

# CLUB L'EPAGNEUL BRETON VICTORIA

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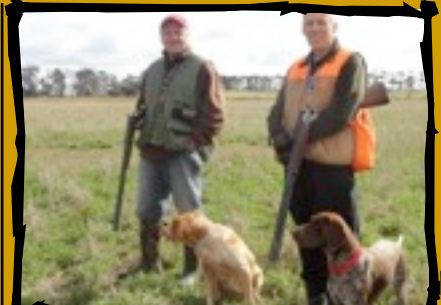
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# Club L'Epagneul Breton Website

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For information about what's happening within our breed worldwide and at a club level check out this marvelous initiative of your club L'Epagneul Breton. If you have anything you would like to paste or advertise on the website, please forward it to the club treasurer, Peter Price, for committee approval at our club email address;

[breton@clubbreton.com.au](mailto:breton@clubbreton.com.au)

# Presidents Report Jul - Sep 2011

Dear fellow members,

Well the winter chill has set in and I don't know what is like where you live but in Melbourne it's still raining, oh what joy.

We have just come off probably one of the best bird hunting season we have had and gee how our dogs have enjoyed it. I have spoken to quite a few people over the last few months and the feedback seems to be all of the same nature..... too many birds, never seen that many birds in my life, to many birds in the paddocks for the young and experienced dogs.....gee what a great problem to have.

I came across an old club news letter the other day as I was looking for something and I noticed in the June 1999 newsletter in Ian Ramsdell President he wrote:

"It has been a very poor quail season so far and disappointing that we were unable to hold our club field trial, although all of the other clubs were in the same boat and so there has been no fields trials this year. I have been going and participating in field trials for over 25 years and I cannot remember all clubs cancelling and that has certainly gone along with 1999 being the poorest quail season that I can remember in my 35 years of hunting"

Wow how things change when you just add water.

As usual I am pushing the up and coming club events, the club show, partridge training weekend with the big game dinner on the Saturday night, and the retrieving trial of course one of the clubs biggest events we would love to see you there, and don't forget that we have people offering to help you with a few training tips free of charge to help encourage you to enter a few of these events as well. These helpers are happy enough to work one on one with you. Also your membership renewal is due at the end of August so don't forget to sort that one out as well, why don't you sign up a mate as a gift or a present or just because he is your hunting pal and owns a Breton.

Also a big welcome to some of the new members Richard Emmerson, Dino Costa and John Scully.

With the great number of hunting opportunities around the request for pups has been quite good as well, don't forget to contact Ray Waldron if you looking for a pup or thinking about breeding your dog or bitch. As a club I personally don't think that we have enough pups available on a regular basis and Ray has often said that some people don't hang around waiting for pups that generally change breeds, what a shame.

In the same news letter that I mention earlier I found a poem that Ian also put in there by a guy called Robinson Jeffers that he wrote in 1948. I thought that you all might find it interesting like I did at this time when all is love and war in the world of politics at the moment in 2011.

Regards to all  
Mark Mallamaci  
Club President

## **Ink-sack**

The Squid, frightened and angry, shoots darkness out of her ink sack.

The fighting destroyer throws out a smoke screen;

And frighting governments produce lies.

But squid and warship do it to confuse the enemy, governments mostly to stupefy their own people.

It might be better to let the roof burn and the walls crash in,

Than save a nation with floods of excrement.

# Annual General Meeting

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF CLUB L'EPAGNEUL BRETON INC' VIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CLUB WILL BE HELD ON THE 20th OCTOBER 2011 AT 8pm. PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE TO BE ADVISED AT A CLOSER DATE CONTACT MARK MALLAMACI.

### AGENDA:

- Opening/Apologies
- Minutes of AGM 2010
- Committee reports ( President, Treasurer)
- Election of 2012 Office Bearers and Committee
- General business
- Guest speaker
- Presentation of annual awards
- Close

### NOMINATIONS ARE NOW CALLED FOR EACH OF

### THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

(SEE VACANCIES BELOW)

### NOTE\*

- Both Nominee and Nomination must be financial members of the Victorian Canine association and Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc' Vic.
- Nominations must be received no later than **5th October 2011.**

### VACANCIES:

President x1 Vice Presidents x3 Honorary Secretary x1

Assistant Secretary x1 Treasurer x1 Ordinary Committee Members x8

Only items on the agenda for the meeting will be aired so "Notice of Special Business" must be presented, in writing, no later than **5th October 2011.**

All correspondence to:

The Treasurer

Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc.

C/- PO Box 2122

Templestowe Heights VIC 3107

I.....(please print) would like to nominate.....

for the position of.....(please print)

Signed.....Date...../...../.....V.C.A membership number.....

I, being the nominee for the above position, accept the responsibilities & duties of the above position on behalf of Club L'Epagneul Breton and its member for the term of 2012.

Signed.....Date...../...../.....V.C.A membership number.....

# Club L'Epagneul Breton

## Exotic Game Bird Training Day

*It's on again!*

A chance for all club L'Epagneul Breton members to come along and work their dogs.

