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EDITORIAL

It is with great sadness we have to inform you that John Robinson passed away on Saturday 11 March. John along with his wife Margaret had been involved in trials for many years and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and condolences go to Margaret and family at this difficult time.

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There were three championship trials last month - congratulations go to Stevie Boyall with Styperson Lomond who were Anne Thorpe's ticket winners in the TD Stake at the Welsh KC trial, Jane Webb with Flyntastic Winin Venture who were Tony Orchard's TD winners at Oxford. This is Robbie's second ticket making him, subject to KC confirmation, a Working Trial Champion. Robbie also has an obedience ticket, this has not been achieved by a WT Ch for a long time. Well done Jane. Alan Bolton's PD ticket went to Rod Roberts with WT. Ch. Little Bart. Many congratulations to you all and good luck for 2006 KCC's.

This is my first editorial and like Mark's first editorial twelve months ago I must begin with an apology. As many of you know I fell down a 'black hole' several months ago leaving Mark to oversee the refurbishment of his new home, run his computer business and manage the mag alone. Now that I am beginning to climb up out of my hole I realise that I took two trial reports with me. My sincere

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apologies go to respective judges John Reynolds who judged at Blanchardstown and David Clark who judged the open CD at Surrey. Sorry guys! And sorry too, to the competitors who have waited so long to see their name in print - hope it was worth the wait, but my biggest apology must go to Mark who takes the flack for my failings. I anticipate seeing the words 'must try harder' on my next school report!

As I write this editorial WTM is moving office. This means that the address and phone numbers will be changing and chaos will continue to reign for a few more weeks as we operate out of cardboard boxes. However once the move is completed WTM will for the first time have its very own office (a bonus for me, as luck would have it, a previously vacant mobile home which I am now occupying) and training grounds, and we will go from strength to strength. Our thanks go to you our subscribers for your continued support and patience.

Please note: NEW address and phone number

ANNE BUSSEY.

Assistant Editor

NEWS

CRUFTS RESULTS 2006

There are Working Trial Classes at Crufts for just four breeds: Border Collies,

Dobermanns, GSDs and Rottweilers. The results for these classes were as follows:

Border Collie Working Trial Dog

1st GOYTRE'S ACES HIGH WITH KALIAZAR CDex UDex WDex (Mrs R Payton)

2nd DAN/INT CH WHENWAY DECORATED HERO (Miss E M Simonsen)

3rd GHOSTLAND COPPER CHARM CDex UDex (Ms D Day-Whiting)

Res GULDENMORE MOSS LOGHTAN (ISDS) CDex-WDex (The Revd A M Hughes)

Border Collie Working Trial Bitch

1st FOXBARTON THAT'S JAZZ CDEX UDEX (Mrs V A Tiller)

2nd KINGSLODGE VICAR OF DIBLEY CDex ,UDex (The Revd A M Hughes)

German Shepherd Working Trial Dog

1st TOILERS TIMO AT SARSWAY CDex - UDED - WDex - TDex (Mrs S Bergh-Roose)

2nd KAUFENBERG GRUBER CDex UDex WDex (Mr R J Cornwell)

German Shepherd Working Trial Bitch

1st TIRGRAM RATTA OF ALROBIN CDex UDex (Mrs Y Pitt)

2nd JASUETER RED GARNET (Miss

DON'T FORGET . . . ENTRIES CLOSING

April

12th ASPADS
(Scarborough, W/E 19th May 2006)

18th Scottish WTS
(Lauder 17th - 21st May 2006)

OP TD WD UD CD

CH PD WD UD CD Vet.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

J Carruthers)

Rottweiler Working Trial Bitch

1st DRUMMAJOR GOOD LUCK
CHARM CDex UDex WDex (Mrs R A
Hodnett)

(There were no dogs in the Rottweiler
Working Trial Dog class)

Dobermann Working Trial Dog/Bitch

No entries.

However dogs with Working Trial qualifica-
tions in other breeds also had success in
show classes as can be seen below.

Australian Cattle Dog - Open Bitch

MORROW RED CHAKOLA CDex UDex. S
Smyth 1st place.

Australian Sheepdog - Veteran Bitch

SHEPALIAN AOUNTRY COUSIN OF
MOORTIME CDex UDex WDex. Mrs L
Cousins 2nd place.

Australian Sheepdog - Open Bitch

SHEPALIAN NIGHTFLIGHT TO MOOR-
TIME ShCM CDex UDex. Mrs L Cousins
VHC

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael) - Veteran Bitch

CHARBONNY O'KEEFE AT DAELOIS
CDex UDex. Mr & Mrs T P Davis Reserve
Good Citizens Bitch
CHARBONNY O'KEEFE AT DAELOIS
CDex UDex. Mr & Mrs T P Davis Reserve

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois) - Limit Dog

BONVIVANT C'EST MOI SABREFIELD
CDex. Mr S Hughes 2nd place.

Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois) Open Dog

BONVIVANT C'EST MOI SABREFIELD
CDex. Mr S Hughes VHC

Good Citizens Dog

BONVIVANT C'EST MOI SABREFIELD
CDex. Mr S Hughes 2nd place

Border Collie Good Citizens Dog

GOYTRE'S ACES HIGH WITH KALI-
AZAR CDex UDex WDex. Mrs R Payton
2nd place

Bouvier De Flandres - Good Citizens Dog

Ch NIKOLAEV WESLEY WITH DOGAN-
ODOGS CDex UDex. Mrs P Wadsworth 1st
place

Large Munsterlander - Limit Dog

GHYLLBECK ANTHEMIS OF ISHEERA
CDex. Mrs S Austin 2nd place

Weimaraner - Good Citizens Bitch

FURSDON TWYLYTE TRAMONTANO
K9MS2 BH CDex UDex WDex TDex. Mrs
Allyson Tohme 3rd place

*Many thanks to Allyson Tohme for sending in
these results.*

Ed.

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READERS LETTERS

Essex Open Trial.

I would like to thank Mike Woods for stepping in to do UD nosework as I was taken ill and had to return home. I would also like to thank Jan and Dave for laying the tracks and doing the search squares. Many thanks to Lynne for driving me home and Angelia for following her to take her back. Thanks to anyone else I forgot.

BOB COOK.

THANK YOU

And they just kept coming! Thank you so much to everyone who sent cards following Robbie's win at Oxford. Thank you also for the champagne, wine and flowers! It was a dream come true making Robbie into a working trials champion and you have all made it so special. We are so lucky to be involved in trials what a wonderful bunch of people. Thank you all so much,

JANE & ROBBIE

At the last Seminar at the Kennel Club the subject of selling and providing food. As this is a major income and saving it is very important to get it right. Regarding the Hygiene Certificate, I suggested a course which can be obtained while sitting at your P.C. it is quite cheap and consisting of 15 short modules.

The certificate is obtained and approved by company called learnpurple. This is fully recognised by legislation. (www.learnpurple.com) or call 020 7836 6999 Jo Harman.

If you need any other information please contact. 01296 613120.

LEN NEWMAN

OBITUARY

JOHN ROBINSON

John died peacefully Saturday 11 March at 8.55 am with Margaret and his family by his side.

John became ill the latter part of last year but still managed to get to North East Counties to see Margaret and Lacey get their second ticket win and so make Lacey into a WTCH. He was very proud of Margaret's achievements both with her own dogs and with 'turning other peoples dogs round' but he was particularly proud of Lacey and I'm sure Margaret would be the first to admit that he played a huge part in her achievements laying countless tracks for her.

Most of you will remember John's WTCH Just Jamie of Trentvalley unfortunately in the last few years John didn't get to as many trials as he would have liked due to his work commitments but he always kept in touch with everything that was going on.

John was a 'no frills' kind of guy he would not appreciate me being sentimental, however, he will be sorely missed by all of us. Rest in peace my friend, you will be in our thoughts and hearts forever.

All our love Anne, Tony and Anna

On behalf of everyone in trials our thoughts are with Margaret and her family at this very sad time.

Margaret would like me to convey to every-

one that she does not want any flowers but if anyone wishes to make a donation to Hayward House Hospice c/o me I will pass it on.

ANNE FOWLER

CLUB FOCUS

With the explosion of the use of SAT NAVS will club secretaries and trial managers please remember to include the postcode of venue on adverts and report sheets to enable trialists to programme these in and increase their chance of reporting relaxed and punctually. Please remember to check your ads have been received.

TRIALS TRAINING WITH POOLE D.T.C.

On Saturday 4th February, Poole D.T.C. held a training day with Anne Bussey. We met at Ibsley Village Hall. Being served with coffee, tea and biscuits by Sue and Gill set everyone at ease. The signs were positive. Anne began with an informal lecture of clicker training techniques. Explaining carefully the theory and concept behind them. She brought them to life with a demonstration on her own puppy. Very impressive. Control without contention.

Questions were then answered with knowledge and humour. Then it was outside for practical work.

Gavin and Val kindly allowed their equipment and field to be used. In convoy, we set off down the lane. Standing in the cold like a group of frozen hoodies, clutching leads of our dogs (diverse in age and breed) hoping not to let them down with our mistakes. Inevitably we did. Anne guided us away from these with simple common sense methods. The morning over, time for lunch break and

back to the warm cosy hall. Sue and Gill had provided a three course meal. We were not allowed to linger over it, delicious and welcome though it was. More practical work awaited.

The wind had a Siberian chill. A good set of thermals and enthusiastic involvement soon whipped a glow to our cheeks. Trialists and their dogs are a hardy lot aren't they? The day ended as it had begun: positive methods, positive approach.

Thank you Poole, thank you Anne.

JUNE COUTTS.

NORTH WEST W.T.S. DOG OF THE YEAR WEEKEND

Judge: ELLIE RUSHTON

Square Stewards: Hazel and Sylvia

Tracklayers: Dave, June and Joan

Entries: 17

Thank you to NWWTS for inviting me to judge the Junior Stake at their Dog of the Year weekend. The event was very well organised by Barbara and Dave Bell, so thanks to them and to June and Dave Reid who provided acres of winter oats for the tracking.

The track was judged out of 90 with 3 articles (10 marks each) to find. Eight teams completed the track and found all the articles. Others weren't quite lucky enough to get round, so the tracklayers had quite a bit of "collecting" to do. Please keep in mind these wonderful people who work so hard for your pleasure. If you know your dog can't track then please don't enter "just for fun" ---- it's not fair to the tracklayers and certainly not fair to your dog.

Squares were judged out of 30 with 5 articles (5 marks each) and 5 handling marks. These were worked really well and it was good to see nearly all the dogs going out to collect

articles with enthusiasm. Keep it up!!

