



Whid Isle Brittany Club
a regional member of the American Brittany Club

WHID ISLE BRITTANY CLUB NEWSLETTER
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Whid Isle B.C. FUN DAY

Date: Saturday, August 16th

Time: 9:00 a.m. until ~3:00 p.m.

Location: Cherry Valley (1.3 miles north of Duvall, WA on Hwy. 203)

There will be demonstrations throughout the day on field training, showing, rally, obedience, and grooming. Our keynote speaker will be Dan Mar, a professional pointing dog trainer from Rose Hill, Kansas who will present information on bird dog training with a Q & A session to follow starting at 11:00 a.m.

Door prizes, dog food & treats, and tons of information on a variety of subjects will be available to all participants. Lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, sodas) will be provided free of charge to everyone courtesy of the Whid Isle Brittany Club.

Please contact John Henderson at 425-433-0687 (home) or sunnyvaleb@aol.com for more details.

I hope that everyone and your Brittanys are doing well! It has been a busy six months since our last newsletter with lots of activities taking place and more coming up in the near future. Without further ado, I'll try to summarize what the Whid Isle Brittany Club has been involved in since February.

EVERGREEN SPORTSMAN'S SHOW- Monroe, WA

We had a booth at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Show in late February where we had a great time meeting people and talking about our favorite breed, the Brittany. Lots of folks stopped by, especially when we had some of our dogs there for visitors to meet and get to know. Kids especially enjoyed petting, hugging and loving on the dogs. More than one kid tried to convince their Mom and Dad that they really wanted to take this dog home with them RIGHT NOW!!! Knowing how much our dogs are a significant part of our lives, it's always heart-warming to hear stories about the Brittany that someone had when they were growing up and what a great dog it was.

The Sportsmen's show was also successful from the standpoint that we recruited some new and returning members for our club. Shown below is some information on those folks and the Brittanys in their family.

- Joshua Agnew- Marysville, WA; 2 Brittanys (Ben & Libbey)
- Addley Tole Jr. and Tracy Tole- Gold Bar, WA; no Brittanys listed
- Jolyn Nightingale- Seattle, WA; 2 Brittanys (Jack & Kitta)

- *Dan Mar- Rose Hill, KS; lots of Brittany's & other pointing dogs (NOTE: Dan is a professional dog trainer specializing in pointing breeds; he is currently running a Summer Camp for pointing dogs out near Elma, WA; if you want to talk to Dan about training, you can contact him at 206-353-8057)*
- *David Nold- Bellevue, WA; 1 Brittany (Sydney)*
- *Deena and Paul Johnson- Sammamish, WA; 1 Brittany (Maggie)*
- *Dale Christianson- Everett, WA; 1 Brittany (Missy)*
- *Cliff and Laura Brown- Arlington, WA; 1 Brittany (Bailey)*

We look forward to having these new folks as members of our club and hope they get an opportunity to participate in some of the club activities!

Finally, a big “thank you” to all of the WIBC club members who helped man the booth throughout the show as well as everyone who helped set up our booth on Wednesday evening and tear it down Sunday night.

SPRING AKC FIELD TRIAL- Ritzville, WA

The Whid Isle Brittany Club held their Spring Field Trial on April 12th and 13th at the Goose Butte BLM Area near Ritzville, Washington. We had a small entry of about 70 starters but had participants from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California. It was nice to finally have some warmer weather after a very cold and wet winter. Temperatures reached the mid to high 70s during the day and the hot and dry ground conditions appeared to make it difficult for the dogs to find birds. As a result, three of the four adult stakes and the Derby stake had two placements withheld due to lack of birdwork. Nonetheless, we had a number of excellent performances in each of the adult stakes and the judges had some worthy dogs to choose from for placements. Special recognition goes to Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer’s FC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition who garnered first place in both the Open All-Age and Amateur All-Age.

We want to thank all of our judges for their attentiveness and perseverance. They did a great job and their placements were well received. Additionally, we want to thank pros Paul & Peggy Doiron for bringing their string up to Washington and supporting our field trial. Finally, we would like to recognize all of the hard work of our WIBC members as well as everyone else who pitched in with bird planting, water transport, food preparation, etc. As usual, it was a very busy weekend but we were able to get everything accomplished in a timely manner and hopefully everyone had a good time competing and socializing.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall!

