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## Winter 2012

### NNEBC SPRING FIELD TRIAL Old Hill Village Hill NH May 19 & 20

### CASSEROLE DINNER Slusser Senior Center November 12, 2011

It's 5 below and my dogs don't even want to go outside and I am sitting here at my computer trying to come up with something of interest to write about the Spring Field Trial. The only thing I can really think of is that I hope Spring isn't late. Winter is sooooo much longer up here in the North country. I know, I know some of you told me when I talked about moving up here..... Winter really hasn't been all that bad this year. Other than that Oct. snow storm, we haven't had much snow in our little town (Landaff, NH). But as we all know, Spring will come as it does every year; it will be on time.

For some of the boys it has all ready started. Tom Ettinger, Patty Hunt, Mike Blondin and Roger McPherson are down in North Carolina attending several trials at the Hoffman grounds. Mike has had several placements with Brady and his young dog Lucy. I haven't heard of any body else placing. There have been a lot of dogs going "Bird Less". Next week they will head to GA and hopefully some more bird work and better luck

Our trial is scheduled for May 19 & 20. By that time it will be a lot warmer (I hope). Keith Madden will again be the Chairman and Rita Poland will be the Secretary. Mike Blondin has stepped aside to do some judging for the trial. If you are interested in helping out or if you need information about the trial please contact Keith at 603-742-7964

Johnny P.

Our regular Fall Casserole Dinner was held on Saturday November 12, 2011 at the Slusser Center in Contoocook, NH beginning around 4:15 PM. The gang from the Club Day Shoot at Sharpe's Farm arrived with enthusiasm about the weather and enjoyment of the pheasant shooting event. We had about 33 members in attendance from at least 18 different families. Dan and Pat Godbout, Tom and Kim and Cindy Zuk, Kelly Clark, and Ron and Sylvie Gosselin helped in the set up of the kitchen with preparations for a nice pot luck event. Food brought by all was plentiful and well received, including a big variety of hors d'oeuvres, and main course selections made from wild game. We held the usual Club meeting after dinner with President Bryan Clark presiding. In the absence of Treasurer Rita Poland, she asked that the Club bank balance be reported as \$4,747.10. A full report of the minutes of the meeting should be reported in this newsletter with the summary by Pat Godbout, Club Secretary. Membership matters included the election of Mark Sawyer and Rich Hatem as Full members and John Apostopoulos as an Affiliate member. Donna Howe made a presentation about the AKC Breeder of Merit Program and announced she is working on the Specialty show scheduled for March 17, 2012 at Fitchburg, MA. Board memberships for two year terms were voted for Brian Drelick as First Vice President (Field Events), David Hayes as Second Vice President (Membership) and Dan Godbout and John Poland as Directors. While we were missing some of our field trial activists, who were attending a trial with the Anthracite Brittany Club, we heard from Tom Zuk about plans for an AKC Hunt Test Seminar for Judges, and others interested, to be scheduled in early February at the Kittery Trading Post. After the meeting we had a raffle of items donated by Club members, with the resulting proceeds of \$107.00

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# CASSEROLE DINNER

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realized as a benefit to the Club. We finished up the event in a timely manner so that members, after helping to straighten up and clean the facility, went home at a decent early hour for the evening. Our Club is extremely fortunate to have the use of this facility for a modest rental fee. This membership event provides a timely gathering for finishing up after the field trial and bird hunting season, although a few were still hopeful of acquiring some venison in the states where deer season was still open. The meeting was a pleasant conclusion to our 2011 Club activities.

David F. Hayes

Second Vice President



Roger McPherson, Ray Gorman, Mike Blondin and Johnny Poland taking a break in-between braces an the Amateur Gun Dog Nationals at Ionia Michigan this past fall.

## Brag & Barks



A nice shot of the handlers, the Judges and the Gallery heading along one of the many long and winding courses at Hoffman.

At the Nationals this year on the first day of the Amateur, Ray Gorman's dog Riley was posted. This lifted the spirits of all NNEBC members in attendance; unfortunately during the next two day other dogs caught the eyes of the judges. Ray was to be rewarded later when Riley was to be the runner-up for the North East Gun Dog Award. This is the second year in a row that Riley has been runner-up in this coveted award here in the North East. This is an award that is given to the all around best dog for the past year by totaling the points that have been earned during the year.

Roger McPherson's dog, Suemac's Big Orange, won the Amateur Gun Dog stake at the Tarheel Brittany Club at Hoffman. This was a Really Big win, 38 Dogs.

Mike Blondin's dog Green Mountain Brady took second and if I am not mistaken, that finished Brady.

Nice job Roger and Mike...

