

Brittany's Honored At The Field Trial Hall Of Fame

Exploring the Field Trial Hall of Fame and Bird Dog Museum complex in Grand Junction, TN is a "not soon to be forgotten" experience, and this is especially true when the occasion is the induction of two outstanding Brittany's and the presentation of a portrait of one of the previous years inductees.

The weekend program began on Friday with the presentation of the Patron and Patron Memorial Plaques. One of the latter was presented to the late Marilyn Pulliam by the Wolf Creek Chapter of Quail Unlimited, in recognition of her part in establishing the chapter and her subsequent role as an officer and ardent supporter. Accepting the plaque was Dick Pulliam, who was accompanied by their son Richard and daughter Patty.



Guy Joyner, Wolf Creek Chapter of Quail Unlimited; Richard, Patty & Dick Pulliam with Marilyn Pulliam memorial Plaque.

Saturday afternoon the program was devoted to the presentation of scrolls to the distinguished people and outstanding dogs being recognized this year. Brittany inductees were National Champions Bean's Blaze (1983) and Markar's Jac's A Dan D (1986). Garnet (Mrs. Jim) Robinson was accompanied by her brother Jim Metcalf and her sister-in-law and her husband, Marylou and George Brown. In addition Dave Walker, Blaze's trainer and handler, was also there to savor the moment.



Bill Cartmell, Jim Metcalf, Garnet Robinson (behind the mike), Dave Walker with Hall of Fame scroll, Mary Lou & George Brown.

Bob and Mary Weisz, Jac's owners from 1984, were there to accept his Hall of Fame scroll. His original owner, Mary Karbiner,

and his trainer and handler Chad Holman, were absent due to the running of the Chicken Classic in Nebraska..



Bill Cartmell, Bob & Mary Weisz, Bernie Matthys with Hall of Fame scroll.

In addition to the two new inductees, a portrait of Rimarda's Trademark, inducted in 1998, was presented for hanging in the Brittany Hall of Fame. In the absence of his owners Jim and Janet Chase (who were also in Nebraska) TM's breeder, Dave Fletcher, made the presentation to Bernie Matthys, Foundation member and Managing Editor of the American Field..



Bill Cartmell, Dave Fletcher (breeder)c with Bernie Matthys accepting the portrait of 1998 inductee, Rimarda's Trademark.

For those of you who have not visited the Bird Dog Museum complex, it is a wonderful place to spend a day exploring. Exhibits range from display cases of trophies, to sections devoted to various breeds and diversified activities, to a library and the walls are covered with Patron Plaques, Hall of Fame dogs and people, many of whom are well known to the Brittany world. The Museum/Hall of Fame wing is connected to the Education/Library wing by a pleasant sunlit atrium. In the Education wing there is also a most fascinating room devoted to a taxidermist's artistry in preserving wildlife. Shelves on three sides of this room and filled with various game birds, both upland game and waterfowl, fox, mink and other types of small game. The fourth wall is the "eye-catcher" in this room, with a diorama covering the entire wall. A hunting scene, it includes a wild turkey, dove, quail, pheasant, a raccoon, squirrel and other small wild life species.

If you are ever in the area, take a day and GO ENJOY!