



Iowa Brittany Club Newsletter

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Dedicated to the Dual Brittany

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Iowa Brittany Club Summer Meeting...

The Iowa Brittany Club's 2013 Summer Meeting was held on Sunday, July 28th at the Steelclay Shooting Sports facility in Eddyville, Iowa. Officers and one Director were elected for the 2014 year and they are as follows:

President – Jon St. Clair
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A fried chicken lunch provided by the Club followed the business meeting adjournment. After lunch, IBC member and professional groomer Angela Thompson, owner of Al-B-ia Good Dog in Albia, Iowa gave a very well received program on grooming Brittanys. Angela demonstrated proper Brittany grooming for both show and field, discussed various products and tools used in grooming, and talked about health issues associated with good grooming. Many thanks to Angela for such an informative presentation!

Member Brags....

2013 proved to be a banner year for Jon St. Clair's **FC St. Clair's Prince Rocco Vulcano Leo (aka "Rocco")**. Earning his FC title mid-year, this young boy went on to rack up four more placements (both OGD and AGD) amid large stakes and stiff competition. In late October, Rocco traveled to Ionia, Michigan to compete in the ABC's 2013 National Gun Dog Championship in both Open and Amateur stakes...and with Jon on his lead, grabbed the 3rd place in the National Amateur! What a way to end a great year!....Congrats to Rocco and Jon!...We're couldn't be more proud of Team Rocco!

Marcy Beveridge's **CH Wild Mtn's Midnight Rendezvous, JH ("Josey")** also added much excitement to the 2013 year. Earning her CH title in 2012, this young liver/white girl stepped into the ring this summer under the lead of handler Samantha Stahle to garner her GCH title in five weekends amid stiff competition! Continuing her field career this fall, Josey grabbed 2nd in the Hudson Valley Brittany Club OGD qualifying her for the ABC 2013 Gun Dog Nationals, and took the blue in the Buckeye Brittany Club OGD for a 3 point major and her first adult FT points! Josey traveled to Ionia, Michigan to compete in Gun Dog Nationals under the guidance of her trainer/handler Brian Riggie....She did a nice job and got around clean with solid bird work! Big congrats to Team Josey!!

Big congrats to Charlie Pierson and his very young boy, **Shady Kid's Dirty Bo ("Bo")**. Under the whistle of Bob Burchett and scout Val Weaver, Bo has put down some very nice runs this year and grabbed 5 juvenile placements and two points toward his FT title! Wanna see Charlie smile?....Just ask him about Bo's ribbons! Good job Team Bo! Looking forward to seeing this boy in 2014!

Member Brags, continued...

Another young boy, **Renegade's Masked Avenger ("Stark")** has partnered with his owner Marty McVey to embark on his field career and they are doing a fine job! New to the field trial game, Stark and Marty have grabbed 4 juvenile placements this year! Additionally, with Marty on his lead, Stark dipped his paw in the ring at the IBC fall Specialty. Looking truly like seasoned veterans in what I believe is their first show experience, this new team walked away with the ribbon for Best Puppy in Sweeps! Congrats to this team....be on the look for them in 2014!!

Turning two in October, young **Wild Mtn Head Em Up - Move Em Out (aka "Rowdy")**, owned by Roger Stowell and Marcy Beveridge with co-owners Brian and Helen Riggle, added much excitement for his team as 2013 wound down. With four juvenile points to his credit, and under the whistle of trainer/handler Bob Burchett and scout Valerie Weaver, Rowdy placed 4th in the Music City Brittany Club OGD amid 25 starters! In addition, Rowdy took a quick hiatus to the show ring this summer, taking Reserve Winners dog at the Southeast Iowa Kennel Club in July, and Winner's Dog/Best of Winners at the Burlington Kennel Club in August to add more points toward his show title! Big congrats to Team Rowdy....We'll be looking for you in 2014!

IBC Fall 2013 Events Results...

