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Newsletter

Jan' - Feb' 2006

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Upcoming Club L'Epagneul Breton Events for 2006

May 27/28 - Field Trial for novice and open

June - Extraordinary General Meeting proposed changes to the club Constitution.

September - Royal Melbourne Show

October - Annual General Meeting

October - Brittany feature in Vicdog Magazine

October/November - Training for Retrieving Trial

November - Retrieving Trial, Christmas for the Club and Dog Show (all at same venue)

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Club L'Epagneul Breton Committee of Management (COM) Meetings 2006.

February Wednesday 8th - Committee meeting.
April Wednesday 12th - Committee meeting.
June Wednesday 7th - Committee meeting.
June Wednesday 21st - Extraordinary Special Meeting
August Wednesday 9th - Committee meeting.
October Wednesday 4th - Committee meeting.
October Wednesday 25th - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

All Club L'Epagneul Breton members are encouraged to attend these meetings to observe how your club is run. If we gain sufficient attendances there may also be a possibility of other activities taking place prior to the meeting, such as coaching of dogs and handlers for conformation shows, lectures, films, etc. So make the effort to attend and enjoy the night. Please contact the Secretary for further information on venue, time, etc.

***Please note* An Extraordinary Special Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2006 to discuss & ratify an Up-dated Club L'Epagneul Breton Constitution.**

Editor's Ramble.

Hi again all. Welcome to 2006. I trust you all had an enjoyable and safe Christmas and start to the New Year. So what's new in the bird dog world? Well we have our 2006 Committee of Management sorted out and are starting to get things kicked off again.

We on the Committee of Management (COM) are sincerely hoping that this year sees a turn around in the general attitude of club members. Last year was nothing short of disastrous in regard to member participation in Club events. Fewer and fewer members seem to be prepared to participate in our club events, despite all of our best efforts & pleas. Personally I have to admit to being at a total loss as to why. These events have been very successful in their own right, but it appears our club is constantly running events for people outside of the club. We generate good revenue from the events for our members, but then our members don't participate to reap the benefits. This year we have several events planned including field & retrieving trials, conformation shows, game shoots & and a clay target shoot. I would like to think we will be able to get, at the very least, a dozen members at each event but I am fairly certain, based on previous years attendances, that the only event that we likely attract those numbers will be the clay target shoot (please prove me wrong) . Why is that? It appears that members may not be confident enough, or interested enough, in the ability of themselves and their dogs to enter events where they are required to run their dogs. Is this true? If so why? Is it due to a lack of training for these events? If so let us know and we will organise coaching sessions.

Both Joe Camilleri & myself are more than willing to organise & run training days if we can get enough people interested in them. Are people intimidated by the thought of entering trials? If so, then don't be. They are a great way to improve your knowledge & your dogs performance. After all, a dog is only asked to perform in a trial exactly what it should be performing in the hunting field, no more, no less, so there should be no reason to view dogs as being either 'hunters' or 'trialers'. *They are one & the same.* You do hunt with your dog don't you? If you don't then there's always the show scene to get involved in. Or maybe just come along for the enjoyment of meeting other club members socially. If you need help with your Breton, in any way, then let us know. We are certainly willing to arrange training days & lectures if that's what people want and need, but we don't want to go through all of the efforts of doing so if these events are just going to end up being no more than another event that club members wont attend. You can see our dilemma can't you? Our committee members are working damned hard at what we have planned and the last thing we need is more work for no result. Those on the committee are getting very tired of working hard for no reason. We are willing to put the work in but we desperately *need* your participation to keep our club going. There is a very stern notice from our Club President within his address column in regard to where our club is going & every single member needs to think very seriously about whether they are willing to support a club that is doing it's utmost to support it's members. This is a very serious matter that directly effects all Club L'Epagneul Breton members.

