

December 2016 Newsletter



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**- Membership -**

If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Susan Januschka at 651-485-33184765, email at [gmount@centurytel.net](mailto:gmount@centurytel.net) or send a check to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, N4798 1150<sup>th</sup> St, Prescott, WI 54021. Membership costs are as follows: Full \$50 (includes American Brittany magazine), 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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**- Annual Banquet & General Meeting -**

This year's Annual Banquet and Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday January 21, 2016 at Cowboy Jacks, 1690 Woodlane Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125

5 – 6 PM Social,

6 - 7 PM Dinner, Annual Meeting after Dinner.

There will be a Silent Auction, Live auction of a Pheasant Forever Print of the Year and Door Prizes for all. Cost \$25.00 per person.

RSVP with Dave Carlson at [dave.carlson@zieglercat.com](mailto:dave.carlson@zieglercat.com) or 612-210-3318

**- Upcoming Events -**

**January**

21 [Annual Banquet & General Meeting](#) @ Cowboy Jacks

**February**

7 No Board Meeting

17-19 Pheasant Fest (SCVBC Hosting Booth)

**March**

4 Winter Hunt @ Pheasant Ridge

7 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

25 [Fun Run](#) @ Four Brooks

**April**

4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

**May**

2 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

12-14 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [AKC Field Trial](#) @ Crow Hassan

26-28 MN Brittany Club [AKC Field Trial](#) @ Crow Hassan

**June**

3-4 St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [AKC Walking Field Trial](#) @ Four Brooks

6 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

7 [Summer Training session](#) 6 PM @ Charlie Aspenson's farm

14 [Summer Training session](#) 6 PM @ Charlie Aspenson's farm

21 [Summer Training session](#) 6 PM @ Charlie Aspenson's farm

**July**

5 [Summer Training session](#) 6 PM @ Charlie Aspenson's farm

22 [Summer Training session](#) 8AM @ Four Brooks WMA

**August**

1 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

11-13 [Game Fair](#) @ Armstrong Kennels

18-20 [Game Fair](#) @ Armstrong Kennels

**September**

5 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

TBA St. Croix Valley Brittany Club [AKC Hunt Test](#) @ Kelley Farms

**October**

3 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

**November**

No Board Meeting

**December**

5 Board Meeting 7:00 pm @ TBA

**- 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

**- January Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka, Jim Hewitt, John Lindback, general membership  
The general meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter Restaurant.

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

**Old Business**

Steve Ralph reported on the club's field trials and hunt test:

- The horseback trial made a profit and had 112 entries.
- The walking trial was canceled due to a conflict with the Badger Club trial date.
- The hunt test was held in September and had 40 entries.

John Chejne reported on training. The club held two training nights at Charlie Aspenson's farm. Also, in July Chad Hines, Willow Creek Kennels, conducted a dog training seminar at Four Brooks WMA. The seminar covered a number of topics, including steady to wing training and the role of positive reinforcement.

John Lindback reported on the fun run. We had eight participants who worked their dogs on quail at Four Brooks.

Dave Carlson reported on last year's winter hunt held at Pleasant Ridge Game Farm. We had 20 participants and had a great time chasing pheasants. Also, Dave reported on the Game Fair. The club, in conjunction with the Minnesota club, had a booth at the Game Fair held in August. We need volunteers to staff the booth for this year's Game Fair.

**New Business**

Dave listed the 2015 achievements of dogs owned by SCVBC Members including:

- GCH Sovereign's Chasing Legends, owners Dawn & Joe Droel, 2015 National Specialty Best of Breed
- Am Fld Ch FC/AFC Hal-J's Smarteyes –Jokers EZ Ace, owner Hal Revoir, 2015 ABC Chicken Classic winner; new AFC

- FC/AFC Joker's Trail Blazin Bud-Dee, owned by Sue Januschka, new AFC
- 6x AM Fld Ch FC/AFC Joker's Jackpot, owner Steve & Lori Ralph, Region 17 AAA Champion
- Mcchesneys I got my Mojo Working, owners John Chejne and Connie McCaffrey, nine field trial placements, including the Nebraska and Kanas Championships

The event coordinators were mentioned:

Winter Hunt: Dave Carlson

Fun Run: John Lindback

AKC Field Trial (spring): Dave Carlson

AKC Field Trial (walking): Susan Januschka

AKC Hunt Test: Rod Dobey

Summer Training: John Chejne

Game Fair: Dave Carlson

A motion was passed to approve the following list of 2016 nominated officers:

President: Dave Carlson

1st VP (Field Trial): Steve Ralph

2nd VP (Membership): Susan Januschka

3rd VP (Hunt Test): Rod Dobey

Secretary: John Chejne

Treasurer: John Chejne

Director: Jim Hewitt

Director: Tim Huglen

Director: John Lindback

The Bob Heinel Annual Memorial Award was awarded to Dave Carlson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

**- March Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka, Jim Hewitt, John Lindback

The general meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at Grumpy's Restaurant.

