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The Dog-Gone News

Official Newsletter of the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club

Memberships that are over due or coming due...

R. Magolski, S. Sikora	Dec-09
D. Jones	Jan-10
D. Beaupre, F&D Lomoro	Feb-10
T. Cummings, K&L Merk	Apr-10
C. Wenham	May-10
W. Elz, K. Fadness, C. Fuerbringer, M. Rusnak, P. Tanner	Jun-10

Membership Dues are \$35.00

Associate Membership is \$10.00

Payable to GMBC

But mail the checks to:

Julie Asmus
 838 W. Milwaukee St., Jefferson, WI 53549
 (920) 674-9623 or jwendt88@hotmail.com

The list above is current according to ABC records. (updated 1/1/10 for ABC 3rd ABC wants checks **45 days prior to the 1st of the month** on your expiration date. This means that we must receive your check at least 60, preferably 90, days prior to your renewal date. This will make sure that you don't miss any magazines. I will try to post renewals 3 months in advance. Remember, you can renew for up to

3 yrs. at a time. I would highly recommend this option so that you don't miss any

GMBC prices have been raised as of January 2005 to \$35 full and \$10 assoc. This reflects increases by ABC and also increases for insurance, postage, etc.

2 years = \$70 assoc. = \$20
 3 years = \$105 assoc. = \$30

Anyone overdue 6 months or more are automatically deleted from the membership list. Therefore, the following have been deleted...

J. Zvonar J. Rowley S. Harger R. Kinder
R. Vincent J. Taylor H. Shackman D. Gahlman

Board Members

- President: Sam Thompson
- 1st VP: Jeff Hoff
- 2nd VP: Julie Asmus
- 3rd VP: Debbie Connell
- 4th VP: Jeff Teuteberg
- Secretary: Jeff Jarmuskiewicz
- Treasurer: Dave Unti
- Directors: Rich Lamb
Ken Merk
Victoria Teuteberg

I need your email addresses please!

...so that I can notify members of events and/or send out renewal reminders via email.

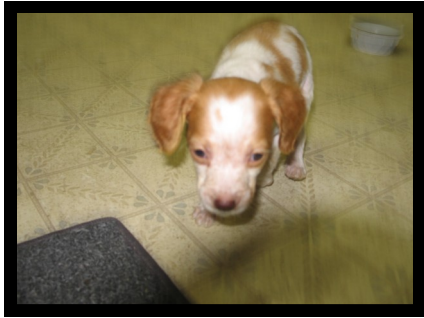
Therefore, please include your email address with your renewal or email me at

jwendt88@hotmail.com.
 Thank You!
 Julie

The Object & purpose of the GMBC is:

- © To promote cooperation & friendship among breeders & owners of Brittany dogs.
- © To encourage higher standards in breeding, training & showing of Brittany dogs.
- © To strive to keep it forever a dual dog by preventing a split into groups of "field dogs" & "bench dogs".

Shaker
2007



Life With Shaker

It all started about 5 years ago, when my last child was out of the house and life seemed to slow down a bit. My son had gotten a pup (an English Cocker), which he had little time to train so I took on the job. I had so much fun that I started looking at the different sporting dogs to see which would fit the traits I was looking for. The Brittany seemed to be the one.

Two years went by and I was still looking at pups, unsure about making the commitment to a dog for the next 12 to 15 years. So in December 2006, my wife made the choice for me - a Brittany pup for Christmas. He was a cutie. We named him Shaker, because anytime he got cold he would begin to shake. By late winter, I was starting to look for a club to get into for training and to get him introduced to birds. It just so happened that the GMBC was holding a fun field trial that weekend. I grabbed Shaker and headed out to Ottawa trial grounds to see what it was all about.

Shaker agreed that this was for him, so we signed up with the GMBC that week. It has been a great experience for both of us, we have met some great people and have learned a lot. We entered in as many fun events as possible to hone our skills and encourage his drive to find those birds.

Shaker had just turned six months, just in time for the

last hunt test of the summer. The pressure was on, would he go for the gophers, which he would chase from time to time, or stick to the birds, (the day before it seemed he was more interested in gophers)

.Needless to say, he chose



the birds. He gave one of his best efforts, pointing 3 birds with great style. I have never been prouder of him. That was the first leg of his hunt test. Later that summer, we finished our hunt tests, ending with a near perfect score (39) and earned the Junior Hunter title.

We finished just in time for hunting season, and what a season it turned out to be! I've seen and shot more pheasants that year than I have in the past 10 years combined. What a year!!

Shaker has turned out to be more than I ever expected, and I know I will enjoy many more years with my new hunting partner and best friend.

To end the year and start a new one we went to the annual awards banquet where we received a plaque for earning a JH title. We also entered the raffle, and much to our surprise, we came away

with two great prizes, a beautiful clock and a Charles Daly O/U shotgun, and for that I would like to thank all who made this possible; this truly made this year memorable for me.

