

January-March 2013 Newsletter



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- 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 Newsletter

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- Officers -

President Bret Lindback
1st VP (Field Trial) Steve Ralph
2nd VP (Membership) Dave Carlson
3rd VP (Hunt Test) Mary Tyson
Secretary John Chejne
Treasurer John Chejne
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Director Sue Januschka
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- Upcoming Events -

March

30 Fun Run @ Four Brooks

April

2 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

May

7 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's
11-16 AKC Field Trial @ Crow Hassan Park

June

1-2 AKC Walking Field Trial @ 4 Brooks
2 Youth Event @ 4 Brooks
4 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

- Fun Run -

The St Croix Valley Brittany Club annual Fun Run will be held Saturday March 30th starting at 9:00 AM @ Four Brooks WMA, near Milaca, MN.

Ever wondered what a Field Trial or Hunt Test for pointing dogs is about? We'll be hosting training sessions for you & your dog, so you can learn. If you already know about these events, Come get in some early training. Either way it is a fun day for you & your dog in the field.

- Hunt Test training covers Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, and Master Hunter.
- Field Trial training covers Puppy, Derby, and Adult (Gun Dog & All Age).

Training Session Limited to first 20 dogs, with birds released for each dog.

Cost is \$20 per dog

RSVP with coordinator John Lindback by March 23rd
at 612-290-3949 or Johnny1107@aol.com

- Classified -

- **For Sale:** Tracker dog tracking system. Maxima Complete 1000/10 & 2 Strike collars, holster, carry case. \$300. Contact Steve Ralph at mail@blazinbritts.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

- New Members -

We would like to welcome the following new members to the St. Croix Valley Brittany Club.

- Renee Anderson
- Ben Ohlender
- Josh Brunken
- Steve Deger
- Ron Anderson
- Karen Listgarten & Steve Robb
- Tom Losey
- Alex Post
- Jason Voss

“Levi” is Karen Listgarten & Steve Robb’s dog



Hope to see you all at an event soon!

- January Meeting Minutes -

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM on Jan. 19 at Vannellis by the Lake.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The Treasurer reported that the club had a surplus in 2012.

Old Business

A motion passed to appoint the following persons to the 2013 SCVBC Executive Board:

President Bret Lindback
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Bret Lindback reviewed the 2013 schedule that includes: the Winter Hunt on Feb. 23; the Fun Run, March 30; SCVBC Field Trial, May 11-16; and the SCVBC Walking Trial, June 1-2. A complete schedule is listed on the SCVBC website.

Preparations for the SCVBC booth at Pheasant Fest are complete. The Pheasants Forever Pheasant Fest will be held on Feb. 20-22 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

New Business

The Membership Vice President reported that the SCVBC has 43 members. The ABC will notify members three months before their membership fee is due.

The Field Trial Secretary reported that the Spring Field Trial will be held Saturday through Monday (Tuesday if needed). The Trial will be followed by a two-day Fun Run.

Crow Hassan has a new manager. Crow Hassan staff members installed a new gate and are working on a plan for a pavilion.

The Hunt Test Vice President reported that there will be a double Hunt Test, in conjunction with the Vizsla Club, in September.

The Bob Heinel Award was presented to Dave Carlson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

- February Meeting Minutes -

Members Present: John Chejne, Steve Ralph, Mary Tyson, Dave Carlson, Tim Kraft

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Steve Ralph's home.

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

Old Business

The club has 2,000 business cards available to club members.

New Business

The MFFTC wants member clubs to donate funds for the Crow Hassan pavilion construction. The pavilion will be 18'x20' or larger.

A motion passed to donate \$285 to the Chisago Co. chapter of Pheasants Forever.

The club will order and pick up quail for the March 30 Fun Run.

The Club lined up judges for the May 11-16 field trial.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

- March Meeting Minutes -

No meeting is held in March.

- Annual Banquet -

We held our Annual Banquet on January 19th at Vannelli's on the Lake in Forest Lake. 25 members and spouses were there and had a great social hour to catch up on what we and our dogs had done or accomplished in the past year.



During the social hour we had a chance to bid on some great silent auction items and check out the year in review presentation. After a steak or walleye dinner we held our business meeting and elected new officers for 2013.



