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The Dog-Gone News

Official Newsletter of the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club

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Saying Good-bye

Tom Jagielski and Debbie Connell say good-bye to Jazz, the dog they co-owned with Bill and Paula Oubre. Jazz was a show champion who was training to become a Dual. He was being roaded by his field trainer, and jumped into a pond to cool off, and either cramped up or had a heart-attack. Attempts to resuscitate were futile.

Becky Rao and Rao Farms also said good-bye this week to Becky's favorite riding horse, her Appaloosa named "Red". Becky shared many happy times at horse shows with this horse, as well as just enjoying him as her companion. Looking the picture of health at age 20, it came as a shock when Red dropped dead of a heart attack while kicking up his heels in the indoor riding area while his stall was being cleaned. Rao Farms will never be the same without its star gelding.

May these losses remind us all to cherish every moment with your family, friends, and pets.

Now FOR THE GOOD NEWS

Julie Asmus announces that her Petey has finished his show championships in both the AKC and the UKC. For those of you who are unaware of the UKC, your dog must earn 100 pts and three majors (wins with competition). For example, if you get first in a beginning class you get 10 pts; then if you get best male; you get 15 points and if you go Best of Breed, you get 10 more points for a total of 35 points. It is a major if you have at least one other dog that you win over.

If you have no competition, you must get a group placement in order to earn a major. They have two shows each day in the UKC with two different judges, so theoretically your dog could earn a UKC championship in one weekend, if your dog wins against competition in three of the four days. In UKC you can also get a Grand Champion title, where you must have three or more champions competing in the Champions class and you need five wins in Champions Class to get a GRCH title. Unfortunately Julie does not think she will be able to get this title on Petey because there are no other Brittanys being show in UKC in our area. Her Rottweiler Roxie had two or three Champion wins before she passed away.

(This is an excellent way to work your young dog in a show situation prior to showing in the AKC)

So now Petey is AKC/UKC CH HAVAPAL'S REV ME UP REPEAT, RN, JH.

CONGRATULATIONS JULIE AND PETEY.

Announcements from Debbie Lewandowski

Debbie is Chairperson for the Nominating Committee for 2009 GMBC Elections. Anyone interested in running for office should contact her at 262-679-1057 or email her at lewandowski.debbie@yahoo.com.

FALL FIELD TRIALS:

OUR AKC HORSEBACK FIELD TRIAL WILL BE HELD AT BONG RECREATION AREA ON SEPTEMBER 13 & 14. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SEVE FOOD AT LUNCH TINME ON BOTH DAYS. IF YOU CAN DONATE A DISH TO PASS FOR HAPPY HOUR ON SATURDAY EVENING, IT HELPS TO MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL. EVEN IF YOU DON'T FIELD TRIAL YOUR DOG, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO COME OUT AND SEE PERFORMANCE DOGS FROM OUR CLUB AS WELL AS FROM OTHER CLUBS.

Our Walking Trial will be held at Ottawa on October 11 and 12. Again we need the same lunch help both days, but there is no Happy Hour. So a dish to pass is not needed, unless you wish to donate a dish for one of the lunches.

If you can help at either trial, please contact Debbie Lewandowski at 262-679-1057 and let her know how you would like to participate.

Special Interest: The Hunting Dog Training Classes Are Over for this year.

Dale Hartner reports that the training session on August 12th at Bong was extremely successful. Twenty five birds were ordered and used. Nineteen people attended the session, a great turn-out.

It may be a bit late, but for all new members and some old members need to be reminded that the State of Wisconsin requires all people who train dogs with live birds must have a State of Wisconsin Dog Training License, Most of the events and training sessions held by our club are sanctioned and the use of live birds is covered by the club's license. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL TRAINING SESSIONS ARE SCHEDULED WITH BONG PARK H.Q. WHEN THIS IS THE CASE, THEN ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST HAVE A LICENSE.

A training license can be obtained at the Bong Headquarters, the South Kettle Moraine DNR HQ south of Eagle, the downtown DNR SERVICE CENTER ON NORTH THIRD STREET (MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE), and any other Wisconsin DNR Service Center. A full list of headquarter sites can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cs/servicecenter/locations.htm>. When filling out the license be sure to list the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds, the Bong Recreation Area, the Eagle Training Grounds and any other training grounds you might use.

Classes of Field Trial Grounds:

Class 1 field trial and traing grounds are those department lands that are posted, marked (cont.)

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Or designated where dog trials are allowed year-round, except hunting shall have priority. Class 1 Field Trial grounds include the following: Richard Bong State Recreation Area, the West Unit of the Special Use Zone; George W. Mead Wildlife Area; the Lower Wisconsin River Wildlife area-Mazomanie Unit; Kettle Moraine State Forest, Ottawa Unit; and Pine Island Wildlife Area.

