



# 2025 Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame Ceremonies

February 8, 2025

National Bird Dog Museum, Grand Junction, TN

*“To be enshrined in a Hall of Fame is the greatest achievement in the field trial sports.”*

We encourage Brittany owners to visit the Bird Dog Museum. There you will see field trial history of all sporting breeds especially in the Brittany museum. Mark your calendar now for February 7, 2026 when we will all meet again.

The week of celebration always begins on the preceding Tuesday with workers in our beautiful museum and hall of fame. During the week, Mary Crawford, Ken Blackman and Ken Windom rehung all of the dog portraits leaving more open wall space for future portraits. Ken W. brought the beautiful stained wood backboard with aluminum letters attached, reading “Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame”, and with Rick Smith’s help, hung it high up on the wall as you enter our hall. Steve Ralph our webmaster came early and photographed our museum for the website. We finished our projects for the week at day’s end on Thursday. We are very proud of our Brittany museum and hall of fame!

Our annual Friday evening celebration began at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Collierville, TN after the arrival of Brittany folks. What a crowd! We welcomed approximately 50 people for our usual cocktail and auction party in the hotel lobby. Rick Smith and Mary Crawford hosted the meal and drinks and Dave Lincoln furnished the beer. Judy Graves brought the famous grape salad since Mary Jo and Ray Trimble couldn’t attend this year and Nancy Clendenen assisted with meal preparation. We thank Ken Windom, Henry Wierzbicki, Harlene Johnson and others who helped with the party both Friday and Saturday evenings.

The annual auction was again successful due to Scott Johnson’s expert auctioneering with Rick handing up the items. We had quite an array of donations that brought in over \$4500 for our endowment fund. Harlene Johnson and Christin Smith Lynch kept track of the dollars since Mary Karbiner couldn’t attend this year. Christin, Rick’s daughter, now lives in Oklahoma and also served as grandfather Delmar’s driver; we hope she comes again next year. The exuberant crowd had a great time visiting with old friends we hadn’t seen in many years.

We thank everyone for their personal and club contributions throughout this past year; every penny goes into our endowment fund to ensure our breed history will always have a home! Contact Dave Lincoln for information about your club adding \$1 to your entry fees to donate to our endowment fund; no amount is too small.

The Hall of Fame ceremonies took place on Saturday at the Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, TN, a short drive from Collierville. Since we were scheduled after lunch, it gave visitors a chance to tour our museum in the morning. A wonderful lunch buffet was served to everyone after the morning session. Thank you to all of the sponsors of this year's event—Purina, Garmin and Ainley Kennels & Fabrication.—who made this event possible. We sincerely thank Purina for their continued support of our field trial events.

This year the induction ceremonies had a huge attendance of over 350 people and the Brittanys had the largest number of people of any breed . . . again! Chairman Rick Smith presided over the presentations.

**Inductee 2X Champion, 3X RU Champion FC Ortho Acres Booker T**, owned by David Webb and Tommy Tracy, was our new hall of fame dog. Booker was bred by Marilynne and Clem Little. He accomplished national recognition during his lifespan, which was just a couple of months over ten years of age.

Booker had 6 Derby wins in 2001, winning the ABC Eastern Futurity. He had 31 placements with several major AKC wins and was retired with 8 hour wins with 19 American Field placements. Booker's performance record was exclusively due to Tom's training and handling in field trials, the fact being that he was "so easy to train".

Without a doubt Booker's biggest accomplishment was his contribution to the Brittany breed and the offspring he sired. Booker's strong characteristics have been passed genetically along to most all of his pups, down through three generations. It's a calm and quiet temperament along with athleticism and trainability. His record of production increases daily as the accomplishments of his progeny continue with hour winners still coming 3 generations later.

Booker's winning progeny are many. Several won the Purina All-Age Dog of the Year Award, the Quail, Chicken, Pheasant, and Gun Dog Classics, along with other one hour championships and the Nationals. His progeny total 101 hour wins, grand progeny total 44 hour wins and great grand progeny total 8 hour wins. He is indeed worthy to be in our hall of fame.

**Plaques** were presented honoring the following people. Each had a large group of people supporting them:

**David Edward Capstick**

**William Dierberg, DVM**

**Joe & Marsha Luisi**

**Linda Thomas**

**Ken Windom**

**Congratulations to the Inductee and Plaque Recipients!**

Our thanks to Tonya Brotherton for being a tireless worker and a great Executive Director of the National Bird Dog Museum. Hope to see you next year !

For inductee's complete biography, photos of attendees at the ceremonies AND updated photos of our museum, visit our website at <https://www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com/>



**INDUCTEE Ortho Acres Booker T** portrait with owners David Webb and Tommy Tracy, Carla Tracy, Dustin Foley, Raus Tracy



**PLAQUE** Recipient David Edward Capstick

Tim Self, Jarod Sachs, Emily Sachs, Amy Schneider, Jeff Capstick, Dave Capstick with plaque, Tim Capstick, Julie Kappen, Brittany Schneider, Tom Schneider, Duane Schneider, Dylan Kappen, Genevieve Kappen, Kady Williams Carly Capstick



**PLAQUE** Recipient William Dierberg DVM  
HR Gentsch, Sally Gentsch, William Dierberg DVM, Donna Koebel, Judy Graves,  
Ed Graves, Sharon Wice, Burton Wice.



**PLAQUE** Recipients Joe and Marsha Luisi  
Left to right: Jodie Beck, John Beck, Ann Marie Martucci, Marsha Luisi, Joseph J Luisi,  
Joe Luisi (holding plaque), Judy Kiracofe, Mark Dreyfus, Ralph Kiracofe w/hat,  
Alison Taglang, Rick Taglang, Ralph Di Iorio, Tara Di Iorio



**PLAQUE** Recipient Linda Thomas with Ken Windom



**Plaque** Recipient Ken Windom  
Rick Smith, Lisa Pollock, Ken Windom and Mary Crawford



Our new sign made by “craftsman and woodworker” Ken Windom.



Museum Director Tonya Brotherton  
and HOF Delmar Smith