**Date: Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th September 2011**

**Venue: Tooborac district (Central Victoria)**

**Cost: \$30 per trainer/dog**

**On site camping available**

**Game dinner Saturday evening**

This event is aimed at providing an opportunity for all Club L'Epagneul Breton members to work with their dogs on training issues to better their dogs performance. Teach your dog to point, back, be steady to wing and shot, retrieve to hand. A great chance to reunite with past & present members.

### Opportunity Abounds!

For more information contact your club committee members:

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**Kevin Phelps - 0407 091 221**

**Alex Jevric - 0428 998 808**

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# Club L'Epagneul Breton Retrieving Trial

**Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th November 2011**

**Location: Nagambie**

**Come along and enter the competition or view some  
fantastic dogs in action!**

*For further details, help & training assistance contact:*

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*Please come along, your club needs your support!*

# Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc.

## 7th Championship show

**Entries Close 30th September 2011**

To be held at

**Goonawarra Recreational Reserve Lancefield Road Rolling Meadows  
Saturday 29th October 2011**

Schedule of classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11 (Dogs and Bitches)

Entries accompanied by fees to:

Mrs Fiona Brown Elkner 26 Cowans Drive Dales Creek VIC 3341

Phone 03 5368 6787 (no calls after 9.00 pm please) Cheques/

Money Orders made payable to:

Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc.

JUDGE: Mr.L.Guerrero(USA)

Entry Fees (including catalogue) \$20.00 each. Entries will not be accepted without fees. Judging times: 11.00am or at the COMPLETION of the Rare Spaniel show.

The Club L'Epagneul Breton show will run alongside:  
The Victorian Gundog Championship Show.

Catering: Available

Prizes: Rosettes and Club Certificates for Best Exhibit in Show,  
Runner-Up to Best Exhibit in Show and All Class In Show  
Awards.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. VCA Rep is Mrs. J. Hoare.

# WGAA Retrieving Trial

## Working Gundog Association of Australia

**FOR ALL GUNDOGS open to all WGAA MEMBERS**

**Stake: Intermediate & Advanced**

Sunday 28th August 2011

Judge: Mr. B Kavanagh

Vetting: 9:00 am

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per dog, per stake.

Trophies & Sashes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each stake receive prize & sash.

Venue: Pittong (check with Dean Watts for directions-details below)

Trial Manager: Dean Watts

Email: [sd.watts@bigpond.com.au](mailto:sd.watts@bigpond.com.au)

Phone: 03 53319474

Address: 709 Wilson St Ballarat 3350

### **ENTRIES CLOSE:**

**20th of August 2011** with Trial Manager. WGAA Membership number must be placed on entry. All entries must be accompanied by fees, **no late entries will be accepted.**

Bitches in Oestrus will not be permitted on the trial grounds.

Catering B.B.Q Lunch will be available.

# The Legend of Balto and the Iditarod Run

Nome, Alaska, appeared on the map during one of the world's great gold rushes at the end of the 19th century. Located on the Seward Peninsula, the town's population had swelled to 20,000 by 1900 after gold was discovered on beaches along the Bering Sea. By 1925, however, much of the gold was gone and scarcely 1,400 people were left in the remote northern outpost. Nome was icebound seven months of the year and the nearest railroad was more than 650 miles away, in the town of Nenana. The radio telegraph was the most reliable means by which Nome could communicate with the rest of the world during the winter. Since Alaska was a U.S. territory, the government also maintained a route over which relays of dog teams carried mail from Anchorage to Nome. A one-way trip along this path, called the Iditarod Trail, took about a month. The "mushers" who traversed the trail were the best in Alaska.



## A Race for Life

On January 20, 1925, a radio signal went out from Nome, carried for miles across the frozen tundra: Nome calling...Nome calling...We have an outbreak of diphtheria...No serum...Urgently need help... Nome calling... Nome calling...

Nome's only doctor had diagnosed cases of diphtheria, an extremely contagious disease affecting the throat and lungs. The native Inuits were particularly vulnerable to this illness, as they had been to measles and the flu, both of which had wiped out entire villages. The frantic search for antitoxin began; Seattle calling...Seattle calling...Fresh serum available here... Airplane standing by to fly to Nome...

## January 25

The long twilight of the arctic winter had settled over Nome. Heavy snow had fallen and temperatures dropped far below freezing. These weather conditions were beyond what the 'airplanes' of the time, with their open cockpits, could handle. Anchorage calling...Anchorage calling...300,000 units of serum located in railway hospital here...Package can be shipped by train to Nenana...Package weighs 20 pounds...Could serum be carried to Nome on Iditarod Trail by mail drivers and dog teams?

Yes! There were still some problems the technology of the early 20th century couldn't solve. As they had for years, the settlers of Alaska put their trust in courageous men and strong dogs. Nome's only physician, Dr. Welch, used the hospital as a command post during the diphtheria epidemic. Patients were kept isolated at home. By the next day, three children in Nome had died of diphtheria and more cases had been diagnosed. Time would now make all the difference between life and death for those who were ill.

