



THE MID-FLORIDA BRITTANY CLUB NEWS MAY 2018 ISSUE



MFBC

*Our goals are to encourage friendship and cooperation among owners, breeders and competitors while maintaining the highest standards in breeding, training and performance. We are committed to keeping the Brittany forever a Dual Breed.*



## ✧ President's Message ✧

*Sherry Foster ~ Mid-Florida Brittany Club President*

### TIME FOR SOMETHING NEW...

The Board of Directors and Officers of the MFBC would like to acknowledge and thank our President, Sherry Foster for her many years of service to our Club as she leaves office in June. She has done a tremendous job of leading the Club to the success we have experienced over the last several years. We have had record attendance at our Specialty Shows, Field Trials and Hunt Tests at a time when many clubs have struggled with attendance at events. Under her guidance we have been asked to host several ABC Events - the ABC Summer Specialty Show in 2012, the ABC Eastern Futurity in 2016, and the ABC Meet the Breeds booth, which is a tremendous honor for our club. We have increased our membership and are now one of the larger regional clubs in the country. She has worked hard to appeal to the interests of all Brittany owners and encourage new members to come out and participate at Club hosted events. Over the course of her term she has brought many new ideas, new events and much needed growth to our Club. While we will miss her leadership...she will now be able to come participate without quite so much work and more fun! We all thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her hard work and dedication to our Club and our breed. *We love you Sherry and Thank you!*

#### *Officers:*

President: Sherry Foster  
Vice President: Kathryn Durno  
Treasurer: Linda Pruitt  
Secretary: Eva Bailey

#### *Board Members At Large:*

Janice Hightower  
Valerie Davies  
Christine Gourley

#### *Committees*

*We are always looking for volunteers to help on our event committees!*

# Member Spotlight

## MEET KENT CANTRELL, DVM & TEBOW

The introduction to my first Brittany was at 14 years old while hunting with Charley Waterman, long time sporting dog writer, and his favorite bird dog which was a Brittany. At the time my father had a kennel full of



English Pointers and I begged him for a Brittany puppy until he reluctantly gave in, then allowed me to research and purchase the Brittany breeding of my choice. Little did he know that one 32 lb descendant of Kay-Cee Bandit would change the complexion of a kennel of Pointers to Brittanys over just a few years. That one little dog would also fuel a passion and addiction for me that includes training, bird hunting, and competing in field trials. I did take a twelve year hiatus in the 1990s from my passion for bird dogs to concentrate on veterinary school and establish an equine practice in Ocala, FL.

In 2009 after purchasing a puppy from Nolan Huffman that I named after University of Florida's star quarterback "Tebow", I combined two passions and started horseback field trials with a puppy with "big name shoes" to fill. Again, Tebow the Brittany, fueled my obsession and has been a very competitive field trial gun/shooting dog. His wins and placements have been in both AKC and American Field, with some being one hour stakes as the only Brittany in a group of Pointers and Setters. He has qualified for the National Gun Dog Championships every year since a three year old. I finally made it to Michigan with him this year and he earned runner up in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. My kennel now consists of three Brittanys, one English Pointer, and an English Cocker. They all have to be hunting dogs first and field trial dogs second.

The Brittany as a field dog can compete with any breed in hunting and bird finding ability. Many times their intelligence and drive can make up for size, as the two best I've had to date both weighed in at 32 lbs. I hope moving forward into the future that we as promoters of this wonderful breed can continue to emphasize their traits that have drawn us to them.

~ Kent Cantrell, DVM





## MFBC Hosted Events

### MFBC Field Trials

#### **Perry Plantation, Gainesville, FL January 2018**

The MFBC kicked off the new year with our first Field Trial of the year at the Perry Plantation in Gainesville, FL. Over 100 dogs ran during the four day trial and capacity was reached prior to closing date.

Many thanks to Club Members Jay Hallaron, Paul Daniel and Kent Cantrell for organizing and judging at this event. Club Member Placements included: **1st**

**Open Puppy (6S) Pursuit's Broadway Glitz** Owners: Jay & Jeanie Hallaron, **1st Amt. Gun Dog (19s) Prime Time Full Throttle** Owner/Handler Kent Cantrell, DVM, **3rd Amt. Limited Gun Dog (19S) FC/AFC Prime Time Tebow** Owner/Handler: Kent Cantrell, DVM and **3rd Grand Open Limited Gun Dog 1Hr (16S) Prime Time Full Throttle** Owner/Handler: Kent Cantrell, DVM.

Congratulations to all!!!



