

# Iowa Brittany Club News

## March 2010



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### IBC Booth at Pheasant Fest 2010

The Iowa Brittany Club had a booth at National Pheasant Fest 2010 which was held February 26-28 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. Roger Stowell and his dog, Jammie, participated in the Bird Dog Parade as part of a meet the breeds event to kick off the weekend. The booth was "staffed" by club members: Roger Stowell, Jon St. Clair, Wes Shaffer, Marcy Beveridge, Bruce Heiter, Keith & Angela Thompson, Tammy Lorch, Terry Thorson, Ken Windom, Beth Stout, Kendall & Carol Brown, and Mary Garr along with some of their dogs. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness about the Iowa Brittany Club and promote our breed. The club even purchased a banner that can also be used for other events. The booth was filled with information about club events and AKC public education brochures. We also had daily prize drawings. A big thank you goes to Mary Garr for coordinating this booth!



## President's Message

Fellow IBC Members,

Here it is the first of March and we're quickly approaching completion of the first quarter of 2010. Like many of you I am looking forward to the arrival spring, especially after all of the snowfall we've had.

As you read this edition of the IBC Newsletter, the club will have recently participated with a booth at National Pheasant Fest which was held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, IA. Hopefully you were able to attend this tremendous event.

I want to briefly mention a few upcoming activities which include our Walking Trial, Spring Field Trial and Specialty Show followed closely by the Spring Hunt Test. Please see further information elsewhere in this edition of your newsletter or visit the IBC website for details on these specific events.

It is our intent to publish the IBC newsletter quarterly in 2010 with an occasional supplement so please send any news or information you would like considered for publication to Tammy Lorch, IBC Secretary/newsletter editor.

On behalf of all of the IBC officers, we look forward to serving you this year and invite each of you to join us at any or all of the scheduled events. We welcome your thoughts but more importantly we look forward to seeing you in person. This is "your" club, come have some fun and enjoy those Brittany's!

Respectfully,  
Terry Thorson

## Overview of January Meeting

*submitted by Bob Burchett*

The January meeting was held on January 24, 2010 in Des Moines.

- ⇒ Members present: Bob Burchett, Marcy Beveridge, Carol Brown, Kendall Brown, Mary Garr, Bruce Heiter, Tammy Lorch, Jon St. Clair, Wes Shaffer, Beth Stout, Roger Stowell, Angela Thompson, Terry Thorson, Ken Windom, and Jane Windom
- ⇒ Treasurer's report shows cash on hand of over \$9,000.
- ⇒ All fall trial events were well supported and great competitions.
- ⇒ Fall hunt test at Steelclay Shooting Sports was a big success.
- ⇒ Spring specialty show to be held Friday of field trial. Contact Jane Windom if you'd like to sponsor an award.
- ⇒ Ken Windom reported on updates to the club website.
- ⇒ Voted to host a booth at Pheasant Fest, Feb 26-28 and to expend money to have a banner made to jazz up the booth. Mary Garr volunteered to head up the booth committee. Tammy Lorch will procure the banner. Wes Shaffer donated a print to be given away at the booth.
- ⇒ Marcy Beveridge volunteered to serve as coordinator of the club's compliance with the AKC Requirements to hold a Specialty Show.
- ⇒ Voted to collaborate with ABR to have a booth at the 2010 Iowa Pet Expo.
- ⇒ Dog of the year awards:
  - Juvenile Dog - Diva owned by Bill Hancock
  - Open Gun Dog - Git R Done owned by Bruce Heiter
  - All Age Dog - TM'S Tennessee Twister owned by Lisa Pollock
  - Amateur All Age Dog - TM'S Tennessee Twister owned by Lisa Pollock
  - Show Dog - Diamond Hill Dangerous Man - owned by Lisa Pollock
  - new title holders
    - Bonnies Bo JH owned by Mark Hunt
    - PBF's Coopers Money-N-the BANK JH owned by Mary Garr
- ⇒ Notable dog nominations will remain open till June 1.
- ⇒ Approved the hosting of two additional meetings per year for fun activities for old and new members alike.
- ⇒ Terry Thorson was elected president. Mary Garr was elected to fill his director position for 3 years.
- ⇒ Beth Stout was elected as a life member for her service to the club over the years and the club will pay her annual membership dues for the rest of her life.

## New IBC Secretary Appointed

*submitted by Terry Thorson*

After talking with Bob Burchett in mid-February, he felt the time was right for someone else to assume the duties of secretary for the club and asked that I find a willing and qualified candidate. I contacted the rest of the club officers about the situation and suggested Tammy Lorch fill the role as she had previously volunteered to publish the IBC Newsletter.