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

**Old Business**

The field trial Judges are approved for the spring trial. The club got a refund from the Crow Hassen Park Reserve.

Nutra-Source will sponsor both the horseback and walking trials.

The winter hunt had 21 participants.

**New Business**

Quail are ordered for the fun run.

A motion passed to change Section 2, Membership, of the SCVBC By-Laws to correct the amount of dues.

The President brought up the issue of merging the SCVBC and the Minnesota Club. The matter was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**- May Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka, John Lindback, Rod Dobey

The General meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at John Chejne's home.

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

**Old Business**

The membership VP reported that the club has two new members.

The club plans to partner with another club and hold a hunt test in September.

To date, the horseback trial has 33 entries. Entries are down due to a schedule conflict with the North Dakota Pointer Club and no entries from Bob Burchett.

To date, the walking trial only has one entry.

The fun run was successful. There were nine dogs, and we basically broke even on cost.

**New Business**

Comments were solicited about the potential merger with the Minnesota Brittany Club; no action was taken

A motion passed to give Charlie Aspenson an associate membership.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

**- June Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka, John Lindback, Rod Dobey, Hal Revoir

The general meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at John Chejne's home.

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

**Old Business**

The horseback trial made money and ran 57 dogs.

The walking trial was canceled due to lack of entries.

Training sessions will be held on June 8, 15, 22 and July 6 at Charlie Aspenson's farm. Also, Chad Hines, Willow Creek Kennels, will hold a seminar on July 23 at Four Brooks WMA.

We are in the process of obtaining volunteers to man our booth at the Game Fair. The dates are August 12-14 and August 19-21.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

**- August Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka

The general meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at John Chejne's home.

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

**Old Business**

Training sessions were held June 8, 15, 22, 29 and July 13 at Charlie Aspenson's farm. Also, Chad Hines, Willow Creek Kennels, held a dog training seminar on July 23 at Four Brooks WMA. We had six dogs at the seminar

The Game Fair booth is manned.

The SCVBC/Minnesota Brittany Club merger is off the table. Officers of the Minnesota Brittany Club are not comfortable with the fact that the SCVBC is an all-breed club.

A motion passed to sponsor the Twin Cities Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

**- December Meeting Minutes -**

**Members Present:** John Chejne, Dave Carlson, Steve Ralph, Sue Januschka

The General meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. at John Chejne's home.

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

**Old Business**

A Game Fair booth was manned in conjunction with the Minnesota Brittany Club. Next year we may have separate booths.

The SCVBC hunt test was held on September 17 and 18 in conjunction with the German Shorthair Pointer Club. The event included 35 handlers and 75 dogs. The club generated a profit that exceeded expectations.

Club members attended the Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet in August.

**New Business**

The SCVBC horseback field trial will be held on May 12-14 at Crow-Hassan Regional Park. The walking trial is scheduled for June 3-4 at Four Brooks WMA.

The SCVBC annual meeting and banquet will be held on January 21. The club has a booth at Pheasant Fest February 17-19. A motion was passed to pay \$500 for the booth. The club was reimbursed the cost of the booth by the ABC.

A motion was passed to donate \$50 to both the ABC All-Age and ABC Gun Dog Championships.

A motion was passed to donate \$125 to the American Brittany Rescue.

It was suggested that the winter hunt be moved to March.

A nomination committee for 2017 officers was appointed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

John Chejne, Club Secretary

## - SCVBC Hunt Test -

Mother Nature smiled as the curtains opened for the debut of the 2016 SCVBC Hunt Tests held at Kelly Farms on Sept 17 & 18. Cool temperatures and ample moisture made scenting conditions near perfect for dogs to demonstrate their talents. Handlers, judges, workers and spectators also enjoyed the early fall weather. With the cooperation of the German Shorthair Pointer Club of MN, dogs were eligible to run in 4 events over the weekend. Combined, there were a total of 153 dogs entered in the test of both clubs.

While the “stars of the show” were the 6 breeds of pointing DOGS, special recognition and sincere thanks must be given to the many folks who gave their time, energy and expertise. Each day, there were about 35 HANDLERS from the states of IA, MN, SD, ND and WI.

It took quite a number of people to successfully hold the hunt tests. Often these individuals receive no recognition and go unnoticed, because they are the “supporting” cast. Some were SCVBC members and others just enjoyed being part of the “dog-world” games. Without them the event would not have occurred. They were vital to the smooth and efficient flow of the tests. Our Panel of JUDGES was comprised of Scott Bell, Him Hedman, Pam Miller and Phil Ostby. These people provided performance assessment of more than 75 dogs during the two day event.

