

April- June 2012 Newsletter



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Treasurer Steve Ralph
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Director Mark Ritter
Director Brian Lange
Director Sue Januschka

- Upcoming Events -

July

No meeting
TBA Summer Training (Bret Lindback)

August

7 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's
10-12 Game Fair @ Armstrong Kennels
17-19 Game Fair @ Armstrong Kennels
24 MN Brittany Specialty @
Washington Co. Fair Grounds
TBA Summer Training (Bret Lindback)

September

4 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

- Membership -

If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Dave Carlson at 612-210-3318, email at dave.carlson@zieglercat.com or send a check to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, 8764 Norwood Lane, Maple Grove, MN 55369-3042. Membership costs are as follows: Full \$30, additional family member \$5; Associate \$15.

- Newsletter -

If you have anything that you would like to share in the newsletter (announcements, news, etc.), contact Dave Carlson at 612-210-3318, email at dave.carlson@zieglercat.com or send to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, 8764 Norwood Lane, Maple Grove, MN 55369.

We are currently looking for someone to take over publishing the club Newsletter

- April Meeting Minutes -

Members Present: John Chejne, Bret Lindback, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Mark Ritter, Mary Tyson, Sue Januschka

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 10 at Bret Lindback's house.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Old Business

There were thirteen groups at the winter hunt. The grounds were good and the pheasants flew well.

This year's format for the Fun Run was a walking field trial. This format worked very well. We had 25 dogs run under great weather.

New Business

A motion passed to purchase several large water tubs for club field trials. The tubs are needed to keep the dogs cool.

A motion passed to make a sponsor donation for the annual banquet of the Rum River Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society. The banquet will be held on May 17 at the American Legion in Cambridge, MN.

Field Trials

To date, the spring horseback trial has 84 entries. A waiting list was established for the Derby Stake. Ribbons are ordered, and we will give out trophies to the winners. The club received sponsorship funds from NutriSource. The club joined AFTCA. Placements at the SCVBC trial will receive AFTCA certificates.

To date, the walking trial has 21 entries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

- May Meeting Minutes -

Members Present: Bret Lindback, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Mark Ritter

The meeting was canceled due to lack of attendance.

- June Meeting Minutes -

Members Present: John Chejne, Bret Lindback, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Brian Lange, Mary Tyson, Sue Januschka

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 5 at Bret Lindback's house.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

New Business

A motion passed to give Matt Eder a Cabelas gift card in recognition of his work at the Youth Event.

The Minnesota Brittany/SCVBC Game Fair activity needs a coordinator. The clubs host a booth at the Fair. The Game Fair is held on two three-day weekends: August 10th and 17th.

The SCVBC Hunt Test will be held in conjunction with the Vizsla Club Hunt Test on Sept. 30 at Kelley Farms.

Summer training dates are to be determined; a notice will be sent to the SCVBC membership.

Field Trials

The spring horseback trial had 114 entries and was a financial success.

The Walking trial had 67 entries and was also financially successful. The club's annual Youth Event was held in conjunction with the Walking Trial. Five kids participated and had a great time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

- Classified -

- For Sale: Tracker dog tracking system. Maxima Complete 1000/10 & 2 Strike collars, holster, carry case. \$350. Contact Steve Ralph at mail@blazinbritts.com
- Pups available out of 3xCh/FC Joker's Jackpot x Bull's Little Peaches. Pedigree contains HOF Tequila's Joker, HOF Microdot, HOF Renegade's Kansas Kid, HOF Beans Blaze, 32xNSTRANolan's Last Bullet. See www.blazinbritts.com/bb_puppies.htm
- Pups available out of BISS CH Bantam's Duffy & Dr Jac's Bazooka Belle MH. Both parents OFA Good. Contact Jackie Swanson drjac@cheqnet.net or visit their website www.drjacsbrittanys.com
- For Rent: Clubs six-place dog trailer for \$50.00 per weekend & \$5.00 for each additional day. \$250.00 deposit. Contact Steve Ralph at mail@blazinbritts.com

- Four Brooks Training Pass -

If you are interested getting a season pass to train your dogs at the Four Brooks training grounds near Milaca, send check/money and a self addressed stamped envelope to Steve Ralph, 25256 Kettle River Blvd., Forest Lake, MN 55025 (651-303-0129). The cost is \$25 for the annual pass. Make the checks out to MFFTC. The pass is needed for SCVBC summer training, so you might as well get it early, use it early (spring) and often to get your money's worth. Map and directions to Four Brooks available on the web at ...

www.scvbc.org/Events/scvbc_FunRun.pdf

- 2012 SCVBC Spring Trial -

The SCVBC Spring Trial was held at the Crow Hassan Park in Rogers, MN May 4-6. The weather conditions varied over the weekend starting with sun and a little rain on Friday to cloudy and rainy conditions the rest of the weekend. A thunderstorm passing through held us up for about an hour on Saturday. The sun came out for a beautiful afternoon on Sunday, but that was after we had brought 114 starters to the line.