In mid-February, Tammy Lorch was appointed as new Secretary of the IBC. Please join me in welcoming Tammy to the position of IBC Secretary, I'm confident Tammy will bring a lot of passion and creative ideas to the job.

In closing, I want to personally thank Bob Burchett for his contributions to the club while serving as Secretary of IBC and I look forward to seeing Bob at the Spring IBC events. Bob has certainly earned a much deserved rest from his officer duties and rest assured he will remain a very active member of the IBC.

## Walking Field Trial – March 14, 2010

*submitted by Kendall Brown*

The club's Walking Field Trial will be held on March 14 near Hillsboro, IA. If you've never been to a Walking Field Trial, please feel free to come and watch. An AKC Walking Field Trial is a field trial where ALL contestants must handle their dogs while walking on foot. The judges and spectators may ride horses but not the handlers themselves. The dogs are judged on their potential in the field under similar conditions.

The stakes or classes are divided two ways, by age or by style of hunting. The age groups are puppy, derby, and adult stakes. The styles are gundog and all-age. In the puppy class the age is limited from six to fifteen months old. The derby is for dogs six months to two years and the adult classes are for dogs six months and older. In the style-differentiated classes a gundog is expected to quarter and handle for a foot handler or hunter whereas the all-age is a more independent dog that tends to run further to the front and think and act more by itself than a gundog. For this reason all-age classes are usually not offered at walking trials

In an online AKC article titled, [Walking Field Trials Attract New Participants](#), Dennis Pierce states:

*"I cannot state strongly enough that the AKC walking trials must be a big part of field trials. If we want to continue to attract new trialers, and to sustain the sport, with increasing land prices and horse costs, the AKC walking formats allow for learning about the sport, or finishing a FC dog without a lot of money being spent,"*

For more information about the event, contact club members Wes Shaffer (319.385.9606 / [brittlvr@yahoo.com](mailto:brittlvr@yahoo.com)) or Kendall Brown (641.828.7391 / [kendallbrown@iowatelecom.net](mailto:kendallbrown@iowatelecom.net)). You can find the premium list for our club's Walking Field Trial online at [http://www.iowabrittanyclub.com/Premiums/IowaFT\\_walk.pdf](http://www.iowabrittanyclub.com/Premiums/IowaFT_walk.pdf). The walking trial is open to all pointing breeds, not just Brittans.

## Specialty Show – April 2, 2010

The club's Spring Specialty Show will be held on Friday, April 2 at the Creston Alternative School in Creston, IA. We invite everyone to come and watch. There are three types of conformation dog shows. Specialty shows are restricted to dogs of a specific breed which means you'll see only Brittans at our show! A judge examines the dogs, then gives awards according to how closely each dog compares to the judge's mental image of the "perfect" dog described in the Brittany's official standard. You can find the premium list for our club's Spring Specialty Show online at [http://www.iowabrittanyclub.com/Premiums/IowaSS\\_spr.pdf](http://www.iowabrittanyclub.com/Premiums/IowaSS_spr.pdf). For more information about the event, contact show chair, Jane Windom (515.220.4925 / [jwindom@huxcomm.net](mailto:jwindom@huxcomm.net)).

## Field Trial – April 2-8, 2010

The club's Spring Field Trial will be held April 2-8 at Union County Bird Dog Ranch, two miles south and one mile west of Thayer, Iowa. This is a Pointing Breed Trial open only to Brittanys. Field Trials offer practical demonstrations of a dog's ability to perform the functions for which it was bred. In Field Trials, the dogs compete against each other for placements and points toward their championships. Dogs can earn an FC (Field Champion) title in front of their names on AKC records. For more information about the event, contact trial chair, Bruce Heiter (515.965.8102 / [bruceheiter@aol.com](mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com)).

## Hunt Test – April 24-25, 2010 (pending AKC approval)

*submitted by Roger Stowell*

The Iowa Brittany club will be holding an AKC Pointing Breed Hunt Test tentatively scheduled for April 24-25, pending AKC approval. The hunt test will be held at the Steelclay Shooting Sports, LLC in Eddyville, Iowa. This event is open to all AKC pointing dogs.

The AKC Hunt Test program provides an opportunity for a dog to demonstrate its field abilities in a manner consistent with the demands of actual hunting conditions. It is also an excellent opportunity to keep you dog sharp and physically fit between hunting seasons. There are 3 levels of testing: Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter and Master Hunter.