#### **SSJ Farm, Hilliard, FL February 2018**

The MFBC hosted a Walking Field Trial at SSJ Farm in Hilliard, FL which is owned and operated by Club Members Sharon and Stuart Williams. This was only our 2nd Walking Trial that we have hosted ~ and the demand is there! We ran 99 dogs over three days in spite of a brief weather delay! Many thanks to Sharon and Stuart for helping us put on such a great event, to all of our Club members that pitched in on the spot to help out and to Tom and Tiffany Bass for all their help...from judging, to horses, to bird planting!





Club Member Placements included: **1st Place Open Walking Derby (10S) Kinwalshky Ti In the Sky** Owner/Handler: Stuart Williams; **2nd Place Amateur Gun Dog (13S) Palmetto Pointe's Starship Trooper** Owner/Handler Tom Bass, MD; **1st Place Open Puppy (15S) Piney Run Hilltop Blew** Owner/Handler: Brian Lewis; **1st Place Amateur Limited Gun Dog (13S) Little Bit of Rust II** Owner/Handler: Stuart Williams; **1st Place Amateur Walking Derby (12S) Kinwalshky Ti in the Sky** Owner/Handler: Stuart Williams; **4th place Amateur Walking Derby (12S) Kinwalshky Instant Rum Pudding** Owner: S. Williams; **2nd Place Amateur Walking Puppy (12S) Piney Run Hilltop Blew** Owner/Handler: Brian Lewis; **3rd Place Amateur Walking Puppy (12S) Kinwalshky Instant Rum Pudding** Owner/Handler: Stuart Williams

## *Hunt Test*

### **LAKE WALES, SPRING 2018**

The MFBC hosted one Hunt Test this season at Lake Wales. We had a full house for the last Hunt Test of the season at Lake Wales. We had several dogs earn their SH and MH titles at this event, and it was a great opportunity for lots of new dogs and handlers to experience birds. Many thanks to Sherry and Leo Foster and Eva Bailey for making this last event of the season a success on Easter Weekend. Sherry planned many Egg-stra special activities for a great weekend of dogs, family, food and fun!

## *Specialty Show*

Due to the Canine Flu, our June Specialty Shows in Tampa were cancelled, which opened the door for us to participate with an Independent Specialty Show in Orlando prior to the AKC National Championships presented by Royal Canin. This was our first year tied into this event and it turned out to be a tremendous success. We had an SUPER strong entry and drew the top dogs in the country. We will be coming back again this year to this venue, dividing our Specialties between the June shows and the AKC event in December. Congratulations to Club Members Dimi Morse and **Moonbabe's Uncommon Valor JH "Leo"** for her **Best in Sweepstakes** win and Linda Pruitt and Sherry Foster for their Winners Bitch/Best of Winners on **Ch Sunset's Lil' Flower of Passion "Rosy"** which finished her Championship in a very tough lineup of beautiful dogs.



## *What I Learned From That....*

By Rory Donnelly



The last hunt test of the season was taking place at the end of March in Central Florida. When the time came for our brace to find the birds it was 2:30 in the afternoon. The temperature was in the low 70's, the skies were overcast and there was a constant breeze blowing. It was a beautiful day for a hunt test.

I was taking my three-year-old Brittany in quest for his Junior Hunter Advanced title. He was experienced in the field but he hadn't been in the field for about 18 months. The previous nine months were spent competing in conformation shows. He was in relatively good physical condition to compete in those shows but even so he was not in great hunting condition. There is a big difference.

Hunting dogs are bred to hunt. They get excited when they know where you are taking them. They love to hunt so much that they will literally hunt until they drop. As the hunter or handler it is your responsibility to be aware of your dog's condition before and during the hunt. They don't think about drinking water or cooling off. They think about hunting. Dehydration and heat stroke are potential dangers to hunting dogs and the human in charge needs to be aware of the danger signs. In the case of this hunt test, I as his handler was not aware.

The test began and my dog immediately put it into high gear. He was going hard and my Brittany was finding birds and going on point. Flush the bird, fire the gun and he was off again. He covered so much ground that it was hard to keep track of him. Much of the time he was finding birds that were out of bounds but he wouldn't stop. Once he was back inbounds he started acting a little strange. Instead of the usual back and forth hunting pattern he went in a straight line down a trail with no response to my directions then he stopped, found a bird, pointed and was game on as usual. The judge called time, but he needed to point that last bird, and he did.

