

# BRIT BITS

COMMITTED TO BREED EXCELLENCE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS

<b>January 6</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Grandma's Restaurant, Montgomery	
<b>January 16</b>	<b>Cabin Fever Party</b>
Legion Hall, Tinley Park	
<b>January 23</b>	<b>Club Hunt</b>
Erienna Hunt Club	
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Fun Trial</b>
Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington IL	
<b>January 30-31</b>	<b>Spring Walking Trial</b>
Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington IL	
<b>February 13-14</b>	<b>Hunt Test</b>
Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington IL	
<b>March 26-28</b>	<b>Spring Horseback Trial</b>
Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington IL	

**Details about upcoming events**

There will be a **club hunt** at Erienna Hunt Club on January 23rd: see page 3 for details. The **Fun Trial** is a great way to warm up for the field trial season or to come see what a field trial is all about. The entry form is on page 2. Due to conditions on the East Grounds (ice making it unsafe for horses), the **American Field Trial has been canceled.**


**Congratulations to Tommy Thomas for his 4th place finish at the National Amateur Field Championship with DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy!**





## Cabin Fever Party


January 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM (\*\*Note New Date!\*\*) 

Dinner followed by the awards presentation, scavenger hunt and silent auction 

This is always an exciting evening where awards are given for the Dogs of the Year and Lifetime Achievement. Owners and their dogs are recognized for titles earned. 

Dinner will be provided by the club at a cost of \$5.00/person. Kids are free. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to pass. 

Please contact Mary Selnes at 630-778-9978 or at tse6696730@aol.com or Marie Starsiak at 1-630-279-2010 or at mstars@comcast.net for donations you would like to make to the silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction benefit the club. 

**Come join us for a celebration of the past year and a good time!** 



**LASALLE BRITTANY CLUB FUN TRIAL**

**DATE: Sunday, January 24th, 2010**

**LOCATION:** Des Plaines Conservation Area: Wilmington, IL West Grounds

**Illinois State Law REQUIRES that ALL Illinois resident handlers and scouts (including Jr. Handlers, regardless of age) MUST possess a VALID Illinois Hunters or Sportsman License as well as VALID Habitat Stamp.**

**Hunting Dog Stake:** (Start 8:00 am) - This is an unbroken dog stake. It is to be judged on the dog's ability to hunt, handle, and point birds. Judgment stops when the bird is flushed. This is for dogs that have NOT placed in an AKC or American Field broke dog stake. Walk Handled Only!

**Puppy: (To Follow Hunting Dog)-** For puppies between **6 & 15** months of age

**Diaper Derby: (Course TBA)-** For puppies under the age of **6 months** of age. (Running time will be approximately 5-10 minutes. To take place around noon)

**All-Age: (Start 8:00 am)-** For dogs broke to wing and shot. These dogs should hunt to the extremes, show intelligence, and handle reasonably well.

**Derby: (To Follow All-Age)-** For dogs **6-24** months of age. They should be independent, and show adult potential. The dog must point a bird to be placed.

**Gun Dog: (To Follow Puppy or Derby)-** For dogs broke to wing and shot. They should show independence, intelligence, and handle with minimal directions from the handler. Foot Handled Only!

**Junior Handler: (Course TBA)-** For dogs 6 months and up, and handlers 18 years and under. This stake is judged on the handler's ability to run the dog. This includes how he or she handles, how well the dog responds, and in general the ability of the junior handler to conduct the elements of running a dog in the field This can be conducted off horseback or foot.

**Senior dog:** This is a 10 year or older dog stake. It is to be judged on the dog's ability to hunt, handle, and point birds. Judgment stops when the bird is flushed. Hearing aides, diapers and tracking collars welcome, but dogs with e-collars cannot be placed. Walk Handled Only!

