

Brittanys Honored at Field Trial Hall of Fame Celebration

It was a banner event for members of the Brittany community, who gathered at the Bird Dog Foundations' sporting dog center in Grand Junction, Tennessee, September 18-19 to pay tribute to the great dogs being inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame for 1998. The program was presented for the first time in conjunction with the Field Trial Hall of Fame celebration held annually at the center.

Captain Gary Lockee, Bird Dog Foundation president, greeted an overflow crowd of more than 200 bird dog enthusiasts from around the country, supporting not only Brittany interest but pointers, setter and the retriever breeds as well. Lockee introduced local and regional civic figures, then welcomed to the podium Messrs. Bernard J. Matthys of *The American Field*, Mr. Bill Speck, Assistant Vice President of Performance Events with the American Kennel Club, and Marty Seller, representing program sponsor Buckeye Feed Mills.



Claudine Spry and Dave Fletcher during presentation of the Patron Memorial plaque commemorating Lee Holman.

Mrs. Jim Holman and grandson Connor with Dave Fletcher during presentation of the Patron Memorial plaque for Jim Holman.



On Friday night, September 18 in a special appreciation program, the late Jim and Lee Holman were honored with patron memorial memberships in the Bird Dog Foundation by their many friends and admirers, who contributed to the Foundation's endowment fund in their behalf. The attractive plaques, which contain both portraits and biographical text, will hang in the sporting dog

center as a perpetual tribute to two much loved and respected bird dog men. Claudine Spry graciously accepted in father Lee's memory. Mrs. Janice Holman and other family members received the plaque honoring Jim.

Dogs elected to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame for 1998 and honored on the program were **Rimarda's Trademark**, owned by Jim and Janet Chase, who accepted the scroll; and **Jacolet's Wandering Star**, owned by Paul Hinch. Trainer Rick Smith received for Star.



Rick Smith received the scroll for Jacolet's Wandering Star.

Foundation vice president Mike Tuxon, presiding, recognized Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame chairman Bill Cartmell, who formally bestowed the handsomely framed scrolls honoring the new inductees. Scrolls commemorating 1997 inductees Colorado's Jumping Gypsy (Maggie Kline); Gringo de Britt (Dr. Tim Poling) and Hello Dolly Miss Kaer (Marie May) were awarded. Lyle Johnson presented **five** portraits by artist Todd Mallet depicting these, along with Hugh Malone's Kay Cee Bandit and Francis Clasen's Char-Lee O'Dee, for mounting in the Hall of Fame. An attractive wood and brass plaque listing all members of the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame was presented to be displayed with the portraits and other memorabilia in the Brittany section of the exhibit.

Among portraits of prior inductees presented to the Field Trial Hall of Fame was this one by Todd Mallet featuring Kay Cee Bandit, shown here with Bill Cartmell & Lyle Johnson.





And this one featuring Gringo De Britt, shown here with Bill Cartmell, owner Dr. Tim Poling & daughter, and Lyle Johnson with portrait.

Notable figures attending the function included Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame directors Rick Smith and wife Deborah, Bill Cartmell and wife Rheta; and Dr. John Webb and wife Judy; American Brittany Club officials James Doherty and wife Betty; Janet Chase and husband Jim; and Mary Jo Trimble. Francis Clasen, John Munson, Ken Jacobson and host of others joined in.

The Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame is a new establishment, created in 1997. Forty-one dogs were initially elected from a group of outstanding nominees chosen to set the Hall of Fame standard. The Brittany exhibit is growing steadily at the Bird Dog Foundation's sporting dog center, where bird dog and field trial history is preserved and displayed in the form of art, photography, literature and memorabilia. The public is invited to visit the center, which houses the National Bird Dog Museum, the Field Trial Hall of Fame and the Wildlife Heritage Center. Hours are 10-2 Monday through Friday; 10-4 Saturday and 1-4 Sunday, or by special appointment. Call (901) 764-2058 for details. For information about the Foundation's memorial plaque program, contact Dave Fletcher at (517) 725-7030.

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