

2008 Hall of Fame Induction

Bird Dog Museum and Hall of Fame

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"The Bird Dog Foundation is a chartered, non-profit charitable organization. It is *"dedicated to preserving the past and protecting the future for sporting dog fanciers the world over."*

"To those ends, its museum, projects, and other initiatives are aimed at: Preserving the rich legacy of sporting dogs via historic artifacts, art, and other memorabilia... Recognizing those people and dogs that have made significant contributions to the sport of field trialing... Supporting and promoting the responsible dog ownership, training, field trialing, hunting, and the shooting sports... Promoting conservation of our natural resources by education the general public – especially encouraging and involving youth in programs relating to dog sports and wholesome outdoor recreation."

We had a lovely, sun filled day for the induction ceremonies. The ceremonies were well attended, but I believe our breed had the largest representation: Frank & Donna Pride, Vicki Pride, Renee Morris, Kari Pride, Jesse Pride, Corinne Downs, Carol Pride, Walter Pride, Leon Pride, Sean Pride, Linda & Larry McAnnally, Francis Clasen, Dave Clasen, Doug & Cindy Clasen, Diane (Clasen) & Ben Cooper, Janet & Jim Chase, Mary Jo & Ray Trimble, Donna & Ed Janulis, Kathy & Ron Gulembo, Karen Schreiber, Chad, Kim & Lee Holman, Sherry & Kent Merryman, Ken Blackman, Neil Mace, Rheta & Bill Cartmell, Marge & Lyle Johnson, Scott Johnson, Bill and Marilyn Oliver, Dave & Joyce Lincoln, Dave Capstick, Tim Self, Elaine & Paul Keipers, Ben Lorensen, Tom Ettinger, Dick Davis, Pat Carney, Rick & Delmar Smith and Gary & Diana Kubitz.

The morning inductions were for the Retrievers and Flushing Spaniels, which was followed by a wonderful lunch of chicken/beef, potatoes, tossed greens with fresh raspberries, and lovely peach and berry cobblers compliments of Nestles Purina. The dining area was completely full and tables were set up in the retriever area for the rest of the diners. As usual it was a first class luncheon, just what we've come to expect from anything with **Purina's** name on it.

After lunch, the Brittany part of the program commenced with a special plaque being given to Frank and Donna Pride by their friends in the Maine Brittany Club. I don't know who was the most surprised, Frank or Donna; by the look on her face I think Donna!

Among other plaques received was Founder Award for Rich Smith. Rick and Delmar were called to the podium and Gary Locke explained the contributions that the two of them had made. Delmar had been honored several years earlier, but today it was Rick's turn. Each year he does a training seminar in Tennessee with all the money going for the benefit of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and the Bird Dog Museum. Rick has raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00 in the past several years. Rick was visibly moved by this plaque and the kind words that were spoken. Delmar simply said he was proud of Rick. Next time you see an ad for Rick Smith' seminar in Tennessee, please attend. You'll not only learn something from a great trainer, but you'll benefit the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and Museum!

Next came the moment we'd been waiting for all day – the Brittany Hall of Fame inductions! **Frank Pride**; to Donna's surprise they called her up to the podium with Frank to receive his award. "Snooky" thanked everyone involved in getting him elected to the Hall of Fame, especially Gary Anderson, Ann & John Short and the whole Central Maine Brittany Club. With his usual quiet manner, Frank spoke, a few words of thanks for this great honor. Leaders are "a sage on the stage or a guide on the side." Frank is best known as a "guide on the side," quietly sharing his wisdom. Frank has literally touched hundreds of lives in the Brittany world.

Next was **Francis Clasen's** turn. Francis has been a member of the American Brittany club for more than 40 years and has attended every All-Age National Championship since 1968. He was past VP of the ABC

for two years and sat on the board for several years. He was one of the five founding members of the Blue Mountain Field Trial Association that is now known as the Blue Mountain Conservation Association. Francis was elected as a Life Member of the ABC in 1993 and inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame in 2004. Francis thanked everyone for the honor and introduced his family.

NFC/DC/AFC Gambler's Ace in the Hole's plaque was presented to his proud owners Ed and Donna Janulis, flanked by Chad Holman and his son Lee. Ed thanked the people that he felt were responsible for Rocky's success, especially Chad as handler and Bill and Karen Schreiber as breeders. Rocky excelled as a competitor (32 hour placements) and a producer (to date has sired 11 dogs with 22 hour placements and 3 national placements). I had the pleasure of reporting the national championship the year Rocky won. Anyone who watched him knew he was a BIRD DOG, the highest praise for a Brittany or Brittany owner.

CH Hi-Scor Jac de Ruffian's plaque was presented to Dick Davis. Dick talked about the early days of the Hank's career and his belief in the dog. He realized early on the abilities the dog possessed. Hank produced 13 FC's, 4 dogs with Championship wins and several Canadian Champions. He had 8 hour placements; most notable of which are the 2 endurance wins. Hank was an outstanding dog and one of the best Brittanys of the 90's.