You can find the premium list for our club's Spring Hunt Test online at <http://www.iowabrittanyclub.com/Events.html>. For more information about the hunt test, contact Roger Stowell (515.979.4733 / [rogstowell@aol.com](mailto:rogstowell@aol.com)).

## Welcome New Members Since Our January Meeting

Since our January meeting, three people have joined the club: Bryan Becker of Carroll, Tom Fuller of Tiffin, and Carl Lust of Reasnor. Please say hello to them when you see them at meetings and invite them to attend or participate in our club events. Take time to get to know them and find out what they want to learn by being involved in the club.

## Welcome New Members from 2009

In 2009 the club welcomed four new members: Joe Eisenbacher of Carroll, Angela Thompson of Hamilton, Terry Thorson of Newton, and Clint Waugh of Blakesburg. Please say hello to them when you see them at meetings or events and invite them to attend or participate in other events. Take time to get to know them and find out what they want to learn by being involved in the club.

## Eligibility Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows

In an effort to introduce the sport of dogs to new exhibitors and make them feel welcome at AKC events, the AKC has established certain criteria for clubs to meet in order to maintain eligibility to hold conformation shows.

- ⇒ Every club applying to hold a show must host at least one major activity within the calendar year to be approved for the next calendar year's show(s)
- ⇒ Each club is also required to conduct and document at least two additional activities within the calendar year to be approved for the next calendar year's show(s).

As a club, we can view these requirements as an extra burden or as an opportunity. This year, let's look at these requirements as an opportunity to raise awareness about the Iowa Brittany Club and the activities a Brittany can do! Marcy Beveridge has volunteered to be our "compliance coordinator" to be sure we meet the requirements in 2010 so we can hold our specialty show in 2011. Watch for updates in future newsletters and at future meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marcy (515.276.9432 / [mam0709@aol.com](mailto:mam0709@aol.com)).



## Notable Dog Nomination Deadline Extended

submitted by Ken Windom

The winter newsletter did not give a deadline for Notable Dog nominations. As a result, the deadline has been extended until June 1. To qualify, the dog must be deceased and merit special recognition as a result of an exemplary career in competitive events (show or field trial) and/or an outstanding production record. Nominations should be sent to the IBC Secretary (Tammy Lorch, [tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com](mailto:tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com)) by June 1, 2010 to be considered by the committee for this year

## Update from American Brittany Rescue

submitted by Tammy Lorch

From July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, American Brittany Rescue (ABR) volunteers helped 43 dogs in Iowa. During that six-month period, 30 of those dogs were adopted and on January 1, 2010, 15 were still in foster care. Currently, the average time a Brittany remains in foster care in Iowa is 35 days. Iowa currently has 33 ABR volunteers. You can read about the dogs currently available by going to the ABR website (<http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.org>) and clicking on "Dogs in Foster Homes".

## 2009 Fall Specialty Show Results

The fall specialty show was held on September 25, 2009. There were eight sweepstakes entries and 31 regular entries. Results are as follows:

### Sweepstakes

Award	Dog	Owner
Best in Puppy Sweeps	Sovereign's Cut To The Chase	Dawn & Joe Droel
Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweeps	Country Road's Honky Tonk	Karen & Marvin Stout
Best in Veteran Sweeps	DC/AFC Ricochet Maggie's Jac JH	Julie Nelson & Mickey Condron

### Show

Award	Dog	Owner
Best of Breed	CH Shelttany Against All Odds	Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton
Best of Winners	Sovereign's MVP	Dawn & Joe Droel & Zachary Droel
Best of Opposite Sex	PBF's Coopers Ms Lot-T-Da	Mary E. Garr
Best Puppy	Lost Creek S'noHawk	Cindy & George McCann
Best Bred-By Exhibitor	Sovereign's MVP	Dawn & Joe Droel & Zachary Droel
Winners Dog	Sovereign's MVP	Dawn & Joe Droel & Zachary Droel
Winners Bitch	PBF's Coopers Ms Lot-T-Da	Mary E. Garr

## 2009 Fall Field Trial Results

The 2009 Fall Field Trial was held September 25-27, 2009. Results are as follows:

### Open Puppy (18 starters)

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake N' Bake	Tom Thomas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oops On A Double Tequila Night	Katy & Jason Gill
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boudreaux's Red Buttons	Darlene & David Dow
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ruffwood's Own Agenda	Gil & Jane Hopper

