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NNEBC SPRING FIELD TRIAL Old Hill Village Hill, NH May 21 & 22, 2011

CASSEROLE DINNER Slusser Senior Center November 13, 2010

It is hard to imagine Spring is just around the corner with the temperature last night dipping to 33 degrees below zero here in Landaff NH. So far this winter has been a very cold and snowy one and it is not over yet. But come March the snow will melt and Spring will make an entrance (if only on the calendar). With Spring comes our Field Trial. Keith Madden will Chair and Mike Blondin will be Secretary for this event. As always they could use any and all help in the running of this trial. I will be manning the Galley serving up my usual (sometimes "unusual") culinary delights. There is always the need for Road Guards and Bird planters. These jobs are perfect for the new comers to wet their feet in the Field Trial world and believe me, they are "important". I too could always use some help at the grill.

I have to stress that a large portion of this trial is aimed at the Amateur Field Trialer, the Hunters and their dogs that just want to spend a day with fellow Club Members and compete with their dogs just for "Fun". That is what the Amateur Walking Hunting Dogs Stake is for and what it is all about. You don't need to be an experienced Field Trialer, just someone with a Britt (or any pointing bird dog) and a desire to compete in a friendly atmosphere with both old and new friends alike. Contact Mike Blondin at: mgrundog@live.com

Our regular Fall Casserole Dinner was held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Slusser Center in Contoocook, NH beginning at 4:00 pm. The gang from the Club Day shoot at Sharpe's Farm arrived with enthusiasm about the wonderful weather for the day and the enjoyment of the pheasant shooting event. We had about 30 members in attendance from 17 different families. Tom and Kim Zuk, along with Dan and Pat Godbout, had the facility organized, with Ron and Sylvie Gosselin, Kelly Clark and Dave and Paula Smith helping in the kitchen to make the evening enjoyable for the rest of us. Our members continued to help the organizers to keep things moving. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks were available prior to the wide choice of pot luck dishes, many of which were made from wild game. We held the usual Club membership meeting after dinner with President Bryan Clark presiding. Secretary John Poland reported that he was finishing up his tour as Secretary, but that he would remain available to help with the Club's newsletter. Pat Godbout is available to take over as Secretary and is willing to accept the job. Rita Poland as Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,943.39. Brian Drelick gave a favorable report on the Fall Hunt Test (Saturday and Sunday), and that plans were being made for an AKC Hunt Test Seminar for Judges for next Spring in coordination with the Central Maine Brittany Club. Membership matters included the approval of the application of Clay Yonce and his family for regular membership, and the approval of Affiliate Memberships for Sam and Pam Jackson and John and Ann Short from the Central Maine Brittany Club. Donna Howe reported the July Specialty Show had 72 entries with a superb event, and that a show is being planned for mid-March with the Sporting Dog Show.

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CASSEROLE DINNER

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There was a vote to approve the Nominating Committee slate of Bryan Clark as President, Donna Howe as Third VP, Pat Godbout as Secretary, and Rita Poland as Treasurer. Directors Ron Gosselin and Steve Belletti were reelected for another term. The Pheasant Shoot results were reported as Mike Powers and his brother Tim took third with Brodie, Dan Godbout and his daughter Jess took second with Mingo, and Bryan Clark and Ed Kelleher took first with Jake. The field trial people are working on our trial for late May at Hill, NH and George Dube was to attend the HELDCA meeting in mid December to schedule our fall hunt test.

After the meeting was concluded we had a spirited raffle with Jill Farrell winning the door prize of a substantial orange lead, Susan Gregory capturing a box of drinking glasses with many others winning a selection from the raffle table along with the makings of a full turkey dinner donated by Ed Kelleher.. As is usual we attempted to finish up as early as possible with clearing up the space and heading home in the early evening. My impression is that we had an enjoyable event.

David F. Hayes

Announcement!

New members, John and Ann Short of Acton, Maine are proud to announce a beautiful litter of 8 Brittany puppies born on January 12, 2011. This litter was born on the birthday of their oldest granddaughter (Nova) makes these pups extra special! The Dam is J&A's Dreams Come True of Acton, call name "Treasure", the Sir is CH Gibson JH CGC (owned by Sam and Pam Jackson). This is their second litter together. Treasure had 4 OW boys, 3 OW Girls and one Liver girl. Mother and pups



TRAINING DAY

A Pointing Dog training day will be sponsored jointly by Northern New England Brittany Club, Central Maine Brittany Club and the Maine Bird Dog Club this spring. This will be held on the Maine Bird Dog Field Trial Grounds in Brownfield, Maine on Saturday, April 16th with a rain date of Sunday, April 23rd. The Trainers that will be available will be; Bob Paucek, a professional Trainer as well as an AKC & American Field Judge. Frank Pride, an accomplished Handler and AKC Field Trial Judge. Kelly Short, AKC Field Trial Judge

There will also be a host of other experienced upland Bird Hunters available to answer any of your questions about Field Trialing and hunting with your dog.

