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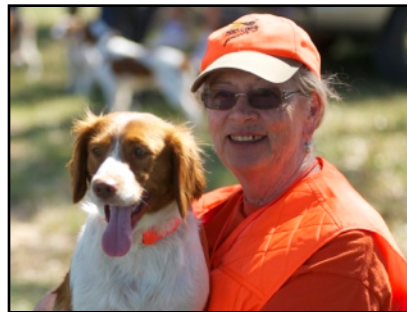


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Goodbye summer, hello fall....

It's been a too-short summer, but one that saw a pair of well attended and successful events. Many thanks to Bill and Lori Nitto for organizing a fantastic Fun Days weekend in July, and to Jim Murphy and trial secretary Jeri

Conklin for pulling off the walking field trial in August. Next up: the annual fall field trial and, new this year, a fall hunt-test weekend (details at right). Hope to see ya'll there!



What's with these lap dogs? Lovin' our Britts at Fun Days.

CALENDAR

SEPT. 23-25

Fall field trial, Clear Creek Sports Club, Corning. For a premium and more information:

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OCT. 15-16

Hunt Tests, Kick Back Ranch, Penn Valley. For a premium and more information:

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Announcement

Wayne Ricciardi takes the reins as interim club president

Due to family health issues, NCBC President Debbie Inferrera stepped down from her position in July. The Board of Directors appointed long-time club member Wayne Ricciardi to serve as

interim president through the end of the year. The club would like to sincerely thank Debbie for her service. Thank you, Wayne. And Debbie, we hope to see you at many future events!

In memoriam
Helen Marie Capps

The Brittany world lost a friend and inspiration with the passing on Aug. 10 of Helen Marie Holling Capps, 72, of complications from cancer. A long-time Northern California Brittany Club and American Brittany Rescue member, Helen Marie was known to many as the wonder woman who mentored others while accumulating title after title on her Brittans, including Striker, Magnum, Mindy and Merlot.

Born in Pennsylvania, Helen Marie moved to Fairfield as a child, started training dogs at age 10 and eventually translated her skills into a successful dog-training business. She got her first Brittany in 1986 and led six Britts to titles in conformation, obedience, agility and hunting. Her most accomplished dog was her last, CH Dogwood Hollow Strike the Gold, CDX, RAE, BN, GN, GO, SH, VD, CGC.

“Striker,” eight years old and well on the way to his Master Hunter title, has gone to live with his hunt trainer, Steve Klassen of Blue Ridge Kennels in Dixon.

“Mom was always the ‘Cool Mom,’ volunteering at swim meets, driving the car pool, being the house where friends gathered,” reminisces her son, Alan Capps of Sacramento. “My Mom and Dad were married 28 years before Ron passed in 1993. I’ve joked we had a ‘Beaver Cleaver’ family—no fights, perfect world. Once Dad passed, Mom never found anyone to compare. But she had a lot of friends.



Clockwise from top: Helen Marie with Striker when he earned his Junior Hunter title; with hunt trainer Steve Klassen; at home with Striker (kissing) and Merlot.



NCBC dedicates hunt test to Helen Marie Capps

The Northern California Brittany Club is dedicating its Oct 15-16 Hunt Test to Helen Marie Capps. In her honor, the club will present a plaque to a person who, like Helen Marie, demonstrates excellent sportsmanship, is passionate, gracious, patient, optimistic, kind and supports and inspires others.