SPECIALTY SHOW & SWEEPSTAKES SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 CRESTON, IOWA

SWEEPSTAKES / JUDGE: MS. TERESA RICHMOND

AWARD	DOG/BITCH	OWNER
Best in Puppy	Renegade's Masked Avenger (GCH/DC Masked Jack of Diamonds x Bullet's Northern Star)	Marty McVey
Best in Veteran	DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous (DC BDR's Zigman Floyd x BDR's Mystic Sohfelia)	Helen Riggle & Melody Rottmann

SPECIALTY SHOW / JUDGE: MS. EDWEENA (TEDDY) McDOWELL

AWARD	DOG/BITCH (21Ent-14D-7B)	OWNER
Best of Breed	CH/AFC TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake N' Bake (DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x Ch Country Road's Hunky Dory)	Tommy Thomas
Best of Opposite Sex	GCH Cimmaron's Bourbon Street Charlee (CH Cimmaron's Jack's Tennessee Whiskey x Cimmaron's Side Car)	Christine Ward-Weber
Best of Winners	Sovereign's Chase The Treasure (CH Alar's The Rocketeer, CD SH x CH Sovereign's Treasure The Code)	Dawn & Joe Droel
Select Dog	GCH Sovereign's Chasing Legends (CH Alar's The Rocketeer, CD SH x DC Sovereign Copley Kiss My Chips)	Dawn & Joe Droel
Select Bitch	GCH Wild Mtn's Midnight Rendezvous, JH (BISS/CH Triumphant's The Heat Is On, JH x DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous)	Marcy Beveridge
Winners Dog	TNT's Sirius Renegade Buddy Boy (TNT's Sirius Medicine Man x CH TNT's Renegade Gal Pal)	Tommy Thomas
Reserve Winners Dog	Sovereign's Crooked Arrow (DC/AFC Beaver's Straight Arrow x Sovereign's Chase The Treasure)	Dawn & Joe Droel
Winners Bitch	Sovereign's Chase The Treasure (CH Alar's The Rocketeer, CD SH x CH Sovereign's Treasure The Code)	Dawn & Joe Droel
Reserve Winners Bitch	PBF's Coopers Crimson Rose (DC Country Road's Rough Rider x PBF's Hero's Echo's Of Fire)	Mary Garr
Award of Merit	GCH Wild Mtn's When You Are Hot, You're Hot! (BISS/CH Triumphant's The Heat Is On, JH x DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous)	Helen Riggle & Samantha Stahle
Award of Merit	DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous (DC BDR's Zigman Floyd x BDR's Mystic Sohfelia)	Helen Riggle & Melody Rottmann
Best Puppy	Sovereign's Crooked Arrow (DC/AFC Beaver's Straight Arrow x Sovereign's Chase The Treasure)	Dawn & Joe Droel

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BITCH CLASSES (2B)

Bred-By-Exhibitor	Sovereign's Chase The Treasure (CH Alar's the Rocketeer, CD SH x CH Sovereign's Treasure The code)	Dawn & Joe Droel
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NON REG CLASSES

Field Trial Bitch	GCH/DC/AFC TNT's Raise'N A Ruckus (DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x Bourbon's Lucky Penny, MH)	Tommy Thomas & Linda Thomas
Veteran Bitch	DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous (DC BDR's Zigman Floyd x BDR's Mystic Sohfelia)	Helen Riggle & Melody Rottmann
Brood Bitch	DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous (DC BDR's Zigman Floyd x BDR's Mystic Sohfelia)	Helen Riggle & Melody Rottmann

HORSEBACK FIELD TRIAL SEPTEMBER 23 – 30, 2013

UNION COUNTY BIRD DOG RANCH THAYER, IOWA

OPEN DERBY (11S) JUDGES: DAVE CAPSTICK, TIM SELF	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Prairie Runner	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x FC Shiksoh Super Snooper	Bruce Heiter / Bruce Heiter
2nd Big Creek's Sadie	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Allied's Dazee Belle	Wes & Karol Shaffer / Bob Burchett
3rd Repeat's Little 501 Blues, JH	GCH/DC/AFC Havapal's Rev Me Up Repeat x CH Dogwood's Gilmore Girl	Julie Asmus / Julie Asmus
4th Sunrise's Dr. Whizzle Stop	FC Rocklan's Whizzle Stop x Miami Sunrise	Ryan Thayer / Bob Burchett

AMATEUR GUN DOG (18S) JUDGES: KELLY DONHAM, RANDY RATHMAN	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st GCH/DC/AFC TNT's Raise'N A Ruckus	DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x Bourbon's Lucky Penny, MH	Tommy & Linda Thomas / Tommy Thomas
2nd Starlight's Where There's A Will	NAGDC/DC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble x CH Starlight's Zeta Tauri	Rebecca Walters & Teresa Richmond / Jerry McGee
3rd DC Barney's Hi Proof Ronrico	FC/AFC Strong's Rum Runner Barney x CH Covey Rise Precious Moment	Chuck Schaefer / Bob Burchett
4th DC /CH Wrigley's Revved Up Cub	FC/AFC Renegade's Regal Wrigley x Chief's Misipi Nivashi Nummi, JH	Petra & Barry Steinmetz / Barry Steinmetz