1st Jacky Dykes with DAISY. Lovely to watch this dog work. Steady, confident track and good square. 148/150

2nd Mike Fulker with MOSS. Another very good track and square. 143/150

3rd Jenny Holt with BROCK. Just a few little casts on the track and four square articles lost the points. 136.5/150

4th Gail Gwesyn-Pryce with KEVIN. A very good track but not such a confident square. 136/150

WORKING TRIALS VS. BLOODHOUNDS CHALLENGE

Stow on the Wold
4th & 5th February 2006

TEAM CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Firstly thanks to all the landowners in the area of Stow on the Wold who allowed us back onto their land. Val & Ron Brooks laid on a smashing tea on the Sunday.

The terrain was a combination of pasture, crop and set a side, no Plough!!!. The usual obstacles a ford, hedges, wall, woods, Jacob sheep and horses that just put the extra challenge into the event.

The weather was also very kind not one drop of rain.

My thanks to our team, who took everything in their step and worked to the highest standard, Arthur Jeal 2 hours cold 2 miles long line, Marney Wells & Dianne Stephens 30

minutes cold I mile long lines, Jean Howells and Lesley Jones 1 hour cold 2 miles long lines.

The lines were laid by Penny Beliss and myself, thanks Penny for all your help before and during the match

We try to have different breeds representing Working Trials and as you see we had a good selection this year. The Bloodhound people were so impressed.

Our Judge who had been training for the event was Nigel Hines who got to the last line with blisters starting to show, but thanks to you and June.

We do this only for the pleasure with no expenses or qualifications but just the joy of seeing our dogs and hounds work. Once you have had a weekend like this you will never forget for a lot of reasons.

After the first day we were 1 down with 2 tied on the second we made 1 win and a 1 tied meaning a very close draw. This year was the closest I have seen in the six years and was very glad I was not judging.

Our Judges will complete the report.

LEN NEWMAN

JUDGES REPORT

After competing at last year's challenge in East Yorkshire, I was very pleased to be invited to judge at this year's event in the Cotswolds. My co-judge for the Bloodhounds was Leonarda Pogodzinski, who is extremely experienced in the bloodhound world and also very knowledgeable on all working breeds. I would like to thank Leo for her company and advice during the competition.

For the working trials dogs, Penny Bellis and Len Newman laid the tracks (lines) with two articles for each dog. Len and Barry Allen organised the event, which attracted a decent crowd of spectators this year, some of whom even followed the dogs on their tracks over the fields, walls, hedges and rivers. I hope

those who did come to watch enjoyed the competition and the friendly rivalry between the two teams. It really is different to ordinary working trials and if you are lucky enough to be invited to compete (or judge), I'm sure you'll have a great time. But be warned, you need to be fit!!

Arthur Jeal and Spot were the first to track in the Senior stake on Saturday morning, with a 2 mile track at 2 hours old. Spot tracked well, only needing assistance on a couple of occasions and having to contend with crossing a ford. They competed against Ian Sayles and his bloodhound, Keano, who stormed home on his 2-mile line in 7 minutes, leaving Ian and the judges following a very long way behind! Ian and Keano won this pairing, and were also the team of the match.



Marney Wells and her Staffordshire Bull Terrier Busby were next, in the Novice stake with a one mile track at 30 minutes old. This little dog never lost his concentration even when walkers crossed the track within 20 yards of him. He had a few casts and minor assistance. It was the first time I'd seen this dog work, and what a cracker! His opponent was Billy Page and his hound. Billy is only 10 years old and it was so good to watch such

an enthusiastic youngster enjoying the sport. This pairing was a draw.

Diana Stephens and her Spaniel cross, Maestro, worked next in the same stake. Maestro is a very keen tracking dog who needed no help at all, just getting on with it. It was a real pleasure to watch. They were paired with Ron Brooks and Phoebe, who also completed an excellent line. Ron is 82 years old and managed to show up some of us younger ones as he sped across the fields after his hound! This pair also drew.

On the Sunday, Jean Howells and Jed were the first to go in the Junior Stake, with a two-mile track at one hour old. Jed cast a couple of times and had some assistance through a patch of rough ground over a wall but worked well to find both his articles. Michael Harrison and his hound were next. They also needed minor assistance and the result was another draw.

Finally, Lesley Jones and her Springer, Clive, were the next junior team. They also tracked very well but needed some assistance when the track went close to hedges and Clive went into hunting mode, coming slightly off the track. Another impressive tracking dog, though. They were competing against Martin Page and his hound, who also went wrong a couple of times and needed help. Lesley and Clive won this pairing, with the result that the overall match was a draw.

Ron Brooks and his wife at their home, where the summing up and presentation took place, treated us to the most fantastic tea. Many thanks to them for their hospitality. Well done to all those who took part - I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. I would like to thank all the helpers who made this competition possible.

NIGEL HINES.

TRACKING FOR BEGINNERS - 2

(Too basic for Experienced Trialists)

By Rod Roberts

To recap from last month's article: we have a dog which is tracking for 200 paces with only 3 food pots in the length. The dog should be lying down on the food pots with minimal commands, and holding the position while you open the pot and feed the dog.

The real work starts now.

There are three directions your training needs to go; experience of age, different surfaces, and wind directions. And you will need to be flexible in your thinking.

My goal, when I'm training a new dog, is to get its level of concentration and stamina up to being able to track a 400 pace leg, down wind, without lifting its head, losing attitude, or in any way having a rest. At this point, someone always says, "But I live in Derbyshire (or one of the other stock counties) we don't have fields that big." OK, that's it then, there's always room for another person in obedience.

Seriously though, just do the best you can. If you can get the dog to give you concentration that will carry it through three or four very long legs, the dog will have the mental reserves to complete a competition track, and still have enough life to complete a search square (not that you're going to do a square after a training track). But later.....

While you are working towards this concentration and stamina, there will be the opportunities to increase the dogs experience in other ways.

Ageing the tracks.

With the dog watching, lay 2 tracks (as you are working down wind you will need to walk right back down the field before laying the second - a bind but doing a track back will mean tracking into the wind, which will let the dog become casual by removing the need to keep its nose down.)

By the time you have laid the 2 tracks, they will be 20 minutes old. Because the dog has watched they shouldn't present any problems. Beginners now ask "should I take the harness off between the tracks?" Clinically speaking, yes. But I never bother; let the dog wear it between the tracks. I don't get involved with throw games at this point as I want to keep the dog in a stable state of mind; getting it all silly and excited will not help you at the start of the next track.

(A thought for the future. Great tracking dogs start tracking at the pole; unwanted excitement at the start will cause the dog to rush away from the start pole, with the dog not getting into full concentration for many paces. And as you are training to get to the top, give some thought to the idea that short first legs and early articles in competition could cause serious problems for dogs which take a hundred yards to settle into the track.) When you have got the dog doing three long tracks, start to leave the dog in the car. Lay 2 tracks, then fetch the dog, tie it up, and then lay a third track with the dog watching. Track the one you laid last first, then the one laid second, second, and finally, the first track that was laid, track it last. (Note From this point on I will refer to what I have just described as reverse order tracking.)

There will be several useful effects from doing this. The dog will learn to track at varying ages from 10 minutes to over an hour, if the opportunity arises. You will be able to get the dog familiar with different surfaces, and it will learn to track when it hasn't seen the track being laid.

Wind

Up until now virtually all the tracking will have been done with the wind coming from behind you, which makes the dog track accurately, but if the dog has achieved your goal

of tracking for 400 paces without deviations or head lifting, we are ready to start cross wind tracking. Start by laying tracks, if possible, on a surface where you can see the track. The wind needs to be coming over one shoulder or the other. If the wind is coming from behind and right when you start, the dog will almost certainly drift to the left of the track; allow the dog a longer line to give it the opportunity to correct itself. If it continues to drift when it's more than a few feet off the line of the track, stop moving yourself, but don't stop the dog; let him take a bit more line. If this doesn't cause him to relocate the track, gently encourage him back onto the track. When doing this there is a point which is worth a mention - a natural reaction when the dog wanders from the track, is to say "NO that's not right" and point at the track. With most dogs this will cause a slight drop in attitude - when explaining this some handlers will arrogantly say "This dog's so keen you won't put him off". Well let's think about this. You're going, over the next months or even years, to be tracking the dog three times a week. If you only lose half a percent of the dogs confidence each time, a year down the road, your drive will be poor and the tracking at best average. When we are tracking we are not teaching the dog about tracking - if we are sensible, what we do is put the dog in a position where it will want to learn. How I deal with the dog when, during its learning phase it wanders off track, is to tell it what to do, not what not to do. More on the lines off "Here it is, track on" rather than "No, that's wrong".

Note When you first start tracking in directions other than down wind you will probably find it disheartening, depressing, The dog might give you the impression that he can't really track - don't worry, it's just part of the process. Most dogs appear to go through this. Ground and wind conditions will also make a big difference, and this is the point where you realize that your tracklaying skills are not what you thought they were.

When I was training my first tracking dog, for the first couple of months it just happened that there had been virtually no wind, and the ground I was using was lush grass, about a foot deep. Of course the dog was doing 2 hour old tracks, tracking round the corners - absolutely stunning. One morning I turned up to track as normal. My tracking fields were full of cows; the fields that they had been in were well grazed, with the grass of unequal length, tussocky in places, and with short grazed areas. Well, full of confidence, when I laid my track there were light coloured fence posts and plenty of markers, including some parked cars. I laid about 15 legs, with the thought I'd better be careful about markers. When I went to do the track later, I noticed it was quite blustery, and the wind was strong some of the time. I set out on the track; my 'good tracking dog' was all over the place, he seemed to be wandering about, going forward, losing it, re-finding the track. When I looked for my light coloured fence posts, I saw to my horror the sun was behind a cloud, so all the posts looked the same colour, and the parked cars had gone, so I was effectively clueless as to where the track went. However, the dog battled on, and having no idea what to do, I just went with him. He struggled on and eventually completed the track, getting most of the articles. I was almost suicidal; two months of solid tracking for nothing, first bit of a breeze and it's all gone to pot. I saw my training pal that evening, and when I told him about the disaster, he asked about the track, which field, how windy - until he asked it had never entered my head.

(What a Pillock) My mate set me straight; I'd changed the dog from lush grass to short unevenly grazed grass, changed from tracking in almost still conditions to a seriously blustery day. And instead of knowing where the track went I had no idea. (On a foot of lush grass you can see the track) "You should be bloody grateful to the dog for carrying you, you changed three things at once and the

dog still managed to do it. Instead of being suicidal, I should have been over the moon." There is a moral in this, "Be observant about conditions; only change one thing at a time; never blame the dog; cock-ups are almost always your fault."

If you work steadily and consistently on long legs the dog will gradually learn to cope with cross wind. Although we are working on very long legs, (to give the dog time to build stamina and allow it to learn the skills required for cross wind tracking) by now we have the dog doing three reverse laid tracks of 400 paces. During this stage of allowing the dog to learn the skills required for cross wind tracking, it will be imperative to keep the dog highly motivated. A good way is to leave your hun-

gry dog in the car and occasionally lay three tracks, of 20 paces, 50 paces, and 30 paces, with its favourite meal at the end of the final one. A dog which goes out with the expectation of doing three 400 pace legs and then finds itself with its favourite meal after only a few paces, will have a complete payday. I do this as often as necessary to keep the dog bright and keen.