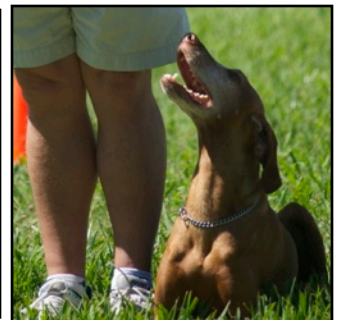
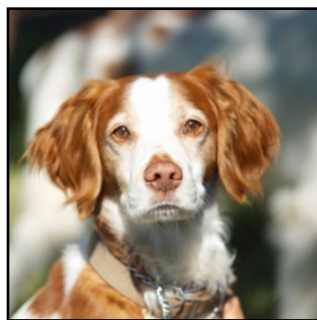
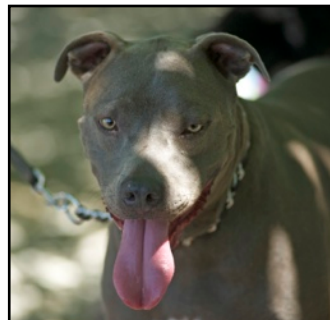
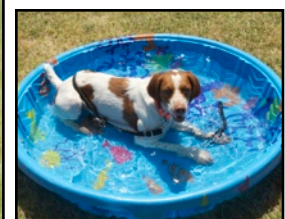
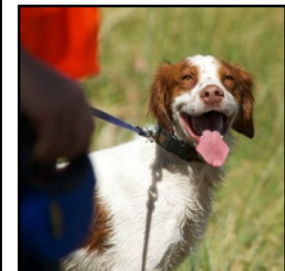
The event will be held at Kick Back Ranch in Penn Valley, home of NCBC members Wayne and Wendy Ricciardi. Event Chair is NCBC 2nd Vice President Glenda Mazzuci, who can be reached at (707) 301-8116 or glenda_larry@sbcglobal.net

Man, did she have a lot of friends.”

Helen Marie is survived by her sons, Alan and David Capps; sis-

ter, Pat Haas; dog Striker and numerous friends she called family.

Scenes from Fun Days 2016



Club members, family members, guests and dogs of many breeds enjoyed a wide variety of activities at NCBC's annual Fun Days fundraiser held the last weekend of July at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve in Rio Vista.

Aug. 20-21 walking field trial results

By Jeri Conklin

First the birds, then the humans, dogs and horses came alive as the sun rose over Hastings Island Hunting Preserve on Aug. 20. Thankfully, the cool Delta breeze blessed the start of our walking trial.

It takes a village to put on a field trial, and we had the best village helping us. Everyone pitched in and helped, most without even our asking!

We had 109 dogs run between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and everything went smoothly over the two days of the trial. The bird planters all worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to get the birds out in the perfect spots. Our judges spent very long, hot hours in the saddle to watch this great group of dogs run.

Placements weren't easy to come by, as the completion was stiff in the broke-dog stakes. Puppies had fun learning to navigate the tall marsh grasses, and the derby dogs found an interesting mix of planted chukar as well as the native birds one often encounters on the preserve. Handlers were great at being on the line ready to go, and spectators got to see some exciting dogs work.

"Thank you" couldn't be said enough times this weekend. So I'll say it one last time, THANK YOU to everyone who came and enjoyed our trial; to those who travelled long distances (Washington, Oregon and Southern California) to all who pitched in the help; and to everyone at the preserve who got our birds to us and made sure it was going smoothly.

Congratulations to all our placements! We worked hard, played hard and had fun with our dogs! Couldn't ask for a better weekend.

When the sun set on the horizon Sunday night, all was quiet once again and the cool Delta breeze continued to blow.

OPEN PUPPY (11 Starters)

Judges: James Murphy & Karen Holmes

- 1st:** SUNDANCE KID'S RENEGADE MARSHALL (D), (NAFC FC AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x Tabette JHA); O:James Sterling Cullor; H: Scott Azevedo
2nd: DIXON RIDGE B CITORI V PARKER (D), GWP
3rd: DIXON RIDGE FRANCHI V PARKER (B), GWP
4th: BRETON'S TURBO LEXY (B), (FC Une's Blazing Jake MH x C-Bisquit Runner In Paris For Breton); O: Aaron Douglas Cullor, H: Scott Azevedo

AMATEUR PUPPY (10 Starters)

Judges: Roy Smith & Sarah Chvilieck

- 1st:** R N QUAILPOINT BLACKRIVER RUSTY SPUR (D), GSP
2nd: DIXON RIDGE FRANCHI V PARKER (F), GWP
3rd: SUNDANCE KID'S RENEGADE MARSHALL (D), (NAFC FC AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x Tabette JHA) O: James Sterling Cullor; H: Scott Azevedo
4th: DIXON RIDGE B. CITORI V PARKER (D), GWP