After the last bird I round him up and put him on leash for the walk back. This is where the trouble started. He began to walk slower and slower so I stopped. He sat down, then lay down and rolled over on his side with his tongue out. Luckily a spotter on a four-wheeler came by and immediately brought help and water. We poured water on him and he drank a little, but he was still on his side. We carried him to a nearby pond and put him in the water. He was wobbly and sat down submerged up to his neck. I held his head while he took small lapse of pond water. After about 5 minutes in the water he started to walk around then climbed out and up the bank. He drank a little Gatorade and we gave him some honey. He no longer looked confused and we walked slowly back to camp.

Although he seemed much better I put him in a trough of water and let him soak until he jumped out. His crisis was over. I on the other hand was still overwhelmed with the thought that I almost lost my best dog. I was lucky that things worked out. I, however, let my dog down by not being aware of his condition before and during the hunt.

The dog did qualify for JHA that day but we did not hunt the next day. It was time to rest and time for me to think about what I had learned. Make sure your hunting partner is in field ready condition for the hunt. Make sure he is well hydrated in advance of and during the event. Make sure there is a place for him to cool off, like a pond or stream. Most of all be aware of his condition at all times and know what to do if he gets in trouble.

**Know what to look for and what to do in case your dog begins to overheat.**

**What to look for:**

- Excessive panting and restlessness
- Excessive salivating
- Shock, vomiting, diarrhea and weak or unsteady on their feet
- Brick red gum color

**What to do:**

- Move your pet to a cool/shaded spot
- Wet them down using a hose, buckets of water or in the tub
- DO NOT USE ICE OR COLD WATER as this can actually make heat stroke worse
- Offer water but do not force them to drink
- Keep air vents and fans on them on the way to the vet

**How to Prevent it:**

- Don't over do it with your dog. Save intense activities for early in the morning or evening once the weather has cooled.
- Know your dog's physical limits. If they are a little out of shape, ease them into more strenuous exercises, especially if they only get out on the weekends.
- If you will be outside for an extended period of time bring some shade for your dog. A small pop up canopy, a battery powered fan and plenty of water.

*Will your dog be in shape when the Fall Season begins?*

Need a place to work your dog and keep him in shape over the summer? MFBC members Stuart and Sharon Williams are opening up their property **SSJ Farm Quail Hunting Preserve** every Saturday beginning June 1 for the summer. This is a great opportunity to work out some training kinks and get your dog out, running and in condition for the fall. Contact Sharon or Stuart at (904) 845-4123 or visit their facebook page for more information.



# Get Out and Have Some Fun!

Visit the MFBC web page for the full season Hunt/Field Calendar. All dates are subject to change - Visit [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com) for full details.

## SHOW

**JUN 13-17**  
AB/JSHW/NOHS/  
BPUP  
Tampa, FL

**JUN 16**  
MFBC Specialty/  
Sweepstakes  
Tampa, FL

**JULY 12-15**  
AB/JSHW/NOHS/  
WPB, FL

**SEP 22-23**  
AB/JSHW/NOHS  
Deland, FL

**OCT 11-13**  
AB/JSHW/NOHS  
Arcadia, FL

## HUNT & FIELD

**JUNE - AUG**  
EVERY SATURDAY  
FIELD TRAINING  
SSJ Farm  
Hilliard, FL

**JULY 14/15**  
NAVHDA Training  
Lake Wales, FL

**AUG 11/12**  
AKC Seminar  
Judges and  
Handlers  
Orlando, FL

**SEP 15/16**  
MFBC Field  
Training Day  
SSJ Farm  
Hilliard, FL

**NOV 10/11**  
Hunt Test  
MFBC  
Lake Wales, FL

## OBEDIENCE & RALLY

**June 2-3**  
OB/Rally  
Tallahassee, FL

**JUNE 9-10**  
OB  
Lake Park, FL

**June 15 -17**  
OB  
Tampa, FL

**JUN 23 - 24**  
OB  
Lakeland, FL

**July 7-8**  
Rally  
Lakeland, FL

**JULY 14-15**  
OB/RALLY  
Daytona, FL

**July 21 - 22**  
OB/Rally  
St. Petersburg, FL

## AGILITY

**MAY 26, 27, 28**  
Palmetto, FL

**JUNE 14 - 17**  
Arcadia, FL

**JUNE 22-24**  
Arcadia, FL

**JULY 20 -22**  
Arcadia, FL

**AUG 17 - 19**  
Arcadia, FL

**Aug 24-26**  
Arcadia, FL

**SEPT 7 - 9**  
Arcadia, FL



# Celebrations!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**JUNE 16**  
**Club Meeting**  
Specialty Show  
Tampa, FL