A relay of dog teams along the Iditarod Trail was quickly organized. Forgetting their own safety, 20 toughened drivers and sled-dog teams faced the peril of the trail, each racing six to nine miles per hour. And so the life saving serum run had begun.

# The Legend of Balto and the Iditarod Run

## January 27

The serum arrived in Nenana by train, and the relay to the stricken started. "Wild Bill" Shannon lashed the life-saving cargo to his sled and set off westward. Except for the dogs' panting and the swooshing of runners on the snow, there were no other sounds on the trail. The temperature was dropping fast. It was 30 degrees below zero when Shannon started. Then it fell to minus 35 degrees...40 degrees...45 degrees... and finally minus 50 degrees in the arctic darkness. Shannon rushed on, mindless of the cold, until he handed the serum over to Edgar Kalland in Tolovana, 52 miles from Nenana.

## January 28

Kalland, in turn, travelled 31 miles before passing the serum to Dan Green at Manley Hot Springs. Green took it to Fish Lake (28 miles), averaging an astonishing nine miles an hour. From Green it passed to Johnny Folger (26 miles). He passed it on to Sam Joseph (34 miles), then to Titus Nikolai (24 miles) and Dave Corning (30 miles). New snow fell and the wind picked up creating whiteouts, but on and on the mushers went: Harry Pitka (30 miles), Bill McCarty (28 miles) and Edgar Nollner (24 miles). Eskimo, Indian and white mushers alike all carried serum in the "Great Race of Mercy." The relay teams were challenging the very limits of human and canine endurance. The serum that passed from frozen hands to frozen hands was itself frozen, despite protective wrappings. Though thawed in one of the shelters along the way, it froze solid again on the trail.

## January 30

At Galena, Edgar Nollner gave the serum to his newly married brother, George. The young Indian chanted Athabascan love songs through the wilderness to keep warm in the minus 50 degree weather. On the 30-mile stretch he ran. Charlie Evans harnessed himself to the sled after two of his dogs froze on their feet. The serum was passed to Tommy Patsy (36 miles); Jackscrew, the Koyukuk Indian (40 miles); Victor Anagick (34 miles); and Myles Gonangnan (40 miles). Both men and dogs used their bodies to break trail through four-foot snowdrifts.

## January 31

At Shaktoolik, Henry Ivanoff had travelled a half-mile along the trail when his team darted after a reindeer. While untangling the dogs, the Russian Eskimo spotted Leonhard Seppala, the greatest musher in the territory, and Togo, one of the territory's greatest dogs, rushing down the trail. Dog teams such as these huskies worked year-round and are credited with helping conquer the vast Alaskan Territory in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. In work or sport, the driver commanded the team, but ultimately he depended upon the lead dog's ability to find the safest route.

Seppala and his famous Siberian huskies had set out from Nome, 150 miles away, to meet the relay and return with the serum. The serum was handed off to Seppala, who set off on the 91-mile journey to the next relay point. As the storm grew more vicious, Seppala was faced with the decision of whether to take a shortcut across the frozen, dangerous Norton Sound or to go around it. Gale-force winds hurled seawater over the ice, which threatened to break up at any moment. But Togo was a consummate lead sled dog. Courageous, strong, obedient and possessing an exceptional ability to find the trail and sense danger. Each dog on a team has an important position, but it is the leader that must guide them onto the safest route. Seppala had confidence in his team and headed out onto the ice. Togo unerringly led them across the jagged, groaning flows to the safety of land. Just three hours later, the ice had broken up in Norton Sound.

# The Legend of Balto and the Iditarod Run

## February 1

Through blinding snow and hurricane-force winds, the vital serum was passed from Seppala to Charlie Olson (25 miles) and then to Gunnar Kaasen. Had Kaasen had any inkling of how wildly the storm would rage, he would not have chosen Balto to lead his team. Although Balto was one of Seppala's dogs, he was not thought of as a very good leader; but Balto proved his mettle when he courageously plunged headlong into the roaring blizzard, at one point halting only to save driver and team from instant death in the Topkok River. No one believed Kaasen and his team, headed by the brave Balto, would ever make it through the storm, so when he arrived at the Safety Shelter, 21 miles from Nome, he found the next driver asleep. The team, led by Balto, were running well, so they forged on ahead. Their endurance was tested even further when a sudden, fierce blast of wind lifted both sled and dogs into the air. While fighting to right the sled and untangle the team, Kaasen's heart sank — the serum had disappeared! He frantically searched the snow with his bare hands. Miraculously, he found the serum.

## February 2

Before daybreak on February 2, 1925, an exhausted Balto led Gunnar Kaasen's team into Nome. The town was saved! Completely spent and very nearly frozen to death after the 53-mile run, Kaasen, Balto and the rest of the mushing team became instant heroes across the United States. The 674-mile trip was made in 127 ½ hours, considered by mushers at that time to be a world's record.

