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BDF Friend & Patron, Janet Chase, Mourned

Brittany fan, field trialer, and BDF supporter, Janet Chase of Red Bud, Illinois, died October 17th, 2012. She succumbed to a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Chase, a BDF board member, who passed away last April.

Janet was a CPA and did a masterful job of keeping track of myriad contributions for the Brittany Building Fund while the BDF new Sporting Dog Wing was in planning and construction 2005-2012. She personally was a frequent and generous financial contributor to the BDF. In 2010, Janet and Jim were jointly honored with a Founder's Perpetual Membership by the board of the Bird Dog Foundation. They were nearly inseparable as a couple and were known throughout the country, especially on the Brittany field trial circuit. She and Jim owned *Rimarda's Trademark*, a 1998 Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame inductee. The news was just out that Janet had just been elected to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame when she died. She will be inducted posthumously during upcoming ceremonies. There she will join her beloved husband, Jim, who was inducted in 2006.

Janet will be remembered most for her quiet demeanor and pleasant smile. Memorials have been designated to the Bird Dog Foundation and still being accepted.



From the Desk of the President

Hello to everyone! I am glad to see fall weather, hunting seasons, and field trial renewals. On the subject of weather, I must relate to you that the October arrival of Hurricane Sandy nearly did me in! I only live 20-30 miles from the New Jersey coast. We had sustained 80-90 mph winds; trees toppled everywhere. My retriever kennel was smashed by falling trees. Luckily for me when Sandy hit, I'd just removed my dogs and taken them to Maryland for a trial. They were spared. We had terrific devastation, widespread power outages, and the rest as they say, is history. Of course, as the news reported, there was also significant loss of life in my region, so I feel very, very lucky.



Don Driggers

We have had a busy several months since our last newsletter, and this one is our first attempt to deliver over the internet; hope you enjoy. Feel free to comment. You will note our several pages devoted to news, etc. The biggest news is the forthcoming Field Trial Hall of Fame induction ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9th, 2013, at the BDF facility in Grand Junction, TN. Herein, you will find a schedule of events with approximate starting times for all of the sessions. This will be the inaugural for the English Cocker Spaniel folks and we welcome them aboard! Special thanks to Purina and the *American Field* for hosting the day's activities. Congratulations to all of our honorees!

During early February, 2013, there will also be festivities at the BDF coinciding with the running of the National Field Trial Championship for pointers and setters at nearby Ames Plantation. Field trial fans are always invited and encouraged to take part.

I am proud to announce that arrangements have been confirmed, and the Labrador Retriever Club will be conducting a spring trial at Grand Junction, perhaps the first ever for retrievers on the famous land base of the Ames Plantation! The dates are April 16 – 18, 2013. The BDF will be our base of operations for that event, and the Memphis Retriever Club will host. My very special thanks to Ames Superintendent, Dr. Rick Carlisle, for his cooperation and support in allowing this event to happen. Thanks also to Purina for hosting our kick-off banquet. If you are in the area, we invite you to be in our viewing audience as the trial is run.

Things are continuing to take shape within our new Sporting Dog Wing. More progress on exhibits and Hall of Fame items is expected in that venue prior to our Feb. events. Hope you can get out and enjoy some quality time with your dogs this season. Be safe. If you are traveling to the Memphis region, swing by the BDF for a visit.



Don Driggers

Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductions set for Sat. Feb. 9, 2013

Each year, as the holidays roll around, excitement fills the air as plans are laid for the highlight of the field trial world. The Field Trial Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will soon take place again. Facilities of the Bird Dog Foundation, Grand Junction, TN, will be the host site. The upcoming events will host a full day of activities commencing at 9:00 a.m. CST on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Lunch will be provided courtesy of **Purina**, and an afternoon reception will follow thanks to **The American Field**. This year, the Hall of Fame welcomes the inaugural for English Cocker Spaniels. According to the wishes of the BDF Board, the events will again coincide with the kick-off weekend of the National Field Trial Championship for pointing dogs at the nearby Ames Plantation. The National Field Trial Championship Kick-off Party this year will be hosted/sponsored by **The Nat'l Field Trial Champion Association, GARMIN, EUKANUBA, & Western Spirits**