Class II Field Trial and Training Grounds include all other DNAR lands designated on the license and approved by the local state wildlife biologist. Department lands will not be approved if dog training or trialing is determined to be inconsistent with the Master Plan, Property Plan, Wildlife Management Objectives, or Federal Requirements.

The licenses are \$25.00 and good for up to two years. List on your application all birds which could pertain to pointing dog training, especially Quail, Pheasant, and Chukar and Hungarian Partridge, as these are the birds which are most readily available. IF YOU ARE GOING TO SHOOT BIRDS FOR HUNTING TRAINING YOU MUST BE SURE TO ASK FOR LEG TAGS.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

- TO DONATE TO THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW. TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS ARE READILY AVAILABLE AND DONATIONS ARE RUNNING BEHIND, SO PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A COUPLE OF CLASSES. CONTACT: Tom Schrank at abcnstrophy@hotmail.com.
- The American Brittany Rescue is part of a huge raffle that is giving away a vintage Corvette. The info is available at : www.americanbrittanyrescue.org. There is a picture of the Corvette on the website, as well as entry info.
- The American Brittany Rescue is also seeking donations to build a Senior Brittany Retreat, which will be a permanent home for Senior Dogs who can be safe and cared for until the right "forever family" is found. You may also read about the Senior Brittany Retreat on the ABR website.
- Reminder: Heatstroke can be deadly. If you run your dog on hot days, or if your dog plays too hard in the sun, heatstroke can occur. Normal body temperature is 102 degrees. During heatstroke, body temperature reaches between 105 and 110 degrees, causing lethargy, comma, organ failure, seizure, and death. All pets are susceptible, but puppies under six months, older pets, overweight, ill or brachycephalic breeds (short heads and flat muzzles like Pugs and Bulldogs) are especially at risk. Look for: Rapid panting; Gasping; wide, bulging eyes; excessive salivating; bright red gums; loss of mobility; weakness; collapse. Bring your pet's body temperature back to normal gradually to avoid shock: immediately discontinue activity and find a cool place for pet to lie down; place him on his side and thoroughly wet him with room-temperature water, especially the belly, inside the legs, (cont)

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- Do not use cold water. Make sure the water reaches the skin. Gradually switch to cooler water. **SEEK VETERINARY ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY.** Cooling efforts should be continued on the way to the vet.

Memberships that are over due or coming due

A. Regelbrugge, S. Sikora Mar-08
J. Bigly, J. Dawson, G & N Kisting, **R. Magloski**, D. Reszka, F. Switalski Apr-08
J. Hierlmeier, A & D Scaffidi, J. Zvonar May-08
D. Beaupre, A. Ott, J. Rowley Jun-08
S. Bong, R. Larson Jul-08
NONE Aug-08
R. Lamb Sep-08
NONE Oct-08
NONE Nov-08

*****Membership Dues are \$35.00*****
****Associate Membership is \$10.00****
*****Payable to GMBC*****

Please send checks to:

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The list above is current according to ABC records.

ABC wants checks **45 days prior to the 1st of the month** on your expiration date, that means that we must receive your check at least 60, preferably 90 days prior to your renewal date to make sure that you don't miss any magazines.

I will try to post renewal 3 months in advance. Remember you can renew for up to 3 yrs. at a time. I would highly recommend this option so you don't miss any magazines, **GMBC prices have been raised as of January 2005 to \$35 full and \$10 so take note. This reflects increases by ABC and for insurance, postage etc.**

2 years = \$70 assoc. = \$20

3 years = \$105 assoc. = \$30

I need your email addresses! So I can notify members of events and/or send renewal reminders via email.

please include email address with your renewal or email me at jwendt88@hotmail.com Thank You!

Anyone 6 months or more overdue is automatically deleted from this list.

The following have been deleted:

J & C. Glassel, P. Palazzolo, S. Lewandowski, W. Kingsbury, C & N Wacker, N & M Fries, E. Gigowski, G. Paulsen, P & E Smith, D, S. Moglia, C. Zamzow, D. Spinelli, C, Thompson-Martin, D. Totsky, M & K Werner, J. McPeak, J. Mongiat, M. Rauch, A. Casciato, A. Lane, **J. Monday, J. Otto, J. Reisner**

Dear GMBC members:

I was contacted by a John Klinkhammer (he got my name & number from fellow club member Kieth Gierl). He would like to find a nice pet or hunting home for a 3 year old female spayed Brittany, that is hunt trained (and may have her JH title). He was the dog's hunt trainer, and now the family has had financial issues, lost their house, and are now in a small condo that does not allow dogs. So Mr. Kinkhammer has the dog and will soon have the pedigree, and is trying to find a good home for the dog. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact him at 262-886-3593.

I did suggest ABR rescue to him, but he would prefer to place the dog with a Brittany person that he knows or is known by a club member. Please forward on to any other Brittany lovers that may be looking for a dog.

Julie Asmus

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