Greetings everyone, as we focus on the year ahead of us and evaluate the year behind us. Please take the time to reminisce with me in this newsletter.

Regardless of how the rest of the year has went, the holiday season is an opportunity to pause and reflect on what is truly important. I know I have said this before, but I want many of you to understand how grateful I am for your friendship and support. I have made some wonderful friends throughout the years here at the museum and I will always cherish these friendships. Your calls, support, and kind words have been much needed bright spots in a challenging year. It has definitely made a difference.

Enjoy the time with family and the relief from stress that comes with the holidays. I hope that the coming year will be brighter for us all. On that note, the changes in our country have forced some changes at the museum as well. However, we are striving to move forward as best as we can. We are planning on holding the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies as scheduled on February 12, starting at 9:00 a.m. The National Championship Kick-Off Party is also planned to occur on schedule at this point. We missed seeing everyone last year, so please plan to attend if possible.

I wish I could put some Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar every month. So as I close—my wish for you is this:

May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great opportunities and happiness.

Remember—seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world, as well as the greatest gift, are things we can't see.

Merry Christmas

Tonya

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Once again the dog community has helped us through yet another year. Your continued support has allowed the Bird Dog Foundation and the National Bird Dog Museum to move forward in preserving the history of our great sport. We have lost many throughout these last two years and the continuation of the Field Trial Hall of Fame is a great way to honor their legacy and contributions. Without your support this would not be possible. Congratulations to all the Hall of Fame inductees!

Merry Christmas!

Mark Medford, President

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate our Board President, Mark Medford, on the induction of his dog, Fresh Squeezed Juice, into the Retriever Hall of Fame. "Juice" is pictured above.

Thank you Mark for the great job you do.

Tonya Brotherton, Executive Director

Congratulations !!!!

To all newly elected Hall of Fame Inductees

BRITTANY FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

People:

Ed Graves
Judy Graves

Dogs:

NONE

COCKER SPANIEL HALL OF FAME

People:

NONE

Dogs:

Hawthorn's Miss Annie (Owner: Peter Rizzo)

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL HALL OF FAME

People:

Dean Brunn
Dr. Mark Schinderle

Dogs:

Blackriver's Tanner (Owner: Jeffrey Miller)

GERMAN SHORTHAIR POINTER HALL OF FAME

People:

Don Fidler

Dogs:

NONE

POINTER/SETTER HALL OF FAME

People:

Robert Clark (Robin) Gates
Dr. Terry Terlep

Dogs:

Shadow Oak Bo (Owner: N.G. Houston)
Valiant (Owner: Jay McKenzie)

RETRIEVER HALL OF FAME

People:

Hugh Arthur
Wayne Curtis

Dogs:

Fresh Squeezed Juice (Owner: Mark and Suzanne Medford)
Robber's Stray Bullet (Owner: Hank McNeil)

Memorials And Honorees

The Bird Dog Foundation has received memorials or honorariums for the following supporters & friends.

Memorials

Alan Allmon

Mike Blondin

Rheta Cartmell

Bill Fitch

G.W. Garner

Dr. George Hazelhurst

Dr. John Huffman

Don Strait

Joe Vicari

Jack Vollstedt

Marilyn Ware

Patron Memorial Plaque

Rick Conner

Mike Jacobson

Stan Zdanczewicz

Honorees

Dr. Janet Christensen

Gary Lockee

Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Talton

Life Patron Plaque

Dr. Ray Calkins DVM

Dan Hoke

Deserving Dog Memorial

Cody and Ranger

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

In honor/In memory (circle one)

Name:_____

Additional Information:_____

Donor's name:_____

Address:_____

Amount Enclosed:_____ **Phone:**_____

E-Mail:_____

Card #_____

Ways to Support The National Bird Dog Museum

_____$50.00 Annual Membership - You receive a small appreciation gift and a discount in the gift shop.

_____$500.00 Life Membership - You receive an appreciation gift, a tax letter, and a discount in the gift shop.

_____$1200.00 Life Patron / Patron Memorial - You receive a plaque that will be hung in the museum.

_____$1000.00 President's Council - You receive a certificate, gift, and a discount in the gift shop. Your name will be added to a special President's Council plaque in the museum.

_____$1400.00 Walk of Champions Dog Markers - You receive a granite stone marker to be placed along the walkway in front of the museum.

_____$250.00 Memorial Wall Plaque - You receive a bronze plaque to be placed on the memorial wall.

_____$100.00 Paving Memory Lane Brick - You receive a brick engraved with the name of your choice to be placed in the walkway in front of the museum's main entrance.

You may also choose to support the National Bird Dog Museum in your will.

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____STATE:_____ZIP:_____

PHONE:_____

E-MAIL (TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTER):_____

PAYMENT ENCLOSED:$_____

OR CHARGE MY:_____AMERICAN EXPRESS_____DISCOVER_____MASTERCARD_____VISA

CARD NUMBER:_____

CCV CODE:_____

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

2021 GUN GIVEAWAY

We will be giving away our 2021 Gun Giveaway shotgun during the 2022 Hall of Fame Inductions on February 12. If you would like to participate and did not receive any tickets in the mail, just give us a call at 731-764-2058.

This year we are giving away a Caesar Guerini Magnus Sporting 12-Gauge 30" Barrel Over-Under with a MSRP of $6095. This is truly a beautiful shotgun.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! Tickets are $25.00 each or five tickets for $100.00.

PAVING MEMORY LANE

We have approximately

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bricks left before we complete the Paving Memory Lane project for good. So if you want to honor or memorialize someone or a dog on a brick, call us soon or send in your form.

LEGACY

The Legacy page includes a couple of pictures showcasing some of the history of the field trial sport from the National Bird Dog Museum's collection and a short caption about each picture. This is our second newsletter to include this new feature. I hope you enjoy!

(LEFT) Dr. W. Russell Trapp with 1946 National Champion Mississippi Zev. In 1946, this famous setter won both the National Championship and the National Amateur Quail Championship just weeks apart. In the same year, he won the Region 6 Amateur Championship and the Texas Open Championship. Zev was bred and developed by J. Earl Bufkin, who handled him in Open competitions. He was owned and campaigned to his amateur titles by Dr. W. Russell Trapp. Zev was the only surviving pup of his litter. His forte was brilliant ground work, endurance, and a well-developed faculty for natural coursing. A popular stud, he produced 80 winners with a total of 259 placements. Mississippi Zev was inducted into the Pointer/Setter Hall of Fame in 1961. Picture was taken in 1946.

(RIGHT) National Amateur Dual Champion Tigar's Jocko with Jack Munson and Stanley Aeck. Tigar's Jocko was the first Brittany to win a major pointer/setter championship - the 1964 National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship. He was born February 24, 1961 to sire Honey's Tigar and dam Petite Femme De La Bois. His breeder was Delbert Nelson and his owner was Jack Munson. Tigar's Jocko was inducted into the Brittany Hall of Fame in 1997. Year of picture is unknown.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

from

The National Bird Dog Museum