OPEN GUN DOG (36S) JUDGES: DAVE CAPSTICK, TIM SELF	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Sniksoh Little Diamond	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Diamond Hills Magical Mollie	Tom Wonderling / Bob Burchett
2nd CH/AFC TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake N' Bake	DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x CH Country Roads Hunkydory	Tommy Thomas / Tommy Thomas
3rd NAGDC/FC/AFC ANJ's Amazing Grace	DC/AFC Wrigley's Chip Makin' His Marc x CH Over Under Nevenes Showtime, JH	Alexa, Jacob & Mike Poehler / Bob Burchett
4th GCH/DC/AFC TNT's Raise'N A Ruckus	DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x Bourbon's Lucky Penny, MH	Tommy Thomas & Linda Thomas

IBC Spring 2013 Events Results, continued...

OPEN LTD GUN DOG (24S) – 1 HOUR JUDGES: CINDY FINDLEY, RANDY RATHMANN	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st FC Augustus Of Tiger	FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat x JB's Georgian Amber Blaze	Bo & Renae Ackerman / Tom Tracy, Jr.
2nd FC Crescent City Girl	NAGDC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble x CH Starlight's Zeta Tauri	Barry & Petra Steinmetz / Bob Burchett
3rd Sniksoh Little Diamond	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Diamond Hill's Magical Mollie	Tom & Jane Wonderling / Bob Burchett
4th Pine Straw Blackhawk (Setter)	Chip's Torquato x FC Pine Straw Katydid	Michael Reeves & Amber Duff / Jamie Fountain

AMATEUR ALL AGE (8S) JUDGES: RANDY RATHMANN, JEFF WALLACE	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Withheld		
2nd Withheld		
3rd Brittmont Trigger	NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Bass Mountain Risky Business	Paul Katzel / Tommy Thomas
4th Withheld		

OPEN ALL AGE (14S) JUDGES: BRUCE HEITER, JEFF WALLACE	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Cast-A-Britt Micro Sammie	FC/AFC Sniksoh Free Boy x FC/AFC Sniksoh Sweet Hershey's Kiss	Kenneth & Jane Windom / Bob Burchett
2nd Brendi Brooks Cowboy Up	Broadway Joe x Brendi Brooks Cowgirl Up	Tom Tracy, Jr. / Tom Tracy, Jr.
3rd Zack's Bullet In The Boro Betsy	Bullett's Gambler's Buckeye x Tejas Iron's Brandy	Mary Elizabeth Morgan / Jamie Fountain
4th Withheld		

IBC 2013 Dog Of The Year Awards...

With the 2013 year drawing to a close, it's time for all IBC members to start thinking about the Iowa Brittany Club's 2013 Dog Of The Year Awards. The IBC DOY forms and instructions will be emailed/snail mailed out to all IBC members in mid-December. For those of you entering a dog(s), **please note**, forms must be completed in their entirety, and be received in hand by Marcy Beveridge, IBC Secretary, no later than January 15, 2014, with no exceptions. It is also important that you use the form and instructions Marcy will be sending you for your submissions, and not any IBC forms you may have from previous years.

Start getting your information together, and watch your email/mailbox for the DOY forms/instructions! Also start looking for photographs of any dog(s) you submit. These photos will be used for our IBC Newsletter as well as our ad in the ABC magazine...and you never know...you just may win!! Contact Marcy by email or phone with any questions.

Important Upcoming Dates...

President Jon St. Clair is working to set up the IBC Winter Officers/Directors meeting and the Winter IBC Club meeting. Both meetings will most likely be in January, 2014 with the Officers Directors meeting scheduled to take place on an earlier weekend date than the Club meeting. Watch your email/snail mail for detailed information and plan to attend!

Thoughts From A Field Trial Newbie...