The Fall Double/Double Hunt Test started a few years ago as the brainchild of SCVBC member Mary Tyson. She continues to be actively involved and was the SECRETARY of this year’s event. Her work kept all correspondence, entries, the drawing, running orders, scoring and reports (AKC & ABC) organized and accurate. She provided critical insight, direction and coordination before, during and after the event.

MARSHALLS, Jim Hewitt and Gail Frame had the complicated tasks of keeping the braces moving and made sure all scores were accurately tallied. They communicated with the Secretaries of the SCVBC & GSPCMN. When running 4 fields at the same time, their job often became a real juggling act.

Safe and accurate GUNNERS were critical to the Senior and Master level tests. Ron Anderson, Dennis Lenz, Zach Droel and Anthony Kreff rose to the occasion. This team plated birds for each brace and dispatched birds proficiently.

Often overlooked, is the task of BIRD PLANTING. If birds do not stay in the field due to improper planting, handlers become upset. Tome Frame was the lead bird planter for the Junior Hunter Tests. Shelly Wenberg assisted him. Both were effective in their role.

Quality BIRDS are essential elements in the success of a hunt test. Robin Sonstebly provided top notch quail. She delivered birds to the test site and provided food, water and shelter for the birds, which kept in-crate mortality to zero.

The cast of workers and handlers developed hearty appetites during the course of the tests. Good FOOD kept folks from becoming “hangry.” Donna Schauer was the “go-to” person and provided delicious subs, chips, beverages and the sweets to quell the hunger pangs.

The GROUNDS were the nucleus of these successful field events. Kelly Farms has nearly 3,000 acres of rolling farm land. Maurice Grogan, Manager of the farm, provided clubs with opportunities to select fields which best met their needs. He was very flexible and accommodating, also allowing the tests to moved to fields that were “cow pie” free.

CO-STARRING with the SCVBC was the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of MN. Karin Greeman was the GSP secretary. She worked closely with the SCVBC test secretary Mary Tyson, to orchestrate at stellar production.

DONATIONS reduced the event costs and were greatly appreciated. The 4-WHEELERS used for judging and bird planting were provided (free of charge) by Scott Bell, Dennis Lenz, Joe Droel and Tom Frame. The 2016 SCVBC hunt tests were FISCALLY sound. The events generated a net profit of more than \$1,300 for the Club.

A hearty round of APPLAUSE and a STANDING OVATION go to all of the performers who helped make the production of the “SCVBC Hunt Test for 2016” a huge hit. An ENCORE performance is in order for 2017.

I thank YOU for being part of this event. YOU made my job easy!

**Rod Dobey**  
**SCVBC Hunt Test Chairman**

**- Hunt Test Continued-**

**A total of 6 Brittany's earned their Junior Hunter Title**

**RD's Upland Renny-D**

**Rod Dobey, owner**

**Lucifer's Dar Prairie Storm**

**George Bosma, owner**

**Rebelflame InDa Moonlight**

**Cullen Hewitt, owner**

**CH Jozan's Cosmic Dust**

**Tom Frame, owner**

**Farout Fields ForeverFaith**

**Curt & Bonnie Brandon , owners**

**Bantam N JS French Lace N Coco Sher'ell      Bob & Diane Pflipsen**



**-Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame-**



**6x American Field Champion  
6x American Field Runner-Up Champion  
FC/AFC Smarteyes-Joker  
Owner: Steve Ralph  
Trained and Campaigned by Jim John  
Nominated by Bernie Crain and Jessica Carlson**

**Induction ceremony will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Bird Dog Museum  
Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, TN**



**A full sized Brittany will be dedicated in front of the Bird Dog Museum  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at noon.**





**Mcchesneys I Got My Mojo Working**, owners John Chejne & C McCaffrey  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open All Age, Hawkeye Brittany Club (26)  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Open All Age, Iowa Brittany Club (25)  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Open All Age, Bluebonnet Brittany Club (13)  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Open All Age, Lone Star Brittany Club (20)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, Grand Open Limited All Age, Lone Star Brittany Club (13)



**Mcchesneys All Down the Line**, owners John Chejne  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Open Derby, Mo Valley Brittany Club (29)



**Lost Creek A Shot of Bourbon**, owner Susan Januschka  
1<sup>st</sup> place Open Gun Dog, Badger Brittany Club  
1<sup>st</sup> place Amateur Gun dog, Iowa Brittany Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Jim Hoyer Classic, Iowa Brittany Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Open Gun Dog, Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Amateur Gun Dog, Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club  
4<sup>th</sup> place Amateur Gun Dog, Midwest Brittany Club



**Jokers Lucy U Got Sum Splain'n 2 Do**, owner Susan Januschka  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Open Puppy, Badger Brittany Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, Open Puppy, Hawkeye Brittany Club  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, Open Puppy, S. Kansas Brittany Club  
1<sup>st</sup> place, Open Puppy, Sooner Brittany Club  
1<sup>st</sup> place Open Puppy, Midwest Brittany Club