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## *New Club Formation Begins*

In mid-July 2009, Jerry and Barbara Rosenberg and Karen Nelsen all moved to Northern Arizona. The Rosenbergs settled in Prescott in the Williamson Valley/Granite Mountain area. Karen settled about thirty miles north in the community of Paulden.

They were followed a couple of weeks later by Debbie and Tom Clare who established themselves halfway between, in Chino Valley.

Within a month or so, we were already talking about forming a Brittany club in the northern part of the state. The location of the other two clubs in the state made it impractical for us to actively participate in them.

Then the field trial season descended upon us and our talks were put on the back burner. With the advent of spring, we put our plans into "high gear."

We have received a great deal of assistance from other field trial friends who moved here several years ago from Southern California. These are friends we've competed against, have used as judges, and are just all-around good people.

One of our first jobs is developing a Constitution and a set of By-Laws for the Club.

We'll move on to having other activities as required in the formation of the new club.

Our sister clubs in the southern part of the state have given us their endorsement and are more than supportive in our endeavor.

We are currently enlisting the help of Brittany owners living in the "high country" to become part of our group. Our focus, at this time, is to do what's needed to become recognized by ABC and the American Kennel Club.



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## *Becoming a Member*

We are offering a special new member rate. At this time a single membership is only \$20. A family rate is being offered for only \$25. In addition, we have an "Associate" membership for those who may live out of the area and

are unable to fully participate in club activities. This is available for only \$10.

Once the club is recognized by the American Brittany Club, our dues will have to be increased, as 2/3 of the fees

are forwarded to the parent club. In return, members receive the monthly Brittany publication, *The American Brittany*. The exception to this is the associate membership. Find the application at [www.grandcanyonbrittanyclub.org](http://www.grandcanyonbrittanyclub.org)

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*FC Shiloh's Whoa Nellie, MH  
owned by Karen Nelsen*

## "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

As the saying goes, "experience counts." It doesn't matter what the field, rather the folks involved know what they're doing and what they're talking about. With that in mind, here's a "thumbnail" sketch of those whose mission it is to establish a Brittany club in Northern Arizona.

Let's start with Barbara (Robben) and Jerry Rosenberg. They both got into Brittanys about the same time, although not together. (Jerry in 1978 and Barbara in 1979.) Jerry got his first Brittany from his gunsmith (Al Capone, believe it or not), whose Brittany came to work with him quite often. Encouraged by Jerry's trainer, Ellis Hallmark, the dog, Windy (*Greenfield Wind Song*), did quite well at a GSP fun field trial event. After joining the California Brittany Club, Jerry met Agnes Rodrigues who recommended that Jerry show the dog. Long story short—Agnes finished Windy in the ring and Dave La Chance finished her in the field—thus, Jerry's first Dual Champion!

Barbara got her first Brittany after she and her then-husband made the rounds at the Golden Gate Kennel Club Show. They met Floyd and Marilyn Maxwell who lived close to them and had recently had a litter. A liver pup was available. Barbara promised to compete the dog (she'd try anything once), and after taking handling classes, Barbara showed *Maxwell's Kokamo Robben Hood* (aka Robbie) to his bench championship.

In 1987 Barbara and Jerry met at a specialty show in Northern California. By this time, Barbara was divorced, so they began a long-distance relationship. Barbara moved to Southern California in 1988. Between the two of them, they now had seven Brits!

Both Barbara and Jerry have served as officers of CBC as well as NCBC.

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We're on the Web!  
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## *Brits and Brags—More About Our Dogs*

The above story about how the Rosenbergs got into the breed doesn't tell the whole story. In 1988, Jerry acquired Blazing Can-Dee, known to the world as "FC/AFC Blazing Can-Dee." Dee was an awesome dog. She had four litters, the second of which was "charmed." Three of the pups, Traveler, Sonny, and Buck all finished their field championships as two year olds. Dee had a major influence on West Coast Brittanys, as her offspring have produced many DCs, FCs, AFCs. Dee is pictured on our membership applications as well as at the top of this page.

Dave Harris is relatively new to the breed. An avid hunter, Dave got his Brit from Juniper Ridge Kennels in Ash Fork, AZ. "Pepper" goes with him everywhere! "Pepper" is the featured dog in our logo.

Tom and Debbie Clare have three Brits—Annie, Bella, and CeCe. Tom is dedicated to training his dogs, and is doing so at every opportunity. Tom competes his dogs in NSTRA trials, where his dogs have done quite well.

Karen Nelsen got started in field events when she got her first German Wirehaired Pointer from Michigan. "Stormie" ended up a Master Hunter, a bench champion, and had several broke-dog field trial placements. Her next trial GWP (CH SGR Witch Hunt, MH) "Dealer" was handled in the field by Paul Doiron. Unfortunately, Dealer died of osteosarcoma of the head. By this time, Karen had met several "Brittany people", among them Pennie Peterson. Pennie had brought a couple of pups from a recent litter to a CBC Fun Day event. Karen saw this 8-week old liver pup carrying a chukar bigger than she was, all the while playing keep-away from her litter mate. Thus Shiloh's Whoa Nellie became part of the household, which now had four GWPs and a Brit! Nelle went on to finish her Field Champion and Master Hunter titles. She had two litters. Futurity winners came from both—one gun dog and one all-age. (MVP/Shiloh Toughactofollow, JH and MVP/Redline's High Octane, JH) Nelle is related to Rosenberg's "Dee", as her sire was a "Dee" son. (FC Sam-Dee's Traveler).



*MVP/Redline's California Dreamin', JH (Cali)  
Owned by Marilyn Brown of Whitehall, Michigan.*

*Cali is a littermate to MVP/Redline's High Octane, JH (Tiger)*