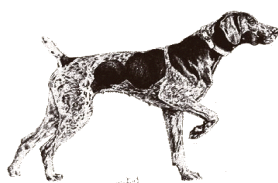
On another note - it looks like we are going to have another good duck and quail season this year. There are good numbers of birds about and we've had plenty of late rain, so let's keep our fingers crossed. The summer fires will hopefully not effect the bird numbers too much. I will be attempting to report on bird numbers across the state through the next newsletters, so stay tuned. If you have any information you are willing to share with your fellow club members then please drop me a line.

Now for something a little different. You will hopefully all notice an advertisement about our new Club L'Epagneul Breton Internet web site. This is a great initiative from our COM members & hopefully it will prove of great benefit to the club & it's members. Our hard working Treasurer, Peter Price, has put a lot of work into setting the web sit up & I think he deserves high praise for his efforts. Over time it should grow to be a valuable reference site for people interested in our breed. We will in time be uploading our newsletter onto the web site, as well as listing club events, etc. Check it out

Now for another bit o really good news. Radio station **3WBC 94.1Fm** are running a show called 'Outdoor Life' from 8am to 10am each Wednesday morning. This show is presented by Bill Davey & revolves around all things hunting & Fishing. I am pleased to say that Bill will very soon be interviewing both myself & Graham Hayes from WGAA (Graham is our Training Officer). So tune in for some great entertainment & informative interviews. The show can also be followed via the internet by going to <http://www.outdoorlife.id.au>. All interviews, including those of prominent SSAA & VF&G persons can be downloaded from the web site.

Editor's Ramble. (cont')

Lastly it is my sad duty to report on the passing of Mr Neil Charity. Neil finally passed away, earlier this year, after a long battle with illness. He was a stalwart of the German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP) club for many years, being a long standing member on their committee, and was a regular attendee at many field & retrieving trials with his GSP 'Ricky'. Neil was well liked by those that knew him & was always ready to offer advice to people new to the world of gundogs. Personally I found Neil a delightful chap to trial against & someone that made trialing such an enjoyable past-time for myself. The strength of the bond between our own Club L'Epagneul Breton & the GSP Club of Victoria is in no small way due to the willingness of Neil, and others within the GSP club, to lend a hand for the benefit of all gundog owners. What many people within the gundog world may or may not know about Neil was that he was also extremely prominent in the world of custom knife making, being a fine artisan. Neil's knives are some of the most sort after in the country, especially his folding knives, which were amongst the absolute best anyone could buy, at any price. Having viewed his wares on different occasions I must say that their beauty & attention to detail were absolutely flawless & they will remain a testimonial to Neil's attention to detail & love of his trade. I have been searching for one of Neil's marvelous folding knives for quite a while now, as Neil was unfortunately unable to continue in his trade due to his illness. So if anyone can tell me where I can now pick up one of Neil's knives I would be extremely grateful. The gundog world has lost one of it's strongest supporters & one of it's finest gentlemen. On behalf of Club L'Epagneul Breton Inc' Vic', and myself personally, I would like to offer the Charity family our sincerest condolences in their loss.



Bill Allen.

**Club L'Epagneul Breton now have
a web site.**

Pay us a visit at

www.clubbreton.com.au

For information about what's happening within our breed world wide and at a club level check out this marvellous new initiative of your Club L'Epagneul Breton. If you have anything you would like to paste or advertise on the web site place forward it to the club Treasurer, Peter Price, for committee approval at our new club email address;

breton@clubbreton.com.au

President's Address.

I hope you all had a merry xmas and a happy new year, and on behalf of the committee wish you all the best for the new year.

Once more into the fire.

Due to personal reasons Marko Pagliaro will not be able to take the reins of the club for the foreseeable future so I have stepped up to the plate as CEB President for 2006. I would like to thank Peter Price for once again taking on the role of club treasurer. This is the 7th or 8th year in a row that Peter has filled this position, & is one of the reasons our club is in such a healthy financial position. He has done a tremendous job for us all. I would also like to thank Emily Lee for taking on the Secretary's job, along with husband Mark as Assistant Secretary. She has already started to smarten the rest of us up. I am also grateful to Michael Calleja, Frank Tate, Ayman Hassan and Bill Allen for coming back onto the committee. I would like to thank Ray Waldron for his invaluable service on the committee and as Puppy Officer. Ray has finally worked out the only way to escape is to move to the country! And a special thank you to Bill Allen for continuing as editor of the news letter.

