

BIRD DOG FOUNDATION HOSTS BRITTANY FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

By Ella Conable

Hundred of bird dog enthusiasts gathered at Grand Junction, TN February 8-9, 2003 for the annual Bird Dog Hall of Fame inductions.

Rheta Cartmell and Dr. John Webb. Purina was represented by Rick Smith and Bob West, who presented the Bird Dog Foundation with a check for \$10,000.00 from Purina.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame for both dogs and people. Nomination procedure follows.



RC's Sundancer



Franklin County Bandit



Ed Graves & Mary Jo Trimble

This year there were no Brittany people inducted, but two of our dogs were honored: 7x CH DC/AFC RC's Sundancer, (1) trained, owned and handled by Rob & Carol Richter and 4x CH NFC Franklin County Bandit, (2) owned by Mary Jo Trimble and handled by Jim Holman.

Brittany attendees were less than in previous years, mainly due to a major field trial in Alabama. Among those in attendance, in addition to the honorees, were Tom & Gretchen Burroughs, Ed Graves, Neil Mace, Rob Donahue, Lloyd & Ella Conable, Bill &



Rob & Carol Richter



Ray & Mary Jo Trimble



Rick Smith, Friend Sharon & Ferrell Miller

**Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame
(May 2003, Bill Cartmell)**

Grand Junction, TN is the home of bird dog field trialing but it is also the home of the Field Trial Hall of Fame. In Grand Junction, the Bird Dog Foundation has a series of buildings one of which is reserved for the Bird Dog Field Trial Hall of Fame. This building has pictures of literally 100's of famous field trial dogs and field trial people. Each of the pictures is of a dog or person who is a member of the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Most of the pictures are of Pointer/Setter but there are also many Brittany pictures as well as pictures of Retrievers and Springer Spaniels. All of these dogs and people were elected through an elaborate election process, one whose purpose is to recognize outstanding field trial bird dogs and distinguished people for their contributions to the sport of field trialing.

The Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame (BFTHF) was initiated by the Bird Dog Foundation in 1993 and today has recognized 57 Outstanding Field Trial Brittany and 28 Distinguished Brittany people. These Brittany and Brittany people have been recognized for their contributions to the sport of field trialing and their pictures and a short resume are hung in the Field Trial Hall of Fame building. The BFTHF is part of the Bird Dog Foundation and is independent of the AKC or the ABC.

Induction into the BFTHF is a fairly straight-forward process, one that is modeled after the Field Trial Hall of Fame process described by Bill Brown in his book "Field Trials". There are three steps:

1st.: nominations. This step is open to all Brittany people! Its purpose is to identify and to bring to the attention of the BFTHF committee the names of Brittany and Brittany people who are con-

sidered worthy by the nominators for induction into the BFTHF. This nomination is more 'like' a vote, and everybody should vote. All people who believe a particular dog/person is worthy should submit this name. Any dog/person with a minimum of votes/nominations will not be further evaluated.

2nd : is the election. This is where the nominated dogs are evaluated to assure they are worthy. In this step, an election committee evaluates the worthiness of the Brittany and Brittany people based on their contributions to the sport of field trialing. The election committee is composed of approximately 30 people known for their field trial Championship knowledge, experience, and fairness.

3rd is the induction. Assume your Brittany was elected into the BFTHF. You will receive a formal invitation to the induction ceremony to be held in Grand Junction. In 2002, it was held in early February prior to the start of the Pointer/Setter National Championship. These ceremonies are great; you are in the Hall of Fame room at Grand Junction. The room has 100's of pictures of Hall of Fame dogs and people and there are present 100-200 bird dog people and it is surprising how many you know! You and your dog are introduced, your presenter says some great words about you and your dog, you say a few more words, you are given a Scroll, and you provide an artist's rendition of your dog to the Hall of Fame. In less than one hour the formalities are over except for the picture taking and a short supper! But it is unforgettable!! Your dog is inducted the same as all other dogs in this room, it is the highest, most prestigious, award for any Brittany!!

It's time to nominate your choice for this honor. Send nominations to Bill Cartmell, P.O. Box 612, Booneville, AR 72927 or rhtabrit@aol.com



Date of Motion: May 20, 2003
Final vote Tabulation: June 3, 2003

Motion by Tom Milam, Mid-West Director: Seconded by Dave Lincoln, Mid-West Director and Gordon Theilen, West Coast Direct.

I move that the existing managing editor be offered the honorary position of Managing Editor Emeritus. The duties of this position will be to serve as an advisor when called upon. No compensation will be paid.

I further move that the ABC Secretary be directed to place an announcement in the July and August issues of The American Brittany Magazine that the Board of Directors will be taking applications for the position of Managing Editor of the Magazine. Applicants should send a resume to the Executive Secretary for review by the Board prior to September 15, 2003. Finalists may be asked to appear for an interview before the Board during the annual meeting in December at Booneville. A brief description of duties and compensation should be included in the announcement.

Carney, Gorman, Patterson, Ackerman, Trimble, Milam, Lincoln, Engel, Theilen, Hartnek: **YES (10)**. Rankin: **NO (1)**. Lisius: **ABSTAINED (1)**. Bjork, Burroughs, Chase: **DID NOT VOTE (3)**.

MOTION CARRIED