

April - June 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 -

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Director Sue Januschka
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Director John Lindback

- Upcoming Events -

June

26 SCVBC Summer Training @ Apenson's farm

July

10 SCVBC Summer Training @ Apenson's farm

13 SCVBC Summer Training @ Four Brooks WMA

August

6 SCVBC Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

9-11 Game Fair @ Armstrong Kennels

16-18 Game Fair @ Armstrong Kennels

September

3 SCVBC Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

- Summer Training Sessions -

Wednesday, June 26th 5:30PM at Charles Aspenson's, 26387 Morgan Ave,
Chisago City, MN *

Wednesday, July 10th 5:30PM at Charles Aspenson's, 26387 Morgan Ave,
Chisago City, MN *

Saturday, July 13th 8AM start time at Four Brooks WMA, 7 miles north of
Milaca, MN **

*At Charlie's farm we will be doing basic yard work for young and older
dogs alike. Homing Pigeons will be used. All levels of training will be
accommodated. **Cost for this training session is FREE.**

**At Four Brooks we will hit the field expanding on what our dogs learned
in the earlier training sessions plus doing bird work and having discussions
about conditioning, handling, and anything else that comes up. Professional
trainer Chad Hines of Willow Creek Kennels will be providing training tips.
SCVBC will provide the grounds for the day, lunch will also be provided.
**Cost for training birds: \$5 for quail, \$6 for pheasants, and register with
John Chejne to reserve birds.**

Note: Due to liability issue's you must be a current St. Croix Valley Brittany
Club member to participate in the Four Brooks training day. The Four
Brooks training passes will be available for \$25. This pass will allow you to
train on the grounds until December 31. All training pass fees are reinvested
in the grounds for improvements and maintenance.

Please pre-register with John Chejne @ 651- 490-0273or
jchejne@comcast.net, so we can get a head count and have enough materials
on hand for the training sessions.

- **For Sale:** Brittany puppies Born 6/12/2013



4 males & 4 females out of FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot x Patch O Tee

Sire: Jack, 2012 Purina Award winner, 13 hour All Age placements, pedigree contains HOF Tequila's Joker, Microdot, Beans Blaze.

Dam: Patch, pedigree contains NFC Shambo's Dark Shadow, HOF Bean's Blaze, Microdot, Hi-Proof Rum Runner

Full pedigree can be viewed at

<http://www.blazinbritts.com/puppies/2013/JackXPatch.pdf>

For more info contact Steve Ralph or Jim John at 620-363-0641

- **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

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

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 Fun Run was canceled because snow blocked access to Four Brooks.

New Business

The club obtained eleven new members as a result of sponsoring a booth at Pheasant Fest.

A motion passed to donate \$275 to the Rum River Chapter of the RGS for their annual banquet.

The Club will look for new grounds for the summer training sessions. The search will include Kelley Farms, a site in Lino Lakes and Maple Island hunting preserve.

The MFFTC has a bid for a 22'x25' pavilion at the Crow Hassan grounds at a cost of approximately \$16,000.

Arrangements for the spring Horseback Trial are complete. The quail are ordered and the premium was sent out.

Preparations for the Walking Trial are being finalized.

The Hunt Test will be moved to the second week of September.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

- May Meeting Minutes -

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

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

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

Old Business

The Club will explore having a Fun Run on a different date.

New Business

The Club is looking for new training grounds. Kelley farms might be available; however, the cost is \$100 per event. The Club will check into a site at the Lino Lakes Regional Park.

Information regarding our Youth event will be sent to the MFFTC and local newspapers.

The Spring Trial has 138 entries. The Club will have access to the grounds all week.

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

- June Meeting Minutes -

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

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

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

New Business

The Club applied for a special use permit to use grounds at Rice Creek Regional Park for training. The permit was not approved. However, the special use coordinator may have a site for the Club next year in Columbus Township.

Charlie Aspenson will let the Club do training at his home on the nights of June 26 and July 10.

Chad Hines, Willow Creek Kennels, will run a training session for the Club at Four Brooks on Saturday July 13. Chad is donating his time.

A motion was passed to rent Four Brooks for the training day on July 13.

A motion was passed to purchase a bird launcher for the Club's training needs.

We had 138 entries at the spring horseback trial and made a nice profit.

The walking trial was successful and profitable.

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

- Spring AKC Field Trial @ Crow Hassan Park –

Members, we had an awesome Trial this past weekend. We had 137 dogs entered to run over 4 days. Weather conditions varied from cold and windy to hot and windy. Our Open Limited Gun Dog Stake finished Tuesday about 1:30 PM with the temperature hovering around 95 degrees. Interestingly enough the winner came from the last brace and what a run she had.