Saturday, February 9, 2013

- 9:00 am Convene for morning program -
Welcome & Introductions – Don Driggers, BDF President
Life Patron & Patron Memorial Honorees recognized – David Fletcher, BDF Secretary
Recognition of living FTHF honorees in the audience – David Smith, Ex. Director
- 9:30 am Commence with **English Springer Spaniel** inductions - Bev Matthews, Moderator
- 10:15 am Commence with **English Cocker Spaniel** inductions – Dennis Joannides, Moderator
- 11:00 am Commence with **Retriever** inductions - Charlie Hays, Moderator
- 11:30 am Conclusion of morning session
- 11:15 -11:30 am **Break**
- 11:30 am – 1:15 pm **Luncheon** hosted by **PURINA**
(morning & afternoon honorees & visitors invited – menu to be announced)
- 1:30 pm Convene for afternoon session (Brittany, German Shorthairs, Pointers/Setters, & Red Setters)
Welcome & Introductions – Don Driggers, BDF President
Life Patron & Patron Memorial Honorees recognized – David Fletcher, BDF Secretary
Recognition of living FTHF honorees in the audience – David Smith, Ex. Director
- 1:45 pm Commence with **Brittany** inductions - Rick Smith, Moderator
- 2:15 pm Commence with **German Shorthaired Pointers** inductions – Pete Kainz, Moderator
- 2:45 pm **Break**
- 3:00 pm Commence with **Red Setter** inductions - Allen Fazenbaker, Moderator
- 3:15 pm Commence with **Pointer/Setter** inductions - Bernie Matthys, Moderator
- 3:45 pm **Conclusion** of afternoon session –
- 4:00 pm **Reception** provided by **THE AMERICAN FIELD**

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Sunday, February 10, 2013

- 8:00 am BDF Board of Directors meeting
- 6:00 pm National Field Trial Championship Kick-off Party hosted by **National Field Trial Champion Association, GARMIN, EUKANUBA, & Western Spirits** (RSVP – menu to be announced)

Monday, February 11, 2013: Commencement of the 114th National Field Trial Championship - Ames Plantation

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

5:30 p.m. CST- Annual **Luke Meatte Memorial Fish Fry & Social** for field trial participants, sponsored by (Anheuser-Busch, Purina, Avery Outdoors, Garmin & Central Distributors)

Wed-Sat., February 6 –9, 2013----8th Annual Hall of Fame Classic – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial : LaGrange, TN

New Moderators Take Center Stage in February

Dennis Joannides of Gilbert, Arizona, will be the moderator for the inaugural when English Cocker Spaniel Inductees are announced for their Field Trial Hall of Fame at the BDF facility in Grand Junction, TN. The morning session commences at 9:00 a.m. Central Time, Saturday, February 9th, 2013. Others in the morning session are English Springer Spaniels and Retrievers.



Allen Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio will handle the program for the Red Setter inductions into the Field Trial Hall of Fame during the gala events Sat. Feb. 9th, 2013. The Red Setters will be center stage for the afternoon session which starts at 1:30 pm central time. Also in the afternoon are other pointing breed: Brittanys, German Shorthaired Pointers, Pointers & Setters.