NutriSource Premium Pet Foods sponsors our event and provides dog food for the winners and monies for advertising our event. With sincere appreciation we want to thank them for their support. With their help our event is one that continues to run the maximum number of dogs over a 3 day weekend. This year we had 3 Professional Trainers that supported our Trial. Bob Burchett brought a boatload of Brittany's, Matt Eder had several dogs to run and this year Tom Hagan from St Charles, MN joined them with some very competitive dogs. Several members ran dogs in all of the stakes. Jackie Swanson was the only member to have a dog place this year. Members, let's get crackin'!

Every year we can count on Steve Ralph's work as the Chairman to make our event run smoothly. His efforts and attention to detail make my job as the Secretary easier. Our President Bret Lindback and Director Sue Januschka are here from the beginning to the very end of Trial planting birds, Marshalling and doing anything to help things along. John Lindback runs our dog wagon every year and what a good job he does getting the right dogs to the line, filling bird bags and doing anything else that is required. Other members helped out too. Secretary/Treasurer John Chejne, Jackie Swanson and Chuck Vein chipped in as needed. Director Sue Januschka brought out a wonderful cake to celebrate our recent Field Champions. Dog's owned by Sue, Bret Lindback and Steve Ralph. I did the cooking and everybody enjoyed pulled pork on Friday night and smoked turkey with all of the fixings on Saturday night.

The Crow Hassan Park that we use for our grounds offers rolling hills, tree lines, woods, dry and wet ponds, hedgerows and some open running ground for our dogs. There is a camping area available, plenty of parking, stalls for horses and I must mention great people. We can always use an extra hand to make our event one to remember. I invite you to check us out, participate and enjoy our Club's event next year.



- 2012 SCVBC Walking Trial -

The site of our Walking Trial is Four Brooks WMA near Milaca, MN was by many opinions in the best condition ever for our event. It was green, the grass was short and there was some standing water for the dogs to roll around in to keep cool. Oh yeah, it got warm the first weekend in June. But it was manageable. We had in excess of 65 dogs to run in 2 days so we were busy. Thanks to our Secretary Sue Januschka things ran smooth. Dogs were to the line on time and the Judges kept a pace that was comfortable and productive.

Steve Ralph was the Chairman and did all of the paperwork on the front end with the AKC, ABC and MFFTC to hold our event. Along with lining up Judges, reserving birds, getting ribbons, drawing the braces and bringing some water for everybody, Steve made sure the course was planted with birds and whatever else was needed throughout the weekend. Thank you Steve for running some dogs too. As Event Secretary, Sue Januschka is responsible for the weekend, keeping Judges and Handlers happy (impossible) placements, finances and reporting to AKC, ABC, MFFTC and AFTCA at the end of the trial. Thanks Sue for planting birds and running your dogs and bring those awesome rhubarb bars too. As the President of our Club, Bret Lindback takes it upon himself to make our Trial Events as successful as he can. Bret is usually the first guy there and the last guy to leave. Bret will plant birds, guide the Judges, help handlers, keep water tanks full, or whatever is needed. At the Walking Trial, our Sunday also includes a Youth Handling Event. Bret is the driving force behind that and along with Matt Eder runs that event on Sunday afternoon. Whether it is 6 or 15 Youth Handlers it is always an event is rewarding for everyone involved. Other members contributed to the success of the weekend as well. John Chejne, Brian Lange and Jackie Swanson helped with getting the dogs to the line, food or shelter. I did the cooking for the weekend, smoking some pork shoulders for dinner Saturday night. I also provided lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Eileen Gust brought her famous sticky rolls for us on Sunday morning. Awesome!

This year we had handlers from Eastern Wisconsin, Iowa and from as far away as Kansas. We also had handlers that had not participated in a walking trial before. It was great to hear from those folks that the experience that they had at our trial would spur them to continue to pursue this sporting discipline with their dogs. Walking Trials are a great venue for seeing our own dog's skill set. For the independent puppy, that derby dog that can find and point a bird and the finished gun dog that is steady to wing and shot with the mindset to honor another dog's work, an exceptional gun dog. Would you like to know how your dog can do? Our next Walking Trial will be the first weekend in June 2013.



- Member News -

SCVBC members do many things with their beloved dogs. Here are some of their accomplishments from this past spring.

Member **Sue Januschka** finished her dog Skye as an Amateur Field Champion with a 1st place in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake at the Badger Brittany Club Spring Trial. Skye had 2 pheasant finds and a brace during her brace. Skye was already a Field Champion, so congratulations to **FC/AFC Jay Hawk's October Skye!**

Sue's other dog **Joker's Trail Blazin Bud-Dee** place 2nd in the AGD at the Hawkeye Brittany Club Spring Trial. There were 20 starters and all of them were Brittany's.