## Forgotten Heroes

News accounts with glorified depictions of the "Serum Race" impressed people across the United States. Only weeks after this feat, Hollywood producer Sol Lesser contacted Leonhard Seppala and asked to lease Balto and the rest of the team. Seppala welcomed the chance to rid himself of the "newspaper dog," as he called Balto. Lesser also hired Kaasen to work with the dogs in Los Angeles for 10 weeks. Lesser took Kaasen and the team to Mt. Rainier in Washington state, where they starred in the short-subject film "Balto's Race to Nome." The two-reel film was released in June 1925. (Except for a few studio stills, no print of the film is known to exist today.) During a dispute between Kaasen and Lesser over unpaid wages, it was revealed that Lesser had purchased the dogs from Seppala and sold them again. To make a living, Kaasen was forced to tour the country's vaudeville circuit with the dogs for two years, but by 1927, the whirl of the Roaring '20s and the hype of Leonhard Seppala's own sled dog promotions had overshadowed the "Heroes of Alaska." This would be the last time Kaasen worked with the team. He returned to Nome and the dogs were relegated to yet more indignity, becoming no more than a back stall circus display.

On a visit to Los Angeles, Cleveland businessman George Kimble discovered the dogs displayed in a "dime" museum and noticed that they were ill and mistreated. He knew the famous story of Balto and was outraged at seeing this degradation. He struck a deal with the dogs' owner, Sam Houston, to buy them for \$2,000 and bring them to Cleveland — but Kimble had only two weeks to raise the money.

# The Legend of Balto and the Iditarod Run

Now there was another race to run: a race to save Balto and his companions. Very rapidly a 'Balto Fund' was established. Across the nation, radio broadcasts appealed for donations. Headlines in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* told of the push to rescue the heroes. Cleveland's response was explosive. Schoolchildren collected coins in buckets; factory workers passed their hats; and hotels, stores and visitors donated what they could to the 'Balto Fund'. The Western Reserve Kennel Club gave a much needed financial boost. The people responded generously. In just 10 days the headlines read, "City Smashes Over Top With Balto's Fund! Huskies To Be Shipped From Coast at Once!"

On March 19, 1927, Balto and six companions were brought to Cleveland and given a hero's welcome in a triumphant parade through Public Square. The dogs were then taken to the Brookside Zoo (now the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo) to live out their lives in dignity. It was said that 15,000 people visited the dogs on their first day at the zoo.

Balto died on March 14, 1933, at the age of 14, but he would not be forgotten by those whom owed their lives to him. The courageous husky's body was mounted, and is now housed at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

## Balto Today

In 1996, the Museum began negotiating with the Anchorage Museum of History and Art to ship Balto and related materials to Alaska for a special exhibition in 1998 and '99 that would coincide with the meeting of the National Association for Interpretation in Anchorage and the 26th Iditarod Commemorative Race.

In early 1998, as plans for the Balto exhibition at the Anchorage museum were being finalized, a class of second and third-grade students in Palmer, Alaska, petitioned The Cleveland Museum of Natural History for Balto's permanent return to their state. Eventually, the Alaska state legislature passed a resolution requesting that the mount of the dog be returned. The Museum politely but firmly declined to return Balto, citing his importance as a symbol of Cleveland's philanthropic tradition. After hearing Balto's entire life story, the schoolchildren decided that Cleveland was his rightful home after all.

In October 1998, Balto's mount left Cleveland for a five-month stay at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art—his first appearance in the state where he'd made his name in more than 70 years earlier.

Balto and his display case and pedestal were shipped via jet in special protective crates. A Museum staffer accompanied them every step of the way — even into the cargo hold of the freight airliner. The exhibition 'Balto Returns to Alaska' drew more than 65,000 people to the Anchorage museum, including several thousand each weekend for special sled dog-related programs. Balto returned home in March 1999, again accompanied by a Museum curator. Though the fanfare wasn't as grand as what the living Balto had enjoyed in 1927, many in Cleveland were glad to see their Alaskan goodwill ambassador arrive once again back 'home' safely. In February 2000, the Museum celebrated the 75th anniversary of the serum run and the bravery of Balto and the hero dogs of Alaska with a special exhibition of artefacts and a video, as well as the display of Balto's mount.

# The Legend of Balto and the Iditarod Run

Today, Balto's mount remains a part of the Museum's permanent collections, carefully protected and cared for by Museum curators. Balto is known and loved around the world, and preserving his legacy is a duty the Museum takes very seriously. Research for Balto-related articles and artefacts is ongoing. The Museum recounts the story in major exhibitions commemorating the serum run's anniversary.

## The Iditarod Today

Alaska changed dramatically in the years following 'the serum run'. The territory became the country's 49<sup>th</sup> state in 1959 and modern conveniences reached the great northern wilderness. Cold weather no longer deterred aviation. Telephones and television provided instant communication, and the snowmobile became the standard mode of winter transportation. The great era of the sled dog gradually came to an end.

