

July - September 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](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 Newsletter*

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**- Officers -**

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**- Upcoming Events -**

**September**

3 SCVBC Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's  
14-15 SCVBC Hunt Test @ Kelly Farm, Marine on the St. Croix, MN

**October**

1 SCVBC Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's  
26 SCVBC Summer Training @ Apenson's farm

**November**

x No SCVBC Meeting

**December**

3 SCVBC Meeting, 7 pm @ Bret Lindback's

**January**

TBA SCVBC Annual Banquet

**- Classified -**



- **For Sale:** Young Dog by Sovereign Brittanys – Sovereign's Crooked Arrow AKC # SR76384201 DOB 1/21/13 Sire - DC AFC Beaver's Straight Arrow (2012 Magnum's Masked Man Top Brittany Gun Dog Award Winer) Dam - Sovereign's Chase the Treasure. "Crook" has been started on quail and is eager to learn and work, and has done well in the show ring with a Best in Sweepstakes and Reserve Winners Dog at the WI and IA Specialty Shows. Crook was born and raised in the house, gets along well with other dogs, and is fully house trained. We are selling Crook because of his size, he is small measuring in at 18". He may get taller, as he is only 9 months old. \$1000 to hunting home/house dog/serious inquiries only. Contact Joe at [mail@sovereignbrits.com](mailto:mail@sovereignbrits.com) or 651.260.3273
- **For Sale:** Tracker Maxima Complete 1000/10 & 2 Strike collars, holster, carry case. \$200. Contact Steve Ralph at 651-303-0129
- **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

### - Summer Training Sessions-

The SCVBC training sessions this summer were a little different this year. We held sessions June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> at Charlie Aspenson's place in Chisago City. Charlie has a great little spot on his property to train dogs and he had pigeons for us to use. At Charlie's we were able to utilize the Club's new bird launcher and check cord our young dogs into birds. For the older dogs, we were able to plant the birds or use the launcher. Repetition is the key and at Charlie's we were all able to work together with our dogs on obedience and bird contact. Thank you Charlie for providing your place and your birds, our Club members appreciate it.



On July 13<sup>th</sup> we had a special day at Four Brooks with Chad Hines of Willow Creek Kennels. Chad spent the morning with our members offering tips and showing us how we could work our dogs at home on the most common issue with our dogs, "Steadiness". Chad also covered some other basic training for our dogs and for us as handlers. I think our members would agree that it was a most informative day in the training field. On behalf of the SCVBC we offer our thanks to Chad Hines for working with us.



### - July Meeting Minutes -

**No meeting in July**

### - August Meeting Minutes -

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Steve Ralph, Bret Lindback

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on August 6 at Bret's home. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

#### **Old Business**

The club held three training sessions: two at Charlie Aspenson's house on June 26 and July 10 and one at Four Brooks on July 13. We had four or five dogs at Charlie's and used pigeons and launchers. The training went well.

Chad Hines did the training at Four Brooks. He used quail, launchers and check-chords to show how to get a dog steady. Chad gave an interesting presentation that lasted over two hours. The Club had approximately a dozen dogs at the training session. The Club rented Four Brooks for the day from the Federation. It was suggested at the board meeting that next year the SCVBC sponsor the Four Brooks on behalf of the Federation to minimize cost.

#### **New Business**

A Motion was passed to donate \$100 to the Magnolia Brittany Fund. The Fund was established by ABR, NBRAN and other to help defray the maintenance and adoption costs for over 100 Brittans displaced in Louisiana.

It was reported that the Club has Game Fair booth manned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

## - September Meeting Minutes -

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

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on September 3 at Bret home. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

### Old Business

The Club obtained two prospective members as a result of having a booth at the Game Fair.

A motion was passed to give Charlie Aspenson a \$25 gift certificate in appreciation for use of his property for dog training.

### New Business

A motion was passed to allocate \$50 for a basket for the All-Age Nationals.

A number of ideas were discussed regarding increasing attendance at the Club Banquet: 1) send out invitation cards to members, 2) reduce the price of the meals, 3) have a speaker, e.g. a Vet., 4) free admittance for new members, 4) trinkets for new members

A motion passed to change the October meeting date to Oct. 8.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

## - Congratulations -



**McChesney's Tequila River (Rio)** won the fiftieth anniversary Chicken Classic. The win makes him an American Field Champion. Handled by Professional handler Jim John of Yates Center, Kansas, he earned first place out of a field of 48 dogs. This was Rio's first all-age win. Earlier this year Rio earned his FC and AFC as a shooting dog. The Chicken Classic is an All-Age stake and is one of the ABC's wild bird classics run with wild prairie chickens and sharptail grouse. Both species are very hard to get pinned and pointed. The Classic is held in Bassett, Nebraska on very challenging terrain. Rio is owned by John Chejne and Connie Mccafferty. Congratulations John and Connie!!



**FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk**, owned by Bret & John Lindback  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Open All Age, Mo-Valley Brittany Fall Trial, Branched Oak, NE,  
September 13-15, handled by Profession trainer Jim John

- Congratulations -



**Buddy Stars Runner** (Bud), Owned & Handled by Dave Carlson  
4<sup>th</sup> place Amateur Gun Dog, GSP of MN Fall Trial, Four Brooks WMA,  
August 31 & September 1.



**Summertime Buddys Bandit**, Owned & Handled by Dave Carlson  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open Derby, Badger Brittany Club Fall Trial, Portage, WI,  
September 20-22

Member Bruce Olsen's dog **Brandy** earned his Senior Hunt Test Title at the  
Vizla hunt test September 28-29  
Congratulations Brandy! You too Bruce.

- Congratulations -



**FC/AFC Jayhawk's October Skye**, Owned & Handled by Susan Januschka  
1<sup>st</sup> place Walking Amateur Gun Dog, Badger Brittany Fall Trial, Portage,  
WI, September 20-22



**FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot**, owned by Steve Ralph  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open All Age, Mo-Valley Brittany Fall Trial, Branched Oak, NE,  
September 13-15, handled by Profession trainer Jim John

- Congratulations -



**Sniksoh Sweetness**, owned by Steve Ralph  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open Derby, Neosho Valley Brittany Fall Trial, Inola, OK, September  
27-28, handled by Profession trainer Jim John



**GCh Sovereign's Chasing Legends "Hobey"**, named after the Hobey Baker hockey award, has a hat trick in 2013 - Hobey was awarded Best of Breed at the Iowa Specialty Show, the Milwaukee Specialty Show, and the Minnesota Specialty Show. He also has several Sporting Group placements in 2013 including a Group 1. Hobey is currently ranked # 11 brittany in the country. Owned and shown by Joe and Dawn Droel.

- Congratulations -



**CH Reblflame Wild Remington Bullet**, Owned by Jim Hewitt, Shown by Erica Greeman  
Remi won Winners Dog at the Minnesota Brittany Club Specialty Show, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Washington County Fair Grounds. This made Remi a new Conformation Champion!



**Hannah Swanson** at a show last month in Marshfield, WI taking Best Owner Handler, she did a great job with the adults in group ring. Hannah has also put a conformation point on Luna (who she is showing) and has won her first juniors class. Hannah is off to a great start in the show ring.

- Congratulations -



**Dr Jac's Rumor Has It "Coco"** handled by Thomas Swanson, won the MN Specialty Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps. Same day Thomas also took Best Junior Handler & also handled Granmars Sweet Dreams "Luna" to reserve winners. Thomas is becoming quite the handler!



**Dr Jac's Redneck Rampage O'Dee "Bubba"** has numerous show points from the Bred By Class. Shown by owner/breeder Jackie Swanson