This will be an excellent opportunity to gain information on Field Trialing and Hunt Tests as well as get some practical experience on handling your dog under the watchful eyes of some experienced people.

Birds will be available for this training exercise and only blank guns will be allowed. RSVP is required. Please call Tom Zuk at 603-776-0950 or kimzuk@metrocast.net. Call early to guarantee your entree. We will be starting at 8AM. There will **NOT** be any food or water available, so bring plenty for you and your dog. Suggested Donation will be \$25 (as of now). This could change with a good turnout.

Hope to see you there,

Tom Zuk

Braggs & Barks

Karen Thorne writes: Catch Kartel's Captain Rusty who is on page 44 of the LLbean Signature Catalog, the Winter edition. You may also see Rusty in the "Fetch Dog" on the Blue Seal website, or in one of the editions to Smart Pak!

Mike Powers is a grandfather! Andrea gave birth to an 8 lb 14 oz baby boy "Bentley Michael Axne" on January 18th. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents.

Directors Meeting

December 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:04. Present was ; Bryan Clark, Rita Poland, Donna Howe, and Arthur Hembrough. Guy Pagella was in attendance as a spectator.

The Godbouts had a death in the family and could not attend.

Secretary's Report. No Report.

Treasurer's Report The Check Book balance is \$4,142.38

1st Vice President Keith Madden was not present, No Report.

Hunt Test Brian Drelick, Members Day Ron Gosselin, Pheasant Shoot/Club Day Bryan Clark

2nd Vice President David Hayes was not Present. New Members applications voted on; Brian Fradette - Full Membership, Carol Fradette Membership.

3rd Vice President Donna Howe Applications for show on Saturday March 19th in Fitchburg MA. Discussed the need to hold certain clinics to maintain our AKC Show status. discussed the possible change in the Dog of the year awards from Trophies to Certificates in order the save the Club money. This discussion was tabled.

New Business 2011 Schedule: BOD Meeting Feb. 7th, Game Dinner March 12th, BOD Meeting April 4th, Field Trial May 14th and 15th, BOD Meeting June 6th, Member's Day Aug. 7th, Hunt Test Sept. 24th and 25th, Casserole Dinner/Pheasant Shoot - Club Day Nov. 12th

Tom Zuk requested \$125 to advertise a training day with the Maine Bird Dog Club and Central Maine Brittany Club on April 23rd. the training day is to be held at the Field Trial Grounds in Brownfield , ME. More info to come.

Arthur Hembrough stepped down as director for personal reasons. The Board will fill his position at the Feb. 7th meeting

Adjourned 8:20 PM

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 Dimmer.
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

IN THE FIELD

with Art Hembrough

The subject of this quarter's field article is trials of a different type. As many of the Brittany enthusiasts know the AKC generally regulates and sanctions most if not all of the countries Brittany club's trials. The reason for this focus is many of us want to have an AKC Field Champion title on our dogs. In order to obtain this within the breed we need to score an AKC sanctioned win in a Brittany trial with 13 or more dogs entered. Without such a win a dog can never obtain an AKC -FC and then obtain their DC or Dual. In the northeast there are several other sanctioning bodies for folks to run under. The most notable and largest is AF or American Field. The NNEBC also obtains dual sanctioning from AF for our spring trial, as do many of the other northeast Brittany clubs. There are also several other local pointing dog clubs that run under only the Sanctioning of AF. The Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club, The Northeast Setter Club, Independent Field Trial Club and the Maine Bird Dog Club run trials sanctioned by AF only and their events are fairly local. Most of these events have a majority of Long-tails running in them. They are highly competitive and you will see some marvelous bird dogs in action. The rules are a bit different and in broke stakes there is usually only a winner and RU named.