The German Shorthaired Pointers took part in the ceremonies for the very first time this year. They were followed by the Pointer/Setter inductions.

The day came to a conclusion with a cocktail hour hosted by the **The AMERICAN FIELD**. It was a great time to chat and finally have a chance to wander through the museum looking at the exhibits and spotting names of people and dogs that you'd only read about in the past.

If you haven't been to Grand Junction, put it on the list of things to do. The Pointer Nationals, the Bird Dog Hall of Fame, The Bird Dog Museum, & Dunn's are all well worth the trip. To all the honorees of this year's event – **CONGRATULATIONS!**

September 5, 6 & 7 (Fri., Sat., & Sun.) – Rick Smith's "Foundation" dog training seminar to be held at the National Bird Dog Museum. For more information on the Seminar, please contact us at: (731) 764-2058.



Pictured above, left to right: Tim Self, Mary Jo & Ray Trimble, Phil Corlew and Dave Capstick, members of the St. Louis Club presenting a **Patron Plaque** for Ruby Trimble, Ray's first wife.

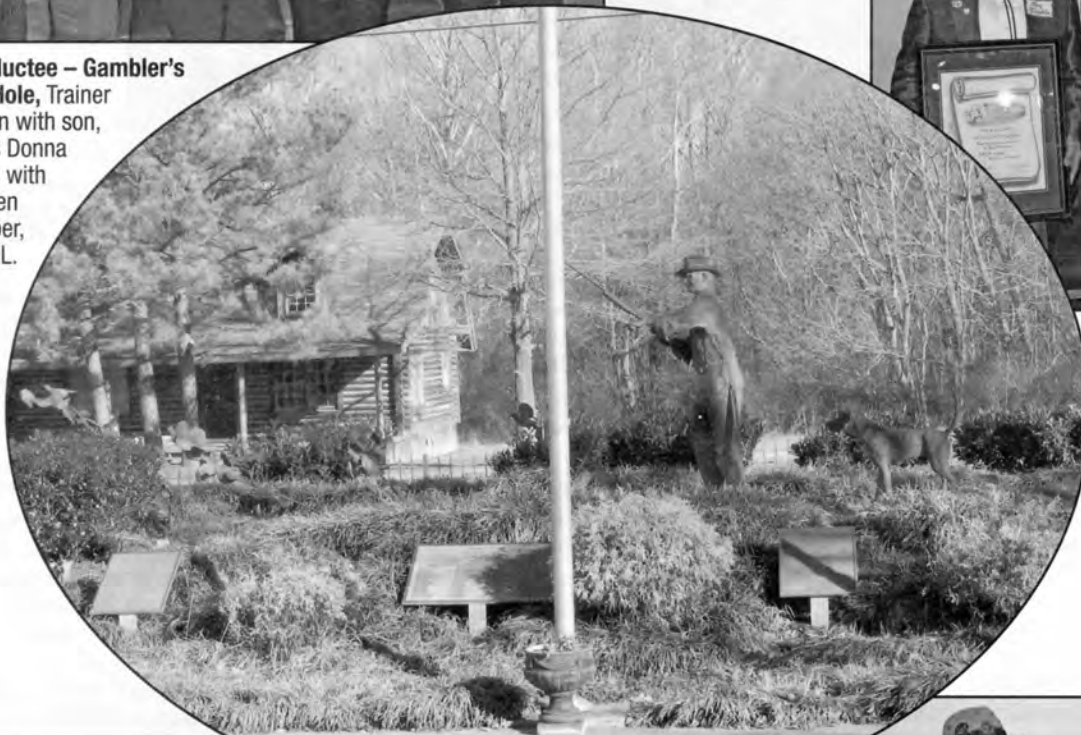


Pictured above right: Dick Davis thanking everyone for Hanks Induction.



Brittany Inductee, Hi-Scor Jac-D Ruffian (not present-owner, Jerry Kendrick, Grovetown, GA) accepting, Ray Trimble & Ben Lorenson.

Brittany Inductee – Gambler's Ace in the Hole, Trainer Chad Holman with son, Lee, Owners Donna & Ed Janulis with Breeder Karen (Bill) Schreiber, Manhattan, IL.



Front of Building.



Pictured at right: Lyle Johnson with inductee, **Francis Clausen, Brittany Inductee**, Garden Plains, KS.



Pictured at left: Donna & **Frank Pride, Brittany Inductee**, Booneville, AR.

Pictured below: Bernie Mathis, Dave Lincoln and Francis Classen.



Pictured at left: Delmar Smith, Gary Locke and Rick Smith, with Dave Fletcher in background.



Pictured above, the Brittany corner of the museum.