Final thought for this month; if a dog that is a very experienced and accomplished tracking dog is jaded and bored, it will be beaten by a keen youngster that really wants to do it. Next month: Changing surfaces and corners.

WORKING TRIALS REPORTS

BLANCHARDSTOWN & DISTRICT DTC CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

25 - 27th February 2005
Co. Kildare

STAKES: U.D., W.D., T.D.

Judge: JOHN REYNOLDS

Thanks Blanchardstown for the invitation to judge at your trial. I had a great time and the weather was ideal. The trial was very well organised by Steve and all his willing helpers. Thank you. Thanks Jenny for picking me up and chauffering me around, and staying with you and Steve. Had an enjoyable time thanks. Base was Judith and Jeff's caravan also the snack bar.

Had a great team of tracklayers, search stewards and control stewards. Everything done as requested, many thanks to all of you.

STAKE: U.D. (RUN ON GRASS)

Tracklayers: Judith Owens, Jenny Hickey.

**Squares: Jenny Hickey, Mary Owens.
Control Stewards: Jenny Hickey, Mary Owens.**

1st Caroline Woods, PARAVEL GABRIELLA (GSD) B. Nice track 94 only one article. N.Q. 159 Congratulations.

2nd Angela Higgans LAETARE SWEET CHARIOT (BC) B. joint best track. N.Q.

3rd Nigel Tates PARAVEL FELLINI (GSD) D. N.Q.

STAKE: W.D. (RUN ON WINTER CORN)

Tracklayers: Jeff Poole, Judith Owens.

Squares: Jenny Hickey, Mary Owens.

Control Stewards: Mary Owens, Jenny Hickey.

1st Diana Collie's COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE (BC) B. Tracked very well, full mark square. Nice control round, also best track. Young dog will do very well. Q.Ex. 190.5 congratulations.

2nd Miriam Lyons TAMERRYE MARANELLO (BC) B. casting cost a few

marks, nice square and a good control round. Another young dog should do very well. Q.Ex. 176 Well done.

3rd Vicky Dixon's BLINK AND YOU MISS IT (X.B.) B. Casting cost the marks, dropping the square articles, nice control. Q.Ex. 171.5 Good luck.

STAKE: T.D. (RUN ON WINTER CORN)

Tracklayers: Rita Malony, Caroline Woods.

Squares: Mary Owens.

Control Steward: Riona Kilbride.

1st Miriam Lyons W.T. Ch. KALIYON SHEEFRA (W.S.D.) B. Good track, 3 articles, full mark square, sendaway cost a few marks. Still a nice round. Q. Ex. 208 congratulations.

2nd Judith Owens' W.T. Ch. FIRCROFT DOON (B.C.) D. Very good track 3 articles. 3 articles from the square, very good control. Nice to watch. Q.Ex. 205.5 and best track award. Well done.

3rd Jeff Poole's LATCHET'S BOSS (GSD) D. Worked very hard on track. Full mark track, only lost 1 on control, half on the scale. Very promising young dog. Should do very well. Best of luck. Q.Ex. 193.5

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

19th - 23rd April 2005
Okewood Hill Village Hall

STAKE: CD

Judge: DAVID CLARK
Steward: Gill McGregor

I would like to thank Surrey Dog Training Society for the invitation to judge the CD

stake, at their well organised trial. I would like to mention a thank you to Gill McGregor for being a steward for me.

1st Ms. Miriam Lyons with TAMERRYE MARANELLO (B.C.). I hope you caught your boat in time! 94 points CDX.

2nd Mrs. J. Lockyer. ROSIAS CHELSEA GIRL AT REDVIEW (Sheltie). Very well handled. 92 points CDX.

3rd Mr. Mark Lewindon, SORUMOUR LETS BOOGIE AT BRACOKELI (GSD). You are certainly boogying at the moment, well done. 90 points CDX.

4th Mr. Ian Bradley, HOEGRANGE ZEUS (lab.) well done. 87 points CDX. Good luck in the higher stakes.

Also qualifying Miss Pamela Leigh with BAYRIVER ABLAZE. Well done, CDX. Mrs Val Isherwood with BAYRIVER ADVENTURE, CD

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AVON WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

Felton, Bristol
7th. - 9th October 2005

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I must firstly apologise for the lateness of this report, the original report was posted last November. I am assured by our editor Mark that it was never delivered to his office, so I can only assume that it's still milling around in the postal system.

I would like to thank the farmers for the use of their land tracking was on well grown grass giving us plenty of good nosework marks. Our judges this year were Bruce Golledge, Barbara Riste, Celia Bourne and Jacqui Barron for T.D, U.D, C.D and the T.D, U.D and C&A respectively, thank you for

your time and expertise. I would also like to thank all the tracklayers and stewards for a job well done, I will leave it to the judges to name their individual teams. Thanks to my goffers and escorts Ann Clark and Ann Bracegirdle and to Pippa for doing most of the paperwork and allowing Barbara and I to share her lovely cottage during the trial. No report would be complete without thanking the catering staff, headed by Irene Nicholl. They kept everyone supplied with copious hot drinks and food. Finally I would like to thank all of the competitors who were both punctual and courteous to those who qualified. Well done to those who did not quite make it this time I am sure your day will soon come.

BRIAN RISTE

U.D NOSEWORK

Judge: BARBARA RISTE

Track Layers: Rondey Veasey One Day, John Hinds Three Days, Pippa Bentham Two Days

Search Stewards: Michelle Falcom Friday, Liz Hickman Saturday, Pauline Pearce Sunday

Thank you Avon for the invitation to judge the U.D nosework. To all the helpers and the ladies in the kitchen a very big thankyou. To Pippa and Colin for having Brian and myself to stay at your lovely cottage and looking after us so well, thank you so much.

1st Dean Woodcock LAETARE LEFT IN THE DARK B.C. A very good all round performance, a joy to watch well done.

2nd Tony Lockyer DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL W.S.D. A hiccup on the track but your professionalism put you back on track, a good all round performance well done.

3rd Siobham Jefferson TAKOVALL MIDSUMMER MOTH FOR LAETARE

B.C. Nice quite handling, good performance well done.

4th Marney Wells BEREKA HURRICANE OF COPYHOLD S.B.T. Tracked well a good performance, well done.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GSD ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

13th - 16th October 2005
Walesby, Nottinghamshire.

STAKE: UD

Judge: GRAHAM REANEY

Steward Glenys Page

Tracklayers John Weselby & A M Warrior

Thanks to Midland Counties for the invitation to judge this stake, thanks also to Robert Martin and all his team for ensuring we had no problems, in fact everything went like clockwork.

Special thanks go to my tracklayers and steward who where first class, Glenys putting the competitors at ease, and the tracklayers laying tracks that I would love to get as a competitor.

Thanks also to the competitors who where good humoured and sporting throughout, accepting my decisions in the manner that has become the norm in our sport, the only disappointment there being so few of them. (7 entered 5 worked).

1st Susan Hughes with URSA. O.E.S. A good track followed by a mediocre square. Nosework 128. Control good, does however need some work on the sendaway. Control 30 Jumps good. Jumps 19 Total 177 Q, UDEx

2nd Caroline Dewsnip with HOLLY.

B/C. Lovely track followed by a full mark square. Nosework 143. The control round had some problems, however this team did have the highest sendaway mark with 7. Control 27 Jumps 0. Total 170 N.Q. This competitor had a brilliant attitude even when things went wrong. good luck in the future.

3rd Stan Taylor with ODIN. GSD. Another good track again followed by a mediocre square Nosework 126. The control round was tight. Control 26. This team also failing on the jumps. Jumps 10. Total 162 N.Q.

4th Angela Gourde with TARN B,S,D, (terv). A lovely track followed by a poor square. Nosework 122. Some problems with attention in this section. Control 20 Doing just enough in this section. Jumps 14. Total 156

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WESSEX WORKING TRIALS CLUB OPEN WORKING TRIAL

Aller Farm, Uppottery, Devon
24th - 27th November 2005

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to begin by thanking the farmers for the use of their land. The grass was again quite lush for the time of year. The weather on Thursday (1st day) was a glorious sunny day, but as the song goes "What a difference a day makes"! Friday gave us snow and more snow - about 6" of it. Needless to say all the approach roads were blocked by jack-knifed lorries. As none of the judges and track-layers were unable to get to the base, the trial was called off for the day. However, some sort of normality resumed next day.

I would now like to thank our judges - Sheila Tannert, John Hinds and Jonathan Hinds for TD, UD and CD respectively, for giving their time and dedication. I will leave them to

thank their individual teams of helpers, but collectively my thanks to all the track-layers, stewards, escorts and gophers. You were all great.

The kitchen staff was again headed by Jacquie West, ably assisted by Margery, Sheila and Mary. Many thanks to Lindsey for not only track-laying but also for preparing the schedules and catalogues, writing certificates and transporting jumps. Thanks to Barbara for cooking the evening meals on both Thursday and Friday for judges and helpers.

My final thanks are for the competitors, especially those on Friday. As they neared the base, they found it impossible to reach us due to the appalling weather conditions and had to return home. On a happier note, competitors on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday were more successful, which led to twelve overall qualifiers - so well done.

STAKE: UD

Judge: JOHN HINDS MBE

Tracklayers: Thursday - Jean Cooke / Maureen Regan

Friday - Snow body - trial cancelled due to heavy fall of snow.

Saturday: Pippa Bentham / John West.

Sunday - John West / Paul Cousins

Steward - Adrian "Shorty" Quick

Firstly I would like to thank Wessex WTC for the invitation to judge the UD stake. I also extend a special thanks to the girls in the kitchen - Jacquie West and Margery Lee for providing such a high standard of catering, in particular the full English each day and taking care of our inner selves throughout the trial. The food provided was great and very much appreciated by us all.

A big thanks also goes to the track-layers for the proficient and skilled manner in which they laid their tracks for the competitors, although John West claimed that with a little

more of his coaching, Paul Cousins would be able to walk in a straight line when laying tracks! I'm not sure because it is alleged that Paul visited the village pub prior to laying his tracks (will we ever know?)

I also extend a very special thanks to my minder, steward and good friend - Adrian "Shorty" Quick - someone I will always have to look up to - not only for laying all the squares and control stewarding for all the competitors, but also for the support and assistance that he gave to me throughout the trial.

Other than for Thursday, all dogs worked in cold, snowy conditions, something the dogs adapted to very well. The main cause of dogs not qualifying, being failing the stays. Finally I thank the competitors for accepting my judgements and comments in a positive and friendly manner, without question or argument. I must comment, that I found it an honour to evaluate and judge some lovely young dogs - the majority of which it was evident enjoyed their work and endeavoured to please their handlers.