** Tentative plans call for Mr. Richard LeBeau of Pittsburgh, author of the new book:

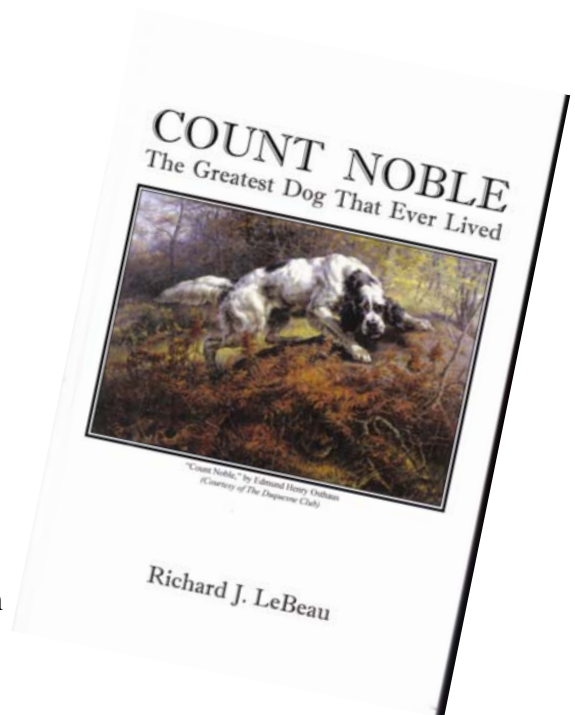
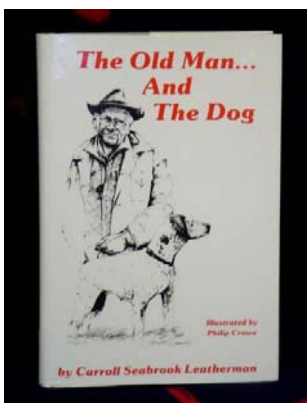
“Count Noble: The Greatest Dog That Ever Lived”,

to take part in a **book signing** on **Saturday, February 9th** hosted by Patricia Belt, BDF Gift Shop Manager.

Speaking of the Gift Shop,
A SPECIAL OFFER
 just in time for Christmas.....

“THE OLD MAN...AND THE DOG” “

by Carroll Seabrook Leatherman
 “The story of trainer, John Gardner, and 1979 National Champ, Miss One Dot” is on sale for **\$25. 50 + shipping**—savings of \$10 off the regular price. To overnight ship, call the Gift Shop directly at **731-764-6168..**



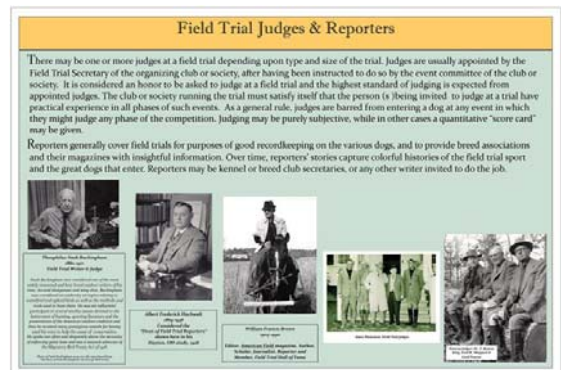
Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame gets Enhancements

Biographical sketches of the many retrievers in the Hall of Fame have recently been hung on the walls, providing an attractive and very educational enhancement. Prior to these additions, there were mostly only a variety of metal or plastic plates identifying the dogs simply by name. Beginning about a year ago, Sue Reynolds, Labrador fan and BDF board member, undertook the enormous task of researching lifetime statistics on the 128 dogs in the hall and writing a thumbnail sketch on each. Her texts were then turned over to David Fletcher of Morrice, MI who manufactured the printed 4" X 8" plexiglass plaques. BDF employee, Patricia Belt, spent the better part of a week measuring, rearranging, and mounting the plaques below each dog's portrait. The next phase will include researching and compiling similar background sketches on the nearly 150 persons already inducted into the hall. Two dogs and two persons are generally inducted each year.



New Exhibit Developed

With the advent of the new Sporting Dog Wing and removal of many portraits and exhibits to that area, the National Bird Dog Museum venue recently developed several blank walls. To remedy this, Executive Director, David Smith, along with Education Coordinator, Lucy Cogbill, launched some new ideas. The photo shows part of one new exhibit, geared towards the average tourist to the museum. It is designed with photos to help educate those unfamiliar with the origin of "field trials" in America, also explaining about judging among the diverse sporting dog breeds. A companion display is planned which will highlight the origin of the domestic dog from pre-historic times up to the many specialized sporting breeds of modern times.



Grand Junction Gets Special Designation

The town council for Grand Junction recently approved a private request for the placement of a very special welcome sign on its western city limit.