**Nov 11/12**  
Hunt Test  
Lake Wales

**DEC 6/9**  
Field Trial  
Lake City

**Dec 14**  
Specialty Show  
Orlando

**JAN 10/13**  
Field Trial  
Perry Plantation

**FEB 22/24**  
Field Trial (W)  
SSJ Farm

**MAR 2/3**  
Hunt Test  
Lake Wales

**Dog of the Year** The Club will be announcing the **2017 Dog of the Year Awards** at our June Members Meeting in Tampa, FL . We awarded some incredible dogs this last year and congratulations again to our dogs and owners for all their hard work, dedication and success in their sport! Here is how our Club Member dogs did, by the numbers:

- **12 dogs** earned a National Placement at either an AKC National Championship or ABC National Event!!!
- **17 Dogs** earned new titles with a total of 44 new titles earned
- **5 Dogs** had Puppy/Derby Field Trial Placements
- **5 Dogs** had Gun Dog/All Age Field Trial Placements



## NEW LITTER?

Do you have a litter coming up? Don't forget to advertise your litter on the MFBC site. Just visit the website for instructions!

## WINS & BRAGS

Celebrate your success! Please use our Wins and Brags section of the website to announce your dog's latest achievements. Just click on the site and follow the instructions to upload your photos and all of your information!



# Newsworthy

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## AKC SEMINAR FOR POINTING BREEDS JUDGES AND HANDLERS

The MFBC is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an AKC Seminar for Pointing Breed Judges and Handlers on August 11/12th at the Bass Pro Shops in Orlando, FL. We will be offering both the Hunt Test and the Field Trial Seminars.

If you are interested in becoming an AKC judge for either of these events, completion of the seminar is strongly recommended.

We greatly encourage handlers and those new to the sport to attend. This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Get a better understanding of the rules of the game
- Become a better handler
- Learn what the judges will be looking for in your dog
- Have a fun weekend learning more about these sports with like minded people.

The cost to attend each seminar is \$50 and will include your lunch each day. The cost is \$95 if you are planning to register for both days. Each seminar will be conducted by an AKC representative. The Hunt Test portion will be on Saturday and the Field Trial seminar on Sunday. Registration and payment in advance is required. The registration form is on the MFBC Website, Facebook page and AKC site.

We hope to see you there!

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## MFBC FALL FIELD TRAINING DAY

Save the Date!!! We will be co-hosting a **Field Training Day** with the Tampa Bay Vizsla Club at **SSJ Farm Quail Hunting Preserve** in Hilliard, FL on the weekend of **September 15th 2018**.

We plan to have “working sessions” for puppies, novice dogs, intermediate and advanced dogs. In addition we will have a “mock training run” to practice what you have learned. This will be a great opportunity for beginners to learn...and an awesome opportunity for experienced dogs to get around a course before the season starts. It will be open to all pointing breeds.

We will put out a notice for planning and volunteers in July. We hope to make this an annual event, and we welcome participation from all! Stay tuned!

# Club Business

Last Meeting: December 15, 2017, Orlando

Next Meeting: June 16 2018 Tampa

The **June General Members Meeting** is being held in conjunction with our MFBC Concurrent Specialty Show on June 16, 2018 in at the Tampa Fairgrounds. Once the Judging Program is published for the show we will be able to announce the time and location for the meeting

**Elections for new Club Officers** will take place at the meeting. We will also be presenting proposed changes to update the MFBC By Laws. Candidate profiles and the proposed By Laws changes will be sent to all members two weeks prior to the meeting.

This past year was a tough year for our Club in that we had to cancel three events due to unexpected circumstances. But with that said....we finished the year strong with an exceptional turn out at our December Specialty Show in Orlando. This was our first year to participate in “Specialty Show Friday” tied in with the AKC National Championships presented by Royal Canin in Orlando. We were thrilled with our entry and will be hosting one of our Specialty Shows at this venue in December 2018.

The Club had a very successful Spring Field Trial and Hunt Test season at full capacity for all three of our Spring events. Our Fall 2018 Field Trial and Hunt Test Schedule is already set up and we expect to finish the year strong at these events as well. We will also be co-hosting a Field Trial Training Day with the Tampa Bay Vizsla Club this September at SSJ Farm.

**Do you have an idea?** If you have an idea or something that you would like to see the club do, it needs to be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Please e-mail your agenda items to Eva Bailey, Secretary: [eebailey@verizon.net](mailto:eebailey@verizon.net)

**Do you have a suggestion or idea for the newsletter? A column you would like to write?** Please submit to Kathryn Durno, Newsletter Editor: [kathryndurno@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndurno@gmail.com) Please feel free to submit any photos of your dogs or submit an article on a topic of your choice. We request that all articles are your own original content.