There were 21 entries of which 14 dogs competed. 13 satisfactorily completed the track with the majority bringing out 3 or 4 articles out of the square. The rest of the test was basic C&A with 7 dogs failing the stays. Overall an excellent effort by all.

1st CoM 192.5 - Mr C Pilton - VOMKYNA JAGO (GSD). An excellent C&A round with 4 out of the square and a near perfect track made this a team to look out for in the future. A well deserved result - congratulations.

2nd CoM 189 - Mrs R Price - MARLISH CADEAU (GSD) an untidy 1st leg on the track spoilt this dog's chances of 1st place. With 4 out of the square and a good C&A round, made it an interesting competition for the top rankings. A good effort from this young dog. Well done and good luck in the future.

3rd CoM 184.5 - Dr N Prescott -

DUNNSLAYNE DASHA (WSD) If only this little dog had brought out the 4th article from the square and not needed a 2nd attempt at the long jump, would have taken them into 2nd place at least. This team performed the best track of the trial. Well done and good luck to you both in the future.

4th CoM 178.5 - Mrs J Coutts - HORSEDDROVE HENRY (Labrador) On this occasion the Labrador was not in the mood for retrieving his dumbbell nor doing the long jump. But he did enjoy himself on the track and in the square. A shaky start that came good in the end. Well done to you both.

Also qualifying CoM: -

Mrs M Wells 173.75 - BERAKA HURRICANE OF COPYHOLD (Staffordshire Bull Terrier)

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SIX COUNTIES.WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

6th - 7th January 2006

UD WD & TD CONTROL & AGILITY

Judge: HILARY MORRIS

I had a very enjoyable visit to Ireland and I was certainly well looked after by the Six Counties Team. The weather was fairly constant and dry.

Vicky and Alan provided me with very comfortable accommodation and thought of my every need. Thank you so much.

Tracks and squares were impeccably laid by all involved and I must thank:- UD Track, Karen Milken, square, Roseleen Garrett. WD Tracks Vicky Dixon, squares, Roseleen Garrett. TD. Tracks, Anne Colleen, squares, Michael Robinson - who was also my very able control Steward.

Tracking was on grass and almost without exception of a high standard. Some squares were very well done, others a bit half hearted and a bit more motivation is needed. The control was mixed - with sendaways and the scale being the main problems.

STAKE: UD

1st NQ Marjorie Briggs & TRILITE PRIVATE RYAN (Weim.) D. A very accurate track dropping only 3 on the nosework 142/25/0 unfortunately withdrawing from the jumps

STAKE: WD

1st Q Judith Owens & FIRCROFT DALWINNIE (BC) B A very nice track with both articles, the square was costly but the C/A was sound. A lively little collie well handled.
2nd NQ. Karen Milken with WILLOWDALE FYRE (GSD) D. Another good track, 2 from the track 3 from the square. Just get the scale right and the COM will be yours Karen.

3rd NQ. Bernadette Digges & BRAVE BAYLEY (Xbreed) D. A really good all round performance was spoilt by an uncharacteristic broken stay, really bad luck Bernadette.

STAKE: TD.

1st Q 204.5 Diane Collie & COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE (WSD) B. What a lovely trials attitude by this lass, she never cast once on a corner but took all corners in her stride, only lost on funny little squiggly casts mid line - probably to breathe. A convincing win.

2nd Q 203.5. Vicky Dixon & BLINK AND YOU'VE MISSED IT (XB) B. A coiled spring waiting to erupt, everything done at the double with zest and energy - yet still controlled - very nice work.

3rd Q 201.5 Miriam Lyons & TAMERRYE MARANELLO. (BC) B. Another collie with the right attitude she worked really well quietly handled by Miriam.

4th NQ 184 Janet Mcgloughlin-Minch & DUBLIN CITY SPECIAL XD. If you trust him a little more Janet he will track on his own, only one from the track lost you both the qualification, an excellent square. Next time!

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**MIDLANDS BORDER COLLIE CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

13 - 15th January 2006
Holwell, Melton Mowbray

CD STAKE

Judge: DAVID WAITE

Steward: Michele Thompson

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Thanks to Midland Border Collie Club for inviting me to judge and Barry James and all his crew of helpers for running the trial. Sue and Bob for supplying the food and drinks, and a big thanks to Jan Darby for doing the scores at base. I must say a special thanks to Michele for being my steward, it was her first time, and I think she did a great job. The Control & Agility field was undulating with medium length clumpy grass. I set a simple straight forward test, which would give new and young dogs to trials every chance of success, if the handlers had done a good job on the training field. Heelwork consisted of a right, left and about turns in all three paces, with the change of pace from a halt. The sendaway was forty yards to a yellow cone with a white pole in it, all but one dog completed it with no problem. The search square articles were a 3" x 2" piece of beige carpet, a 5" x 1/2" piece of wood and a green cartridge, all dogs did the square to a high standard. The standard of work was very high and a pleasure to both watch and judge.

There were three teams who qualified, and all of these teams did very well in the UD Stake also.

1st Mrs J M Holt with HULLATER BROCK WSD. 93 points. Qual. Congratulations, this young dog worked really well. Just a slight problem with the long jump today, but I'm sure you'll sort it out.

2nd Prof. M Robinson with FLINT OF GLEN Mel B.C. 91.5 points Qual. Congratulations, another promising young dog. Anticipation on recall cost 1st Place.

3rd Mrs R Woods (handler) with HOLLY COLLIE WSD 88 points. Qual. Congratulations, really good round by Holly. Slightly wide working in heelwork and failure to return back over the scale accounted for most of lost points.

4th Mrs J E Walker with JAY OF JOKER-DOM WSD 60 points Non Qual. If I remember correctly it was the dog's first trial today. Good solid retrieve and square, but on today's performance more work needed on sendaway and jumps.

STAKE UD

Judge: LINDA NEWBOLD

Stewards: Liz Warrior, Gail Cartright, Lisa

Tracklayers: Margaret Robinson, Sheila Tannert, Graham Brumpton

Thank you to Midland Border Collie Club and Barry for asking me to judge and to my tracklayers and stewards who all did an excellent job, to Bob and Sue for all the lovely grub and to Jan for her excellent job manning the base, keeping everyone in order and keeping all the scores - even in the blackout!! Special thanks to Anne, Tony and Anna for looking after me over the weekend.

Tracking was on well grown, sown grass and the weather, though very cold, stayed dry for

all 3 days giving everyone the same conditions. We had 5 dogs to work on Friday, unfortunately only one qualified the nose-work. A better day on Saturday with 7 dogs working and 6 qualifying the nose-work, but sadly only one qualified at the end of the day. 6 dogs worked on Sunday with 4 qualifying the nose-work. All the dogs worked really well and I'm sure the ones that didn't make it this time will be doing so very soon - good luck to you all.

1st Q 182.5 Prof M Robinson with FLINT OF GLEN MEL. Flint worked well, with a lovely positive attitude to his work. Well done.

2nd Q 180.5 Jenny Holt with HULLATER BROCK. Really nice work from this team. Splendid square. Well done at your first trial.

3rd Q 173 Rosemary Woods with HOLLIE COLLIE. Rosemary was so nervous and seemed really surprised that they qualified, but Hollie didn't seem to notice, took it all in her stride and worked really well. Good luck for your future outings.

4th Q 172.5 Sue Pickerin with NIKONIS QUIET RIOT AT HOBHILL. Rio did a nice track recovering both articles. Good luck for your next trial.

Also qualifying Graham Reaney on 161.5 Really nice indication on the first article by Graham!!

Congratulation to Liz Price and Miller who won the Best Track trophy. First time out for this team who only lost one point on the track. Keep up the good work and your first qualification will not be far away.

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**EAST ANGLIAN WORKING TRIALS
SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

Waterlow Farm Kennels Kings Lynn
Fri 27-Sun 29th Jan 2006

WD STAKE

Judge: SHEILA TANNERT
Search Steward: Caroline Carroll
**Tracklayers: Paul Morlin, John Phillips,
Jim Sewell**

I would like to thank the society for the invitation to judge this WD Open. Thanks to Paul who not only was the Trials manager but was so well organised that he even managed to tracklay. The land was super and each competitor throughout the trial had a new piece of land and all the dogs really tried even those that didn't quite manage it. My tracklayers Paul John and Jim laid all the track just as I wanted them and Caroline did a great job laying the squares she didn't have to recover many articles. Jan Sewell did a great job in running the base and the scorers and certificates were nearly finished when we came in from the tracking land well done. Thank you to all the competitors for entering and accepting my decisions you were all a pleasure to watch

1st Mrs L.Davies with MISTER MISFIT
CDex UDex, X.Breed

Zeke did a lovely track recovering both articles then went on to do a nice search. Good luck in the higher classes.Q185

2nd Mr A Goodley with HOLLY COLLIE
WSD Handled by Mrs R Woods
Well done Rosemary a super track and search. Well done on you qualification Q183.5

3rd Mrs S Jones with DURSTONE
MELODY WSD A young dog very well handled by Sue I am sure you will do very well

in the higher classes.Q166
4th Mrs J Sayerwith VILLAGE KING
GSP Zuse is a very strong tracking dog just a hitch on the last leg and you would have been places higher but you were a pleasure to watch. Q164.5

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FINGAL DOG CLUB

20 - 22 Jan 2006
Ballymadun,, Co Dublin

TD, WD, UD STAKES

Judge: JUDY MEEKINGS
Tracklayers :TD - Sandra Meenan
**WD - Sandra Meenan, Donal Flynn,
Miriam Lyons**
UD - Ger Philpott, Diana Collie
Search Stewards: TD -Mary Dolan
WD - Samantha Rawson, Alan Dixon
UD - Mary Dolan
C & A Stewardw: TD & UD - Diana Collie
WD - Anne Collen
Scribes: Samantha Rawson, Sandra Meenan

Many thanks to Fingal Club for the invitation to judge in Ireland. I would also like to thank Anne Collen for managing the trial, and for the wonderful hospitality throughout the 4 days I was in Ireland. Everybody made me feel so welcome, both at the trial, and at the Judging Seminar that followed (all who took it passed the exam - well done!) All the competitors also helped in some way, and everybody enjoyed themselves, getting great pleasure from their dogs' achievements. Many thanks to all tracklayers and stewards, who did a superb job.

Tracking for all stakes was on grass, which had a reasonable amount of growth. The weather was kind, and stayed dry but cold,

with quite a strong breeze at times.

UD. 4 Entries, 3 ran.

Unfortunately, there were no qualifiers, mainly because handlers chose, for various reasons, not to complete all the exercises. All dogs, though, showed great potential, and will do great things in the future.