Some, however, believed dog sledding was an important part of Alaskan history and heritage, and that snowmobiles would never surpass the achievements of courageous people and dogs working together. Among those individuals were Dorothy Page and Joe Redington, Sr.

In 1973, Dorothy, Joe, and other volunteers rallied to reopen the old Iditarod Trail, the mail route from Anchorage to Nome that had been used in the historic serum run. Today, the trail serves as the route for the world's most testing and arduous race, stretching 1,049 miles across two mountain ranges, through miles of frozen wilderness and along 200 miles of the Yukon Valley. Held annually in March, the Iditarod not only commemorates the 1925 serum run, it reflects the spirit of Alaska, the people who settled the territory, and the dogs whose loyalty and endurance helped to conquer the Far North.

In 1925 a statue of Balto was erected in New York City's Central Park. It bears the inscription:

"Dedicated to the indomitable spirit of the sled dogs that relayed antitoxin six hundred miles over rough ice, across treacherous waters, through arctic blizzards, from Nenana to the relief of stricken Nome in the winter of 1925. Endurance...Fidelity...Intelligence"

Thanks to Bill Allen for providing this fantastic story.

## Litter Announcement

Pre-Orders now being taken for Breton puppies.

Dam - Windkael Gazelle (owner - Bill Allen)

Sire - Britabuhom Beirakdar (owner - Ayman Hassan)

Pups due to be whelped 12th August 2011. Due for homing mid October.

Pedigree Epagneuls Bretons from excellent working/trialing bloodlines.

For further information contact Bill Allen on;

Home (03) 9741 9534 Mob 0417 393 466 or email at [ozbritt3@bigpond.com](mailto:ozbritt3@bigpond.com)

# Field Trial Results 2011

## **GSP Vic Non qual & Novice results:**

### Saturday 30th April -

Non Qualifying Utility Gundog Field Trial - Judge Mr R Thomas

1st Topnotch Lord UG CDX RRD JD SD SPD Lara Sedgmen GSP Dog 184pts

2nd Brittniki Elle Alex Jevric Brittany Bitch 177pts

3rd Camfam Patch Joe Camilleri GSP Bitch 166pts

### Sunday 1st May -

Novice Utility Gundgo Field Trial - Judge Mr M Park

1st Camfam Patch Joe Camillerie GSP Bitch 167 pts

2nd Topnotch Lord UG CDX RRD JD SD SPD Lara Sedgmen GSP Dog 145 pts

3rd Brittniki Elle Alex Jevric Brittany Bitch

## **CHWGC Utility Gundog field trial results:**

### Saturday 14th May -

Novice – Judge – Mr R. Thomas 10 entries, 3 scratchings

1st - P. Winkfield's – Yorifeld Dark Opal (GSP) Handled by D. Blacker 180 pts

2nd – L. Tomasino's – Brittniki Gunsmoke Gus (L'Epagn Breton) 174 pts

No third place given.

### Sunday 15th May -

Open – Judge – Mr M. Park 15 entries

1st – P. Winkfield's – Yorifeld Dark Opal (GSP) (Handled by D. Blacker 178pts

2nd -G. Weston's – Pointgold Great wish (GSP) (Handled by S. Burke) 174 pts

3rd- R. Loft's FT Exelpoint Attila (GSP) 173 pts

## **Brittany Club Vic Utility Novice & Open results:**

### Saturday 21st May -

Novice stake -Judge Mal Park

1st Joe Camilleri & Camfam Patch (GSP Bitch)

2nd Lara Sedgmen & Topnotch Lord UG CDX RRD JD SD SPD (GSP dog)

3rd Luc Tomasino & Brittniki Gunsmoke Gus (Brittany dog)

### Sunday 22nd May -

Open stake - Judge Brian Paice

1st Diane McCann & Topnotch Leilani NFD RRD (GSP bitch)

2nd Rod Loft & FTCH Exelpoint Attila (GSP dog)

3rd Joe Camilleri & FT CH Zampgli Gemma (GSP bitch)

# Field Trial Results 2011

## **Gundog Club Vic Novice & Open results:**

### Saturday 28th May -

Novice stake, judge Mr J McCrory - 6 entries

No result - unfortunately no dog was able to demonstrate the level of work required to complete the trial.

### Sunday 29th May -

Open stake, Judge Mr D Blacker - 11 entries

1st Russell Thomas with FT Ch Inkaline Nevada RRD (Cody) 174 points

2nd Diane McCann with Topnotch Leilani NFD RRD (Lani) 171points

3rd Michael Calleja with Brittina Astuto Conigio NFD 163 points

## **GSP Vic open & All Age results:**

### Saturday 11th June:

GSP Open FT - Judge - Mr B. Paice - (11 entries)

1st - G. Weston's - Pointgold Great Wish - 134 pts

2nd - R. & D. McCann's - FT CH Topnotch Leilani RRD - 129 pts

3rd - R. & V. Thomas' - FT CH Inkaline Nevada RRD - 124 pts

### Sunday 12th June:

GSP All Age FT - Judge - Mr S. Burke (10 entries)