Mike's dog Green Mountain Shot Gunn Lizzy took a 4th at Tarhell BC and a 2nd at Southeast BC. Both trials were held at Hoffman.

**Members Meeting**  
**11/12/2011**  
**Slusser Senior Center, Contoocook, New Hampshire**  
**Meeting Started at 6:45 PM.**

**Directors:** Donna Howe, Bryan Clark, Guy Pagella, Dan Godbout, Patty Godbout, Ron Gosselin, Dave Hayes and Steve Belletti were present at meeting

**Secretary's Report**

Pat still has a few ABC national raffle tickets available. The drawing is 11/26/11. Tickets must be mailed in by 11/15/11.

**Treasurer's report \$4747.10**

The club funds are healthy, with \$803.00 more than this same time last year.

Rita asks the membership for any changes or recommendations for our website. Email Rita your ideas and suggestions at [rpoland@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rpoland@myfairpoint.net)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Keith Madden**

**Hunt test - Brian Drelick**

The hunt test was a successful event. It grossed \$481.95 profit for the club.

**Member's day – Ron Gosselin**

**Pheasant Shoot/Club day - Bryan Clark**

Dan Godbout brought the birds to Sharpe's which saved on delivery charges from the Foggy Ridge Farm. The judges this year were club members which saved us money, as well. Trophies have been eliminated this year to save the club money. Prizes were awarded from the club's retail supply box.

There were 13 teams entered this year which filled all time slots. Top honors were announced as follows

3<sup>rd</sup> place, Beau, handled by Dan Godbout, 221 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ed Kelliher, with Sierra, 248 points

And 1<sup>st</sup> place was awarded to Jake, handled by Bryan Clark, 260 points.

Congratulations, Bryan! Well Done!

Pheasant Day was a great day with beautiful weather, and new members in attendance. Bryan thanked all who helped out to make the day a big success.

And then there was the casserole dinner that followed a great day of shooting, another great turnout. Bryan thanked Ron and Sylvie for managing the kitchen. Thanks to Kelly, who did the grocery shopping. And, Pat who is always helping behind the scenes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Membership: Dave Hayes**

**New members' applications voted on:**

**There were 3 new applications for membership:**

1 – John Apostolopoulos, an affiliate who belongs to Central New England Brittany Club

2 – Mark Sawyer, full membership, sponsored by Danny Aucoin

3 – Rick Hatem, full membership, sponsored by Bryan Clark

The board voted all in favor, aye

Dave thanked those members who have sent in their membership fees.

Dave reminded everyone the newsletter is on our website. An email will be sent when a new one is available. If we don't have your email address, or you've changed your email address, be sure to provide it to Pat, [gbout@comcast.net](mailto:gbout@comcast.net).

**3<sup>rd</sup> V. P. Donna Howe**

Donna is working on the March 2012 spring specialty show in Fitchburg, MA

Donna presented the ongoing requirements to maintain compliance with AKC

Tonight's topic: Breeder of merit

## Requirements

- Has a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earned at least 4 Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred/co-bred.
- Member of an AKC club.
- Certifies that applicable health screens are performed on your breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club.
- Demonstrates a commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies produced are AKC registered.

## Benefits

- Breeder of Merit registration applications and registration certificates featuring a special designation
- Complimentary access to online reports
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number
- Online record support
- A certificate of distinction
- Breed-specific web banners that participants can use to proudly promote their involvement in the Program
- Acknowledgement in the AKC Gazette and on AKC.org
- Lapel pin
- And more!

For more information, and a breeder's application, go to the AKC website, <http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit/>

## Unfinished Business

Steve Belletti reported on Responsible Dog Owner Day, which was held on 9/24/11 during the hunt tests. Literature was available, along with trinkets and items for the kids, like coloring books. The extra materials were available for the taking during the meeting.

Business cards are available. Members grabbed supplies to pass around during hunting season and spread the word about our awesome club.

Club retail items were available for sale during the evening. There are hats, shirts, stickers, and pins.

## Nominations:

The following people were nominated to open board positions

1<sup>st</sup> VP Brian Drelick

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dave Hayes

Directors Dan Godbout, John Poland, 2 year term

All in favor, aye, with no one opposed

## New Business

Brian Drelick has been talking with Kittery Trading Post and the Katadin GSP club. Plans are underway for a January 2012 AKC judge seminar. If you want more information on the ins and outs of judging, this would be a good place to learn. There is a maximum of 25 attendees for the seminar. Send Brian an email, [bdrelick@comcast.net](mailto:bdrelick@comcast.net) if interested. The judge qualification is good for 5 years before you need recertification. After the class, you will have to complete an apprenticeship. The cost for the seminar is \$45 and includes lunch. To be a judge, you need to have a dog in that class, with at least two legs completed in that class.