1st Miranda Moriarty with HIGHFIELD CLYTEMNESTRA, GSD, B. Nessa tracked very well, got full marks for the jumps, and would have qualified but for a glitch on the sendaway. Well done Miranda. 184

Also competed:-

Marjorie Briggs and IR.SH.CH. TRILITE PRIVATE RYAN, Weimaraner, D. O'Ryan tracked brilliantly, and then got all 4 articles from the square. Superb nosework round, well done on winning the Best Track award! Angela Higgins and LAETARE SWEET CHARIOT, BC, B. Libby also tracked superbly, and only dropped one mark in the square. Very impressive, I'm sure she'll qualify very soon.

WD. 7 entries, all ran.

Again, no qualifiers, but all dogs worked very well, and I'm sure will be qualifying soon.

1st Caroline Woods and PARAVEL GABRIELLA, GSD, B. Ceryn tracked enthusiastically and well, with both articles recovered, and then got 3 articles from the square. How wonderful to see a Shepherd with such a great attitude to her work. Well done!

2nd Diana Collie with COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE, BC, B. Crystal tracked brilliantly for about 2/3 of the track, and then, in spite of unbelievably hard work, couldn't find any more scent, so Diana very sensibly took the harness off. She then turned in a superb control and agility round.

3rd Bernie Digges and BAYLEY, WSD, D. Bayley tracked almost faultlessly until he got

stuck on the track in exactly the same place as Crystal, and although he tried really hard, he couldn't find the track again.

4th Janet McGloughlan-Minch with DUBLIN CITY SPECIAL, Cross, D. Unfortunately, Roger wasn't really focussed on the track today, but redeemed himself with an excellent control and agility round. Best Track. Vicky Dixon with BLINK AND YOU'VE MISSED IT!, Cross, D. Beena only lost 1 mark on the nosework - very well done! (I'm sure there's some Springer in there!)

TD. 5 entries, 4 ran.

The standard was generally very good, with committed dogs working determinedly and with enthusiasm.

1st Anne Collen and TESSA OF TANTRUM CROSS, GWP, B. Tessa worked really hard on the track, finding some areas difficult, but with determination and excellent handling completed the track with all 3 articles, and then recovered 3 articles from the square. A good control and agility round gave her first place by 1 mark, and the coveted second Green Star, making Tessa a Working Trials Champion. Very well done. Also won the Best Track award. Q u a l 189.5

2nd Miriam Lyons with TAMERRYE MARANELLO, BC, B. Abbey also found the track difficult, but also worked really hard, and with very good handling from Miriam, finished with all 3 articles. She also retrieved 3 from the square, and produced an excellent control and agility round. I'm sure it won't be long before she wins her second Green Star. Well done.

Qual 188.5

3rd Miriam Lyons and WTCH KALIYON SHEEFRA, WSD, B. Sheefra worked a superb track, but unfortunately only got the end article. She then found all 4 in the square, and worked a nice control and agility round.

4th Miranda Moriarty and HIGHFIELD

QUO VADIS, GSD, D. Vadis struggled on the track, but worked well in the control round.

I would like to say "Thank you" all the competitors for accepting my judgement so graciously, and for making my visit to Ireland such a pleasure. I particularly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere - and the hot port, most welcome after a cold day out! It was a privilege to meet you all, and I hope to see you again soon.

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WELSH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

7th - 12th February 2006.
Bridgend.

STAKE: CD

Judge: FRANCES BALL
Stewards: Dean Woodcock

My thanks to the Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation to judge the CD stake at their Championship trial. Thanks also to Lindsey Poole, Trials Manager, and her many helpers, but especially to Brian and Barbara Riste who helped run the base and did the bulk of the kitchen work.

The weather was very kind to us for the time of year, the field was nice grass and very big - a bit barer than I was expecting - and the handlers and dogs were lovely. My steward, Dean, did a great job - thank you for a job well done and for your company (and well done on your UD Ex).

The test commenced with the search in which all dogs worked extremely well. Stays followed and unfortunately we had one casualty. Before starting the C & A Dean took the

'send from' pole down the field, and I most confess I chuckled when I heard that some competitors thought it was a 'send to' pole and that the sendaway was to be in excess of 200 yards!! We then did the retrieve, heel on lead down the field, sendaway 80 paces to the hedge, heel free back up the field, recall 25 paces followed by the clear, scale and long jumps. The scale claimed three more casualties - although all three could actually do the jump - leaving me with four qualifiers.

1st Sue Jones with WSD DURSTONE MELODY. A lovely round from this very nice young collie. Well done, Sue, and good luck in the higher stakes. 94/100

2nd Dave Edmunds with GSD PEPNICK HALFPENNY. Another nice round from this very exuberant GSD. Well done. 90.5 /100

3rd Marjorie Lee with WSD LOKI MIS-CHIEF MAKER. Just little bits of untidiness here and there - but all the basics are there. Well done. 89.5/100

4th Val Isherwood with GSD BAYRIVER ADVENTURE. What can I say but 'Well done'. Thirteenth time lucky, I understand, but you (and Schafer) well deserved your CDEx! 85.5 /100 (yes, I'm sure!)

Thanks again to the Welsh KC for your hospitality and to all the lovely competitors and dogs who made my weekend such an enjoyable one.

STAKE: UD

Judge: COLIN BALL
Tracklayers: Caroline Morton, Anne Clarke, Lindsey Pool, Linda Reynolds
Stewards: Sheila Watts (search), Linda Reynolds (C&A)

I should like to say thank you to the Welsh KC for the invitation to judge the UD Stake and a special thank you to Lindsey and her gang for all the hard work before and during

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the trial, necessary to make things run smoothly.

My tracklayers, Caroline, Anne, Lindsey and Linda did a great job, as did my search steward, Sheila, and C&A steward Linda. Thank you all.

The weather over the two days was good. Tracking was on good grass fields which resulted in some lovely tracks and good control for the C&A.

1st Tony Lockyer with WSD DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL. As expected, a 'double top' with a very good round from another young dog guided well by Tony. Will soon be in TD. Well done. 196/200 Q Ex.

2nd Dean Woodcock with BC LEATERE LEFT IN THE DARK. Not 'left in the dark' today, a good round from a dog wanting to work. Completed the round very quickly and happily. Well done. 191.5 /200 Q Ex.

3rd Sue Pickering with GSD NIKONIS QUIET RIOT AT HOBHILL. Rio left it to Mum to find the end article, but otherwise another nice round. 183.5 /200 Q Ex.

4th Maureen Capes with BC WHITE ROSE HOLLY. Holly didn't like my gun and left an article in the square. A lively spell in the heelwork but a good sendaway saved the day. 180.5 /200 Q Ex.

Also qualifying:

Nicky Prescott with WSD DUNNSLAYNE DOVE 176.5 /200

Marjorie Lee with WSD LOKI MISCHIEF MAKER 174 /200

I hope you all enjoyed the test. I enjoyed judging some nice dogs and competitors at a good, happy trial.

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Blyth

11 - 12 February 2006

CD STAKE:

Judge: WALTER EVANS

Steward: Joan Bolton

Thank you to Alan Bolton for the invitation to judge this stake and to my steward Joan, who not only provided the catering which was first class and still had time to guide the teams through my test and on their behalf many thanks. To the teams who qualified, well done. To the other entries just bits and pieces to sort out and the qualifications will come.

1st Mr M. Gammidge with WAGGERLAND SAM (WS) 99 . Marks speak for themselves. Well done Mick.

2nd Mrs J. Holt with HULLATER BROCK (WS) 88 Best wishes for the future.

WD STAKE:

Judge: RITA EVANS

Tracklayers: Stevie Braithwaite, Ann Bedford

Stewards: Ann Dent (Sat) Walter Evans (Sun)

I would like to thank Alan Bolton for the invitation to judge this stake. Special mention to my tracklayers Stevie and Ann, also my square steward Ann Dent on Saturday and Walter Sunday, everything done as asked giving all teams a fair chance.

To Joan (Head of Catering) everything was lovely and finally to Debs and Dina, scribing the scoreboards and certificates, thank you.

1st Moira Rogerson with SELDOMSEEN

RIO CDex (W/S) 183. A young dog with an experienced handler producing a super round.

2nd Joyce Rae with NIXTEV GLEN-CADAM CDex (GSD) 182. well deserved placing, on this performance has a bright future, well done.

3rd Mrs J. Sayer with VILLAGE KING (GSP) 180.5

4th Janice Atkinson with STILLMOOR QUAY TO MY SUCCESS AT DENLEA CDex. UDex 178.5

Also qualifying

D. Waite with PRINCESS VALLONTHORPE (BC) 177

Penny Pritchard with GRACORN HOME BREWED CDEX (GSD) 174.5

V. Jenkins with RAGNELL DAISY CDex. UDex (Cross) 170

Well done to the qualifiers and to the other entries keep training and enjoy your dogs.

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ASPADS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

12th - 18th February 2006
Horspath Village Hall, Oxford

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Since taking over this trial in 1988 I am amazed. I never stop leaning, each year something new happens.

Without the good will of the minority trialist, trials would never exit. Such as, when your escort & base steward decide to go off roading in a vw van and Le had to be AA recovery, Ray Lea wife took over the kitchen, as I am track laying. When we needed a four-wheeled drive car to collect the jumps in the trailer, Garry Squires assisted. When we needed the fourth set of jumps for insurance

Steve Liney supplied. Thanks to all of you. I think we have to keep reminding ourselves that trials is a hobby and nearly always it's the same people helping. If only trialist would give up one championship we would not have this happening. I bet if you asked them to judge, people seem to have the time off then!!!

We had a large entry TD 69, UD 23 & CD 35 so we started on Sunday, but I have never had so many cancellations. 8 TD, 8 CD & 3 UD with one person not turning up or cancelling. I find it so bad mannered when this happens especially when it is the second track of the day in U.D. I will leave the tracklayers thanks to the judges.

The Judges made my life much easier by giving the track pattern to the tracklayers prior to the trial, so we were able to practice before the start of the trial. I feel that this is very important so from day one, every body is competent.

As we started on the Sunday in TD, this makes a seven-day trial hard work but thanks to Jean Howells base, Arthur Jeal escort/track layer, Von Fearon in the kitchen-helping Le to serve evening meals & 132 baps! Tut & John Jennings hospitality it made the week very enjoyable. It is nice to receive letters and thanks from the competitors thanking our team & us.

Lastly thanks to all the landowners who helped so much before and during the trial and to all that helped.

LEN NEWMAN

STAKE: CD

**Judge: Norma Ansell
Steward: Maurice Cooke**

Thank you to ASPADS for the invitation to judge the CD stake. Thanks to Len Newman and Lee for all their work behind the scenes. Oxford is always a good trial with good atmosphere. Thanks also to Maurice Cooke square steward and control steward. He even

let me judge!

