

January - March 2014 Newsletter



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## **- Newsletter -**

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**- Classified -**

- **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 651-303-0129
- **For Sale:** Tracker Maxima Complete 1000/10 & 2 Strike collars, holster, carry case. \$200. Contact Steve Ralph at 651-303-0129

**- Upcoming Events -**

- January**  
18 [Annual Banquet & General Meeting](#) @ Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter
- February**  
4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Steve Ralph's home  
22 [Winter Hunt](#) @ Pheasant Ridge Hunting Preserve (**\*cancelled**)
- March**  
4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home (**\*cancelled**)  
29 [Fun Run](#) @ Four Brooks (**\*cancelled**)
- April**  
8 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home
- May**  
6 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home  
9-12 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [AKC Field Trial](#) @ Crow Hassan  
16-18 MN Brittany Club [AKC Field Trial](#) @ Crow Hassan  
31-1 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [AKC Walking Field Trial](#) @ 4 Brooks
- June**  
1 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [Youth Event](#) @ 4 Brooks  
3 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home

**- SCVBC Spring AKC Field Trial -**

The upcoming SCVBC Spring AKC Field Trial is going to be held May 9-11, 2014 at Crow Hassan Park Reserve near Rogers, MN. We hope you can come out and enjoy this event. For more information, see premium posted on the website [http://www.scvbc.org/Events/StCroixValleyFT\\_spr.pdf](http://www.scvbc.org/Events/StCroixValleyFT_spr.pdf) or contact Dave Carlson, Field Trial Secretary at 612-210-3318 or Dave.carlson@zieglercat.com

**- SCVBC Walking AKC Field Trial -**

The upcoming SCVBC Walking AKC Field Trial is going to be held May 31-June 1, 2014 at Four Brooks WMA near Milaca, MN. We hope you can come out and enjoy this event. For more information, see premium posted on the website [http://www.scvbc.org/Events/StCroixValleyFT\\_walk.pdf](http://www.scvbc.org/Events/StCroixValleyFT_walk.pdf) or contact Field Trial Secretary: Susan Januschka at 651-485-4765 or gmount@centurytel.net

**- January Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Steve Ralph, Bret Lindback, John Lindback, Dave Carlson, Sue Januschka, General membership

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on January 18 at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter

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

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Steve Ralph gave a description of how the Club runs Field Trials. Dave Carlson is the Field Trial secretary for the Horseback Trial. The 2014 Horseback Trial will run Friday through Monday, May 9-12. Sue Januschka is the secretary for the Walking Trial. The Walking Trial will be held June June1-2.

Bret Lindback will coordinate the youth event. The youth event is held with the Walking Trial and is open to youth 17 years of age and younger.

The Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs will have a meeting with the new manager of Crow Hassan to discuss the future of Field Trials at the park. This year's trials will not be affected.

Denise Koslowski explained Hunt Test procedures. The Club's Hunt Test will be held in September.

The Winter Hunt will be held on Feb. 22. Brian Lange is the Winter Hunt coordinator.

The Club's Fun Run will be held at Four Brooks on March 29. The Fun Run is a mock Field Trial; John Lindback will coordinate the Fun Run.

The Club had three training sessions in 2013: two at Charlie Aspenson's property and one at Four Brooks. The training at Four Brooks last year was conducted by Chad Hines and was well attended. John Chejne will coordinate training in 2014.

The Club will share a booth with the Minnesota Brittany Club at this year's Game Fair to be held in August; Dave Carlson will be the coordinator.

The following slate of officers was elected by white ballot:

<b>President</b>	Bret Lindback
<b>1st VP (Field Trials)</b>	Steve Ralph
<b>2nd VP (Membership)</b>	David Carlson
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Dave Carlson presented an outstanding slide show that highlighted our dogs' 2013 accomplishments in the field and show ring.