It takes a Village to put on a Trial. It starts on the front end with the Chairman getting all the things in place with the AKC, ABC, Judges, Birds, Ribbons, Campground, etc., the list goes on and on. Our Chairman Steve Ralph always handles things in a timely and efficient manner. The secretary handles all of the entries and works with the Chairman to do the drawing and get the running order put together. Once the Trial starts the paperwork begins. Then we need to get birds planted, operate a dog wagon to get dogs to the line, guide the Judges through the course and continue to plant birds. We provide food throughout the weekend, keep the campground policed and keep the big ship on course.

A Big Thank You to:

Our Entrants Thank you for coming to show us your dogs. The Pro's: Bob Burchett, Greg Dixon, Matt Eder, Tommy Hagan, Wes Lodes

Steve Ralph Chairman, great job!! You always make it look easy, but I know that it is not the case.

Dave Carlson Secretary, plate spins plates on sticks

John Lindback Dog Wagon Operator, Bird Bag Filler, Judges Slave and overall Do It All, big effort John

Bret Lindback President of the Club, here from beginning to the end, fills in wherever needed, Marshall, Bird Planter, Dog Wagon, Bird Caregiver, I could go on and on. MVP!!

Sue Januschka Bird Planter, Cake Provider, Marshall, keeps the gallery attentive

Katy Gill Bird Planter, Fills in wherever needed

Denise Koslowski Bird Planter, keeps the gallery in line

Tanya Carlson Awesome Cook and good looking

Bob Lovell Awesome Cook, Beer snob

John Chejne Dog Wagon Relief, Pork Shoulder Smoker

Judges Jim Brigham, Bill Cockrum, Cindy Findley, Bruce Heiter, Bruce Mueller, Susan Mueller, Becky Voss, Dan Voss

Please forgive me if I missed anybody from the village to Thank. You all are appreciated.

David Carlson
Field Trial Secretary

- Walking AKC Field Trial @ Four Brooks –

The SCVBC ran the Walking Field Trial on June 1 and 2 at Four Brooks Wildlife Management Area near Milaca, MN. In spite of the weather being overcast, cool and windy on Saturday it was a nice day to run dogs. We did have a short break while it rained a bit, but comfortably got two stakes finished. Sunday was sunny and beautiful, we finished about 2PM and everyone had a good time. During the weekend we ran over 60 dogs. It was a nice turn out to cap the spring season.

Thank you to the judges: Jim Brigham, Bob Powell from Wisconsin, Bret Lindback, and Charlie Aspenson. More thanks go to the cook, Dave Carlson who not only kept everyone fed but managed to juggle cooking the meals, running multiple dogs, and keep things running smoothly. Last but certainly not least, thank you to the bird planters: Denise Koslowski, Steve Ralph, Bret Lindback, and Dave Carlson. With everyone pitching in, the FT went without a hitch!

On Sunday June 2nd we held our Pointing Dog Youth Event adjacent to the Walking Trial grounds. 3 young people had the opportunity to handle a dog and get tips from Professional Trainer Matt Eder. Thank you, Bret Lindback for putting this together and promoting this event every year for our Club. Thank you, Matt Eder of Fox Run Kennels for providing your skills working with our youth. There are not a lot of opportunities for kids today to get this type of experience in the field with a Professional handler and the SCVBC is proud to offer it.

Susan Januschka
Field Trial Secretary

- Congratulations -



Joker's Jackpot ("Jack")

Owned by Steve Ralph

Runner-Up – Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship

1st place – Iowa Open All Age

2nd place – Iowa Amateur All Age

2nd place – Nebraska Open All Age

4th place – Mo-Valley Open All Age

4th place – Hawkeye Open All Age



Shady Way Red Tail Hawk ("Beau")

Owned by Bret Lindback

4th place – Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship

4th place – Mid America Brittany Championship

- Congratulations -



Sniksoh Sweetness ("Taylor")

Owned by Steve Ralph

1st place – Midwest Open Derby

2nd place – Southern Kansas Open Derby

2nd place – Mo-Valley Open Derby

2nd place – Hawkeye Open Derby



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

Owned by Hal Revoir

1st place – Hawkeye Amateur All Age, handled by Steve Ralph

4th place – St. Croix Valley Open All Age, handled by Steve Ralph

- Congratulations -



Mchesneys Tequila River ("Rio")

Owned by John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey
2nd place – St. Croix Valley Amateur Gun Dog

- Congratulations -



Joker's Trail Blazin Bud-Dee ("Bud-Dee")

Owned by Susan Januschka
1st place – Minnesota Amateur Gun Dog



Mchesney's I Got My Mojo Working ("Mojo")

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



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

Owned by Susan Januschka
3rd place – St. Croix Valley Amateur Gun Dog

- Congratulations -



Thomas Swanson, Best Junior Handler, Iowa Specialty Show



Dr Jac's Redneck Rampage O'Dee ("Bubba")

Owned by Jackie Swanson

2nd place – GSP of MN walking Open Derby

2nd place – Badger Open Derby

Summertime Buddys Bandit ("Bandit")

Owned by Dave Carlson

2nd place – Iowa Open Puppy

1st place – GSP of MN Open Puppy

1st place – GSP of MN walking Open Puppy