White Graphics of LaGrange, TN manufactured the sign which was placed in October. Fundraising, development, and placement were all handled by Gary Lockee, BDF past president and co-founder.



Shotgun Winners Announced

Approximately 55 people attended the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night at the BDF on Saturday, Dec. 8th. A sumptuous meal was prepared and donated by *Big Al's on the Square* in Grand Junction. Recognized as Volunteers-of-the-Year were: Pat Scott, plus husband/wife duo, Dick and Carol Pulliam. All received BDF gift certificates as mementos. Executive Director, David Smith, gave a brief history of the founding and growth of the BDF. Lastly, door prizes were announced. *Bass Pro Shops* sponsored the door prizes for the event – this year a drawing was held. Mr. C.W. Asmus of Moscow, TN won; the other winner was Dr. Roger Duerkson of Hardeeville, SC.



Erika Johnston, representing sponsor, Bass Pro Shops, Memphis, TN (left) is shown presenting the Mossberg 12 ga. “Silver Reserve” to winner, Mr. C. W. Asmus of Moscow, TN, who was in attendance.



New Cedar Shake Façade Graces BDF Main Entrance

After a severe hail storm last March, the 21-year-old cedar shake façade over the main lobby entrance to the BDF was badly fractured. In fact, some of it was knocked free and lying on the ground. Luckily, after much of the vicinity was declared a claim site, an insurance recovery paid for most of the replacement cost. The picture shows the newly completed work in Sept., restored to its 1991 vigor.

Highlights from the Educational Dept.

This past summer's READING Program brought several local children to The Bird Dog Museum for fun and learning. The theme was Litter Prevention and Recycling. Pictured here is Susan Amsden, local artist/dulcimer maker and player, showing the children how to make use of recycled materials to create fun new items.



About the annual The Michael R. Tuxon Scholarship Award

Since the inception of the annual College Scholarship **Essay Contest**, there have been **over 26 scholarship awards** given to winning students! The scholarship award amounts have grown throughout the years and currently the Foundation offers a First Prize of \$1,500 and a second prize of \$1,000 in tuition funds each year. Rules for both the annual Art and Essay contests are posted on our website at www.birddogfoundation.com . Many online scholarship search engines now list the Bird Dog Foundation's scholarship. That makes it easier for those students who live in TN, MS or AR to find out about the educational benefit and opportunity to enter. The deadline to submit an essay for the contest is by **April 15th** of each year.

“Memorials & Honorariums”

The Bird Dog Foundation has received memorials for the following supporters and friends:

Glen Avent	Ramsey Harris	Ed Minoggie
Lebert Baker	Dr. Charles Howarth	Larry Moon
John Barry	Mrs. Marie Joyner	Jerry Rhodes
Loyd Budd	John Lundy	Robert Rovelsted
Larry Lee Buettner	Buzzy Marshall	Stephen “Rooster” Russell
Janet Chase	Billy J. Martin	L.J. “Dink” Samuels
Jim Chase	Martha McAlexander	Vicki Schaefer
Allen Cogbill	John McAssey	Paul Schumaker
George Cook	Marvin McDowell	Harry Townshend
Richard B. Fenner	Roy McFall	Vernon Watkins

An honorarium has been received for Rick Smith.

Life Patron Memberships have been awarded to John & Betty Evans.

Patron Memorial plaques for Larry Buettner, Hjalmar Olsen, William Aspinall, Richard Fenner, Larry Moon, and Jo Williams will be displayed at the Bird Dog Foundation’s facilities.

A dog memorial has been received for “Reno” (Elaine Kuipers) and a Great Dog Plaque has been named for “Roby” (John Savarese).

The BDF **Walk of Champions Commemorative Marker Program** now includes the following additions: Pacesetter's Equinox "Ted" (Mike McCarthy), One Tough Hombre (Don Driggers), and Salmey's Zorro (Alex Kerr)

For more information on the **Life Patron** or **Patron Memorial** plaque programs, contact David Smith, 731-764-2058 or sportdog@bellsouth.net .

If you wish to send a simple gift in honor or in memory of a special person or dog, please complete and return.

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