### Open Derby (29 Starters)

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Crash Scene	Paul Rosevear
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Country Roads Night Rider	Marvin and Karen Stout
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TLM Copilot	Harlan Gerardy
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jack's Tequila Jake	Pedro & Susan Rodriguez

**Open All Age (41 Starters)**

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	DC Starlight's Blazing Sirius	Tom Thomas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	DC Shadow Attack	Ed Tillson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marjo's Here For The Party	Marsha Luisi
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cast-A-Britt Micro Sammie	Ken & Jane Windom

**Amateur All Age (22 Starters)**

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	DC Starlight's Blazing Sirius	Tom Thomas
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shady Way Red Tail Hawk	Bret & John Lindbeck
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ru-Jem's Fist Full Of Dollars	Ruth & Jerry McGee
4 <sup>th</sup>	FC R&J's Buzz Cut	Rodney E. Larson

**Open Gun Dog (44 Starters)**

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chesterfield's Molly	Bo & Renae Ackerman
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FC/AFC Ru-Jem's Stop "N" Watch	Ruth & Jerry McGee
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rico's Hi-Proof Bootlegger	Chuck and Jill Schaefer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Country Road's Boilermaker	Karen Stout

**Amateur Gun Dog (20 Starters)**

Placing	Dog	Owner
1 <sup>st</sup>	DC/AFC Wrigley's Chip Makin His Marc	Mike & Stacy Poehler
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Upland Acres Overland Xpress	Tom & Gretchen Burroughs
3 <sup>rd</sup>	CH Diamond Hill Dangerous Man	Paul & Lisa Pollock
4 <sup>th</sup>	Diamond Hill's Magical Mollie	Bill Cockrum

**2009 Fall Hunt Test Results**

*submitted by Roger Stowell – Hunt Test Chairman and Mark Hunt – Hunt Test Secretary*

The Iowa Brittany Club held its fall Hunt Test on October 17-18, 2009 at Steelclay Shooting Sports, LLC near Eddyville, Iowa. We had 20 starters on Saturday and 24 on Sunday. It was encouraging to see several new participants which had not been to one of our Hunt Tests before. We had a nice balance of Brittanys, German Shorthairs, Weimaraners, Vizslas, Irish Setters, and Red & White Setters.

Steelclay Shooting Sports, LLC was a new location for our event. Special thanks to them for allowing us to use their facilities, and being so very helpful. Thanks also to the hardworking judges, gunners, the Iowa Brittany Club Hunt Test committee members, club members and all the participants who helped to make this a successful event.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Junior Hunter – (16 starters)

J: Kirk Gunter & Kendall Brown

Snoopy Matilda Miss Suzy-Q / (o) Geoff Eyler

Bonnie's Bo / (o) Ed Hunt

KB'S Four One Eyed Jacks / (o) Gerald Nichol

PBF'S Coopers Money-N-the Bank / (o) Mary Garr

PBF'S Coopers Ms. Lot-T-Da / (o) Mary Garr

A&E First Shot Rosie of Oz / (o) Terry Thorson

Senior Hunter – (2 starters)

J: Kirk Gunter & Kendall Brown

(No Brittany Qualifiers)

Master Hunter – (2 starters)

J: Kirk Gunter & Kendall Brown

(No Brittany Qualifiers)

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Junior Hunter – (18 starters)

J : Kevin Kuiper & Randy Fitzgerald

PBF'S Coopers Money-N-the Bank / (o) Mary Garr

A&E First Shot Rosie of Oz / (o) Terry Thorson

KB'S Four One Eyed Jacks / (o) Gerald Nichol

Pfundheller's Trooper / (o) Jeff & Mary Pfundheller

Bonnie's Bo / (o) Ed Hunt

PBF'S Coopers Ms. Lot-T-Da / (o) Mary Garr

Hi Brass Bullet Molly / (o) Terry Thorson

Senior Hunter – (2 starters)

J : Kevin Kuiper & Randy Fitzgerald

(No Brittany Qualifiers)

Master Hunter – (4 starters)

J : Kevin Kuiper & Randy Fitzgerald

(No Brittany Qualifiers)

## 2009 Great Iowa Pet Expo

submitted by Tammy Lorch

The 2009 Great Iowa Pet Expo was held October 17-18 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The club collaborated with American Brittany Rescue (ABR) to have a booth. The booth benefitted both the Iowa Brittany Club and ABR! They split the cost between the two groups, the booth was staffed by people from both groups, and the club will write it up as one of its educational efforts to support its AKC application to hold a specialty show. Pictures of the booth are posted on ABR's facebook fan page (<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=133322&id=157981497095>).

