

October - December 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 -**

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  
Director Emeritus . . . . . Duane Rickaby  
Director . . . . . Sue Januschka  
Director . . . . . Tim Kraft  
Director . . . . . John Lindback

**- Upcoming Events -**

**January**

18 SCVBC Annual Banquet

**February**

4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home  
22 Winter Hunt @ Pheasant Ridge Hunting Preserve (Brian Lange)

**March**

4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home  
29 Fun Run @ Four Brooks, Milaca, MN (John Lindback)

**April**

1 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home

**May**

7 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home  
9-12 SCVBC AKC Field Trial @ Crow Hassan (David Carlson)  
16-18 MBC AKC Field Trial @ Crow Hassan, Rogers, MN  
31-1 SCVBC AKC Walking Field Trial @ Four Brooks (Susan Januschka)

**June**

1 SCVBC Youth Event @ Four Brooks, Milaca, MN (Bret Lindback)  
3 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ Bret Lindback's home

**- Classified -**

- **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

**- Annual Banquet -**

You are invited to St Croix Valley Brittany Club's Annual Members' Banquet at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter, near Stillwater on 1/18/2014. Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter's website is [www.gasthausbavarianhunter.com/](http://www.gasthausbavarianhunter.com/). Please reach out to other Brittany owners and invite them. We hope to see you there.

Social Hour: 5 to 6PM  
Dinner: 6 to 7 PM  
Meeting: 7 to 8PM  
Auction: 8 to 9PM

**Appetizers:** Meet, Cheese & Crackers, Veggies & Dip

**Main Course (Buffet):** Roastbarten (Roast Beef), Schweinbarten (Roast Pork), Mix Sausages & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Parsley Butter Spatzel

**Cost** is Single \$25.00, Two for \$35.00 (Two is defined as Significant Other, Child Under 18, or Potential New Member).

Please RSVP with a check to:

Bret Lindback, 5025 261 Street, Wyoming MN 55092

[bretman@aol.com](mailto:bretman@aol.com) or 651 462-4832

**- SCVBC Winter Hunt -**

**Saturday February 22, 2014**

hosted by **Pheasant Ridge Shooting Preserve**

1547 Imperial St., Olgilvie, MN 56358

<http://pheasantridgemn.com>

**Packages:**

Pakage A - for 2 hunters, includes 6 pheasant for \$100.00

Pakage B - for 2 or more, includes 10 pheasant for \$160.00

Pakage C - for 2 or more, includes 20 pheasant for \$315.00

(a person can do any package themselves, or be grouped with others)

**Time slots:** 9 am - 11:30 am, 12 pm - 2:30 pm, 3 pm - sunset (5:51 pm)

**Make your Reservation by February 3rd** with Brian Lange at

763-434-0713 or [birchhilldrafting@gmail.com](mailto:birchhilldrafting@gmail.com)

- October Meeting Minutes -

No meeting in July

- November Meeting Minutes -

No meeting in July

- December 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 December 3 at Bret Lindback's. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Old Business**

- A motion passed, previously via e-mail, to give a \$300 donation to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.
- A written notice and an e-mail blast announcing the SCVBC banquet will go out to the membership.
- A motion was passed to spend \$600 at the Pheasants Forever Store for banquet door prizes.

**New Business**

- A motion was passed to donate \$100 to American Brittany Rescue.
- Mary Tyson indicated that she will step down as Hunt Test VP.
- The following slate of 2014 officers was presented to the board:

- 2014 Nominated Officers -

President	Bret Lindback
1st VP (Field Trial)	Steve Ralph
2nd VP (Membership)	Dave Carlson
3rd VP (Hunt Test)	Rod Dobey
Secretary	John Chejne
Treasurer	John Chejne
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Director	Jim Hewitt
Director	John Lindback

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

- Congratulations -



Steve, Lori & Alissa Ralph accepting the **2012 Purina Award** painting by artist Ross Young of **FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot**. The Purina Award is presented to the top All Age Brittany in the country.



**FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot** (Jack) placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the ABC National Amateur All-Age Championship held in Booneville, Arkansas this past November. Jack was handled by owner Steve Ralph. Jack is certainly no stranger to the winners circle as this is Jack's 15<sup>th</sup> all-age championship placement with hopefully many more to come. Congratulations Steve, Lori & Alissa Ralph!

**- SCVBC Hunt Test -**

Thank you to all the volunteers that participated on September 14-15, at the AKC Hunt Tests that were held by the St Croix Valley Brittany Club and the German Shorthair Pointer Club of Minnesota at Kelly Farms

It was the first time our two clubs had partnered to create the Double Hunt Test weekend. The logistics are much more complex than a single hunt test event, as handlers with their dogs travel between various testing fields, and across multiple concurrent running orders.

All the SCVBC events are run by volunteers. This year we had the largest number of SCVBC volunteers that I have ever seen participated at a hunt test. The extra volunteers allowed people time to watch some of the tests, participate in a variety of roles, and socialize.



Sixty-nine percent of the entries were in the Junior Hunt Test category, which means a lot of very nervous dogs and new handlers/owners. There were three Junior Handlers (under 18 years old) participating in the tests.