Now for a rap on the knuckles.

Gone are the days when our club had a President, 4 vice presidents and 12 able bodied committee people to run the club. As you can see from page 2 there is only a handful of members who help run events and even fewer who participate. Sometimes we are down to a bush carpenters handful and we are all getting a bit war weary. Unless we can get more members involved I can't see the club existing within the next few years. Gone are the days of attendances of 100 people or more at our retrieving trial, we had less than 10 members this year and only one Breton entered over the two days of the event. More and more of our events are struggling to get members to attend, the events are successful in their own right but we end up running them for other people. So please consider attending. We don't run that many events but we run them for you -our members.

Club L'Epagneul Breton President
Andrew Yeomans.

The French Way.

From my good Friend Pierre Willems in France comes this explanation of the French system of gaining a pedigree for your dog.

Confirmation is a procedure typical for France, where a dog receives only a "Birth Certificate" when registered, shortly after its birth, by the SCC. To change this certificate into a "Pedigree" requires to be accepted at a Conformation Exam by an official expert. Once this done, you just know that your dog is acknowledge as being an Epagneul Breton, WITHOUT ANY QUALITY RATING. The answer to conformation is YES or NO (pass or fail). And this can only be done once the dog has passed 12 months of age.

Quality ratings such as "Assez Bon" to "Excellent" (Rather good euphemism for "Poor" to "Excellent") are specific of shows, and discerned by official judges. Of course, a dog rated "Excellent" will be confirmed...but an "Assez Bon" dog may also be confirmed as well! These quality ratings are granted from the Junior class on (Junior = 9 to 18 months).

Pierre Willems

Training Tips

Basic Retrieves.

OK, so what types of retrieves do we need to teach our dogs? Well there are really only two - blind retrieves & marked (or sighted) retrieves. All retrieves are either one or the other, or a combination of the two. 'Blind' retrieves are for advanced dogs, so we shall start with 'marked' retrieves. Again we can dissect it in two & say that a 'marked retrieve consists of two main areas - control & retrieving. No matter how good a dog can retrieve, if he can't be controlled he is next to useless to us, & conversely he may be the most obedient dog around, but if he can't work he is no more than a pet. So we need to teach these skills separately and gradually 'marry' them together.

Now one thing will become obvious when you start attending obedience school with your dog. They do not do any type of retrieving or hunting work, they only teach obedience, & there's a very good reason for this. They don't want other things distracting your dog from learning his obedience lessons. The same applies when you take your young dog for a walk & want to throw a couple of dummies for him, Do not try to enforce obedience lessons on your dog when you want him to enjoy retrieving. Trying to force a young dog to hold, sit, stay, etc when he is keen to retrieve will only see him loose interest & the next thing you know, he won't want to do it at all. Leave the obedience lessons for obedience class, & focus on what you want from your young dog when you take him out for a walk & a few retrieves. If the idea is to see him eagerly retrieve something then that's all he should be expected to do. As long as he goes out confidently & enthusiastically, & comes back in that way, then it matters not whether he drops the dummy at your feet or doesn't stay when it's thrown. He's young - holding, steadiness, etc, can be easily taught at a later stage, but if you blunt his enthusiasm to retrieve at this young age you may never get it back. Everything comes with time. The idea is to get him going out eagerly, picking something up, & coming back eagerly. As long as he does that, then the session has been a success. Stick to that. The best way to do that is to keep your dog on the move. Throw a dummy & let him go. As he picks it up, call him to you as you keep moving. He won't want to be left behind & he'll rush back to you. He may drop the dummy as he comes in to you but don't worry about that, just pick it up, keep moving & throw another for him. In, out, in, out, in, out. Before you know it your young dog will have done 20 or 30 retrieves. Now's the time to take him home, always keen for more. Don't work him into the ground & blunt his enthusiasm.