Tom Zuk talked about the Central Maine Brittany Club wanting to have a hunt test in early spring, in Sanford/Kennebunkport, ME., at the blueberry field.

Jill Farrell informed the group that the New England Brittany Rescue 2012 calendar is available for purchase. The calendar is \$20, with 100% of the proceeds going to the rescue. Orders can be placed on [www.petfinder.com/shelters/MA195.ht](http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MA195.ht) (cont'd page 5)

The rescue can also be found on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Purchases can be made through paypal accounts. Pat will send a membership email with all the details.

2012 Meeting dates: Board Meeting Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Game Dinner March 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting April 2<sup>th</sup> Field Trial May 19 & 20 Board June 4<sup>th</sup> Member's day Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Hunt test Sept 22<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>th</sup> Casserole/Pheasant shoot/Club day Nov 10<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Belletti, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Dube

## Dog of the Year Rules

1. Only Club Member's Dogs are eligible. Points can be counted only while Club Membership is in effect. Dogs must be under the ownership of member at the time points are earned.
2. Points are accumulated from Dec. 31 to Dec. 31 of the next year. Only points earned in AKC Licensed events and AFTCA trials are countable. The Dog's AKC registered name and number plus date of birth must accompany the report.
3. The winner in each category will receive a plaque. Placement and plaques will be awarded at the Game Dinner.
4. Awards will be withheld if no qualifying dogs are reported as required. If an inadequate number of entries are submitted, no award may be presented at the discretion of the Awards Committee. In the case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.
5. Members/Owners are responsible for reporting their placements, dates of events, and type of event to the Chairman of the Awards Committee using the attached forms. Also please send any new titles earned during the year, no later than Feb. 16 to: NNEBC Dog of the Year Awards, c/o Donna Howe, 85 Omega St., Manchester, NH 03102-2612

## HOFFMAN FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS

Hoffman, NC



Patty Hunt and Mike Blondin look right at home pictured here while judging a Derby stake at Hoffman for the Tarheel Brittany Club.



Here is a photo that will give you an idea of what the Hoffman grounds looks like.

# IN THE FIELD

with Art Hembrough

This article for the newsletter I am writing during the first week of November as the leaves have mostly fallen from the trees here. I recently made a trip up to the far north of N.H. to hunt some Grouse and Woodcock . The weather was not the nicest being cold and damp for two days. It allowed me time look over a few new covers and hunt some I've been to over the past 25+ years. There are always supple changes every year to any hunting area, but the farther north you go the changes don't seem to happen as quickly. This got me to thinking about many of the favorite spots I've found, lost and moved on from over the past few decades of hunting. One spot on public land down this way has changed dramatically from when I was a little boy tagging along with my dad and grandfather after our Brittany. This particular spot where we used to always flush a wild Pheasant or Grouse now is four feet underwater and has become a beaver pond. I instead now travel down the over grown skidder road opening day of duck season looking for a few Wood duck and don't even bother looking for upland game here any longer. The very spot my dog is swimming is where I would push through Cranberries hoping to jump a Cockbird out of only fifteen years ago. As some of you know I have now moved down to Massachusetts. The one spot I still hunt today in my home town of Andover Mass, was once a famous field trial ground for Brittanies and Long-tails. In fact this area held the Grand National Championships for Grouse twice back in the early 60's. I believe I may have been one of the last to take a parting shoot at a Grouse here back in the late 70's. The grounds are no longer being managed in anyway. The little fields have gone by with only a few openings, mostly made by beaver's. There are now multiple marked trails throughout the property with joggers and mountain bike folks occasionally looking at a hunter like some kind of alien. My grandfather along with others worked hard with the state to keep this property open to hunting as the population changed throughout the area to become more urban.

Again, here I am better off duck hunting some of the beaver holes then looking for a Grouse or Woodcock in this mature wood lot. To think not long ago in time some of the best Grouse dogs in the country were running these same woods, pointing birds in abundance. It really does not take long for a forest to mature and change especially if not managed some.

This comes to the point of why it is so important to support and push for Public lands to be managed in some fashion for Succession habitat. Old fields and brushy edges are the key to many animal species thriving, not just a few. As Upland bird hunters we need to support these types of practices, especially here in NH and Eastern Mass. There has been talk of a Woodcock stamp or license recently among a few in the north-country who trial. Although, I am not big on any kind of taxation, this is one thing that I would support, especially if the work would be done on state managed lands such as WMA's.

Whenever any of us get a chance in front of those either in political office or F&G speak your mind of habitat management and its importance. We need to let them know how important it is to provide proper habitat management practices to public wood lots. Recently I wrote letters to US Senator Judd Gregg to let them know my thoughts on the importance of Logging in the WMNF. One area now over near the Maine border is completely off limits to Logging. Old growth forest are needed in a balanced way, but is another huge tract of public land in NH off limits to logging needed?