We had an entry of 34 but strangely quite a few scratches, mostly on Saturday. Perhaps the freezing fog had some influence on this. It did however clear later and we had two days of bright sunshine. Searches on frozen rape caused some problems with only 7 dogs managing 3 out of the square. Articles wood, linen cloth, and hair scrunchy. Stays were good losing about 6 but agility mixed 4 full points and 7 failures. Final results 7 qualifies CDEx one CD only on 79 marks. Hard luck Bob Shropshire.

1st Mrs. S. Jones DURSTONE MELODY (WS) 93 CDEx. A good solid performance with one of the best sendaways. Just 2 years old should have a successful future ahead.

2nd Mr. J. Allen CAPTAIN VAN DAN-WRYAM VONGRAF (Malinois) 90 CDEx. Lovely work from this pair. Handler seems inexperienced but kept in control, obviously well trained, both handler and dog.

3rd Mr. F. Boulderstone UTHYR DRAGON (Lab) 89.5 CDEx. The best handler I have ever seen in CD. Dog was never in any doubt what was required. Well done to both of you, we will see you in ticket. Full point agility.

4th Mr. Simpson GLENROYAL YAZZ (GSD) 89 CDEx. Well handled, again leaving dog in no doubt, full point jumps. Also qualified UD today so another one on the way to the top. Congratulations.

Also qualified CDEx;

Mrs. M. Dixon HYPERBOWL ORBIT (Cross) 86

Mrs. H. Mercer STARDELL INDI (BC) 80.5

Mr. A. Goodley HOLLY COLLIE (WS) 86
CD only Mr. B. Shropshire STYPERSON OLIVER (Lab) 79

STAKE: UD

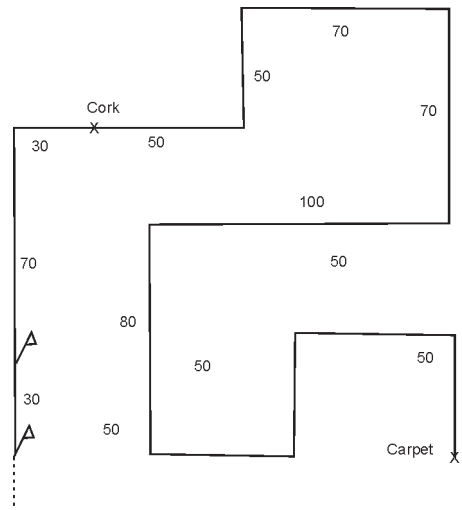
Judge: RICHARD CORNWELL

Tracklayers: Arthur Jeal (Fri), Mark

**Richards (Fri & Sat), Ruth Cahill (Sat)
Search Steward & Control Steward:
Jenny Speake
Catering: Le Newman + Von Fearon, and
many others**

Thanks to the ASPADS committee for inviting me to judge UD championship and for all the teams who entered under me. Twenty-three were entered and eighteen competed over the two days.

A big thank you to Len for organising the land and all the work put in pre-trial as well as during the trial, it was much appreciated on my part. Also thanks to Le and Von for all the food and drinks, they just kept coming, I even let the tracklayers have some.



I designed a straight forward track with only 90 degree angles, but still with enough corners to ensure an effort was required in order to get round. Over the two days we had 3 teams go wrong on the tracks, I am sure as you gain more experience you too will get round. The weather conditions over the two days were from a competitor's point of view almost ideal. However, the swirling fog on Saturday made the tracklayers think a little, but I knew all would be well as all my tracklayers are well used to laying TD ex tracks in

all sorts of conditions. The track articles were a black plastic cork and a piece of astro turf matting. The tracklayers had very few articles to pick up on both days, please accept my sincere thanks again for a job well done. The gun test was carried out after the track and before the square with the dog and handler walking 15 paces away from me, placing the dog in any chosen position and staying at the dog's side, on confirming that they were ready the gun was fired. Two teams moved from their positions and one dog moved in a circle round the handler in a nervous manner. The square or property articles were graduated across the four articles to ensure the dogs had to work to get all four articles. These were 7.5cm (3 inches) leather, red string 7.5cm (3 inches), brown plastic cork and a green plastic bottle top. Jenny laid all squares carefully and thoughtfully as I had asked and the square was fouled (foiled) as asked. Most of the teams got at least 3 articles and on few occasions the dog found the last article as I called time, making Jenny's life that much easier.

The control and agility round was in the same large set aside field as the TD and I did try my best to keep you away from stray dog walkers, but the length of grass did cause some of you a few problems. On each afternoon we were blessed with sunshine and I am glad I had considered this when telling Len where I would like the scale to be placed. Not at all like the weather you usually get at Oxford this time of year.

Dumb bell was first and one handler was having a joke with me, as I am sure they tried on purpose to throw the dumb bell down a rabbit hole. Fortunately one end stuck out and the well-trained dog found the bell and returned it to the handler.

Heelwork was next and with a few exceptions was performed very well. Then came sendaway, to a bush in the middle of the field about 100yds away. Over the two days this caused the most problems and I only had one team get 10 out of 10. Please train not only

for boundaries, but all the variations that can and do happen in sendaway.

Then came the jumps and misery for some. I allowed 2nd attempts on clear, long and face of the scale, to give the maximum chance possible to young dogs.

Last were the stays and as usual in this early stake we lost dogs that would have otherwise qualified, please remember to do your stays in lots of different places to build your dogs confidence in the fact you are not with it. Having said that none actually broke, they just bobbed up and down to see where you were.

Despite my couple of constructive criticisms above, I really enjoyed watching some fantastic tracks and I am sure most of you will soon be competing at the top. Thank you all for entering under me and also the good humour and manners shown by all of you even when your dog failed you really are a credit to working trials. The Barrybourne Trophy for best track and fourth place went to Dean and Abbey, as Nicky & Maddi had worked the previous day meaning a run off was not possible. I did some hard thinking and exercised my discretion.

1st Steve Liney with GEMSTONE EAST-ER WISH Q 194.5. Cross Breed (Gem). Well done on this performance not long till you'll be in ticket.

2nd Tony Lockyer with DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL Q 187. WSD (Gyp). Another steady performance by the Maestro.

3rd Gary Squires with ARNCOURT DELTA Q 181.5. GSD (Elle). Good handling was nice to watch

4th Dean Woodcock with LAETARE LEFT IN THE DARK CDex. Q 177.5. WSD (Abbey). Super track in idea conditions gave you best track.

Also Qualifying

5th Nicky Prescott with DUNNSLAYNE DOVE. Q 177.5. WSD (Maddi)

6th John Simpson with GLENROYAL YAZZ Q 175.5 GSD (Yazz). Hope you enjoy trials more than obedience

7th Sue Pickerin with NIKONIS QUIET RIOT AT HOBHILL CDex Q 175. GSD (Rio). Square let you down to-day

For those who didn't qualify please persevere I am sure you will all qualify in the near future.

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JAVA TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

17th - 19th February 2006.
Annagh, Gorey, Co. Wexford

CD STAKE

Judge: Frances Ball
Steward: Anne Collen

Thank you Java Trials Society for the invitation to judge the CD Stake at your trials. Thanks also to Caroline Woods for picking us up from Dublin airport and taking us to Annagh and to Miranda Moriarty, Trials manager, for her wonderful hospitality and hard work. Michael Waters very kindly dropped us off in Dublin again on Monday morning on his way to work. Miriam Tate provided (with help from Marie Waters) all the trial's daytime catering. It was superb, thank you.

The weather for CD was cold but dry and the fields were rough grass, uneven and/or boggy in parts. Anne Collen made a very efficient job of stewarding for me.
Thank you all.

Two competitors completed the tests and I'm pleased to say that both qualified.

1st Judith Owens with BC FIRCROFT

DALWINNIE. A nice round with no major problems. Well done on your qualification. 87.5/100.

2nd Miranda Moriarty with GSD HIGH-FIELD CLYTEMNESTRA. What a good weekend you had - CDEx and UDEx Well done! 84.5/ 100

Thank you all for a smashing weekend and the nice present!

STAKES UD, WD, TD

Judge: COLIN BALL
Tracklayers: Judith Owens (UD), Miranda Moriarty, Jeff Poole, Steve Fearon (WD), Caroline Woods and Ethne O'Kelly (TD)
Stewards: Doug Tate (Searches), Frances Ball (C&A)

My thanks to Java Trials Society for inviting me to judge and a special 'thank you' to Miranda for her hospitality, Trials Manager and all the work before and after the trial - and tracklaying for WD. 'Meals on wheels', Miriam and Marie kept us all well nourished - especially my own personal box.

Thank you to Caroline and Michael for chauffeuring us from and to Dublin.

All my tracklayers did a very good job, with Judith laying all the UD tracks, Miranda, Jeff and Steve the WD tracks and Caroline and Ethne the TDs both days. Thank you very much. I also a very good search steward, Doug, who put the poles exactly in the corners and the articles where I wanted them - and was also good company. Thank you also to Frances for stewarding the C&A and for putting the competitors at ease.

Tracking was on grass with a bit of sun on Saturday. I was privileged to see some good tracking and searching.

UD

1st Miranda Moriarty with GSD HIGH-FIED CLYTEMNESTRA. First place, qualifying, best track, best C & A, (that's four glasses of wine) went to Miranda. Nessa worked well today and well deserved the above. 179.5/200

WD

1st Judith Owens with BC FIRCROFT DALWINNIE. Lovely track and search recovering all articles. Bit tight on the C & A. Awarded Best Track in WD. Well done. 187/200

2nd Diana Collie with BC COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE. Another good track but Crystal let Dianna recover the end article. Full mark search with very good indications. Hand signals cost in the heelwork. 182/200

3rd Caroline Woods WSD XANDOAS DARGO. Well done Caroline, Dargo worked well and enjoyed himself. Three articles from the square is enough and no long jump today - he already had fifteen marks! A happy retirement for him?!! 172/200

4th Bernadette Diggs with WSD BAILEY. A very good recovery on the track having got into difficulties on one corner. Unfortunately no sendaway today. 156/200 NQ.

TD

1st and Green Star Miriam Lyons with BC TAMERRYE MARANELLO. Abi worked well recovering all the articles. A good control round but a little misunderstanding on the return over the scale. Congratulations. I understand this makes her up to a W T Champion, subject to confirmation. Very well done. 204/220.

2nd Judith Owens BC FIRCROFT DOON. Good track, full mark search and very good C & A. Unfortunately 15/30 for track articles cost dearly today. Well done. 199/200.

3rd Jeff Poole with GSD MANPOL ROBYN Kiri left an article on the track and one in the square, and didn't want to redirect

in the sendaway. Otherwise a nice round. Good demonstration in line handling! 181.5/200

4th Miriam Lyons WSD W T Ch KALIY-ON SHEEFRA Sheefra was awarded the Best TD Track, but unfortunately not a good speak or sendaway today cost a qualification. 194.5 NQ

Thank you all for making my stay in Ireland so pleasurable. It was great to see so many dogs working well with good handlers. Thank you, Java, for the lovely present.