Member **Denise Koslowski's** dog Suzie won the Amateur Gun Dog retrieving stake at the German Shorthair Pointing Club's Spring Trial. Suzie's win was worth 4 points, but she only needed one to finish here for her Amateur Field Champion title and Field Champion title. Congratulations go to **FC/AFC Daisy Duke's Suzie Q!**

TR Vigueur de L'Escarbot NA Pz1, MH (Elsie) owned by members **Doug Lodermeier Sr. & Christene Martatos** has added the of UKC Trialer to here list of hunt test and trial titles. Elsie's placement in Coon Rapids, IA this spring in the Open Class finished this latest title. Elsie is a SCVBC Hall of Fame member and her achievements include; NAVHDA NA Pz1, AKC JH, SH and MH and now AKC Trialer. She is currently training for her NAVHDA Utility Test scheduled for later this year. Doug says that Elsie is a hunting dog first, but enjoys testing and trialing to keep sharp and in shape. She has never met a bird she didn't like (to point!).

Member **Bruce Olsen** finished his dog **Ranger** with his Junior Hunt Test Title at the Spring German Shorthair Pointing Club Hunt Test in May. Ranger accomplished this title with just 4 tests.

Member **Bret Lindback's** dog **FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk** took 1st at the Lone Star Open All Age stake in Texas this spring with pro Jim John.

Member **Brian Salo's** dog **Tilly** finished her JH Title and the GSP Hunt Test in May. The Hunt Test was held at the Kelly Farm in St Croix, MN.

Member **Steve Ralph's** dog **FC Joker's Jackpot** has been on quite a run. In April Jack finished 1st in the Amateur All Age stake with 21 starters and then finished 4th in the Open All Age stake with 40 starters. The Trial was held in Thayer, IA and Jack now qualifies for the 2012 National Open & Amateur All-Age Championships. Then to top it off Jack won the Mid-America Championship (with 40 dogs) at Branched Oak, NE, handled by professional trainer Jim John and scouted by Steve. Congratulations!

Steve's new puppy **Dakota Outlaw** is also off to a good start this spring, placing 1st in the Midwest & Mo-Valley Open Puppy stakes.

Jackie Swanson has been busy this spring. She has been campaigning 2 dogs on the Field Trial circuit. She handled her pup **Bubba** to a 4th place finish at our SCVBC Spring Trial. There were 14 starters in this stake. Jackie also has a promising dog with Matt Eder this spring. **Yoda** finished 3rd in the Open Gun Dog stake at the Minnesota Brittany Club Field Trial with 30 starters and Yoda finished 4th in the Open Gun Dog stake at the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee Spring Trial held at Eagle, WI. There were 20 starters.

Member **John Chejne** had a good spring with his dog **McChesney's Tequila River**, as "Rio" took 3rd in Open Gun Dog & 4th in Amateur Gun Dog at the Hawkeye trial and then 4th in Open Limited Gun Dog & 2nd in Amateur Gun Dog at the Minnesota trial. Congratulations!

Member **Brian Lange** took 3rd place at the St. Croix Valley walking trial with **FC/AFC Stars Sassy Natasha Kay**. Good job Brian!

I know that the above mentioned items are only a few of the accomplishments for members and their dogs this past spring. There were other wins and titles I'm sure. For as many placements mentioned, there were braces run, weekends with friends, good weather and bad. We were out there putting our dogs to the test, bringing out their best and findings skills to work on too. Field Champions, Dual Champions, Master Hunters, NAVHDA titles are some goals for our dogs to shoot for. It is these exceptional dogs that attain those titles that our future puppies come from. Congratulations to our members that pursue these disciplines of training to enhance the breeds of dogs we love.



3xCh/FC Joker's Jackpot, owner Steve Ralph.

Winner - Mid-America Championship (40 dogs)

1st place – Amateur All Age, Iowa Brittany Club (21 dogs)

4th place – Open All Age, Iowa Brittany Club (40 dogs)

3rd place – Amateur All Age, Hawkeye Brittany Club (20 dogs)



Dakota Outlaw, owner Steve Ralph

1st – Midwest Brittany Club

1st – Open Puppy, Mo-Valley Brittany Club



Joker's Trail Blazin Bud-Dee, owner Susan Januschka
2nd place – Amateur Gun Dog, Hawkeye Brittany Club



FC/AFC Jay Hawk's October Skye, owner Susan Januschka
1st place – Amateur Gun Dog, Badger Brittany Club (***new AFC**)



McChesney's Tequila River, owner John Chejne
3rd place – Open Gun Dog, Hawkeye Brittany Club (43 dogs)
4th place - Amateur Gun Dog, Hawkeye Brittany Club
4th place - Open Limited Gun Dog, Minnesota Brittany Club
2nd place - Amateur Gun Dog, Minnesota Brittany Club



Dr. Jac's TruGritz Master Yoda O' Dee, owner Jackie Swanson
3rd place – Open Gun Dog, Minnesota Brittany Club
CH Bantam's Bravo Duffy, owner Diane Hedstrom
4th place – Amateur Gun Dog, Minnesota Brittany Club
2nd place – Amateur Gun Dog, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club Walking trial



Dr Jac's Redneck Rampage O'Dee, owner Jackie Swanson
4th place – Open Puppy, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club
2nd place – Open Puppy, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club Walking trial



FC/AFC Stars Sassy Natasha Kay, JH, owner Brian Lange
3rd place – Open Gun Dog, St. Croix Valley Brittany Club Walking trial