This was pushed by many as a compromise to logging in other parts of the forest. The whole use plan for the WMNF was up for review after a 10 year period recently. Public input was essential to how this plan now becomes basically the rule for management of the forest up north. Many groups NH Loggers, NH Forest Society, AMC along with others had input to the plan. So speak your thoughts whenever you get the opportunity. N.H. was once 70% fields and openings. The state is now down to less then 15% off fields .

See you in the field, Art







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## Web Sites of Interest

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| AKC                                     | www.akc.org                          |
| ABC                                     | http://clubs.akc.org/brit/           |
| US Sportsman Alliance                   | www.ussportsman.org                  |
| Dog shows & registration                | www.infodog.com                      |
| Shotgun Sports                          | www.shotgunsports.com                |
| Quail Unlimited                         | www.qu.org                           |
| NAVHDA David Trahan                     | www.onpointkennel.com                |
| Green Mountain                          | www.greenmountainkennels.com         |
| Hedgerow Kennel                         | www.hedgerow@acunet.net              |
| Pointers Run Hunting                    | www.mint.net/pointersrunJohnson      |
| Flat Hunting                            | www.huntfishmaine.com                |
| Maine Hunting & Sporting Dog            | http://sportdogs.bangordailynews.com |
| Grouse Wing Dog Hunting Training Center | www.georgehickox.com                 |
| Linda McCartney-Roy                     | www.triumphantkennels.com            |
| Karen Thorne                            | www.BRITTANYDOG.COM                  |
| Ashley Catizone                         | www.rededgekennels.com               |
| Lindia Holcomb                          | www.breezewaterbrits.com             |
| Ann Short                               | www.mainebrittanysitejas.com         |

There are a number of other sites that you can find in the back of the ABC Magazine. Check them out!

## Famous Quotes

**“Experience is the name every one gives to their mistakes.”**

**Oscar Wilde**

## Up Coming Field Trials, Shows and Hunt Tests

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|-------------|---|
| March 17th  | NNEBC Specialty Show, Fitchburg, MA     |
| March 20th  | CNEBC Specialty Show, Fitchburg, MA     |
| March 24th  | SNEBC Field Trial, East Windsor, CT     |
| April 7 & 8 | CNEBC Hunt Test, Belchertown, MA        |
| April 14th  | CNEBC Field Trial, Belchertown, MA      |
| April 14th  | SNEBC Hunt Test, Wolcott, CT            |
| April 28th  | Hudson Valley Field Trial, Oxford NY    |
| April 29th  | CMBC Hunt Test Kennebunk, Maine         |
| May 19&20   | NNEBC Field Trial, Old Hill Village, NH |

## NNEBC BREEDER REFERRAL



Anyone that is interested in finding information on a new puppy or would like to talk with a breeder about a Brittany, please contact Pat Godbout, Club Secretary at, [gbout@comcast.net](mailto:gbout@comcast.net) NNEBC is not responsible for any claims made by it's members that are breeders about any puppy or dog. This referral is only for the convenience of those looking for breeders and is in no way a solicitation to buy or sell any puppy or dog.

Donna and Mike Howe just had a litter of pups. 4 Males and 4 females ready to go the first weekend in march 603-623-3242

Ray Gorman has a litter from Ruby/Basher coming mid Feb. He has a litter of Riley pups coming in 2 months 603-237-5725

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January 15, 2012

Winter, 2012

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## 2012 NNEBC Calendar

### Brittany Tales

February 6th  
Directors meeting  
7PM Bayberry Commons  
Concord, NH

March 10th  
Game Dinner and Membership  
Meeting, Slusser Senior Center,  
Hopkinton, NH

March 17th  
NNEBC Specialty Show  
Royal Trade Center  
Fitchburg, MA

April 2nd  
Directors Meeting  
7PM Bayberry Commons  
Concord, NH

May 19th & 20th  
Spring Field Trial  
7AM Franklin Falls Flood Control Area  
Hill, NH

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

August 5th. Members Day  
Membership Meeting  
8 AM Sharpe's Farm  
Hopkinton, NH

September 22nd & 23rd  
AKC Hunt Test  
8AM Sharpe's Farm  
Hopkinton, NH

November 10th.  
Club Day  
(AKA, Pheasant Hunt)  
7AM Sharpe's Farm Hopkinton NH

November 10th.  
Casserole Dinner  
Membership Meeting  
Slusser Senior Center,  
Hopkinton, NH

December 3rd Directors Meeting  
7 PM Bayberry Commons  
Concord, NH

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