Hope to see everyone out in the field.

Jeff Teuteberg
4th V.P.

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Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2010

A meeting of the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club board members was held on Thursday February 4th, 2010 at President Sam Thompson's home.

Secretary's Report: The October 1st, 2009 Secretary's Report was read by Jeff Jarmuskiewicz. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Jeff Teuteberg.

Treasury's Report: This report was submitted by President Sam Thompson for the Treasurer Dave Unti who was not present.

1st Vice President's Report: Jeff Hoff reported that he is working on the Judges for the April 10th and 11th Field Trial. The judges list will be sent in to the AKC for approval. There is a field trial training session scheduled for March 13th and 14th. The names should be submitted to Jeff if you want to attend the training session so that the correct number of birds can be ordered. A motion to accept the report was made by Rich Lamb and seconded by Julie Asmus.

2nd Vice President's Report: Julie Asmus reported that we had 57 attendees at our annual banquet at Alioto's in January. This was a big crowd and the banquet was a success. There was one suggestion given for a new location for next year's banquet. Julie will ask for suggestions and look into the locations. There was a positive response to keep the banquet at the same location for next year. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Ken Merk.

3rd Vice President's Report: Because Debbie Connell was not present; the report was given by Sam Thompson. The specialty show for August 13th, 2010 is set. The judges are approved through the AKC. A motion to accept the report was made by Ken Merk and seconded by Rich Lamb.

4th Vice President's Report: Jeff Teuteberg reported that the hunt test is set for March 20th and 21st. There is just one judge that still needs to submit paperwork to the AKC. Once it is submitted, the judge's panel will be approved. Jeff Teuteberg addressed the issue that the dates for the Hunt Test can be approved thru the Ottawa Association sooner. This is because the AKC needs 90 days prior to the event that the event paperwork needs to be submitted for approval. The AKC has started to enforce this rule and clubs delinquent can be fined for turning in the paperwork late. A motion to accept the report was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Rich Lamb.

Old Business: Board of Directors, Vicky Teuteberg, is going to audit the treasury books. This audit will be completed by June. The report will be given to the members at the meeting held on June 12th training session at Ottawa.

There was discussion about the GMBC library. A report was submitted by Debbie Lewandowski. A list of the books and video's was submitted. The videos are being viewed for quality by Jeff Jarmuskiewicz of which most of them are in very poor quality. The VHS tapes are very poor picture and sound quality. The damaged videos will be documented and discarded. Jeff called the AKC. The only video that is required by the AKC for the club to have-on-hand is the Hunt Test Gunner Safety DVD. This DVD was last updated in 2002. Our club version is from 1992. Therefore, Jeff ordered a new DVD and will pass it along to the Hunt Test Secretary, Jeff Teuteberg. The cost of the new DVD is \$27.99. The books will be auctioned off at the Club Picnic in July.

New Business: The events calendar for the year was reviewed. There were changes to the date of the Fun Field Trial and Find Flush and Fire. A motion to accept the events calendar with changes was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Jeff Teuteberg.

A review of the club bylaws was suggested by Sam Thompson. The bylaws are from the 1990's and will need to be entered into a computer for editing. Once this is completed, a committee consisting of Sam Thompson, Dave Unti, and Jeff Jarmuskiewicz will review the bylaws, and changes will be submitted to the board. This will be completed by the General Membership Meeting on September 30th, 2010. A motion to accept this was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Jeff Jarmuskiewicz.

A discussion was held on the ordering of birds. Rice Family farms in Burlington have a required \$250 deposit for birds. The club has carried the deposit for many years. The birds we use at the Bong events will continue to be purchased from Rice. The events held at Ottawa, the birds will be purchased from Carnegie in Illinois. He makes deliveries to the area on a regular basis and his prices are cheaper. The discussion to keep the deposit on the books at Rice was for an emergency basis. Rice still provides birds to the club and has them when we need them.

Rich Lamb has set up "PayPal" for the Hunt Test. This will also be set up for the Field Trials, if there is a demand for it. There is no cost to the club for this service.

Jeff Jarmuskiewicz and Ken Merk suggested that the club try to get a Pheasant Hunt (for members) at Hunter's Point in Brownsville. The club can get the hunt club for the day and the members will pay for the hunt not the club. Also suggested was a day at a trap club in Muskego. The trap club will provide the club a discounted price on rounds of trap and will also provide a covered area for BBQ. Once a date can be set for the events, an e-mail will be sent to all members.