You will see the occasional Brittany or GSP making an appearance at an AF trial. Although it is rare in a Walking Shooting dog class (broke stake) to see a short-tailed dog make the board, it can and does happen. Many of these clubs also put on what they call a Gun Dog stake, which is really like an AKC Amateur Walking Hunting Dog or Non-Regulation stake. This is a steady to flush stake just like NNEBC runs during our fun day and spring trial. There are a few club members who go to one or two of these events a year as they are close by to where they maybe visiting. V.P. David Hayes and Joan Hayes are a team who attend with their Brittany at the spring Setter trial on the Cape. The cost of this non-broke stake is usually around \$30 and again it gets your pup into some competitive bird work during the off season. If you decide that

would be up to the challenge of competing against the long-tails in the Shooting dog stake your dog really should be registered with AF. Many of our Britts are not.

This registration cost is about \$20 and you need to register in the Field Dog Stud Book. You can find the registration forms on line at [/www.americanfield.com/Pages/FDSBinfo.html](http://www.americanfield.com/Pages/FDSBinfo.html). If you have a promising prospect it is suggested you get him registered. Most of the finest wild bird trials are AF sanctioned. Having the pup registered before hand will save both the trial organizer and yourself a bunch of issues down the road if you garner a placement.

Of note there are several trials during the spring and fall that you can attend locally, either entering in a Broke stake or Non Broke stake. Of these that hold monthly events is the Independent Field Trial Club. The club is based out of Rhode Island. Independent starts running trials as early as mid-March. It is a great tune up and usually snowless a heck of a lot earlier then up here in NH/VT. This is a fun trial a few of us Britt folks attend. Richie Frisella runs trials on his land all the way through mid December. All Stakes are offered and prizes are given even in Gun dog or none broke stake. Lloyd Murray and the NNHBDC run a spring trial in early April. It is held outside of Groveton in conjunction with the KK Classic, a highly competitive wild bird trial. On the weekend a quail trial is run close by. It offers both Shooting dog and Gun dog stakes. The club puts on a great little feed both days and the action is super to watch, especially if the weather is good. Some professional trainers are usually in attendance after the KK Classic and you will see some excellent bird work. I have attended both the above in the past and yes once was the only Brittany running in the Broke stakes. The folks are all very nice and just enjoy good bird work. NNEBC members Mike Blondin, Ray Gorman and Keith Madden have judged this event in the past along with others.

This coming spring as the snow melts consider going to an AF sanctioned event, yes a Long-tail event. It can only make your dog and you better in the field. You will be able to find info on these trials by buying the American Field magazine at Borders' or getting a subscription.

The weblink for a subscription to the field is <http://www.americanfield.com>. Happy trails or trials.

See you in the field,
Art



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Web Sites of Interest

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
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Karen Thorne	www.brittanydog.com
Ashley Catizone	www.redledgekennels.com
Linda Holcomb	www.breezewaterbrits.com

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

If you have a web site you would like to share, e-mail me.

Rescue Brittany

Arthur Hembrough reports that a rescue Britt was just transported up to the Lakes Region. It is a 4 year old Male. Supposedly he is all house trained. The dog comes out of Ohio and was transported by Art and his sister Linda to Sandwich NH where he will be staying at a foster home for a few months. News is he is traveling nicely. Linda works with the Brittany Rescue

and Art went with her for the ride. If any one is interested, get in touch with Art at 978-475-3543

Up Coming Field Trials, Shows and Hunt Test

March 19th	NNEBC Specialty Show, Fitchburg, MA
March 20th	CNEBC Specialty Show, Fitchburg, MA
March 26th	SNEBC Field Trial, East Windsor, CT
April 9th	CNEBC Hunt Test, Belchertown, MA
April 9th	CNEBC Field Trial, Belchertown, MA
April 16th	SNEBC Hunt Test, Wolcott, CT
April 30th	Hudson Valley Field Trial, Oxford, NY
May 21,22	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 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.

Linda Holcomb has a new litter born January 5th. Sire is CH. Breezewater Dancin' Till Dawn, JH (sired by CH. Triumphant's Encore', JH..a repeat litter brother to Miami. out of Breezewater Yes It's True..a daughter of DC/AFC Renegade's Kansas Kid) and the mother is CH. RJ's Breezewater Bold Vision (sired by BIS CH. Magic Sirly You Jest x AmCan.CH. RJ's The Divine Ms M, SH.) Her website is www.breezewaterbrits.com

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2011 NNEBC Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 12th.
Club Day
((AKA, Pheasant Hunt))
7 AM 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**