

Inductees Named to Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame



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Lloyd Budd of Bellevue, Texas, (at podium) makes acceptance remarks after his induction into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. Pictured with Mr. Budd are members of his family and fellow trainer, Rick Smith (far right).

The American Field magazine concluded Saturday's festivities by hosting an evening reception. Activities continued on Sunday evening, Feb. 13th, with Eukanuba and the Iams Corp. hosting a barbeque at the Bird Dog Foundation as a kick-off party for the 106th National Field Trial Championship that began the following day on grounds at the historic Ames Plantation.

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to preserving the past and protecting the future for over 40 breeds of sporting dogs, including pointing dogs, spaniels, and retrievers, most of which are also involved in competitive field trial sports across the continent. The foundation houses and

operates the National Bird Dog Museum, Field Trial Hall of Fame, Wildlife Heritage Center, and National Retriever Museum, all under one roof at Grand Junction, TN. Its operation is supported entirely by private donations and memberships. The exhibits, art, and extensive natural resources/sporting dog library are all free for the public's enjoyment and education six days per week, Tuesday through Sunday.



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Pictured after receiving the Field Trial Hall of Fame induction scroll for his outstanding female Brittany, Minnehaha's Tammy, is Dr. Robert Rankin of Oklahoma City (2nd from right). Also pictured at left are Lyle and Marge Johnson, along with Francis Clasen (right).

The small town of Grand Junction, Tennessee, was abuzz with excitement over the weekend of February 12 & 13, 2005. Nestled on the outskirts of the village is the hallowed site of the Field Trial Hall of Fame, where the greatest of the greats are enshrined - both dogs and people who, over time, have made significant contributions to the field trial sport. Pointing dogs, flushing dogs, and retrieving breeds are all honored. Several hundred sporting dog enthusiasts from all over North America convened at the Bird Dog Foundation's sporting dog complex in Grand Junction to witness eleven distinguished persons and nine deserving dogs of various breeds as they were all inducted into the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Among the honorees were two great Brittany field trialers and two outstanding Brittanys.

The Brittany field trailers named were **Lloyd Bud** of Bellevue, TX, and **J. W. "Dub" Emde, Jr.** of Ardmore, OK. Deserving Brittanys inducted included **Minnehaha's Tammy**, bred by Calvin Gillespie, and owned by Dr. Robert Rankin of Oklahoma City, OK. The other was **Scipio's Little Chick**, bred by Peggy Brooks and owned, trained and handled by Fay & Dave Walker, New Plymouth, ID. Portraits of each inductee will hang permanently in the prestigious hall. They join 28 distinguished persons and 60 outstanding Brittanys already named to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame.

A portion of the afternoon program was devoted to the unveiling of four life-size bronze busts made in likeness to four stalwarts who helped found The Bird Dog Foundation and the Field Trial Hall of Fame. They were: William F. Brown (deceased), Chicago, 11; Capt. Garette E. Lockee, USN Retired, LaGrange, TN; Bernard J. Matthys, Chicago, IL; and John S. O'Neill, Jr. (deceased), Hatchechubbee, AL. A luncheon was hosted by Purina and



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Accepting on behalf of J. W. "Dub" Emde (in portrait) are friends and fellow Brittany enthusiasts, (l-r) Mary Crawford, Dr. John A. Webb, and Tom Milam. Emde, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was unable to attend when he was recently inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame at Grand Junction, TN.



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Fay and Dave Walker, from New Plymouth, Idaho, are shown with the induction scroll after their stellar Brittany female, Scipio's Little Chick, was named to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. The portrait of "Chicky" will hang permanently in the prestigious hall.