



# Iowa Brittany Club Newsletter

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Dedicated to the Dual Brittany

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## A Message From the President...

Submitted by Jon St. Clair

A little taste of fall seems to be in the air these days, and I am sure all your Brittans are excited about the change from hot humid weather. Let me introduce myself for those of you who were not at the IBC summer meeting in Eddyville, Iowa this past July. My name is Jon St. Clair; I am from Des Moines, Iowa. I was introduced to Brittans back in 1991 by my dear friends and fellow IBC members, Roger Stowell and Marcy Beveridge. Their "Sadie" became a training project of mine, and throughout the years of her life, I completely fell in love with our breed. Back then I learned to enjoy hunting behind a dog, but it wasn't until 2007 when I finally felt I was at the right place in my life to add a Brittany to my family.

After two and a half years of Coco in my life, being introduced to AKC Hunt Tests, AKC Walking Trials, and the National Shoot to Retrieve Association, Coco's parents were bred again, so I now own Rocco as well. Coco currently runs NSTRA trials with me here in Iowa, and Rocco is getting

ready to run derby stakes this fall on the Midwest field trial circuit. They have been a true joy in my life and I have absolutely no idea what I did with my spare time before them. I am sure there are many of you who can understand that.

I felt the IBC summer meeting in Eddyville was very productive and a great "clearing of the air" for members in attendance. In addition to my election as President, Marcy Beveridge of Urbandale, Iowa was elected Secretary. Marcy was around Brittans while growing up with her parents, and has owned many of her own. I feel she and I will be a great team in keeping members informed and excited about the IBC and events we offer throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions or concerns regarding the Club. I am excited about being an ambassador for the IBC and our breed. Take care all, and I hope to see you all at an IBC event soon.

## Upcoming Fall Events Reminder! ....

As the Fall Newsletter goes to print, we're planning and preparing for a busy fall season of IBC events. Check the IBC website, make sure your calendars are marked and plan to join us as a participant or spectator. We look forward to seeing you!....

### Iowa Brittany Club Specialty Show

The IBC Fall Specialty will be held at the Creston Alternative School in Creston, Iowa on Friday, September 24. Sweeps will start at 6:30 pm with the regular Show to follow at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact our show chair, Jane Windom, at 515/220-4925 or jwindom@huxcomm.net.

Iowa Brittany Club Field Trial

The IBC Fall Field Trial will be held on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 at the Union County Bird Dog Ranch, two miles south and one mile west of Thayer, Iowa. For more information, contact our field trial chair, Bruce Heiter, at 515/965-8102 or bruceheiter@aol.com.

American Brittany Club Gun Dog Classic/Championship

The ABC Gun Dog Classic/Championship will be held on Monday, October 4 through Thursday, October 7 at the Union County Bird Dog Ranch, two miles south and one mile west of Thayer, Iowa. For more information contact our field trial chair, Bruce Heiter, at 515/965-8102 or bruceheiter@aol.com.

Iowa Brittany Club Hunt Test

The IBC Fall Hunt Test will be held at the Steelclay Shooting Sports LLC in Eddyville, Iowa on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10. For more information contact our hunt test chair, Roger Stowell, at 515/255-4421 or rogstowell@aol.com .



A Special Thank You...

One of the very first pieces of correspondence I received as IBC Secretary was from our lifetime member, Joyce Powell. She wrote about the memorial plantings at the Ed Powell Wildlife Area, and asked that I pass her thoughts along to the Club members....

"Please let everyone know that helped on the planting of wildflowers around the sign for Edwin that I went there this week. It was so beautiful. I was driving through the green cornfields, went over a slight rise, and there was the sign, surrounded by a field of yellow flowers with splashes of purple, pink, and white. It was just plain LOVELY. A solid field of flowers. Thank you to all the members."

-Joyce Powell

IBC Summer Meeting...

IBC members convened on July 11 at the Steelclay Shooting Sports LLC in Eddyville, Iowa for their annual summer meeting. Bruce Heiter, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, chaired the meeting. A number of topics were slated for discussion including the election of two new officers. Jon St. Clair was elected President and Marcy Beveridge was elected Secretary.

busy fall event season, and the need for bi-annual meetings of the Officers and Directors. It was great to see all members participating in the discussion and offering ideas.

A tasty lunch followed the meeting with the Club providing steaks (Kendall Brown at the grill!) and drinks, and members providing pot-luck side dishes.

Watch your email for full minutes of the IBC summer meeting.

Discussion continued on Club finances, a Club member roster, progress reports on the upcoming



## Brittany Breed Standard Seminar...



On Saturday, August 15, with IBC member and Director Ken Windom at the helm, the IBC sponsored a Brittany Breed Standard Seminar in Urbandale, Iowa at the Canine Craze facility. The event was open to the public, and was attended by IBC members, ABR members, and Canine Craze members.

Using his own expertise and the ABC's most recent Judge's Seminar slide show presentation, Ken did a wonderful job of presenting the "whys and wherefores" of the Brittany AKC standard. He very distinctly related the standard to not only to conformation competition but

to the performance venues as well as the Brittany's primary function as a working gun dog. "Form follows function" was the message of Ken's presentation. He also included some basic genetic information to provide a general overview of breeding with an eye toward the standard.

Attendees participated in the discussion and with questions, and the response to the Seminar was very positive. IBC members attending concurred the IBC needs to continue to sponsor a Brittany Breed Standard Seminar in the future!

Many thanks to Ken Windom for a terrific Seminar!

## IBC Notable Dog Award...

Congratulations to Bruce Heiter and his Lobo's Blazing Bandit, also known as "TJ". TJ was recently named to receive the Iowa Brittany Club's Notable Dog Award.

To be eligible for the IBC's Notable Dog Award, the dog must be owned by an IBC member, and the dog must be deceased to be in consideration. The purpose of the award is to honor the dog who's lifetime achievements are notable, and who has passed it's abilities to it's progeny, as evidenced by titles and awards earned by the progeny. The selection of the dog for this award

is made by committee of Iowa Brittany Club members.

"TJ" certainly fits the bill for our Notable Dog Award. Bruce purchased "TJ" from Lloyd Budd with no title points and went on to secure "TJ's" Open championship, and retire him one point short of his Amateur championship. "TJ" produced many field champions in breedings with different females and contributed to the betterment of our breed. He was a "one of a kind" personality .

Congratulations to Bruce and "TJ"!



## Member Brags...

Submitted by Tammy Lorch

Tammy Lorch's Fairchild Puzzle Sadie aka "Sadie" has just recently earned her RL1 (Rally Level 1) title with the following placements:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (1<sup>st</sup> leg)/Rally Level 1 at the 8/21/10 Paws-n-Effect Rally Trial
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (2<sup>nd</sup> leg)/Rally Level 1 at the 8/21/10 Paws-n-Effect Rally Trial
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (3<sup>rd</sup> leg)/Rally Level 1 at the 8/21/10 Paws-n-Effect Rally Trial

Congratulations Sadie and Tammy!

