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## OFFICERS

- President ..... Bret Lindback
- 1st VP (Field Trial) ..... Steve Ralph
- 2nd VP (Membership) ..... Denise Koslowski
- 3rd VP (Hunt Test) ..... Mary Tyson
- Secretary ..... John Chejne
- Treasurer ..... Mark Dinsmore
- Director ..... Duane Rickaby
- Director ..... Brian Lange
- Director ..... Fran Marier
- Director ..... Greg Massoglia

**Members Present:** Bret Lindback, Brian Lange, Mark Ritter, Fran Marier, Mary Tyson, Steve Ralph, Mark Dinsmore, Denise Koslowski, and Greg Massoglia (by phone).

Secretary's & Treasurer's report: read & approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

● **Game Fair:** Mark Dinsmore will be coordinating the Game Fair and will be attending a meeting as soon as Diane Hedstrom sends him the date and time. Contact Mark if you would like to help volunteer at the Brittany booth.

### NEW BUSINESS

● **Picnic:** Denise will be sending out a notice with directions to Nosh for the newsletter. The club will provide pop and water. Everyone should bring a dish to share.

● **Training Sessions:** The dates for the training will be July 11, July 25, and Aug. 1. They will run 8 a.m. to noon at the Four Brooks WMA near Milaca, MN. Contact Brian Lange (763-434-0713) for more information.

● **American Brittany Rescue:** Greg made a motion to donate \$100 to ABR to be designated for the Minnesota regional use. The motion was approved.

● **AKC Hunt Test Seminar:** Mary made a motion to have St. Croix host an AKC Hunt Test Judges seminar at the cost of \$500 to the club. The group discussed whether there would be enough participants to recover the cost since the judges could also take a FREE online test, which means they wouldn't need to attend the seminar. The motion was tabled, and Mary will do some more investigation.

### FIELD TRIAL BUSINESS

● **Spring trial:** Denise reported that the trial made a small profit and it ran very smooth. Everyone had fun. There are a few things we will change next year to defray the cost, such as not holding a money stake and not hosting a Fish Fry (too costly). Denise thanked everyone who helped make the trial a success: Steve Ralph, Bret Lindback, John Chejne, John Lindback, Brian Lange, and Eileen Gust. Good job Denise!

● **Walking trial:** Mark reported that the walking trial was a HUGE success. We had 70 dogs attend, the weather was great, the food was great and fun was had by everyone. Nice job Mark!

● **Youth Event:** Bret reported that even though we only had two kids attend, the event went very well and the kids had a lot of one-on-one training, which they enjoyed. Bret will work at doing a better job of advertising the youth event next year in hopes of drawing in more kids. Thanks Bret!

— John Chejne, Secretary

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## SUMMER TRAINING

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2009 Training days hosted by the St. Croix Valley Brittany Club will be July 11th, 25th, and August 1st. Time will be 7:30am until noon. Mark Ritter has offered his help again this year. Mark has been training, hunting, trialing, and breeding brittans for 30 years. He works with all breeds of dogs and trains the handlers as much the dogs.

Week one will cover bird introduction, gun intro, basic obedience. Week two will dig deeper into obedience for the gun dog, whoa, and week three gets into steadiness, field patterns, and goals. We will also cover retrieving, backing, E-collar rights and wrongs. We'll discuss proper training aids such as check chords, whistles and choker collars. Each week will include question and answer time for anything you need help with.

7:30-9 will be field time to get your dog in the field.

9-10:30 will be lecture and demonstration hour

10:30- until all questions are answered will be one on one time for you and your dog with Mark.

Training days are open to all members of the MFFTC. Cost will remain \$10.00 per dog per week. Location for training has been changed from Four Brooks WMA to Pheasant Ridge game farm. Contact Brian Lange for further updates on site and directions.

**New this year** the MFFTC has opened an invitation for a non MFFTC member to partake in one session with his/her dog to check out the grounds and learn about the clubs.

Contact Brian Lange @ 763-434-0713 or birchhilld@pro-ns.net for more info. Please contact me early which weeks you plan to attend so I can get enough birds.

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## SUMMER PICNIC

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Come join us for your annual summer picnic.

July 12th Club Picnic. Starting time around 4:00 p.m. Soft Drinks and water will be provided by the club. Potluck, please bring a dish to share and a chair for lounging and a swim suit for the pool.

Directions to Denise Koslowski's home are: North on 35W to Lexington Ave. (exit no. 33) turn north onto Lexington Ave and go about 2 miles to 131st Ave. NE and turn left, 2nd house on left 4020 131st Ave. NE, Blaine. Signs will be up to follow. For more info, contact Denise at 612-247-3111 or e-mail msharley2@hotmail.com

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## GOOD JOB

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**TOP:** First place SCVBC amateur GD walking stake Bud with h/o Diane Hedstrom at left, and second place Abbey o/h Amy Pluth.

**MIDDLE:** Bud and Abbey with fourth place Holly and o/h Nosh Munar.

**LEFT:** Fourth place SCVBC walking trial at Four Brooks, Holly with o/h Nosh Munar

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**July 12** SCVBC summer picnic at Denise Koslowski's

**July 11, 25, Aug.1** SCVBC training day at Four Brooks  
Contact Brian Lange early if interested  
763-434-0713

**August** Armstrong Game Fair, Aug. 8-10, 15-17

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## FOR SALE

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Tracker Collar. Field trial season on upon us. Don't lose your dog, get this tracking collar. It's a two dog collar. Use it for training, hunting, field trialing. \$400 (BO)  
Contact Nosh if interested at 763-536-9912 or email at nosh\_munar@hotmail.com.

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## FOR RENT

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Six-place dog trailer for \$25.00 per weekend and \$5.00 for each additional day, \$250.00 deposit. Contact Steve Ralph (651-464-5177).

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## MEMBERSHIP

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If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Denise Koslowski at 612-247-3111, e-mail at msharley2@hotmail.com or send a check to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, 4020 - 131st Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55449. Membership cost are as follows: Full \$30, additional family member \$5; Associate \$15.

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## NEWSLETTER

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If you have anything that you would like to share in the newsletter (announcements/news/etc.), contact Nosh Munar at 763-536-9912, or email at [nosh\\_munar@hotmail.com](mailto:nosh_munar@hotmail.com), or send snail mail to 4257 Abbott Ave. No., Robbinsdale, MN 55422.

Also, Keep those photos coming. Share your Brittany experiences with the club by sending photos to be published in the newsletter. It's always fun to see some of the faces and personalities of our club members. Don't be shy, simply reply with photos of you and you ol' pal.