A BIRD FIELD WILL BE USED IN EVERY STAKE

**Cost per family:** \$15.00 for the first dog entry - \$5.00 for each additional dog entry

**Entry fee waived for junior handler dogs entered**

**Mail Entries to:** Barry Steinmetz, 1216 Royal Saint George Dr.Naperville, IL 60563  
 or Email Entries to: [petra\\_barry@yahoo.com](mailto:petra_barry@yahoo.com)  
 Questions: 630/750-2343

***DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES – 6:00 PM, WED, JAN. 20, 2010***

<u>STAKE ENTERED</u>	<u>CALL NAME OF DOG</u>	<u>AGE OF DOG**</u>	<u>HANDLER</u>	<u>COST</u>

Note: For confirmation of entry please give either email address or phone #. Brace order will be sent out via email. First braces of the day will be notified. **\*\*age needed for Diaper Derby only**

### AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar

The Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois will be sponsoring an AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar for Pointing Breeds on Saturday, February 13th from 9-5:30 at the Bollingbrook Bass Pro Shop. This class is intended for judges who need this seminar to remain current; anyone wishing to better understand how hunt tests are run, judged, and regulated; and is required for anyone interested in becoming a judge. The course is \$25, and lunch is an extra \$12. If you are interested, contact Joe Delaney at 815.521.1965 or 815.546.4171 or Gene Rose at 630.554.7014 or 630.975.9500.



### Second Annual LaSalle Hunt

The LaSalle Brittany Club will be hosting the second-annual hunt at the Erienna hunt club. The cost will be \$60 per gun, and gets you 3 pheasants or 4 chuckars. Please RSVP to Paul Katzel by January 16th. Several fields are reserved for LaSalle use. Club members, family, friends, and guests are welcome. For more information about the location, visit [www.eriennahuntclub.com](http://www.eriennahuntclub.com). The club is located off I-80 and Route 6, west of Morris.

Directions to the hunt club:

- I-80 to Exit 112 (Morris/Yorkville)
- Turn south onto Rt 47, go 1 mile
- Turn West onto Rt 6, go 5 miles
- Look for the sideroad named Nettle School Rd and turn Left (south), go 1.6 miles
- Erienna Hunt Club will be on your right

Any further questions, contact Paul Katzel (contact info on last page).

### Nominating Committee

There will be vice-president and board member openings for the year. If you would like to take a leadership position in the club, or help pick our leaders, please let Paul Katzel know. If positions are not filled, the corresponding events will be canceled until someone steps up to fill empty positions.

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:25 P.M. in Montgomery, IL by President Paul Katzel

Roll call showed that Ben Blanco and Julie Nelson were absent. Guests include Phyllis Katzel and John Richmond.

Minutes of the last general meeting were approved with a motion made by Mike Poehler and seconded by Mike Mikoff. The board meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Colleen Walsh and seconded by Mike Mikoff. The treasurer's report showed that as of 11/30 there was a total of \$3763.97 on hand. The treasurer's report was approved by Mike Mikoff and seconded by Mike Poehler.

**1st VP Report:** Billie Heather is the secretary for the walking trial and the horseback trial. We are waiting on one more judge for the walking trial and all judges for the spring trial. Mike will be submitting these to the AKC. Denny and Larry are going to co-chair the American Field Trial. The East grounds are not looking great with the water. We are worried about the ice like the last two years. Mike is going to try to see if we can make it a shooting dog stake and possibly hold it on the West grounds. The committee will make a decision. Is the American Field Trial something that the club wants to continue to host? Do we want to open the trial up to all pointing dogs? Please let Mike P. know your opinion. Petra and Barry are tentatively going to run the fun trial.

**2nd VP Report:** As in the correspondence, AKC did not approve our dog show in June due to the 2009 compliance requirements. Elaine and Julie are working on this. Julie may need additional help for some of the committees. Please contact Julie as you can help out.

**3rd VP Report:** Christmas Party is on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Legion Hall, the Cabin Fever Party has been moved to Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will not be a general meeting in February.

**4th VP Report:** No report available.

**Correspondence:** Letters from AKC: Rally is approved for June 19, 2010. AKC Field Trial was processed. Sweepstakes is approved as Mareth Kipp as our judge. Ken Wolford called. There is a hunt test seminar on February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bass Pro in Bolingbrook. It is \$25.00. AKC cannot approve the show application due to the statement of compliance.

### **Old Business:**

Paul asked the board for all of the information they have in a complete binder of information if they are going to step down from their position. This will make the transition smoother for the next person.

Teresa and Paula will be working on the Dog of the Year Awards. Colleen brought up that the ending date has an event after the cut off given. Teresa said to make sure to send any new titles to Paula as soon as you can after the event.

There was a discussion about using PayPal for the field trial. While numerous issues were raised, we talked through many of them. Depending on Tim's schedule, we are going to try to have PayPal ready for the Spring Field Trial (the American Field Trial possibly). We discussed the format of the entry form and some of the logistics re: the secretary. We think that we might open PayPal for a field event to board members and select members to work out some of the kinks before we go public. Tim is going to try to dedicate some time to this to see if it is possible. Members have been using the PayPal account for membership.