Submitted by IBC Member Marty McVey

This fall I had the opportunity to spend time with member IBC Marty McVey at the Iowa Trials talking about all this crazy field trial "stuff" us newbies try so desperately to understand. Before our conversation ended Marty had me in gales of laughter relating his experiences and thoughts as he jumped in with both feet to test out the games this fall...and I could only think thank the lord, somebody else is a newbie too! I asked Marty if he would work up his "story" for the IBC Newsletter, and here it is. Enjoy! And by the way, you "old timers", take time as you read to remember back to your earliest days in field trials...I'm sure you have some great stories, and I'll be askin' for 'em!

Marcy

Last fall, my pup Stark and I dipped our toe into the shallow end of the field trial pool and participated in two walking trials – the Iowa Walking Trial and the Paw Paw Walking Trial. Stark was a little over a year old so we competed in the Puppy and Derby stakes. Surprisingly, we did well enough to earn a couple of ribbons.

After a summer of Gundog training for Stark, this past fall we jumped into the deep end – horseback trials. For those of you who have been thinking of jumping in with both feet, below are a few observations for our first two horseback trials.

- 1. Everybody will tell you, "Don't be nervous, just go out and have fun."*** Riiiiight... Have fun – that's easy. Large grounds with guaranteed birds, good dogs and good people. Fun is not an issue.

Don't be nervous? That's a little tougher. First attempts at anything carry with them the fear of the unknown and are, by nature, high anxiety situations. Oh yeah, now add a gallery of three to ten people – some may be strangers, some may be friends, and maybe even your trainer is along watching you and/or your bracedmate. No pressure.

The biggest fear for me is the fear that I, or my dog, will do something that ends the run of our bracedmate prematurely. So far, so good.

- 2. Be prepared, the gallery won't be watching until you wish they weren't.*** Our very first stake in a horseback trial was an Open Gundog Stake at the Nebraska Brittany Club's fall field trial in Raymond, Nebraska. Stark and I were paired with my friend Ken and his dog Ranger. That helped take away some of the butterflies from Point #1.

During our brace Stark had three finds. On the first two, I held my hat in the air to signal a point, rode up and dismounted, flushed the quail, fired my gun, and gathered up my dog. Much to my surprise, the only people around as I gathered Stark after both points were me, my pro scout Val, and the judge. The entire gallery had ridden on by, choosing to keep pace with Ken and Ranger.

On our third bird, of course the gallery was watching. I was riding on top of a ridge and Stark was working the spotty scrub trees on the side hill. I was riding along watching him work the area when he went on point at a clump of short cedar trees. I raised my hat and attempt to turn my horse to head down the hill. My horse, however, was quite comfortable walking in the "cow path" and resistant to my attempts to turn him. At this point several in the gallery holler, "***Marty!! Your dog's on point!***" I'm thinking, "*I know, I know! I'm tryin' to get there!*" After getting my horse's GPS recalculated, I started to hurry down the hill to Spark on point. About a third of the way to him, the quail flushed with Stark still holding point – I thought we were done. Then the gallery hollered, "***MARTY!! HURRY UP AND GET DOWN THERE AND SHOOT YOUR GUN!***" Now I'm

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confused. But I hurried down to Stark following the directions being shouted to me.

I reached Stark – still on point – and attempted to dismount. I say attempted because when I tried to throw my leg on the rump of the horse something was stopping me. I was stopped with my leg on the rump of my horse, trying to find out what the hangup was. Unable to find the hangup, I sat back down in the saddle to survey the situation. Meanwhile, the gallery is politely reminding me, **“GET OFF YOUR HORSE AND SHOOT YOUR GUN!!”** I finally found that the lanyard to my blank gun was wrapped underneath the rear flat on the saddle. I unhooked my lanyard from the saddle, dismounted, and fired my gun. The whole time Stark stood there like he had been trained. Good dog. Whew!

While our third bird was quite a fiasco and we may not have wanted anyone to see our clumsiness, it was honestly the gallery’s “coaching” that got us through it. So back to Point #1 – ***Don’t be nervous and have fun.*** You can’t help but be nervous, but just remember, everyone watching wants you to succeed and will do everything they can to help you succeed.

3. ***Check the length of your blank pistol lanyard.***

4. ***Everybody will tell you, “Ride as many braces as you can.”*** Good advice, because you learn how the course is laid out, dogs’ tendencies at different sections of the course, and most important, where the birds are likely located. You also get a chance to watch the pro handlers handling their dogs. The good ones it look soooo easy. A melodic tweeeeeeeeeet tweedle tweet on the whistle and around comes the dog on an edge, slamming onto point. Wow! That was totally awesome!