1st - T. Loft - FT CH Quailblazer Super X - 184 pts

2nd - R. & V. Thomas' - FT CH Inkaline Nevada RRD - 183 pts

3rd - J. Camilleri's - FT CH Zampagli Gemma - 176 pts

## **Vic State Championship results:**

Victorian State UD Field Trial - Judge - Mr D. Mills (13 entries)

1st -R. & V. Thomas - FT CH Inkaline Nevada RRD - 172 pts

2nd - E. Colasimone - Yorifeld Topaz - 170 pts

Unfortunately only 2 dogs from 8 finished the water run, which was held at the beginning of day two. Those 2 dogs returned to the field to complete the second round and proved themselves worthy of their prestigious placings by demonstrating their all purpose utility gundog ability.

# Field Trial Results 2011

## **National Utility field trial championship results:**

The national field trial was held on the 25th & 26th of June around Mitiamo in North Central Victoria. Thank you to Laurie Phelan and Steve Burke for providing paddocks and arranging the fantastic facilities of the Pinegrove gun club where we had an indoor fire, huge kitchen, showers, toilets and a TV with a big screen (to watch Collingwood defeat the Swans).

The paddocks were perfect for a trial of this stature with the dogs needing to cover their ground and use their experience to find birds, and even more of their nous to produce them for the gun as these birds were the smart ones that had survived weeks of consistent shooting. Good conditions with a reasonably strong cool breeze blowing both days but no rain.

The trial was judged by Elio Colasimone of QLD and stewarded by Gus Stephens of Vic, both very experienced and well credentialed UD triallers, shooters and dog handlers. Each of these gentlemen ensured that the trial ran smoothly with all handlers put at ease and left in no doubt as to what was expected or needed from their own dog in order to be competitive. There was no surmising or stressing out back in the gallery as we all knew where we stood.

12 dogs were entered (11 GSP's and one Brittany) and all competed in round 1 in the field. All dogs had retrieves in this round and only one fell by the wayside with a fantastic 11 dogs taken to the water early on Sunday morning. The water fun consisted of a double blind split by a mark in the middle. The water was inhabited by a number of dab chicks and all of the dogs were distracted by them, sometimes they led the dog in the right direction and sometimes they did not! Unfortunately we lost 6 dogs on the water run leaving 5 to return to the field for round 2.

These 5 dogs completed the trial, congratulations to all, and Elio decided around 1pm that he had seen all that he needed to and we headed back to the gun club for presentations.

Many thanks to everyone for making this a truly great weekend, the camaraderie over the communal dinner on Saturday night was wonderful and the sportsmanship demonstrated all weekend was a credit to our sport. Huge thanks to Elio & Gus whose knowledge of dog work was clearly on display as was their professional conduct and easy going manner.

1st FT Ch Topnotch Leilani RRD R & D McCann 190 points  
2nd Gr FT Ch & RT Ch Pointgold Obliterate D Mills 188 points  
3rd FT Ch Pointgold Great Wish G Weston (handled by S Burke) 169 points

FT Ch Inkaline Nevada RRD R & V Thomas - finisher  
Ft Ch Quailblazer Super X T Loft - finisher

**Thank you to Diane McCann for this report.**

# L'Epagneul Breton Retrieving Trial 2011

**CLUB L'EPAGNEUL BRETON INC.VIC. (Sponsoring the Brittany Breed)**

**SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2011 (back to back with the GSP Club)**

To be held under the Rules and Regulations of the Victorian Canine Association. A copy may be inspected at the office of the Secretary of the fixture on the day of the trial.

**Trial Managers:** Mr Ray Waldron Ph 0427 152 696. Mr Michael Calleja Ph (03) 93633602

**Trial Secretary:** Mr Andrew Yeomans Ph Mb. 0419 773 508

3 Barclay Drive

Cheltenham 3192

**Location:** Yalamby Cottage. Wattle Vale Rd Nagambie

## **Judges & Stakes:**

Beginners - To Be Advised

Novice Sunday - To Be Advised

Restricted Sunday - To Be Advised

## **Entry Fees:**

Beginners Members- \$12.00 Non-Members - \$15.00

Novice Members - \$15.00 Non-Members - \$18.00

Restricted Members - \$18.00 Non-Members - \$21.00

Entry includes all VCA levies.

**Entries:** Accompanied by Entry Fees to be sent to the Trial Secretary.

**ENTRIES CLOSE 26th OCTOBER.**

**ABSOLUTELY- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Draw to be conducted at the home of the Trial Secretary on 27th October at 8.00pm.

Vetting from 7.30am Start 8.30am Sharp.

Catering: Lunch & Breakfast available both days.

Shooters Licence – A competitor must produce their current shooters licence at vetting or they will not be permitted to compete at the trial.

## L'EPAGNEUL BRETON FUR TRIAL

Dear Members,

A proposed fur trial is scheduled to be held on Sunday the 25th of September 2011. Please contact Mark Mallamaci on **0409 018 048** for further details.



