

- January-March 2012 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 . . . . .	Steve Ralph
Director Emeritus . . . . .	Duane Rickaby
Director . . . . .	Mark Ritter
Director . . . . .	Brian Lange
Director . . . . .	Sue Januschka

**- Upcoming Events -**

**April**

3 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

**May**

1 Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

4-6 SCVBC AKC field trial @ Crow Hassan

11-13 MNBC AKC field trial @ Crow Hassan

**June**

2-3 SCVBC AKC field trial @ 4-Brooks

3 SCVBC Youth Event @ 4-Brooks

5 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*

Dave Carlson  
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### - January Meeting Minutes -

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Bret Lindback, Dave Carlson, Mary Tyson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka, et al

- **The meeting was called to order** at 6:00 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter
- The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

#### Old Business

- A motion was passed to elect the following persons to the 2012 SCVBC board:

President: Brett Lindback

1<sup>st</sup> VP Field Trials: Steve Ralph

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Hunt Tests: Mary Tyson

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Membership: Dave Carlson

Secretary: John Chejne

Treasurer: John Chejne

Director: Brian Lange

Director: Sue Januschka

Director: Mark Ritter

#### New Business

- The club needs a chair and secretary for the spring hunt test. If the Club does not fill these positions soon the Hunt Test will be canceled.
- Dave Carlson will coordinate the SCVBV fun run to be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Four Brooks.
- The paperwork was submitted to AKC for the Spring Horseback Field Trial to be held May 4-6 and for the Walking Trial June 3-4. Also, birds and Ribbons were ordered for the Trials.
- The Club needs a new coordinator for Game Fair.
- The SCVBC newsletter will be published quarterly. Please send items of interest to Dave Carlson or Steve Ralph.
- If members have American Brittany Club issues, please contact Steve Ralph, ABC Regional Director.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

John Chejne, Club Secretary

### - February Meeting Minutes -

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

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Bret Lindback's house.
- The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

#### Old Business

- We raised \$285 for Pheasants Forever at the banquet.

#### New Business

- A motion was passed to sponsor the Pheasants Forever Banquet at a cost of \$285.
- We have ten or eleven groups for the winter hunt.
- NutraSource agreed to sponsor our field trials and will provide dog food for the winners.
- We have judges for the horseback trial and need two judges for the walking trial.
- The fun run will be held on March 24 at Four Brooks WMA.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

John Chejne, Club Secretary

### - March Meeting Minutes -

**Meeting canceled**

### - Hunt Test -

The SCVBC AKC Hunt Test has been canceled due to lack of volunteers.

### - Notice -

Long time Brittany Breeder/Enthusiast and St Croix Valley Brittany Club member Millie Frame passed away March 2nd after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Tom. Millie participated in all of the Club events over the years. Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Specialty Shows, and had in the past few years supported the National Brittany Rescue Program. There will be a gathering of family & friends to celebrate her life in the near future.

### - Classified -

- For Sale: Tracker dog tracking system. Maxima Complete 1000/10 & 2 Strike collars, holster, carry case. \$400. Contact Steve Ralph at [mail@blazinbritts.com](mailto:mail@blazinbritts.com)
- 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](mailto:drjac@cheqnet.net) or visit their website [www.drjacsbrittanys.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.scvbc.org/Events/scvbc_FunRun.pdf)

**- Winter Hunt @ Pheasant Ridge -**

The 2012 SCVBC Winter Hunt is now in the books. With sunny skies and the temps in the upper 30's, this might be recorded as the best Winter Hunt EVER!!! Thirteen groups hunted for 142 pheasants. The potluck was plentiful keeping the social time enjoyable.

I would like to thank Dave Carlson for keeping us informed by email and for organizing the potluck. I want to thank you members for signing up early for the event. In doing so, I was able to keep Mike Bergren up to date with the bird estimates to be sure we would have enough for the day. Mike promised to deliver and he did, even if it meant finding birds west of Dickinson, ND. So a big thanks to Mike Bergren, owner of Pheasant Ridge and his crew. The staff kept on top of planting birds all day and getting members out into the field. Please keep Pheasant Ridge in mind for next fall's pheasant tune up or for having good times out with your friends and your dogs. I am already looking forward to next year's Winter Hunt... Brian Lange, Winter Hunt Coordinator



**- Fun Run @ Four Brooks Dog Training Grounds -**

What a difference a year makes. Last year, we battled 2 feet of snow and 20 windy degrees. This year (March 24<sup>th</sup>) we only had to battle a little fog. Temperatures were moderate and the day turned out to be really nice as we ran 25 dogs around the course at Four Brooks. All of the dogs had multiple bird contacts and got a little exercise along with their Handlers. Some of those birds could really fly. A Big Thanks to those members who helped make this event a success. John Chejne, Brian Lange, Nosh Munar and Mark Ritter used their experience to help every brace get around the course and get the most of the bird contacts that were had. They planted birds too as they each walked about 10 miles. Your efforts were appreciated by every participant.



**- Congratulations -**



2011 Bob Heinel Award recipient  
**Susan Juanuschka**

A member of our Club since 1986, Sue Januschka knew Bob Heinel well. That's why this award means a lot to her. "He made sure that our Club was doing everything according to the book" she said. Sue carries on that tradition in our Club by volunteering for every event that she can with our Club and she helps out other Clubs at every Brittany event she attends. "I get to meet more people, do more things and contribute to the betterment of the Club" is how Sue sees it. Sue has owned a Brittany for 27 years and currently owns a 6 year old female "Skye" that finished her FC last year at Minnesota Brittany Club Fall Trial and is 1 point away from an amateur title. She also owns a 4 year old male "Bud-Dee" that shows a lot of promise as a field trial dog. Bud-Dee won a 38 gun dog stake in Nebraska last spring which surprised her to say the least. Her dogs are part of her family and she enjoys "their happiness and their antics." Sue wants to encourage members to participate in Club events and says the benefits are "meeting great people, enjoying the great outdoors and doing more things with your dogs." Well said Sue.

**- Congratulations -**

SCVBC members Bret Lindback and Steve Ralph had dogs entered in a couple of stakes at the Lone Star Brittany Club field trial run Feb. 9-17 at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and the "Yankee's" brought back some ribbons. All 4 dogs were handled by well known Brittany Professional Jim John of Yates Center, KS. Bret's Field Champion "Beau" won the Open All Age stake against 28 starters that came to the line. Steve's dog FC Joker's Jackpot placed 3rd in the same Open All Age stake. Steve also had two puppies place in the Open Puppy stake; 3<sup>rd</sup> Dakota Outlaw & 4<sup>th</sup> Jack's Blazin Butch. Congratulations!



FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk, owned by Bret Lindback.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lone Star Open All-Age (dogs)



FC Joker's Jackpot, owned by Steve Ralph.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lone Star Open All-Age (dogs)