



Winter Newsletter
January, 2010

The next meeting of the Iowa Brittany Club will be held Sunday, January 24, 2010 at the Country Kitchen at 5030 NE 14th Street in Des Moines. See below for directions. We will meet at 10:00 AM, followed by lunch.

Directions to the Country Kitchen: From I-35/80, take exit 136 (NE 14th St./U.S. Hwy 69). Go north approximately 1 block to NE 50th Place. The Country Kitchen will be on the left (west) side of the road.

It appears that we will need to elect a new club president. Please be thinking of suitable candidates.

Dog of the Year points should be sent to the secretary, Bob Burchett, no later than January 15. Because of the lateness of this newsletter, please contact him if you plan to send show or field trial results but are not sure they will arrive in time. Bob can be reached at 319-750-2520 or burchett@iowatelecom.net.

Plans are underway for the normal spring activities. The Walking Trial will be held Sun., March 14th, the Specialty Show will be held Fri. night, April 2nd, and the regular Field Trial will begin April 2nd, with the Ed Powell Memorial Open Ltd Gun Dog stake to begin Mon. following the regular trial.

The Iowa Brittany Club will host a booth again this year at the 2010 Pheasant Fest in Des Moines. This event is scheduled for February 26, 27, & 28 (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) at the Iowa Events Center. Organizers are estimating attendance of around 30,000, so this is a great opportunity to showcase our breed and our club. Numerous seminars are scheduled, including e-collar training seminars by Rick Smith, plus a host of other topics from pre-season conditioning your dog by Steve Reis to planning and conducting prescribed burns by Habitat Forever. Volunteers will be needed to help staff our club's exhibit, so come ready to pick a time. For more information on Pheasant Fest, go to <http://www.pheasantfest.org/>.