## INTERNET LINKS DE L'EPAGNEULS BRETONS

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/french\\_brittany/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/french_brittany/)

This is a Yahoo hosted mailing list for owners, breeders, trainers, handlers, of Epegneuls Bretons. There are now members posting on this list from over 30 different countries. Many of the members are from the home of our wonderful little dogs, France, including Mssrs Pierre Williems, Pierre Terran, Christian Gunther (current President of the French Club Epagneul Breton), and many others. Owned & moderated jointly by Bruce Daniel (USA) & myself, this is one of the very best internet resources available for those supporting the L'Epagneul Breton.

[www.epagneulbretonpedigree.com](http://www.epagneulbretonpedigree.com)

Here is an interesting link for all CEB members. It is a website run by Kevin Pack in the USA. It's a site where people can submit the pedigrees of Bretons for others to research, and a very handy site when you're looking for pedigrees. All that needs to be done is to scan in and submit a copy of the dog's pedigree. Kevin will upload the information so that others can view it. To view pedigrees the search facility can be used. In time, as more information is added, this will give us a fantastic way of tracing Bretons lineage, etc, and it could be an invaluable tool for breeders.

# Game Recipes

## Quail with Apples and Raisins

### Ingredients (serves 4)

1. 8 quails
2. 2 oz (50 g) raisins
3. 2 tablespoons brandy
4. 2 small apples (Cox's or similar dessert apples)
5. 1 teaspoon fresh thyme
6. 1/4 pint (150 ml) unsweetened apple juice
7. 1/2 pint (285 ml) chicken stock
8. Freshly ground black pepper



When roasting small birds like quail, it is important to stop the meat from drying out. This can be done by placing a rasher of fat bacon around the bird, but surrounding the bird with liquid - in this case stock and apple juice - works just as well.

Preparation time : 15 minutes,

Soaking time : 1-2 hours,

Cooking time : 30 minutes,

Oven : Preheat to 220°C (425°F, gas mark 7)

### Method

1. Place the raisins in a basin, pour over the brandy and leave to soak for 1-2 hours, until the raisins have absorbed the brandy and become plump.
2. Remove any giblets from the quails and core and chop the apples, leaving the skins intact. Add the apples to the raisins with the thyme and mix well. Use this mixture to stuff the quails and place the stuffed birds in an ovenproof dish.
3. Pour over the apple juice and stock and season with black pepper. Roast the birds in the oven for 30 minutes, basting them two or three times with the liquid. Preheat a serving dish.
4. Lift the birds out of the dish, place them on the serving dish, then cover and keep warm. Strain the cooking liquid into a pan and boil rapidly to reduce by half. Pour it around the quails and serve.

# Game Recipes

## Saddle of Hare with Ginger Sauce

### Ingredients

1. 2 x 450 g (1 lb) larded saddles of hare
2. salt and freshly milled white pepper
3. 5 juniper berries, crushed
4. 4 black peppercorns
5. 1 carrot
6. 2 small onions
7. 100 g (4 oz) celeriac
8. 1 parsley root (optional)
9. 2 tablespoons oil
10. 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
11. generous pinch of grated nutmeg
12. 250 ml (8 fl oz) dry red wine
13. 2 teaspoons lemon juice
14. 225 g (8 oz) black grapes
15. 2 tablespoons cranberry sauce
16. 150 ml (1/4 pint) pint creme fraiche



### Method

1. Rub the hare with salt and pepper, the crushed juniper berries and the peppercorns. Trim, wash and dice the vegetables and chop the parsley.
2. Heat the oil in a roasting tin on the hob and brown the hare with the vegetables, then sprinkle with the ginger and nutmeg and pour on the wine and lemon juice.
3. Roast the hare in a hot oven 220°C or 425°F for 20 minutes, turn off the oven and leave the meat to stand for 10 minutes before removing it from the oven.
4. Strain and heat the roasting juices. Halve the grapes, remove the seeds and stir the grape halves into the sauce with the cranberry sauce and creme fraiche.

Serve with: Potato and Almond Balls, and broccoli.

# Training Tips

## Establishing an Effective Pattern in Hunting Dogs

by George Hickox

The two hunters were working their way through a CRP field, following a black Lab that was covering ground by running straight out and back again. Suddenly, a cackling rooster flushed to the side and behind them, setting its wings and sailing straight away into the wind. The pair spun around at the sound, but were so surprised that neither could get a shot off. Both knew the dog had a great nose; they'd seen him smoke birds from 20 yards on other hunts. But it wasn't until they'd stood for a minute with the breeze in their face that they realized their mistake: Improper patterning and ineffective use of the wind had been the culprits in this case.

Proper patterning and proper use of the wind are necessary for the maximum number of bird finds whether hunting over a flushing or pointing dog. You may have heard the phrase "hunting objectives." This is a term used mostly by dogmen in wide-open country. The hedgerow 500 yards away across a plowed field may be the only place where birds would be. The pointing dog should strike "to the objective" because hunting the bare ground in between would be futile. Once the dog reaches the hedgerow, the bird must be upwind in order for the dog to smell it. If the wind is blowing from the dog to the bird, the dog will likely bump the bird before it can smell it. A dog's ability to use wind properly comes through experience and training.