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NORTH EAST COUNTIES OPEN TRIAL

Ashington
18 - 19 February 2006

CD AND C&A

Judge: TRACEY PARK
Steward: Sue Brewer and Dennis Nelson

First of all I would like to thank the Society for the invitation to judge the CD and the C&A. Also, Lol Campbell for the efficient way he ran the trial. My two stewards, Sue (2 days) and Dennis (1 day). They did a fab job, everything was perfect. Many thanks.

I thoroughly enjoyed myself, I just like being in control. (I have come to the conclusion that I am a Control freak!). The weather was extremely kind to us, which is unusual for Ashington.

The competitors were a lovely bunch of people who accepted my decisions whatever the outcome. I thought I was extremely fair with everyone and gave everyone a fair chance of qualifying should they be up to it, so to those that qualified, well done and to those that didn't, never mind, keep on trying.

CD Stake

1st Q.93.5 Mrs J. Holt & HULLATER BROCK - WSD - D. Jenny & Brock's marks say it all. Nicely handled in all sections. Well done.

2nd Q.91 Mrs W. Strang & VIKTOR AT BALKELLO - WSD - D. Nice steady round Wendy. Just that long jump costing you 1st place today, but well done anyway.

3rd Q.86.5 Ms Katy WHITTEMORE & DEVILSBECK MUSTANG - Retr - D. A very young, very quiet girl who was a real pleasure to judge & deserved to do well. Well done Katy, Monty looks quite a handful.

4th NQ.72 Mr Bill Norman & ADAIRWAY BRIGAND - GSD - D. Never mind Bill, there's always the next time. Just needs a little more work & you'll be there.

UD C&A

1st Q.198.5 Mrs P. Parkinson & CARISHILL HYACINTH - G/R - B. The mark says it all. Nicely handled as one would expect from Pat. Poppy worked brilliantly for you Pat, and I love the way she checks the ground below her, when perched on top of the scale. A very worthy winning team. Well done.

2nd Q.193.5 Mrs E. Roberts & CALLANWAY HARRIS - GSD - D. Only dropped 1 mark on the C&A. A real pleasure to watch and judge. Liz, you & Tiree looked good on the field and deserved to qualify and be placed. Well done.

3rd Q.193 Mrs J. Holt & HULLATER BROCK - WSD - D. 1st in CD and now 3rd in UD. Wow, what a weekend you had. Not easy doing 2 Stakes in one day. Takes a lot out of the dog, but he done you proud, giving 2 good rounds. Well done.

4th Q.192.5 Mrs Shuna Stewart & SELDOMSEEN LIBBY - WSD - B. Shuna was extremely nervous, but really there was no need, you & Libby put in a good performance. Well done.

Also qualifying;

Mrs W. Strang & VIKTOR AT BALKELLO

- WSD - D. Well Done. 182.

Mrs Heather Patrick & SELDOMSEEN ZIGGY - WSD - B. Well Done. 179.

WD C&A

1st Q.191.5 Mrs M. Rogerson & SELDOMSEEN RIO - WSD - D. You are right Moira, Rio is so laid back. He even went to sleep in the down stays. Lovely control & agility. Well done on your win.

2nd Q.185.5 Mrs P. Pritchard & GRACORN HOME BREWED - GSD - D. I think you are doing a lovely job with young Teifi, and you were a lovely team to watch even if the dog is bigger than you Penny. Well done.

3rd Q.183 Mrs D. Wait & PRINCESS VALLONTHORPE - BC - B. Doreen, I know you were nervous coming on, but you handled Jazz really well & I was so proud of you. Well done, you deserved it.

4th Q.183 Laura Bardwell & TSAR PRINCE AMARUKA - Rott - D. Jack's down stay nearly proved costly, but luckily he managed to hang on in there for you. The rest of his work was first class & you certainly looked good out on the field. He looked every inch a Tsar Prince. Well done.

TD C&A

1st Q.211.5 Mrs C. Currie & VOMHAUSNYE PUNK - GSD - D. Handled by Rob Currie. Punk is very keen isn't he?! You just now need to make the transition from open to Championship & I have every confidence you will. Just relax and enjoy. Well done.

2nd Q.209.5 Mrs D. Meade & HEATHERMARK LING - GSP - B. Debbie, you & Georgie put in a very nice steady round & thoroughly deserved to qualify. Well done.

3rd Q.209 Mrs Y. Carpenter & CARFELD GRIFF - BC - D. Griff gave a very good performance and he certainly impressed me (I do love the Border Collie). Well done Yvonne.

4th Q.203 Mr Gary Martin & TYTRI ROY

- BC - D. A very courageous dog for returning over the scale from the position he was in. I would be very pleased & proud of him Gary. Well done.

Also qualifying;

Dr. L. Errington & CASTLESIDE YOUNG JET - Lab - D. Well Done Lindsay he is lush. 202.5

Mrs B. Orring & VASHIKA XASKIA ON MERLOCK - GSD - B. Well Done Betts my pal. 201.5

Miss Jacquie Hall & MERCURY SKY-LARK - G/R - B. Well done Jacquie. 191.5

Mrs S. Braithwaite & NORSHEP SHULA - GSD - B. Yes Stevie, you do make me laugh. Well done. 183

The standard in the control & agility section all weekend was on the whole extremely good.

U D NOSEWORK

Judge: JOYCE RAE

Tracklayers: Jim Jeffrey, Penny Pritchard, Dennis Nelson

Search Steward: Cath McGuckin

Thank you to North East Counties for the invitation to judge and to Lol and his team for all the work that goes into organising a trial. Also to the ladies who prepared the food bags, we ended up with three on Saturday, wonder who did not get one!!

Last year at this trial we had atrocious weather with blizzard conditions, this year the although not too warm, the sun shone and it remained dry most of time. The tracking was on young rape and as I have little experience of dogs working on this type of ground I set a simple track pattern with good sized articles. The dogs all seemed to find the ground conditions good and as a result nine out of ten dogs qualified in the nosework section.

The fact that many of the handlers were very experienced and starting young dogs may also have contributed to this, plus the fact I had a team of wonderful (and smelly) tracklayers in Jim, Penny and Dennis. Thank you also to Cath for the squares, she only had to find one article, the dogs got the rest, with two dogs completing the search in under 1 minute 20 seconds.

1st Mrs P Parkinson OARISHILL HYACINTH 198.5 C of M. You know that you are watching a good dog track when the only time you put your pencil to the paper is to write 90 and then follow that with 35 for the square. Beautiful work from this young retriever and a joy to watch. Well done Pat.

2nd Mrs E Roberts CALLANWAY HARRIS 193.5 C of M. Tiree is a young GSD who stopped and thought a few times but was determined to take Liz round the track. Watch out for this boy maturing.

3rd Mrs J Holt HULLATER BROCK 193 C of M. Another experienced handler with a young dog, tracked through the only shower of rain all weekend and lost two points for dropping articles in the square. Another one to watch.

4th Mrs S Stewart SELDOMSEEN LIBBY 192.5 C of M. Libby tracked steadily and accurately, taking Shuna along with her and then completed a full point square. Nice work from a novice handler.

Also Qualifying;

Mrs W Strang VIKTOR AT BALKELLO 182. C Of M

Mrs H Patrick SELDOMSEEN ZIGGY 179. C of M

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**NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS
SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Withington, Cheshire
25th & 26th February 2006

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

My Thanks go to all the helpers at this popular trial, from the tracklayers, stewards, criminals, to the kitchen staff and backroom staff. Quite often the people who do the scores and certificates are forgotten, but Judith and Hazel are indispensable. Special Thanks also to my Chief Steward, Jenny Holt, her hard work behind the scenes makes my job a lot easier.

The first 2 days, the weather was extremely cold with snow and rain but it didn't seem to bother the dogs at all. The last 2 days the weather was bright, cold, but managed to stay dry. The land was good for tracking, hence some good tracking marks, but as usual, jumps, stays etc took their toll. To anybody who has ever had fears about doing a 3 hour old track, Dave Holt's dog, Jake, found a wallet in the wood that had been lost in our November trial, 3 months ago, and still intact, well done Jake.

On a more serious note, I am sure that everybody will join me in wishing Hilary Morris a speedy recovery and our Best Wishes go out to her, get well soon.

I would also like to echo Judy Meekings words when she said that more people are needed to help out at trials. At the N.W.W.T.S. we are very lucky to have a big pool of helpers, but none of us are getting any younger and we need to encourage youngsters into the sport.

On a last note, I look forward to seeing you all at the K.C.'s in October.

DAVE BELL

STAKE CD

**Judge: MISS ANNE M. COOK
Steward: Barbara Bell**

I was asked to step in when Hilary Morris was unable to judge. We all wish you a full and speedy recovery Hilary. Thank you to all at North West Working Trials for a very enjoyable weekend. Special thanks to my steward, Barbara Bell, for her hard work all weekend.

I enjoyed judging such a wide variety of dogs, all of which are capable of qualifying CDEx on the right day. We had the usual hard luck stories especially with stays and jumps.

1st Mrs Gill Armstrong & SAPHIRE TYG (Australian Cattle Dog) 96 points CDEx. A very tidy round. Dog and handler worked well as a team. Good luck in the tracking stakes.

2nd Mr Andy Fox & STARDELL MUSCA (BC) 92.5 points CD Ex. A young dog with a lovely attitude. Just bits and pieces for handler and dog to tidy up.

3rd Miss Sue Scott & TELL TALE TACO (BSD Malinois) 91.5 points CDEx. A very strong dog, well controlled. I bet you get some offers for him from PD handlers!

4th Mrs Sue Jones & DURSTONE MELODY (WSD) 90.5 points CDEx. Lovely square. Just a little untidy in heelwork and retrieve.

Also qualified CDEx:

Mrs Jenny Holt & HULLATER BROCK (WSD) 89 points - Well deserved qualifier for this hard working handler

Mrs Tanya Whorwood & RUSKIN SEA SHEPHERD (GSD) 88.5 points - Have more faith in him!

Judith Stamp & SPROLLIE DOLLIE (X) 86.5 points - A good round from another hard working handler.

Mrs June Reed & ESSEX GIRL (GSD) 85.5

points - A very young dog with a bright future.

Mr Bob Shropshire & STYPERSON OLIVER (Lab) 84 points - good partnership, work on the sendaway!

Mr David Swinburn & CHAKA ZULU (GSD) 81 points - A fabulous dog, let me know if you don't want him!

Miss J. Townsend's TENVRAS QUEST (Lab) handled by Monica Brickell 80 points - Just tidy things up and work on the sendaway.

