

A Brittany Success Story

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The Field Trial Hall of Fame was born in 1954, the brainstorm of the late William F. Brown, Editor of the American Field. The criteria was very simply defined to recognize those dogs and people who had made A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD TRIAL SPORT. No restrictions were intended as to which sporting breeds were included to become eligible for election to the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

All of the available portraits or photographs of dogs and people elected to the Field Trial Hall of Fame are on display in a relatively new building dedicated in 1994 solely to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. This beautiful building also makes up an important part of the Bird Dog Center located in Grand Junction, Tennessee.

Several sporting breeds have established their own Halls of Fame and each as established its own criteria for eligibility to its particular Hall of Fame. However, as far as is known, none of these breeds have official or tangible facilities in which to display the portraits, photographs or the memorabilia of the dogs and people they have elected to their Halls of Fame.

One such breed having its own Hall of Fame is the Brittany. The American Brittany Club, Inc. has prescribed the criteria for their breed in the Brittany Hall of Fame. The criteria has outlined performances primarily for the Dual Brittany, which includes field and/or show performances. There's nothing wrong with this standard or criteria. Unfortunately there are many outstanding field trial performers (as there may be show dogs) who may never be elected to the Brittany Hall of Fame or the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Yet, some field trial performances are superior and significant and those deserving dogs should be considered, elected and recognized in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Superior show performances are impressive, worthy and important, unfortunately, however show performances do not qualify a dog the Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Several bonafide patrons of the Brittany Field Trial sport became concerned about the existing dichotomy within the Brittany breed of not giving superior field trial performers their just recognition as is afforded other breeds now honored in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. These patrons proceeded to rectify the differing categories of attributes, identified the major existing problem, set out and established better criteria within the Brittany field trial community to justly recognize and honor those Brittanys WHO HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD TRIAL SPORT thus making them eligible for election and induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Nothing in the committee's endeavors was intended to deter or detract from the American Brittany Club's mission statement. In fact, their intent was to enhance and give greater stature to a major segment of the Brittany breed that otherwise might forever go unrecognized or honored.

The Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame was born in 1997; the committee has a Board of Directors, a chairman, and a voting membership consisting of the secretaries of the major Brittany Championship organizations.

Portraits or photographs and important memorabilia of those dogs elected to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame are eligible to

be a part of the permanent Field Trial Hall of Fame exhibit located in the Bird Dog Center in Grand Junction.

Bill Cartmell, as the chairman of the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame organization, along with the committee have worked tirelessly on this project to give the Brittany its well deserved recognition in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. All those in the Brittany organization should be proud of the effort of the committee who has initiated and advanced this important cause to such an honored and successful status.

The committee's first effort culminated with the induction of several outstanding Brittanies into the Field Trial Hall of Fame at a ceremony held November 29, 1997 at the club house located on the J. Perry Mikles Blue Mountain Wildlife Demonstration Area at Booneville, Arkansas. (Those so honored are listed below.) As President of the Bird Dog Foundation and a representative of the American Field, I had the distinct pleasure of presenting the first Field Trial Hall of Fame scrolls to the owners present of the newly elected Brittanies to the prestigious Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the proud owners of the fine Brittanies elected to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Congratulations and a deserved "Well Done" to the dedicated committee for their untiring devotion and hard work to insure the overwhelming success for this new and more meaningful recognition of a fine breed - the Brittany - into the Field Trial Hall of Fame thus becoming full fledged partners with the other breeds who enjoy Field Trial Hall of Fame status.

Foundation Dogs	DOB
Allamuchy Valley Uno	1946
Avono Happy	1943
Brit of Bellows Falls	1941
Gwennec de l'Argoat	1932
Helgramite Howie d'Acajou	1948
Kaer de Cornouaille	1936
Pierrot de Fontaine Valley	1948
Pontac's Dingo	1949
Torchy of Lionheart	1945
Uno's Jet	1949

Early Dogs	DOB
Allamuchy Valley Warrior	1948
Dingo's Little Mike	1953
Doctor Joe of Kaymore	1952
Ferdinand of Leeway	1952
Holley Haven Duchess	1951
Jeffrey of Argard	1950
Lund's Trooper	1958
Pacolet's Cheyenne	1954
Pacolet's Sam	1957
Price's Sunflower Gal	1953
Tex of Richmond	1949
Towsey	1951
Way-Kan Jeff	1959
Way-Kan Jill	1958

Current Dogs

Ban Dee
Char-Lee O'Dee
Colorado's Jumping Gypsy
Colorado's Yankee Timber
Country Cousin Lost River
Goldtone's Duke
Gringo de Britt
Gun Runner's Far Out
Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol
Holliday Britt's Bazooka
Jacque of Connie
Joel's Copper Jacques
Kay Cee Bandit
Le Car's White Smoke
Pacolet Cheyenne Sam
Perry's Rustic Prince
Scipio Spinks
Tigar's Jocko

Owners

Wayne Oliver
Francis Clasen
William Kline
L/G Ruiz
Jack McNamara
George Pester
Dr. Tim Poling
Dr. Bill Dierberg
Lester May
Ron Curtis
Al Pillow
Kent Lipsey
John/Ellen Lee
Hugh Malone
Rosco Staton
Ken/Erin Jacobson
Lester May
Max Smith
John Munson



L to R: Wayne Oliver, owner of Ban Dee holding Scroll of Ban Dee; Bill Cartmell, Capt. Garette E. Lockee



L to R: Rosco Staton, owner of Le Car's White Smoke with scroll of Le Car's White Smoke, Bill Cartmell, Capt. Garette E. Lockee, and Mrs. Rosco Staton



L to R: Bill Cartmell, Capt. Garette E. Lockee, and Francis Clasen, owner of Char-Lee O'Dee, holding scroll of Char-Lee O' Dee

I wish to thank all my old friends and new for their support, good thoughts and prayers at the National in Fort Smith. Your prayers worked! I am happy to announce that my husband is home and doing well after his heart attack.

A special thank you to Margaret Saucerman who offered to take care of my dogs and get them back to California; and Karen Wagner who helped her as far as New Mexico. This enabled my daughter, Tracy, and me to successfully fly standby back to California and arrive at the hospital within less than a day.

Also, special thanks to Amy Rodrigues who showed my dog, Rex, in the parade of National Qualifiers.

I have often said to my "Non-Dog" friends that I can go all over the country to Brittany events and be among friends. Thank God I was right, you were all there when I needed you.

*Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart,
Susan Kerns*