The Bob Heinel Memorial Award for 2013 was presented to John Chejne. The award is presented in recognition of service to the Club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
John Chejne, Club Secretary

## - February Meeting Minutes -

**Members Present:** John Chejne, John Lindback, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4 at Steve Ralph's home.

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

### **Old Business**

The annual banquet was well attended.

### **New Business**

The MFFTC met with representatives of the Three Rivers Park District regarding new regulations on field trials. Three Rivers staff put restrictions on where dogs and horses can be staked out. Also, they require that the galleries stay on the path. Handlers, scouts and judges are free to move about at will. Three Rivers will provide additional areas to stake out horses.

Board members discussed strategies to find a new trial ground including: working with the DNR, Pheasants Forever, conservation groups, public parks, and the MFFTC.

Four judges are selected for the spring trial.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
John Chejne, Club Secretary

## - March Meeting Minutes -

**No meeting held**

**- Annual Banquet -**

On January 18<sup>th</sup> about 35 members and spouses braved the cold (can you believe it was cold?) to join us at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter for our Annual Banquet. We had a lively social hour downstairs where the silent auction items were displayed for viewing. Our dinner upstairs was loud for our group. I'm sure folks were having a great time visiting about their dogs. I think that the staff was glad we went back downstairs for our meeting. Our Annual meeting included Board nominations and the election of them, an explanation of all board duties and activity reports for our events. We learned about upcoming changes for our field trial grounds at Crow Hassan Regional Park. A new item this year was a verbal and power point presentation for our Year in Review. We raised \$265 for Pheasants Forever by passing the hat and auctioning off the PF Print of the Year.

John Chejne was awarded the Bob Heinel Annual Memorial Award for service to our Club in 2013. John is well deserving of this award as he serves as our Secretary and Treasurer, took on coordinating all of our training sessions and helps out with all of our other events. Congratulations John.



**- SCVBC Winter Hunt -**

**Saturday February 22, 2014**

hosted by **Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve**

This event was cancelled due to snow conditions, we'll try again next year!

**- More News -**

**Update on Body Gripping Traps**

By Dave Carlson

As dog owners out in the field with our dogs we are always concerned for the safety of our dogs. In recent years the coniber trap has been at the forefront of the conversation for many dog owners in the State of Minnesota. There are groups whose main goal is to eliminate the body gripping trap as a way to control predators or at least drastically change the way that it is used. I see those groups at every sporting event that I attend. In the past year as the legislative liaison for the Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs I have been closer to the issue that I had ever imagined.

At a recent Sportsman Caucus meeting hosted by the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance where the DNR and some legislators outlined their goals for 2014 this item came up in the discussion. From the DNR's standpoint the only change in the law will be that the word "coniber" is coming out of all printed material due to trademark rights by the manufacturer. All reference now will be "body gripping trap". No other changes are in the future for its use. The Minnesota Trappers Association reported that there were no reported dog losses in the last year recognizing that there is no formal way to report a dog loss. Legislators at the meeting reported that there is still a negative perception in the Public's eye in regards to the body gripping trap and are not sure how to deal with that. They may introduce a formal procedure for reporting a dog loss.

For now it is up to us dog owners to know or to learn about the body gripping trap's use, where it might be set and how to release a dog from the trap. I would suggest going to the Minnesota Trappers Association website to learn more about this body gripping trap, its use and check out the link of releasing a dog from one. There is also a link on the NAHVDA of Minnesota website to a Youtube video. Here is another one.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gbrWIKqcUk>

A tool available for the body gripping trap is called a Safety Setter. It's a tool trappers use for setting body gripping traps. It works as good for releasing animals as for setting the trap. You can Goggle search trapper Ron's safety setter. He has a nice video.

Thank you SCVBC member Bob Roiger for you contributions to this article.