I personally like to start my dogs with water work from a young age. Even when they are only 5-6 weeks old I will start by digging a shallow depression in the back yard & filling it with water. I get the young pups used to playing in water & then start their retrieving there also. The reason I like to start teaching retrieving in water before on land is because the dog is in a much more controlled environment when it's in water. In this environment the dog will not get the chance to learn bad habits as easily, due to it being easier for you to deal with the dog. There is much less chance of the dog running away from you, BUT, there are some considerations. First the young dog must learn to swim & enjoy it. You would not expect a young child to worry about fetching a ball you'd just thrown into the surf when all they are worried about is keeping their head above water, so why should your dog be any different? It won't retrieve in water unless it's comfortable swimming first. This is all a matter of confidence & brings us to the next item on the agenda. YOU *absolutely must* be prepared to get in there & get wet with him/her. Things simply will not work if you stand on the bank & try to verbally encourage your dog. He/she doesn't know what it's supposed to be doing & your yelling abuse/ or encouragement will only serve to further confuse him/her. Be prepared to put on a pair of shorts or waders & get in there with your young dog. Throw something the dog really likes handling, but only a very short distance at first. Start with something as simple as a duck wing. Just tossing it in front of his/her nose is all it takes. All we want at this stage is the dog to grab hold of it. In time we can lengthen this distance, but it must be done gradually. You might have to start with just a duck wing by itself, then progress onto a small soft dummy with the wing taped on to it. The important thing here is to make sure that you take the wing or dummy off the dog every time when he/she comes back to you. This should be done whilst you are still in the water. Even whilst the dog is still in swimming depth. Do not give the dog the chance to get past you & run off with the item. Do this every time & eventually the dog will get to thinking that he/she is actually giving it to you & this will progress from there on to good land deliveries.

So start young & use your brains. Don't expect your dog to be a world beater at only 3, 4, 5 months of age. It all takes time & patience. Good luck & drop me a line if you have any queries.

Bill.

CLASSIFIEDS

It is Editorial policy that anyone with litters to advertise, or anyone seeking pups, shall be entitled to advertise through this newsletter without fear or favour. Contact between breeders & prospective purchasers shall then be the business of those parties, & the Club L'Epagneul Breton shall accept no responsibility for any further dealings. The Club L'Epagneul Breton will not show favour toward any particular breeder & are not willing to endorse any litters so as to remain neutral in any private dealings.

Bill Allen Newsletter Editor.

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2005 NON-SLIP RETRIEVING TRIAL REPORT

Report by club President Andrew Yeomans

On the weekend of 12th and 13th of November we once again held our annual non-slip retrieving trial at Nagambie, and with good weather on both days it was a very successful weekend. Thanks must once again go to Ray Waldron who worked like a Trojan on both days as well as helping with the pre-trial organisation. Thanks also to Kevin Phelps whom also worked very hard for us on both days. Unfortunately Michael Calleja was unable to take part on the weekend but still carried out the invaluable job of organising birds, and some of the catering requirements. Peter Price helped out both days and took the many pictures you can see on our web site. I would also like to thank Brian Pace for judging the Field and Game stake and Dennis Patten for being his able assistant.

RESULTS.

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2005

BEGINNERS TEST Judge: Mr Byron Kendall Entries 6

- 1st R.& V. Thomas' Quailblazer Supreme (GSP B)
- 2nd V. Bailey's Jagerdell Team Leader (GWP D)
- 3rd B. Winkler's Romka Barra Winga (VIZ D)

NOVICE STAKE Judge: Mr. R. Kennon Entries 11

- 1st M. Carty's Dindigold Fair Dinkum (GR B)
- 2nd D. & V. Furnell's Wooundella Len CDX ET (LAB D)
- 3rd K. Andrew's Tockatunga Twist Of Fate (LAB B)

RESTRICTED STAKE Judge: Mr P. Doley Entries 15

- 1st P. Kennon's Bushman Blaze Of Glory (FCR D)
- 2nd C. Dyson's Kadnook Simply Wrapt NRD (LAB D)
- 3rd Kadnook Kennels Kadnook Turn The Page NRD (LAB B)