And then there’s me at Raymond. I put my whistle to my mouth for the first time and out comes Twee EE ee EE eet TWEET TWEet, as my horse’s trot bounces an uneven stream of air through my whistle. Stark run unaffected as if to say, “I don’t know him – he’s not MY owner/handler.”

Like I said, watch close. They make it look easy.

5. ***Enter as many stakes as you can afford.*** If you are lucky enough to have a dog that can complete in multiple stakes in a field trial, take advantage of it if you can afford it. In our second trial, the Mo Valley trial also at Raymond, Nebraska, being in two stakes improved our performance in the second stake.

At Mo Valley our day began in the morning with the Derby. We had to run the All Age course from the south to the north, and the wind was coming from the south, or behind us. I had ridden the first three braces to see the course and get some idea where the birds might be. Unfortunately, the first three braces went birdless, and we were in the fourth brace. With little experience on this course and not seeing any bird action before we broke away, I tried to guide Stark to areas where I thought birds might be. At a couple of spots I was unsure of how forceful to be in guiding him when he didn’t go exactly where I wanted. Needless to say, the first four braces went birdless.

I rode the next two braces, and in brace six, one of the pros tried to guide his dog into some of the same areas I had tried to get Stark into. I watched how he was able to guide his dog without having to force the dog into the area. Point! Luckily for me, I would get a second chance because the Amateur Gundog stake was run on the same course as Derby later in the day. We were again in the fourth brace, with much the same conditions in the afternoon as we’d had in the morning. In this brace, both dogs again had difficult locating birds. As we came to the part of the course where I failed in my earlier attempts to put Stark onto birds, I tried to follow the lead of the pro from the morning Derby brace. Around came Stark – Point! Good handling? Beginners luck? I don’t know and I don’t care – all I know is we had a find.

6. ***Set proper expectations.*** Needless to say, we did not place in our first ever OGD stake...Well, at least I didn’t

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place, and I drug Stark down with me. Talking with our trainer (yes, OUR...Stark's and MY trainer) our goal at this point in our training is simply to make it around the course clean. If we make it around clean one time, that in itself is an accomplishment.

In summary, Stark and I have learned a lot in our first two ventures into horseback trials. However, we (more me than he, because Stark is already better at this than me) still have a big learning curve ahead of us. I'm sure we'll see you around some of the local trials, and if we end up braced together, **best of luck!**

Heath Tip Of The Quarter...

Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are upon us and we trust you are making plans for happy celebrations with family and friends. Amid those plans for fun are inherent a few food and food related issues that could easily cause problems for your four-legged family members during the holiday season. Below please find an article from Riverbend Animal Clinic in Gallipolis Ohio, owned by fellow Brittany afficianado Dr. Brian Hendrickson. We are reprinting his article with permission and is very good information know. A very Merry Christmas and safe, healthy and prosperous New Year to you and your family, both two and four-legged!



The smells of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays fill your home and everyone's mouth begins to water...including your pet's! This time of year brings out the counter surfing talents of your pets. Taking care to keep irresistible flavors away from your pets palate prevents unwanted illness. Many pets receive small amounts of trimmings from the kitchen throughout the year; however, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year tend to bring out an overabundance in everyone. Here are some food items to be aware of:

High fat foods such as ham, gravy, butter and desserts may cause inflammation of your dog's pancreas. Pancreatitis causes intense abdominal pain and vomiting and requires hospitalization to recover. Keep foods securely sealed and enclosed in a high space or the refrigerator. Secure the lid on the trash can to avoid garbage raiding.

Bones: Chewing on bones, particularly turkey bones, can cause splintering. Once swallowed, the splintered bones can cause trauma to the intestinal tract, requiring surgery. Ham bones, while they tend not to splinter, are hard and can fracture teeth during chewing.

Onions and onion powder: In large enough quantities can cause a sudden onset of anemia.

Foreign objects: Often overlooked things such as string (used to tie the turkey), skewers, plastic bags and turkey poppers. Your pet doesn't have the self-restraint or the common sense to avoid these objects that drip of meat juices.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are not only times for sharing food – they are times to share with family and friends. IF you expect a large number of people in your home, be sure to watch the door to make sure that there are no unexpected escapes. With all of the people in the house, some pets may become nervous with the change in routine. Provide your pet with a retreat space to unwind from it all.

If you want to offer your pet something special too, choose alternative treats such as a new toy or extra bonding and exercise time. At the end of the day, you will be thankful you did.