SPRING FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENTS:

Open Puppy (8 starters)

- 1st- Seldom Seen Slim (O: Paul & Peggy Doiron; H: Paul Doiron)
- 2nd- Bandit’s Cinderella Man (O & H: Vic Retherford)
- 3rd- Shady’s Whizzy Lizzy (O: Clem & Marilynne Little; H: Marilynne Little)
- 4th- MB’s Make Mine A Double (O: Christine Landerholm-Miller & Bob Miller; H: Paul Doiron)

Open Derby (8 starters)

- 1st- Shady’s Desert Knight (O: Clem & Marilynne Little; H: Marilynne Little)
- 2nd- HVK’s High Flying Kyte (O: Daniel Doiron; H: Paul Doiron)
- 3rd- Withheld
- 4th- Withheld

Open All-Age (13 starters)

- 1st- FC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition (O: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer; H: Tom White)
- 2nd- FC/AFC/2xAmFC Redline’s Tequila Smoker (O: Bill & Cynthia Leffingwell; H: Paul Doiron)
- 3rd- Withheld
- 4th- Withheld

Amateur All-Age (13 starters)

- 1st- FC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition (O: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer; H: Tom White)
- 2nd- Kinwashkly Roscius Rose (O: Allen Norman & Sydney Sutkus; H: Allen Norman)
- 3rd- Withheld
- 4th- Withheld

Open Gun Dog (15 starters)

- 1st- DC/AFC Quail Rock Tough Enough (O: Ellen Weinfurtner; H: Paul Doiron)
- 2nd- Wholly Smoke (O: Jerry Cape; H: Paul Doiron)
- 3rd- Withheld
- 4th- Withheld

Amateur Gun Dog (13 starters)

- 1st- Miss Lilly II (O: Mark & Connie Shearman; H: Mark Shearman)
- 2nd- Cactus Maximus (O/H: David Kirk)
- 3rd- Rubyridge's Megadot (O: Jan Hamner & Larry Sandusky; H: Larry Sandusky)
- 4th- FC/AFC Sunnyvale Cindy (O: John Henderson & Barry Miller; H: John Henderson)

AKC HUNT TEST- Oakville, WA

The Whid Isle Brittany Club held their annual AKC Hunt Test on July 19th at the Koopman Farms grounds in Oakville, WA. We had a total of 29 entries for the Hunt Test with 6 entries in the Master Hunter, 6 entries in the Senior Hunter and 17 entries in the Junior Hunter tests. Heinz Ahlman and Bob Johnston evaluated the performances for all three of the test levels and their judgments were well received. Results were as follows:

Master Hunter qualifiers

- 1. Greenhill Great Balls of Fire; Brittany; O: Dan & Marcia Green; H: Dan Green
- 2. Bitterroot's Nicholaus Cazador; Vizsla; O: Paul Bernhardt; H: Roger Poole

Senior Hunter qualifiers

- 1. Bitterroot's Bow Tie Affair; Vizsla; O: Roger Poole & Paul Bernhardt; H: Roger Poole

Junior Hunter qualifiers

- 1. Beatty's Leapin Lina; Brittany; O: Don & Kay Beatty; H: Don Beatty
- 2. Stirling's 5 Star General; ES; O: George & Amy Lutz; H: George Lutz
- 3. Steve's Lexus; GSP; O: Steve & Lauri Shelton; H: Jeff Baumann
- 4. Julry's Bella Rosa; Brittany; O: Dave Boos; H: Dave Boos
- 5. Bluestar Sure Shot Molly; GSP; O: Bob Brown; H: Bob Brown
- 6. Really Rapid Magic Rin; ES; O: Jan Pearson; H: John Swander
- 7. Jim's the Duke; ES; O: Jim Jorgensen; H: Jim Jorgensen
- 8. Wingwise Ranger; GSP; O: Doug Ashcroft; H: Jeff Bauman
- 9. Lucifer's Lucy; Brittany; O: Leif Pollack; H: Guy Pollack
- 10. Willis the Moose; GWP; O: Tammy Aylward; H: Tammy Aylward
- 11. Big Coup Lou; ES; O: George & Amy Lutz; H: George Lutz
- 12. Viktor II; Vizsla; O: Todd Freese; H: Dan Mar