There are three distinct wind conditions hunters will experience: upwind, crosswind and downwind. Correct patterning by the dog is different for each.

By far the most productive condition is upwind, because when the wind is blowing from the bird to the dog, the dog is able to smell body scent. Obviously, we'd prefer to hunt into the wind the majority of the time, so it only makes sense to train dogs to effectively pattern for upwind situations. A dog with the wind in its nose that covers the ground to the left and right of the hunter's path has considerably more opportunities to produce birds than one that hunts in a straight line down the field.

In order to train a close-working dog to quarter (in a windshield-wiper pattern) into the wind, you need to start early. Beginning with the first puppy walks in the field; walk into the wind in a zigzag fashion. When you change direction give two short beeps on your whistle. In no time the pup will learn to change direction upon hearing the two beeps.

For more structured training, use planted birds and a groomed field to create the habit of ground coverage you desire. If the prevailing wind in your training field is from the north, cut rows east-and-west, alternating high rows (knee to waist high) and low rows (about six inches) down the length of the field.

You can jumpstart the pup's quartering training by using two helpers, or teasers. Have one set up about 25 yards to your left and the other 25 yards to your right. All three of you should then move downfield into the wind. The helper on the right should animatedly call the pup's name, clap his hands and encourage the pup to run to him. When the pup reaches him, give two beeps on the whistle. The lefthand teaser should now enthusiastically entice the pup to his side. For flushing and retrieving breeds, the teaser can use a Velcro-wing pigeon (a strip of Velcro around a live bird's wings will prevent the bird from flying) to pitch for the pup. The game should be fun and upbeat.

# Training Tips...continued

## Establishing an Effective Pattern in Hunting Dogs

by George Hickox

When the youngster is accustomed to running back and forth to the guns (teasers), plant Velcro-wing pigeons in the high rows at the outside edge of desired range, alternating sides of the field in every second row. With the birds in the high rows, the pup will be encouraged to use its nose, not its eyes. Regular repetition of this exercise will create a dog that habitually quarters to the sides at whatever distance you desire. Another trick in training is to always give your dog a plant on the first cast. If right out of the box the dog always finds a bird to the side, it will be less likely to pour straight down the field when initially let loose. When the pup is on its first hunting season, carry a live pigeon, chukar or quail in your vest. If the young dog gets way out, toss the velcro-wing bird out in front and to the side of you. When the pup comes back, it will find a bird near you and think, Gee, I'd better stay closer. That's where the birds are. If you don't have helpers, groomed rows will prove even more useful because the pup will naturally work right and left in the low rows, taking the course of least resistance. If you don't have access to a field you can groom, improvise. An old logging road will suffice. Plant birds in the woods to the left and right of the road, giving the pup a reason to get off the trail. Help the pup in the beginning by walking into the woods, encouraging the young dog to quest for birds.

Teasers and groomed rows are useful for training pointing breeds also, with a few modifications in technique. Because you don't want pointing breeds to catch birds, plant flyers or use release traps with live birds instead of planting Velcro-wing birds. Again, place the traps or flyers at the outside edge of desired range. Each helper will alternately tease the pointer to his side, where the dog will find birds. Don't plant birds in the middle of the field, as that will only encourage the dog to run straight ahead instead of quartering.

Once again, helpers are beneficial but certainly not mandatory. By running the dog on a 30-foot check cord, you can steer it left and right by giving two short beeps on the whistle then twitching the cord. Shortly, the dog will start changing direction after the beeps but before the twitch. Logging roads can also be used for this training.

One problem hunters often encounter once a dog has experience is the dog's desire to get downfield in a hurry. This is particularly true for gundogs that spend a lot of time at hunt clubs. The dogs soon come to know the birds are "out there." A dog running straight out in front and not quartering leaves holes in its pattern-holes in which a wise rooster may be hunkered down.

Of course the hunter doesn't always have the luxury of hunting into the wind. But by always being cognizant of wind direction and making sure your dog is trained to run efficient upwind patterns, the odds of success will most certainly shift in your favor.

Dear Members, please send in any photos you have to share from your hunting, trialling, or showing experiences to [luc.tom@live.com](mailto:luc.tom@live.com)



# Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc.

## Membership Application 2011



Name.....Phone.....

Address.....

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Are you a member of the VCE? YES( ) NO( ) if yes please provide your VCE No.....

I desire to become a member of Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc. Vic. and in the event of my admission to the Club as a member I agree to uphold and be bound by the rules and regulations of the club.

### Types of Membership:

Dual ( )                      Single ( )                      Junior ( )  
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### SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BY 1 SEPTEMBER EACH YEAR

**Fees:**      Dual \$20.00      Single \$15.00      Junior \$2.00

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Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please complete all details and forward with your fees to the Treasurer

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