We coordinated and tested 93 entries over the two days. There were nine Brittany entries each day, six Juniors, one Senior and two Masters.

Testing level	Sat	Sun	Total
Junior Hunter	36	28	64
Senior Hunter	7	6	13
<u>Master Hunter</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>
Dogs	52	41	93

If you were able to help for the entire weekend or just a few hours, I hope you had FUN, and I want to Thank You for making the weekend successful for both clubs, and more importantly the owners/handlers and pointing dogs that participated.

Special thanks to

**Secretary:**

Lois Almendinger,

**Committee:**

Rod Dobey, Gail Satak, Brian Salo, Jim Hewitt

**Gunners:**

Scott Bell, David Carlson, Austin Hewitt, Ron Anderson, Jake Anderson, Bob Boldt, Jim Grund

**Field Marshalls,**

John Ringhofer, Tracy Warner, Shelly Wenberg, Tom

**Bird planters,**

Frame, Vicki Lee, Larry Rosenthal, Susan Rosenthal,

**Cooking crew:**

Paul Stuart, Andrew Stuart, Ben Stuart

**Bird Master:**

Shelly Wenberg

**Photographer:**

Karen Listgarten

Sincerely,

*Mary Tyson*

SCVBC Hunt Test Chair



- Congratulations -



**FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot**, owned by Steve Ralph  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Midwest Classic, handled by Profession trainer Jim John  
4<sup>th</sup> place ABC National Amateur Championship, handled by Steve Ralph

- Congratulations -



**FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk**, owned by Bret & John Lindback  
4<sup>th</sup> place Amateur All Age, Southern Kansas, handled by Bret Lindback



**Sniksoh Sweetness**, owned by Steve Ralph  
1<sup>st</sup> place Open Derby, Midwest, handled by Profession trainer Jim John  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Open Derby, Hawkeye, handled by Profession trainer Jim John



**Summertime Buddys Bandit**, owned by Dave Carlson  
1<sup>st</sup> place Open Derby, Minnesota Brittany Club, handled by Dave Carlson

## The ABC Nationals Experience

By Dawn Droel

Our first trip to the ABC National Specialty Show was in 1993. Our dog “Cody” (BIS/BISS Am/Can Ch Chesabrits Code of the West) won it that year, taking Best of Breed from the veterans class. Back then the show was held at the Booneville Elementary School Gymnasium. That year the National All-Age Championship was won by Highbrow’s Red, and the National Amateur Championship was won by Ojibwa’s DLD Bandit. The Field Trial grounds were just a few miles from the Show site.

Over the years the National Specialty Show has changed venues a few times, and the past few years held at Kay Rodgers Park in Fort Smith AR, approximately an hour from Booneville (and the Field Trial grounds). The Specialty Show weekend offers obedience competition, has recently added a puppy fun match, and this year held the inaugural Top 20 Competition. This new event invites the Top 20 show dogs to compete in a separate competition on Saturday night. Many other breeds offer the Top 20 competition and the Brittany community has now joined the norm. Prior to the Top 20 competition there was a Banquet with a Cocktail Hour. The Banquet along with the Competition is formal, with exhibitors donning formal attire.

The Nationals is another example of our dual breed. Many field trailers (Bob Burchett, Scott Johnson, Ed Tillson, etc) can be found attending the Show, while other notable Show exhibitors can be found at the Field Trial grounds attending the Annual Auction and/or riding the brandy wagon watching the National Open/Amateur Championships. Some exhibitors strive for the elusive ABC National Dual Award Winners (placing in both the National Championship and the National Specialty Show), Tom White and Margaret Horstmeyer taking this award home for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

If you have never had the pleasure of attending the National Specialty Events I encourage every Brittany enthusiast to take a Thanksgiving vacation to Arkansas, and relish in the versatility of our Breed.



1993

National Best of Breed  
BIS/BISS Ch  
Chesabrits Code of the West  
“Cody”  
Owners/Handlers  
Dawn & Joe Droel

Trophy presenters Naomi Rigas & Kitty Murphy



2013

National Judge’s Award of Merit  
BIS/BISS GCh  
Sovereign’s Chasing Legends  
“Hobey”  
Breeders/Owners/Handlers  
Dawn & Joe Droel



“Hobey” and Dawn in  
Top 20 Competition

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes Class  
“Boaz” Sovereign’s Beacon of Hope  
winning Best Opp Sex with Joe



**14 ½ years old and still going strong!**

Submitted by Steve Ralph

Had a great time in the field with my favorite hunting buddy “Co-Dee”, who is now a little over 14 1/2 years old and still going strong.



**Honor thy Mother!**

Submitted by Rod Dobey

Here is a photo of Roxy (Mom) being honored by her two sons, Rusty (7) and Rudy (3) in a guided pheasant hunt situation this fall. Two pheasants flushed when I got there. Unfortunately, the shooters only bagged one bird. Bird in hand.....in the bush!



Lori, Alissa & Steve Ralph at the **2014 National Championship**