryan recognized the time John puts into the newsletter. He's done a great job. It is a lot of work and members like getting the newsletter.

Dave received an email from Save A Dog organization/shelter. It was about a Brittany rescue – Jasmine, 3 yrs, found in Central MA. Bryan recommended he pass the information along to Jill Farrell. *Follow up: I checked their website saveadog.com and Jasmine has been transferred to the New England Brittany Rescue.*

2011 Meeting dates:

Board Meeting Feb 7th

Game Dinner March 12th

Board Meeting April 4th

Field Trial May 21 & 22

Board June 6th

Member's day Aug 7th

Hunt test Sept 24th & 25th

Board Meeting Dec 5th (?)

Casserole/Pheasant shoot/Club day Nov 12th

Meeting motioned to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Dan at 8:31pm

IN THE FIELD

with Arthur Hembrough

The topic of this quarter's club newsletter article of "In the field" will focus around the habitat oversight a Grouse and Woodcock hunter should be looking for. All of us bird dog fanciers realize that early succession habitat is a necessary element to our success. We continue to look for new covers or the development of new hunting areas for both Grouse and Woodcock. Those of us who train dogs throughout the year notice that during certain season's Woodcock will use different areas. Springtime finds birds just off the sides of a heavily mowed hayfield or tilled land sometimes with thinner cover. This is because the birds might be resting from a night of mating or Penting as it is called nearby. As the mating season gives way into deeper spring Woodcock will move off into more protective, heavier cover to nest and raise their young. This is the more traditional cover we are used to finding Woodcock and Grouse in during the fall. During the fall migration those birds will be using a much more specific habitat of Alder runs and overgrown field edges with Poplar stands. This habitat supplies more ample cover for protection, along with an open understory the birds can use to probe for food. There are also times if proper habitat is nearby, say a lowland plain that during these southern migration flights birds will use a standing corn field to probe for earth worms. A cornfield can provide adequate protection from predators from above and easy loose soil to probe for earthworms.

Grouse also move about their core habitat in such a way. In the early spring you will find them in more open areas again to breed. They can be found on hardwood edges and ridges, sometimes Drumming in broad view for all to see. Here the males will be Drumming trying to attract attention of any females in the area. Old logs or stumps are used for this practice. I have even found grouse out in freshly hayed fields up north in the mid summer grabbing grasshoppers with their young to my surprise. One sign for me of decent Grouse habitat is the sight of lady slipper flowers in the woods. These flowers along with Goldenrod, which as you know occur in much more open areas are a sign that decent habitat for small game is nearby.

Usually the Lady Slipper and other flowers like Daffodils indicate some Succession habitat stage is taking place in the area, therefore Grouse should be in the vicinity. While Turkey hunting I usually note the existence of these two flowers during my walk into a new area, if so, this area goes

memory bank as a place to visit this coming fall with my Brittany in tow. Other habitat that is of importance to the Woodcock, especially on their trip back north in the spring are the edges of the Salt marsh coming up the coast. The Salt marsh acts very much as a large field is used by Woodcock to Pent in the spring. The marsh acts as a natural field opening in many ways. I usually find my first Woodcock of the spring in late February and March right along the marsh. They sometimes use the wooded islands on the marsh for holding cover. These can be great places to run a young dog in during the spring. You can have multiple finds if the moon is correct and the birds are in on these little islands of trees. These areas are natural cover magnets, much as they are in the large open fields of the Midwest. During the fall you rarely find Woodcock there, but during the spring push north with the snow still on the ground Woodcock will use them. Those first spring birds will be there as the high tide has melted the snow in many areas. These melted areas provide the birds the necessary bare ground to feed on. If you do run the Saltmarsh always be aware of the tide and the thick mud that you can get stuck in. Seriously, this can be a problem, especially on the coast of Maine, with its high tides. As a fancier of bird dogs and the game the dogs pursue we are always keeping an eye out in the woods. These are some of the hints I use to make my days afield more memorable while out training my pup on wild birds.

Arthur



White Moccasin-Flower at the Maine Field Trial grounds. This wild flower is usually pink, with the white form being local and rare. We enjoyed many of these delicate wild flowers while we were at the Central Maine Trial this spring. This photo was taken by Joan Hayes.

Member Contact List

In the past NNEBC has published a list of all it's members with there phone numbers, mailing address and email address. The Board of Directors and Officers are in agreement that it would be in the best interest of all our members not to have this information out there in cyber land for all those people that only wish to cause harm or harass us from enjoying our rights and privileges that we share with our dogs, our friends and our families. If anyone needs to contact any member, I will be available any time to supply you with this information. You can reach me at 603-838-5579 or you can email me at rpoland@myfairpoint.net

AKC

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

To be held in conjunction with our
September Hunt Test

We have been approved for a AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day to be held at this years Hunt Test. I will receive a free packet of information for owners that will be attending our Hunt Test. All this means is we will offer this information to anyone who is interested. Our Hunt Test will be held at Sharpe's Farm on September 24th and 25th. We try to start at 8am, so if you are braced early, please be on time.

Steven Belletti

NNEBC MEMBERS DAY

Members Day this year will be held on August 7 at Sharp's Farm in Hopkinton, NH. For all of you new members this is a FUN event.

We combine an unofficial Field Trial For Finished Dogs (The Club Championship) with an Adult Stake (Judgement ceases at flush). If we have enough Puppies we will hold a Puppy Stake. That one is always the best to watch. You gotta love those Puppies.

Around noon we stop for a pot luck lunch. Every one brings their favorite Summer Time Dish and we all share. Hopefully, Donna Howe will put on a brief demonstration on something to do with dogs. This is all part of the new regulations put into place by the AKC that helps to share information with the public. I haven't heard from Donna on this, but I hope she has something planned that will be informative and helpful to our Club Members.

After lunch we hold a Membership Meeting and discuss the operations for the rest of the year and any news that might have an effect on our Sport. David Smith is always there with the latest from the NH Wildlife Federation . Thank you David.

Famous Quotes

“If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.”

Lewis Carroll

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2011 NNEBC Calendar

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February 7th
Directors meeting
7PM Bayberry Commons
Concord, NH

March 12th
Game Dinner and Membership
Meeting, Slusser Senior Center
Hooksett, NH

March 19th
NNEBC Specialty Show
Royal Trade Center
Fitchburg, MA

April 4th
Directors Meeting
7PM Bayberry Commons
Concord, NH

May 21th & 22th
Spring Field Trial
7AM Franklin Falls Flood Control Area
Hill, NH

June 6th
Directors Meeting
7PM Bayberry Commons
Concord, NH

August 7th. Members Day
Membership Meeting
8 AM Sharpe's Farm
Hopkinton, NH

September 24th.&25th
AKC Hunt Test
8AM Sharpe's Farm
Hopkinton, NH

November 12th.
Club Day
((AKA, Pheasant Hunt))
7AM Sharpe's Farm Hopkinton NH

November 12th.
Casserole Dinner
Membership Meeting
Slusser Senior Center,
Hopkinton, NH

December 5th Directors Meeting
7 PM Bayberry Commons
Concord, NH

**Make sure to mark your
"Brittany Calendars"
with these dates**