## Web Site Advertising

Web site advertising is \$10 for a small ad that will run for 1 year. Ads are text only, no photos at this time. Send ads and payment (payable to the Iowa Brittany Club) to:

Tammy Lorch, Secretary  
Iowa Brittany Club  
5842 South Glenstone Court  
Johnston, IA 50131

## Litter Announcement

submitted by Bryan Becker

We have three beautiful male Brittany pups available from a litter of ten pups. They were born January 6 and have had their first shots and dewormer. We have raised them in our home outside of Carroll. They are from excellent field, hunting and companion lines with a strong Maverick lineage. We would be glad to email pictures and pedigrees to anyone interested. Contact us at 712.792.6530 or [btbecker@dybb.com](mailto:btbecker@dybb.com).

## On the Calendar

Premium lists for events can be found on the *Events* page of our website: <http://iowabrittanyclub.com/Events.html>

When	What	Where	Who (to contact for more information)
March 14	Walking AKC Field Trial	Hillsboro, IA	Wes Shaffer (319.385.9606) <a href="mailto:brittlvr@yahoo.com">brittlvr@yahoo.com</a>
April 2	Spring AKC Specialty Show	Creston, IA	Jane Windom (515.220.4925) <a href="mailto:jwindom@huxcomm.net">jwindom@huxcomm.net</a>
April 2-8	Spring AKC Field Trial	Thayer, IA	Bruce Heiter (515.965.8102) <a href="mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com">bruceheiter@aol.com</a>
April 24-25	Spring AKC Hunt Test	Eddyville, IA	Roger Stowell (515.255.4421) <a href="mailto:rogstowell@aol.com">rogstowell@aol.com</a>
July 11	IBC Summer Meeting	Eddyville, IA	Terry Thorson (641.831.3362) <a href="mailto:terry_thorson@yahoo.com">terry_thorson@yahoo.com</a>
September 24	Fall AKC Specialty Show	Creston, IA	Jane Windom (515.220.4925) <a href="mailto:jwindom@huxcomm.net">jwindom@huxcomm.net</a>
September 24-26	Fall AKC Field Trial	Thayer, IA	Bruce Heiter (515.965.8102) <a href="mailto:bruceheiter@aol.com">bruceheiter@aol.com</a>
September 27-30	ABC Gun Dog Classic	Thayer, IA	
October 4-7	ABC Pheasant Classic	Thayer, IA	
October 16-17	Fall AKC Hunt Test	Thayer, IA	Roger Stowell (515.255.4421) <a href="mailto:rogstowell@aol.com">rogstowell@aol.com</a>
October 16-17	IBC/ABR booth at the Iowa Pet Expo	Des Moines, IA	Tammy Lorch (515.986.2963) <a href="mailto:tammylorch@hotmail.com">tammylorch@hotmail.com</a>

## Summer Meeting

The summer meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 11 at 10:00 am at the Steelclay Shooting Sports, LLC in Eddyville, IA. Watch your e-mail for a complete meeting notice including an agenda and minutes from the January meeting.

## Renewing your Iowa Brittany Club Membership

Remember that membership in the Iowa Brittany Club carries an automatic membership in the American Brittany Club as well as a subscription to the monthly magazine, *The American Brittany*. Annual membership is \$30.00. When the time comes to renew your membership, please complete the Iowa Brittany Club membership form found online at <http://iowabrittanyclub.com/Membership.pdf> and send with your check, made payable to the *Iowa Brittany Club*, to:

Iowa Brittany Club  
Tammy Lorch, Secretary  
5842 South Glenstone Court  
Johnston, IA 50131

When Tammy receives your membership renewal, she will work with Kendall Brown (treasurer) to notify the American Brittany Club that your membership has been renewed. Submitting your renewal directly to the club rather than to the ABC helps the club keep more accurate membership records.

If you are not sure when your renewal date is, check the mailing label on the cover of your latest magazine. Please submit your renewal 60 days prior to your renewal date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tammy (515.986.2963 / [tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com](mailto:tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com)).

## Member Brags / New Titles and Special Accomplishments

When you and your dog(s) earn a new title and/or achieve a special accomplishment, send a quick e-mail to Tammy ([tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com](mailto:tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com)) and she'll put it in the next newsletter!

## Next Newsletter Deadline – May 25

If you'd like to submit an article for the next newsletter, please e-mail Tammy ([tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com](mailto:tammylorch.ibt@gmail.com)) by May 25.