The list of the new officers was reviewed as follows:

President - Sam Thompson, Treasurer - Dave Unti, Secretary - Jeff Jarmuskiewicz, 1st VP - Jeff Hoff, 2nd VP - Julie Asmus, 3rd VP - Debbie Connell, 4th VP - Jeff Teuteberg, Board of Directors - Richard Lamb, Ken Merk, & Vicky Teuteberg

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Hoff and seconded by Julie Asmus. The meeting of the GMBC Officers was closed at 9pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Richard Bong Field Trial Association Minutes

March 9, 2010

Chuck Spinelli called the meeting to order @ 7:15pm

Present were: Chuck Spinelli, Roy Ames, Jeff Hoff, John Calandra, Roger Davis, Marty Johnson & Laura Van Slyke.

Chuck read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made to accept the meetings as read. The motion was seconded. All in favor – 6, Opposed – 0. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning balance 3/8/10 = \$4004.97

Deposit 3/9/10 \$1530.00

Ending balance 3/9/10 \$5534.97

A motion was made to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded. All in favor – 6, Opposed – 0. Motion carried.

DNR Report

The Learn to hunt program will be March 20th. It will consist of a classroom event to cover biology, safety, & ethics on Friday March 19th (evening). And a field session on Saturday March 20th (day). Marty requested if more volunteers could help out with the classroom session as well as the field work. More and different types of dogs would be appreciated. Roger Davis explained (from past experiences) that dogs should be steady to wing & shot at the minimum, for safety, regardless if a pointer or flusher. All agreed. Any info or volunteers should contact Marty Johnson.

Old Business:

Bong Recreation received the funding to stop the invasive species on the grounds. Funds will be used to purchase chemicals & burn the Class 1 grounds. An agreement has been made for the BFTA to supply the boom, and the DNR to supply the chemicals. A question was made regarding the driver of said boom. Chuck assured the board that the driver is properly trained and licensed by the Wisconsin state. The "burn" of the grounds is scheduled for late April-early May, with the application of the chemicals to follow May-June. A point was brought up whether the grounds will be too wet to burn. Marty stated that the schedule is somewhat flexible to accommodate for this. Concern was brought up over the boom's ability to navigate the grounds with the status of the ATV trails. Laura outlined the DNR plan to make the ATV trails useable. Roger proposed a CAT, donated or funded, to knock down the banks & holes of the old trail system. Laura stated that it would be immensely helpful.

Tires for the Bong tractor: Marty is checking on getting a set of solid tires for the front of the tractor to reduce the amount of flats during brush cutting.

Pheasant Pens: Marty is still looking for help rebuilding the Bong pheasant pens. Roger Davis stated that the Fox Valley Retriever's club is very interested in helping with that. Contact info for that club was given to Marty.

Mowing: Chuck asked that the black locust invasive continue to be mowed, burned and, in general, destroyed. This thorny plant needs to be eradicated if at all possible.

New Business:

Chuck distributed copies of the BFTA Constitution & Bylaws and asked that they be reviewed for accuracy and any changes. Last revision was 1992. Any additions and/or changes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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Road Culvert & Water Level: NAVHDA requested a stand pipe be added to the culvert going under the road to raise the water level in the stick & cigar pond levels. Because the 2 ponds are connected, lowering the water level caused both ponds to lose a significant level. There was no "swimmable" water in the ponds from July forward. NAVHDA stated that without the correct water level, they are unable to train or conduct tests. Roger & Marty explained why the pipe is at the current level. It's due to the banks & crush depth of the pipe. NAVHDA asked if there was anything that could be done. Marty Johnson explained that there is a dyke between the ponds that could be rebuilt to help retain the water in the cigar pond. The dyke will need to be cleared of brush & accessed for a solution. With the dyke accessed, a plan will need to be made, permits filed & monies allocated; so any fixes will not be done this year. Chuck asked what could be done to move this forward. Marty will check with his technician and look into obtaining grants to provide some of the funding. NAVHDA promised to contribute manpower to perform work and funds to help as well.

Chuck asked if Laura had been contacted about a proposed meeting with George Myers. Laura stated she had not. Discussion followed in regards to what the meeting will be about.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the BFTA was set for Tuesday June 8, 2010 7:00pm

A motion to adjourn was made. It was seconded. All in favor – 6, Opposed – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned @ 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcellus Cieslik
Secretary
Bong F.T. Assoc.

**Clothing And
Hats
For Sale
By GMBC
Contact**

Children's Stuffed Animals

"Please do not allow your dogs or puppies to chew on children's stuffed animals. The stuffing is coated with a non-flammable chemical that, when ingested by dogs, turns into a gel that destroys the intestines. There is no cure. This came from a pet newsletter that I subscribe to, and it was an

article written by a veterinarian." (I'd be pretty careful letting small children chew on these toys, too.)

By Becky Rao

<http://iodogs.com/>

Items for Sale by GMBC

Jackets \$ 50.00
(Hunter Green, Khaki)
with full back \$ 68.00



Parka (Dark Green)
\$ 83.00
with full back \$101.00