Dave Carlson was awarded the **Annual Bob Heinel Memorial Award** for his contributions to the St Croix Valley Brittany Club. A lively bidding war for the 2012 Pheasant Forever Print was waged and along with the passing of the hat,



over \$200 dollars was raised to support Pheasant Forever. Some really nice door prizes were passed out to everybody in attendance and at the end of the evening everybody can attest that we had a good time. Thank you Bret Lindback, Steve Ralph, Jeff and Terrie Heinmann for putting it together and gathering auction items and door prizes.

**St. Croix Valley Brittany Club at the
2013 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic
by Dave Carlson & Steve Ralph**

On February 15-17, 2013 the Pheasants Forever organization hosted the National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic in Minneapolis, MN where 28,855 outdoor enthusiasts



attended. This year marked the 30th anniversary for Pheasants Forever. Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic is a trade show that focuses on wildlife conservation, upland game bird hunting (pheasant and quail), dog training, and wildlife habitat management and restoration. The show is open to the public and is the nation's leading event for bird dog owners and sporting dog enthusiasts where they can meet with dog clubs, breeders and some the best trainers in the world including Delmar Smith, Rick Smith and Ronnie Smith.

The St Croix Valley Brittany Club hosted a booth at this show, which was sponsored by the American Brittany Club. Over the three days we visited with hundreds of people looking for information



about Brittany's. People were looking for puppies, asking questions about training their current dog or telling us about the Brittany's they have now or had enjoyed in the past.

We distributed over 200 membership information packets which consisted of a current American Brittany magazine, membership applications and our local club information. The event went by fast with constant traffic and people stopping by. It seemed like as soon as you would sit down, you'd have to stand back up again to talk to someone. We not only exposed people to the benefits of belonging to a local breed club, but also that there is a national breed club that collectively offers betterment to the breed through its efforts. We signed up several new members at the show and many more in the weeks that followed due to the information packets we distributed.



Next year's National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic will be in Milwaukee, WI and we would strongly recommend one of the local clubs in that area hosts a booth to get the word out about the Brittany!

- Winter Hunt -

After the 2012 Winter Hunt, it would be hard to imagine that we could beat the weather. For 2013 we had a little more snow on the ground, but I think it was sunnier and warmer. 10 groups had 106 birds released and I know of only a couple that got away. We all wanted to practice before we hit the field but could not get the automatic clay pigeon thrower to work. That was despite the fact that there was a lot of knowledge, troubleshooting and engineering prowess in attendance. The potluck was fabulous especially with Brian's chili and Mary's meatballs. Good food, good hunting and good company make this a great Club event. Thank you, Brian Lange for organizing the day for us and thanks to Pheasant Ridge for hosting our Club.



Mary Tyson and Jim Hewitt's Group



Jake & Zack Droel with Hobey

- Congratulations -

New Field Champion & Amateur Field Champion!!



Mcchesneys Tequila River ("Rio")

Owned by John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey

1st place – Heart of Illinois Brittany Club Amateur Limited Gun Dog

1st place – Heart of Illinois Brittany Club Open Limited Gun Dog

- Congratulations -



FC Shady Way's Red Tail Hawk ("Beau")

Owned by Bret & John Lindback
RunerUp – Dub Emde AAA Championship (13 dogs)
1st place - Lone Star Brittany Club OAA (28 dogs)



FC Jay Hawk's October Skye ("Skye")

Owned by Susan Januschka
2nd place – Northern Oklahoma Brittany Club OGD (18 dogs)

- Congratulations -



FC Hal-Js Smarteyes-Jokers Ez Ace ("Ace")

Owned by Hal Revoir
3rd place – Texas Open Brittany Championship (24 dogs)



Sniksoh Sweetness ("Taylor")

Owned by Steve Ralph
Winner – Victoire Nationale Championship (14 dogs)
1st place – Illinois Derby Classic (12 dogs)
2nd place – Indian Nations Open Derby
1st place – Sooner Open Puppy

- Congratulations -



Mchesneys I Got My Mojo Working ("Mojo")

Owned by John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey
3rd place – Indian Nations Open All Age