OPEN DERBY (10 Starters)

Judges: James Simmons & James Murphy

- 1st:** G.T.'s Quiet Riot (D), Pointer
2nd: NMK'S LITTLE SURFER GIRL (B), GSP
3rd: NMK'S AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' (D), GSP
4th: BARLEYWINE DIG THAT GIRL (B) VIZ
Award of Merit: CH COPPER CALIAH'S DREAM HI RIVER LILLY (B), (DC Copley's Red River x GCH CH Elkhorn Jack's Misdemeanor JH); O: Shellie Sytsma & Kristina Rickard; H: Mary Brown

AMATEUR DERBY (9 Starters)

J: James Simmons & Roy Smith

- 1st:** NMK'S LITTLE SURFER GIRL (B), GSP
2nd: GCH CH DOUBLEEE's KISSES FROM UP ABOVE JH (B), GWP
3rd: CH COPPER CALIAH'S DREAM HI RIVER LILLY (B), (DC Copley's Red River x GCH CH Elkhorn Jack's Misdemeanor JH); O Shellie Sytsma & Kristina Rickard; H Mary Brown
4th: BARLEYWINE DIG THAT GIRL (B) VIZ
Award of Merit: CH ROCKVILLE'S WILLIE MAC JH (D), WEIM

Field trial results (continued)

OPEN GUN DOG (20 Starters)

Judges: Derrick Mullin & Nick Nickols

- 1st:** DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D), (GCH CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Slam x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl); O: Jacqui & Ben Campbell; H: Ben Campbell
- 2nd:** FC/AFC JALO'S ODOT (D), (FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Flashy Blue Flame); O/H: Jim House
- 3rd:** BRETON'S FRANGELICA A TOAST TO PEPPER AND SUN (B) (FC Breton's Soleil Midi x French Road Pepper JH) O Gordon Theilen; H Scott Azevedo
- 4th:** NMK's WILD MOUNTAIN THYME (D), GSP
Award of Merit: PM TRAX TRIGGER HAPPY (D), WEIM

AMATEUR GUN DOG (19 Starters)

Judges: Karen Holmes & Nick Nickols

- 1st:** FC AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B) (FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl); O/H: Jim House
- 2nd:** CADENBERG F ARGOS V. SEP (D), GWP
- 3rd:** NMK'S PRESUMED INNOCENT JH (D), GSP
- 4th:** VSK TUMALO LITTLE JOE (D), GWP

OPEN LIMITED GUN DOG (16 Starters)

J: Derrick Mullin & Sarah Chvilicek

- 1st:** KEMPFER LITTLE JOKER (D), Pointer

2nd: FC AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B) (FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl); O/H Jim House

3rd: CH RJ'S CUT TO THE CHASE MH (D), (GCHB CH Sunquest Cimmaron Catch The Wind BN RE MH RATO CGC x CH RJ's Kiss Me Kate JH); O Robert & Joyce Wire; H: Pierre Urrutia

4th: GCH CH GERSTDALE'S LAID-BACK JAKE SH (D) (CH Mich Mt The Suspense Is Over x CH Gerstdale's Money To Burn SH); O: Don & Annette Pfister; H: Don Pfister

Awards of Merit (2): PAR'S RYDER CUP (D), G/SETTER and BRETON'S FRANGELICA A TOAST TO PEPPER AND SUN (B) (FC Breton's Soleil Midi x French Road Pepper JH); O: Gordon Theilen; H: Scott Azevedo

AMATEUR LIMITED GUN DOG (13 Starters)

J: Sarah Chvilicek & James Murphy

- 1st:** FC AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B) (FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl); O/H: Jim House
- 2nd:** DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D) (GCH CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Slam x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl); O: Jacqui & Ben Campbell; H: Ben Campbell
- 3rd:** NMK'S LIMITED FIRST EDITION MH (B), GSP
- 4th:** GCH CH CASTLE STAR SPANGLED BANNER JH (D) (CH Castle's Over The Top Wyatt x CH Castle's All In JH); O: Rick & Cheri Perez; H: Rick Perez

AKC RESOURCES

Information about upcoming conformation shows, field trials, hunting tests, agility, rally, obedience and tracking events

can be found on the events page of the American Kennel Club website. Go to www.akc.org/events and enter your criteria.