### **New Business:**

Discussion on Performance Dog of the Year for the Club. This would cover agility, obedience, and rally. The board is going to ask someone active in these events to work on the point schedule and how it would work. We are not familiar with points or anything, so we want to look to the experts.

The next board meeting will be January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Grandma's Table Restaurant in Montgomery. The next general meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Tinley Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm with a motion by Mike Poehler and seconded by Greg Roe.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Walsh

### The Purpose of Our Club

The purpose of the LaSalle Brittany Club is to promote cooperation and friendship among owners, breeders, and other persons interested in the improvement of our breed. The club encourages higher standards in breeding, training, and showing, both in the field and the show ring. We should strive to keep the Brittany forever a Dual Dog.

### Meeting Information

General membership meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month, September through June at the American Legion Hall, 17423 67th Court, Tinley Park, IL. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. They include a business meeting and an informative program, plus an opportunity to socialize with other club members.

### Membership Information

Membership is open to owners of one or more registered Brittans and/or to persons interested in the improvement of the breed. Annual membership dues are \$35 for a full membership, and \$10 for an associate membership. Membership entitles you to receive American Brittany, a monthly magazine published by the American Brittany Club, and Brit Bits, the LaSalle Brittany Club's monthly newsletter. Full membership entitles all family members (parents and minor children) to participate in all club events.

## Help make the LaSalle Brittany Club better!

For ideas about the newsletter, contact Greg Roe. For ideas about the website, contact Tim Cummings. Have an idea for a new program, or to improve an existing one? Contact the appropriate Vice President or Paul Katzel.

## Board of Directors

Title	Name	Phone	E-Mail Address
President	Paul Katzel	630-904-3612	bd3612@gmail.com
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3rd Vice President	Mike Mikoff & Jay Walsh	815-463-9254	m.mikoff@sbcglobal.net
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Secretary	Colleen Walsh	630-852-7997	attitudekennel@hotmail.com
Treasurer	Teresa Richmond	815-286-3644	Starlightbritt@aol.com
Board Member	Greg Roe	773-632-7814	gregr072@yahoo.com
Board Member	Tim Cummings	630-665-0025	tcummings22@comcast.net
Board Member	Bridget McKay	773-632-7856	bridgetmckay2010@u.northwestern.edu

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE LASALLE MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Please remember that the LaSalle Brittany Club membership list is to be used for CLUB business only. Please do NOT use the list or e-mail addresses of club members (including the LaSalle e-mail group) to distribute any personal business, sales solicitations, or any other non-club-related items. It is club policy not to release membership information to 3rd parties. We appreciate your understanding.

**REGARDING MEMBERSHIP DUES:** When paying your membership dues to the LaSalle Brittany Club, please remit \$35.00 for full membership or \$10 for associate membership to Tim Cummings. Your dues to LaSalle includes membership in ABC, so do not pay both! In fact, we would prefer that you pay LaSalle directly, as it takes a few months for ABC to forward membership information to us. Thank you!

## Join the LaSalle E-Mail Group!

The LaSalle Brittany Club (LaSalleBrittanyClub@yahoogroups.com) has started an e-mail group. The purpose of this list is for club communication and announcements. For example, it may have a posting regarding a field trial committee meeting or ask if anyone could do an evaluation on a Brittany in a shelter. It is a closed group open to members of LaSalle only, and is a very low traffic list. Please e-mail your name and e-mail address to Tim Cummings at tcummings22@comcast.net

[britnews@comcast.net](mailto:britnews@comcast.net)

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Check out our website!

[www.lasallebrittanyclub.com](http://www.lasallebrittanyclub.com)

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Dual Dog AND All Age of the Year:  
DC/AFC Ru-Jem's a Touch of Bourbon  
Jerry and Ruth McGee



Juvenile Horseback Field Dog:  
Ricochet Chantilly  
Julie Condron



**2008  
Dogs  
of the  
Year**

Juvenile Walking Field Dog:  
Sweetwater Murph's a Gambler  
Larry and Sue Bates



Gun Dog of the Year:  
DC/AFC Sweetwater Billy Tucker  
Larry and Sue Bates



Show Dog of the Year:  
BIS CH Melridge Stir N' It Up  
Diane and Rick Bingham