Big thanks go out to Todd Emery for organizing and managing all of the paperwork related to putting on a Hunt Test; to Stacy Emery and Pam Henderson for coordinating and preparing the food and drinks; to Todd & Stacy Emery and Pam Henderson for grounds marshalling; to Joan Donnell for coordinating the grounds reservations and arranging for the birds; to Dan Mar for picking up the birds, meeting with the Fish & Game Department coordinator at the grounds and entering almost 1/2 of the total entries in the Hunt Test; and John Swander, Jeff

Baumann and Dave Boos for planting birds and gunning. Without their help, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to pull this event off as successfully as we did.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 16th- Whid Isle B.C. Fun Day
- Sept. 6th & 7th- Whid Isle B.C. Fall Field Trial- Goose Butte BLM Area, Ritzville, WA
*** please come out for Saturday or Sunday (or both days) to see what field trialing is all about and lend a hand; contact John Henderson (tel. 425-433-0687) for more info and directions***
- Oct. 21st thru 29th- American Brittany Club National Gun Dog Championships- Ionia, MI
- Nov. 24th thru Dec. 7th- American Brittany Club National All-Age Championships and National Specialty Show- Booneville, AR
- Early January 2009- Whid Isle B.C. Annual Meeting- Henderson's home, Maple Valley, WA

Books to consider on training pointing dogs

I often get asked what are the best books available for training a pointing dog. While I'm sure there are hundreds of books available on the subject, I have collected a number of books during my time of owning Brittanys that have provided me with some guidance that seems to work. While this is only one man's opinion, it is a good starting point for an owner if you want to train your dog yourself or if you'd just like to try and understand better what goes into the process of training a dog.

My library includes the following books on bird dog training:

- *Best Way to Train Your Gun Dog, The Delmar Smith Method* by Bill Tarrant
- *The Complete Guide to Bird Dog Training* by John R. Falk (Note: This is the first book I bought on the subject and used it to train my first Brittany, Pepper)
- *Training Pointing Dogs* by Paul Long
- *Hunt Close!* By Jerome B. Robinson
- *How to Train Your Own Gun Dog*- Charles S. Goodall
- *Training and Hunting the Brittany Spaniel*- by Ralph B. Hammond and Robert D. Hammond

A couple of additional books on related dog subjects that I've found useful over the years are:

- *Wing and Shot* by Robert Wehle
- *The New Complete Brittany* by Maxwell Riddle
- *Understanding Electronic Dog-Training* by Dr. Daniel F. Tortora, published by Tri-Tronics, Inc., Tucson, Arizona
- *Veterinary Clinic, Treating Gun Dog Problems* by Dr. Tom Holcomb, published by Gun Dog Magazine
- *Field Trials- History, Management and Judging Standards* by William F. Brown

Of course, there are many, many videos available on the subject of training a pointing dog which provide even more insight and visual reinforcement on the steps required to "do the job". The bottom line is to find a method that works for you and your dog, spend the time learning the lessons and enjoy the outcome as you develop into a team. Good luck !!

- John Henderson

**** LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT ****

SUNNYVALE BRITTANYS would like to let everyone know that we whelped a litter of seven puppies on June 29th. There are four males (2 Orange & White, 2 Liver & White) and three females (1 Orange & White, 2 Liver & White). The sire is Sunnyvale DeCan Grand Slam (DC Sunnyvale Point of Interest X Ch. Decan's Bombshell of Breton) X Sunnyvale Hearts Afire (Julry's Noble Rocket X Sunnyvale Attitude Adjustment JH). These pups should be excellent hunters, great family dogs and very capable of participating in all types of AKC competitive events. The puppies are priced at \$300/each.

Please contact John or Pam Henderson at 425-433-0687 (home) or at sunnyvaleb@aol.com for more detailed information.

Happy Birthday to Joan Donnell on August 16th !!!

Joan and her husband Bob were founding members of the Whid Isle B.C. many years ago. Joan has worked tirelessly over the years to support Brittany events in the Northwest. She has also been involved with numerous regional and national level activities with the American Brittany Club. Joan was elected to ABC Hall of Fame in 2006 in recognition of her 40+ years of service to the ABC.