**- Letter from a member -**

**My Winter Getaway**

By Dave Carlson

When I first planned my February winter getaway to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame inductions in Grand Junction, Tennessee, my thoughts were warmer weather, seeing some grass and eating some good barbecue. My getaway turned out to be cold (30 degrees) snowy, great barbecue and one of the best weekends that I can remember. I am so glad that I went and can't wait to go back. The cold was much better than what I left (minus Fahrenheit), less snow (barely covered the ground) fabulous Barbecue and an experience with people that was so positive that I am going to have a hard time describing. Thanks Steve Ralph for encouraging me to go for the weekend.

Every year the American Brittany Club inducts people and dogs into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. If you are like me, you don't often know the dogs or the people that are up for induction. This past year, I did know the person that had been elected, Rick Smith, the well known Brittany Trainer, National Seminar Trainer and Nationally published writer. What I didn't know was what a Field Trial career Rick had. Other inductees included Louis A Thebaud the man who is credited for bringing the Brittany breed to the US. SCVBC member Steve Ralph nominated Louis and was the presenter at the ceremony. One dog was inducted this year, Shambo's Dark Shadow owned by Bernie Crain. Many family members and friends were there to celebrate the weekend and I must mention that all of the sporting breeds held their HOF inductions over the weekend. Lots of bird dog people around!

The bird dog museum is full of fascinating displays with all of the sporting breeds represented. A full size taxidermy display of Count Noble, the greatest bird dog to ever live is probably the most prominent article in the place. Paintings, bronzes, trophies, clothing and guns are all there to see from our sporting dog history. It is just rich with the history of our sport, telling the stories of the dogs of the past and the passion of the people who carried the various breeds forward making them what they are today.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were equally impressive with the stories of the dogs that had incredible careers as competitors along with their owners and handlers who recognized that once in a lifetime dog or whose contributions to a breed or the sport of Field Trialing were exemplary. The

passion in the room the day of the inductions could have been sliced with a knife.

Of course I hung with the Brittany folks but there were plenty of good people to talk to. They came from all over the country to support their breed or their friends and dogs they knew. I had such a good time that I'm going back soon. I have pictures to share so contact me if you'd like to find out more about the Bird Dog Museum or the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame.



The link to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame is <http://www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com/> and I suggest you check it out. Or better yet go there with me next year!

- Congratulations -

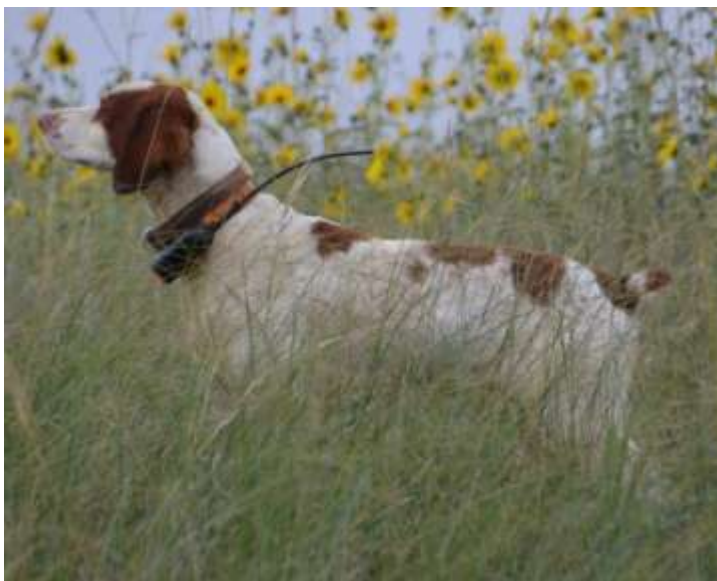


**FC Hal-JS Smarteyes-Jokers EZ Ace**, owner Hal Revoir  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open All Age, Northern Oklahoma Brittany Club

- Congratulations -



**Sniksoh Sweetness**, owned by Steve Ralph  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open Derby, Sooner Brittany Club



**FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot**, owned by Steve Ralph  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open All Age, Sooner Brittany Club



**FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk**, owned by Bret & John Lindback  
1<sup>st</sup> place Open All Age, Southern Kansas Brittany Club