

2019 Hall of Fame Inductions

Grand Junction, TN

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Terry McGee, Brandon McGee, Jerry McGee with painting, Lisa McGee, Jacob McGee and Chris McGee

I took on a project for the BFTHF in 2018 to have the photo that appeared in the ABC magazine in the 50's of Four National Champions, NFC/DC Pontac's Dingo, NFC/FC Misti DE Klemanor, NFC/FC Tennessee Luke and NFC/DC Towsey. We commissioned Herb Park of Pinckney, MI to paint these dogs from a b/w photo! Herb is a wonderful artist who does his homework. He researched and found a color photo of each of the dogs and the painting is beautiful! It now hangs in the museum portion of our wing near Bill Brown's desk. There were only 26 prints that were signed and numbered and most have Delmar Smith's signature under Towsey. We also had notecards made from the painting and those are also available on the BFTHF website.



Lyle Johnson, Inductee, family and friends

Rick Smith, Mary Crawford, Willo Barfield, Mary Karbiner and Gary and I arrived early so we could spend two days working in our wing. We added many things that Barbara

Rokas donated and changed some exhibits. We want to thank everyone for their wonderful comments on our efforts, much appreciated! A huge thanks to Barbara Rokas for her generosity to the Brittany world through the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame! Rick Smith and Bob Fleury visited Barbara, at her invitation, and she sent them home with boxes of items for the museum and items to be used to raise money for the endowment fund. We would also like to thank the Northern Virginia Brittany Club for the Bronze they donated, it now sits on Bill Brown's desk.



Peggy and Paul Dorian, Joe Gower, Margaret Horstmeyer and Tom White, Inductees, Linda Langford, Claude and Jan Kilpatrick

It has become a tradition over the last several years to have a welcome cocktail/snack party on Friday evening in the hotel lobby. This year we were full to overflowing! We took



Bob Fleury, Ted Sweirczynski with plaque, Mitch Sweirczynski and Henry Wierzbicki

everyone adds a trip to Grand Junction to their Bucket List!



**Mary Jo Trimble, Tom Robin with plaque,
and Mary Crawford**



Herb Rae with plaque and Larry Hagedorn

this opportunity to have an auction using the things Barbara had donated and a print of the Four National Champions. The auction brought in \$2000.00 to our endowment fund! Thank you everyone who supported this event! Thank you to Scott Johnson for being our wonderful auctioneer!

This year the induction ceremonies had a record attendance of around 400 people and the Brittanys had the largest number of people of any breed! Thank you to all of the sponsors of this year's event—Purina, Garmin, Ainley Kennels & Fabrication, Avery, Me & My Tea Room, and American Field Publishing Company—who made this event possible. The Retrievers and Spaniels presided over the mornings inductions and then we were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared by Me & My Tea Room. The afternoon sessions started with Plaque presentations presided over by Dave Fletcher and then our Hall of Fame inductees presided over by Rick Smith. Congratulations to all the Inductees and Plaque recipients!

If you'd like to support the endowment fund, the paving bricks for the front entry are \$100 and you can honor a dog, family member or friend. There are also lots of items on the BFTHF website available, check it out! How about your club adding a \$1.00 on to your entry fees to donate? No amount is too small and every donation is appreciated! Thanks to Tonya Brotherton for being a tireless worker and a



Wagon with Delmar

great Director of the National Bird Dog Museum, and to her staff and volunteers who are always ready to lend a helping hand. Hope to see you next year!



Bill & Mary Lynn Oliver plaque

If you missed 2019's festivities, you might want to mark your calendar now for February 8, 2020! I hope