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2005

NOVICE STAKE Judge Mr. D. Smeaton Entries 16

- 1st K. Andrew's Tockatunga Twist Of Fate (LAB B)
- 2nd M. Carty's Dindigold Fair Dinkum (GR B)
- 3rd D. & V. Furnell's Wooundella Len CDX ET (LAB D)

RESTRICTED STAKE Judge Mr. B. Kavanagh Entries 15

- 1st Kadnook Kennels's Kadnook Turn The Page (LAB B)
- 2nd G. & A. Playdon's Torlum Highland Flyer (FCR D)
- 3rd R. Carr's Bambillay Rusty NRD (LAB D)

FIELD & GAME STAKE Judge Mr. B. Pace Entries 15

- 1st Alby Manyon's - 'Butch' (Epagneul Breton D)
- 2nd Gary Grudsas - Quaildale Ikinhunt. (GSP D)
- 3rd Darren Wilkes - 'Sage' (LAB D)

As you can see from the results we only had one successful Breton, actually Alby's dog 'Butch' was the only Breton entered over the week-end. It was good to see the lesser known breeds in the winners results.

Victorian (VCA) Field Trial Program 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Trial Type</u>
22 April 2006	GSP	UG Non Qualifying
23 April 2006	GSP	UG Novice
29 April 2006	SGC	Open Pointer & Setter
30 April 2006	SGC	Open Pointer & Setter
6 May 2006	Gordon Setter	Novice Pointer & Setter
6 May 2006	CHWGC	Novice Utility Gundog
7 May 2006	Gordon Setter	Open Pointer & Setter
13 May 2006	VGC	Novice Utility Gundog
13 May 2006	SGC	Open Pointer & Setter
14 May 2006	VGC	Open Utility Gundog
14 May 2006	SGC	Open Pointer & Setter
20 May 2004	VGC	Novice Pointer & Setter
21 May 2004	VGC	Open Pointer & Setter
27 May 2006	L'Epagneul Breton	Novice Utility Gundog
28 May 2008	L'Epagneul Breton	Open Utility Gundog
3 June 2006	CHWGC	Novice Pointer & Setter
4 June 2006	SGC	Novice Pointer & Setter
10 June 2006	GSP	Open Utility Gundog
10 June 2006	Irish Setter	Novice Pointer & Setter
10 June 2006	LRCV	Novice Spaniel & Retriever
11 June 2006	GSP	All Age Utility Gundog
12 June 2006	Irish Setter	Open Pointer & Setter
17 June 2006	VCA	Utility Gundog FT Championship
17 June 2006	VCA	Pointer & Setter FT Championship
18 June 2006	VCA	Utility Gundog FT Championship
18 June 2006	VGC	Open Pointer & Setter
24 June 2006	CHWGC	Novice Spaniel & Retriever
15 July 2006	LRCV	Open Spaniel & Retriever
22 July 2006	VGC	Novice Spaniel & Retriever
5 August 2006	ESS	Novice Spaniel & Retriever
12 August 2006	VGC	Spaniel & Retriever
13 August 2006	VGC	Spaniel & Retriever
26 August 2006	ESS	Open Spaniel & Retriever
2 September 2006	VCA	Spaniel & Retriever Championship
3 September 2006	VCA	Spaniel & Retriever Championship
16 September 2006	SGC	Open Spaniel & Retriever

Legend

GSP – German Shorthaired Pointer Club
 SGC – Sporting Gundog Club
 CHWGC – Central Highlands Working Gundog Club
 LRCV – Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria
 ESS – English Springer Spaniel Club
 VCA – Victorian Canine Association