STAKE: WD

Judge: RICKY DAVIES

Tracklayers: Dave Bell, Dave Holt, Jenny Holt (one day)

Steward: Janet Shaw

Many thanks to North West for asking me to judge the WD stake. I thoroughly enjoyed my four days. The weather could have been a little kinder, I think we had everything from snow to rain to high winds to eventual sunshine. Thanks to my tracklayers (the two Davids) and to Jenny. All did a good job laying the tracks exactly to pattern and being excellent company throughout. The ladies in the kitchen kept us well fed and watered, thank you, and Judith and Hazel managed to read my scribbled notes and get the results out quickly. Finally a big thank you to Janet who did an excellent job of stewarding for me.

I had 28 entries in this stake and the overall standard was impressive. Only the severe weather prevented more teams from qualifying.

1st John Watts with JAYESS ROUGH'N TUMBLE (GSD) 189 Q. Worked in a very strong wind but made the test look easy. A well deserved win. Congratulations.

2nd Sue Scott with LUCA'T THAT (BSD) 187 Q. Another team that worked well together just the odd half mark lost here and there. Congratulations.

3rd Mrs Carla Morris with AZA AZA KITE (Welsh Sheepdog) 179 Q. Had to work hard at one point during the track but handler and dog worked it out together. Very well done.

4th J. & S. Margreaves with SHADOWQUEST ATTA BOY (GSD) 178 Q. Another team that had to work hard on the track, but worked it out well.

Also qualifying excellent:

Mrs J. Douglas with SHADOWQUEST AREBA (GSD) 173.5

Mrs Perite Wadham with FURY ANSCHI (Rott) 168

Once again thanks go to the Society and the competitors for an enjoyable four days.

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

25th - 26th February 2006
Newdigate, Surrey

W.D., T.D. CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: RON DAVIES

Steward: Lauren Marlow

My thanks to Surrey Dog Training Society for the invitation to judge the WD & TD control and agility. Thanks to Stan for all the hard work he puts into nurturing the trial. The food was superb thanks to Cathy, Caroline and Beryl. A special thanks to Lauren for scribing for me for two cold and windy days.

I thought the standard for the majority of competitors was very good. Thank you Chris for doing all the paperwork.

WD C&A

1st D. Brown with NAIKEN KRIS - HOE-GRANGE BEAUTY. (Lab) D. 167.5 Q. nice

round, full marks for the jumps.

2nd Angela Gourd with NICKILA RED CDex. (BSD) D.164.5 Q. Good heelwork and sendaway.

3rd Mrs S. Lewindon with JUST JASMINE AT BRACOKELI CDex., UDex. (GSD) B. 182.5 NQ.

4th Tess Shoolbred with OVERHILL HAVOC (GSD) B. 178.5 NQ.

TD C&A

1st Mrs S. Lewindon with LETS BOOGIE AT BRACOKELI CDex., UDex. (GSD) D. 207 Q. A first class round. Well done.

2nd Judy Meekings with WITHYLINCH MURR OF WINDLEBROOK CDex - WDex (Lab) B. 206 Q. only lost half on C&A. lovely round to watch.

3rd Louise Reynolds with SARAMAK DANCING DIVA CDex - UDex (WSD) 205 Q. Handler Nick Boyce. Another first class round only losing a half.

4th Barry Harvey with FITZERS HAZEL CDex - UDex (Lab) B. 203.5 Q. Well done Barry.

Thank you competitors for entering and making two very enjoyable days.

TD NOSEWORK

Judge: ELIZABETH DE UNGER

Tracklayers: Stan Ford, Bert Maynard, Gill MacGregor, Colin Harrison

Steward: Sally Baker

I would like to thank Surrey for the invitation to judge the TD nosework. Thank you to the trials manager Stan Ford and Chris Brookes at base who were both so supportive. A very special thanks to Sally Baker who was an excellent steward and cheerfully bore two days in icy winds. Also thanks for the catering by Kathie, Caroline and Beryl. The tracklayers did an excellent job. Tracking was on short grass and we saw some first class tracks. Square articles were; a metal spoon, a

cartridge, a piece of carpet and a piece of scourer.

32 entered 27 ran 9 qualified.

1st Mark Lewindon and LETS BOOGIE AT BRACOKELI (GSD) D. Excellent track, nice attitude one of the few dogs to find 3 track articles. Well done. 207 Q. (96:30:29)

2nd Judy Meekings and WITHYLINCH MURR OF WINDLEBROOK (Lab) B. another superb track missed one article. Full mark square from a very willing dog. Well done, a pleasure to watch. 206 Q. (96.5:20:35)

3rd Nick Boyce and SARAMAK DANCING DIVA (WSD) another very good track and square from a very competent team. Well done 205 Q. (97.5:20:33)

4th Barry Harvey and FITZERS HAZEL (Lab) B. another track which was a pleasure to watch only losing two marks. An impressive square losing only one mark. Well done. 203.5 Q. (98:20:34)

Also qualifying:

Alan Ballinger and DUSTERS RAGAMUFFIN (WSD) B. 198.5 Q

John Reynolds and JACK THE LAD OF VALGRAY (WSD) D. 194 Q

Chris Gregory and VOMHAUSNYE QUANTUM (GSD) B. 193.5 Q

Barbara Ottley and DEWYNDORF CULUMBUS (lab) B. 192.5 Q

Norma Ansell and GEFNI YET AGAIN (GSD) B. 189 Q

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**AS PROMISED LAST MONTH -
HERE IS A LIST OF TRIAL REPORTS FROM 2005 THAT ARE OUTSTANDING**

February	13	Welsh Kennel Club	Laleston	CH	PD
	13	ASPADS	Blyth	OP	CD WD
March	05	Essex 2000	Billericay	OP	WD PD
	06	Yorkshire WTS	Nostell	CH	UD WD
	19	SATS	Nutley	CH	PD
	20	Scottish	Airth	OP	UD
	20	Hucknall	Chrich	OP	CD
April	02	B.A.G.S.D.	Tewksbury	CH	CD UD
	10	ICENI	Maldon	OP	WD TD
May	01	Midland Counties	Walesby	OP	UD
	15	ASPADS	Scarborough	OP	UD WD
July	17	Surrey DTS	Ockley	OP	PD
	24	ASPADS	Stamford	CH	UD
August	21	Welsh Kennel	Laleston	OP	WD
September	04	Scottish	Lauder	CH	WD
	18	Essex 2000	Billericay	CH	WD
	24	SATS	Nutley	OP	UD TD
	24	East Anglian	Kings Lynn	OP	PD
October	08	Surrey DTS	Ockley	CH	PD
	09	Scottish WTS	Longniddry	OP	WD TD
	16	Midland Counties	Walesby	CH	CD WD PD
	30	B.A.G.S.D.	Long Compton	OP	CD
	30	North East	Satley	CH	CD
November	06	ICENI	Tolleshunt D'Arcy	CH	CD
	13	ASPADS	Dundee	CH	CD UD WD
	20	Leamington	Pailton,	CH	CD
	27	Wessex	Uppottery	OP	CD
	25	ASPADS	Aberford	OP	UD
December	30	Yorkshire WTS	Skipsea	CH	WD

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NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

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Handlers £60 for 2 days, £35 for 1 day.
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Inchnabobart, Ballater,

Friday 23rd (If Necessary), Saturday 24th And Sunday 25th June 2006

Judges:	C & A	Lorraine Wilson
	TD Nosework	Caroline Wright,
	WD Nosework	Helen Jones
	UD Nosework	Stevie Braithwaite
	CD Stake	Gary Tait

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £11.00 (Members) £13.00 (Non Members)
CD Stake £9.00 (Members) £11.00 (Non Members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2006

Trials Manager: Lorna Cottier 01968 682218

Entries For The Above Trials, Schedules And Information (Please Send Sae) From The
Trials Secretary: Mrs. Lorna Cottier, 5 Hillside Gardens, Dolphinton, West Linton.
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Sunday 28th May 2006

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CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th July 2006

At: Aller Farm, Upottery, Devon

Judges: TD stake- Tony Lockyer
UD stake- Martine Taylor (all work in one day)
CD stake Jan Vallack (Friday / Saturday only)

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes - £15, CD - £12.
(£1.00 reduction for paid-up members)

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 26TH MAY 2006

Schedules from / Entries with fees (made payable to Wessex WTC) to:
Mr Brian Riste, 126 Henson Park, Chard, TA20 1NJ
(Please enclose a S.A.E.)

**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Lauder, Berwickshire,
Wednesday 17th May To Sunday 21st May 2006

Judges: PD Stake Eric Roberts,
WD Stake Anne Collen
UD Stake Ann Timlin
CD Stake/Veteran Gwen Matear

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2006

TRIALS MANAGER.
David McPhillips 01875 825401

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £13.00 (Members) £15.00 (Non Members)
CD Stake £10.00 (Members) £12.00 (Non Members)

Entries for the above trials, schedules and information (please send SAE) from the Trials
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ASPADS Working Trials Society

President: Mrs M Welham

Chairman: Mr B Gilbert

Secretary: Mr B Harvey

ASPADS AGM - SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2006 AT GAYTON VILLAGE HALL, GAYTON, NORTHANTS

THE AGM WILL BE PRECEDED BY A SPECIAL EVENT, OPEN TO ALL.

Programme of events	9.30am 10.00am-12.30pm 1.00pm 2.00pm	Arrive / Coffee A presentation by Anne Bussey "Clicker training as applied to Working Trials" Lunch AGM - members only
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Event, including lunch, FREE to ASPDS members, non-members £5, payable on the day.

All places, free and charged, must be booked with Barry Harvey by Friday April 7th.

Book in writing to:- 2 Yew Tree Cottage, Highbens Hill, Selling, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9QU,
by e-mail to:- barry.harvey@m-real.com , or by phone to:- 01227 752392 .

SCARBOROUGH OPEN TRIAL TD WD UD CD. ENDING SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2006

Please note correct date

All work in one day

TD	Barry Gilbert	WD	Ann Bedford
UD	Linda Newbold	CD	Dave Craven
C & A Dave Marchant			

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mrs P Hodgkins, 7 Mere View Gardens, Scarborough, N Yorks, YO12 4DF

CLOSING DATE: 12TH APRIL 2006

STAMFORD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL PD WD UD CD. ENDING SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2006

PD Patrol Sun, all CD, UD and WD work in one day

PD	Graham Reaney	WD	Vana Moody
UD	Ann Timlin	CD	Bill Hardaway

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mrs Jean Morley, 6 Main Street, Upton, Gainsborough, Lincs, DN21 5NU

PLEASE NOTE NEW TRIALS MANAGER

CLOSING DATE: 14TH JUNE 2006

SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Trials Manager or Trials & Membership Secretary

Judy Meekings, 189 Guildford Road, Lightwater, Surrey GU18 5RB. Tel: 01276 475225

(S.A.E. Please)

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Entry Fees	Tracking Stakes	Members £15.00	Non Members £17.00
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