You can also check schedules

on the site maintained by the American Brittany Club, our parent organization, at www.akc.org/brit

DOG AND PEOPLE NEWS....

NEW GRAND CHAMPION!

Club member Suszanne Marlow’s “Timber” is now a Grand Champion! GCH Wolram's Oakleaf Timber SH is out of DC/AFC Superglide Sportster MH and CH Wolram's Turquoise Ridge Joule JH.

Timber is pictured at the Hangtown Kennel Club Show with Judge Linda Robey, owner/breeder Suzanne Marlow and Jan Schmoldt.



Vinnie earns Rally Novice title

Club member Kathryn Miele of Placerville is proud to announce that her dog Grouse Mt Wise Guy (“Vinnie”) earned his Rally Novice title at the Mensona Kennel Club show held in Santa Rosa on Aug. 26. He placed first in his class with a perfect score of 100.

Earlier in the month, Vinnie earned his first two RN legs at the Reno Kennel Club trials on Aug. 19 with scores of 98 and 100. Vinnie is out Grouse Mt Legendary Edition JH (“Parker”) and Ch RJ's Kentucky Moonshine MH (“Tucker”). He is owned and was handled by Kathryn. Next on Vinnie's "to do" list is earning the final leg towards his Barn Hunt Novice title, hopefully later this year.



Vinnie with proud owner/handler Kathryn Miele of Placerville.



‘Ginny’ named CBC Dog of Year

Camelot Brittanys and Jeri and Kurt Conklin, members of NCBC as well as the California Brittany Club, are proud to announce that their Ginny, FC KWK Windswept Guenivere of Camelot JH, was named Dual Dog of the Year for 2015 by the CBC.

In addition, the Conklins’ “Dice” (CH Camelot Copper’s Rollin Four Dice) finished his show championship with Kurt handling.

Both were field trained by Paul and Peggy Doiron. Congratulations to all!

NCBC MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of Northern California Brittany Club is to promote co-operation and friendship among the owners and breeders of Brittanys and to encourage the highest standards in breeding, training, and showing of Brittanys in the field and in the show ring.

Yearly membership is \$50.00. By joining Northern California Brittany Club, you will also become an American Brittany Club member and will receive its monthly magazine, The American Brittany. The magazine contains reports of trials, shows, and club activities, advertisements, listings for kennels, stud dogs, and trainers, and articles of interest to Brittany owners. NCBC also publishes this newsletter, **BARKS**, which will keep you informed of club activities.

Click [here](#) to join or renew, or contact club secretary Michelle Millette at (530) 357-4183 or millettebrittanys@gmail.com

How to submit your news to BARKS

Without your news, we don't have a newsletter. But to get it right, we need all the facts. Please submit news items and photos to Janet Fullwood at jfullwood@me.com.

Be sure to include:

- The word BARKS in the subject line.
- Your dog's registered name as well as call name.
- Parentage (sire/dam) if you'd like it included.
- If you are reporting placements, the name, place and date of the event.

NCBC MEMBER RESOURCES

NCBC maintains a [website](#) where you can access breed information, view a schedule of upcoming events and download entry forms.

The club's [Facebook page](#) also has club news, along with many photos of NCBC members and their dogs. Separate pages are created for special events like [Fun Days](#). [Love My Brittanys](#) is for Britt fans who want to share photos and experiences. It is administered by club member Shawna Stockton.



Harriett Tucker and Banjo in a Fun Days dance routine.

[DogTrekker.com](#) is a site devoted to things to do and places to go with dogs in California. It is edited by club member Janet Fullwood.

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