Victorian (VCA) Retrieving Trial Program 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>
28 January 2006	German Shorthaired Pointer Club (Vic)
29 January 2006	German Shorthaired Pointer Club (Vic)
25 February 2006	Golden Retriever Club (Vic)
26 February 2006	German Shorthaired Pointer Club (Vic)
1 April 2006	Labrador Retriever Club (Vic)
2 April 2006	Labrador Retriever Club (Vic)
14 April 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
15 April 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
16 April 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
7 May 2006	Flatcoat Retriever Association (Vic)
27 May 2006	Victorian Gundog Club (Vic)
28 May 2006	Victorian Gundog Club (Vic)
1 July 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
2 July 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
29 July 2006	Labrador Retriever Club (Vic)
30 July 2006	Labrador Retriever Club (Vic)
19 August 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
20 August 2006	Central Highlands WGC (Vic)
9 September 2006	Golden Retriever Club (Vic)
10 September 2006	Golden Retriever Club (Vic)
22 September 2006	National RT Championship (Qld)
23 September 2006	National RT Championship (Qld)
24 September 2006	National RT Championship (Qld)
7 October 2006	Irish Water Spaniel Club (Vic)
8 October 2006	Irish Water Spaniel Club (Vic)
21 October 2006	Victorian Gundog Club (Vic)
22 October 2006	Victorian Gundog Club (Vic)
28 October 2006	Victorian Canine Association Championship
29 October 2006	Victorian Canine Association Championship
11 November 2006	German Shorthaired Pointer Club (Vic)
18 November 2006	L'Epagneul Club (Vic)
19 November 2006	L'Epagneul Club (Vic)

BOOK REVIEW

POINT! : Training the all-seasons birddog

By James B. Spencer – 1st Edition. MACMILLAN 1995. 272 pages.

It has been about 7 years since I last read this book and on re-reading it I decided it has got a place in gundog training in Australia and is worthy of a book review.

Let's be up front, this book is written by an American for American consumption – but don't let that put you off. Jim Spencer is a professional writer with over 30 years of experience training gundogs and to top it off, he is not a professional dog trainer. This is a good combination as his writing style is very readable and he is training dogs under the same sorts of conditions most gundog owners have to work with – squeezing training in around work and family commitments, often in the urban fringe.

The book is broken up into three sections. The first one is a brief overview of the 10 most common birddogs in America – which is a pretty close match to Australia's top 10. Birddog is the term Americans use collectively to cover what in Australia we would break into the pointing breeds and the Utility Gundog breeds. If, like me, you are already firmly devoted to one breed these 70 pages could be skipped over. However there is a lot of information in this section and it is interesting to read the discussions about how the various gundog breeds in the States have separated out into working bloodlines and show bloodlines.

The second section of the book is on training the birddog and this is where the book fills some gaps that makes it worth reading. Jim keeps what we need our dogs to do and how to train them to do it, pretty simple and simple is good. But what is really useful is he uses some training 'tools' that you don't see a lot in Australia and explains his techniques for using them. Principally his use of release traps to plant and control the flush of birds is very helpful. Yes you can do this with dizzied birds but there are some clear advantages of being able to keep the bird where you place it and get it to fly when you want it to. The other tool he uses is the electronic collar – which I have never seriously considered as a training tool for me. However, Jim uses the collar only for some aspects of training and then mostly to reinforce commands rather than teach commands. I find this section of the book very useful when it comes to training a pointing dog. Though the retrieving chapter does not help me much and that is probably a bit of a reflection on how the American's treat retrieving in their field trails – 'optional' for most breeds, including the "Brittany".

The third section of the book is about enjoying your gundog and although it discusses some activities that are currently unavailable in Australia it does explain events we could consider developing. Jim has had some interesting experience's trialing his gundogs and he tells a couple of his stories in this section. He tells how things can go wrong with dog training and the stories had tear's of laughter rolling down my cheeks – good stuff to remember when you start thinking your dog is the only one in the world that could cause their owner so much embarrassment.

Overall this is a good book if you are about to start training a new gundog and I would recommend it to people new to training and to those who have trained before and are about to start a new dog. It will be useful for those who are trying to train a dog for trialing or if you just want to train a dog that you can enjoy hunting over. It doesn't replace one on one advice you might get from an experienced trainer, but it sure gets you going and that's the important part. Getting out there having a go and enjoying your dog, whether training, hunting or trialing.

Mark Lee.

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