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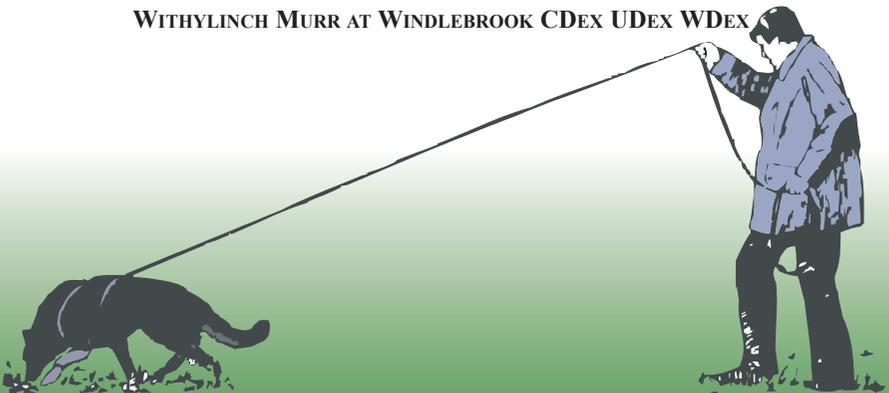
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EDITORIAL

There was one Championship trial in December. Congratulations go to **Sheila Tannert** with **WT. Ch.Styperson Briar** who were **Jeff Poole's** winning team at Yorkshire WTS Skipsea trial.

Next months issue should see the end of the 2005 trials reports and the first of this years. Would any judges please send in any due 2005 reports ASAP as I would like to publish them next month.

Whilst on the subject of trial reports it appears that printing a picture of the successful teams alongside of the reports is proving to be very popular, please send yor pictures in - I cant print them otherwise.

After a great deal of thought it has been decided that WTM will no longer print pictures of your dogs unless it is accompanied by it's handler, it is felt that you are a team, so you should be promoted as one. after all, neither of you can qualify without the other,

Mark Skillin

Editor

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READERS LETTERS

We would like to thank all the competitors who bought a charity quiz sheet at Icen's Championship trial. The winner was Kathy Bennetto of Wivenhoe (with 75/80) and we were able to send £150 to Canine Partners.

COLIN AND FRANCES BALL

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Thank you to everyone that sent me cards following Kayla's Ticket win at Leamington in November. Every card reminds me of what a wonderful feeling that day was.

**SHEREN PEREZ**

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Suzanne Plumb and Bandit (Colliewood Cavallero) her big blue merle WSD had a really wonderful 2005. The following is a

list of their successes:

2nd UD Open Blyth,

1st UDEx Lauder

2nd WD Open Walesby, 3rd WD Open West Bretton, 1st WD Open Scarborough,

1st WDEx Lauder, 1st WDEx Sedgefield and 1st WDEx Walesby.

All her friends and family here in the North East are delighted for Suzanne and Bandit, and now that they have relaxed over the Christmas break, we are looking forward to seeing them storm through TD Open and into Ticket – congratulations again, you've not put a foot or a paw wrong so far."

DON'T FORGET . . . ENTRIES CLOSING

Feb

6th	Poole and District DTS (Linwood, March 4th-6th 2006)	OP	TD WD UD
6th	Noth West WTS (Lower Withington, w/e 26th February 2006)	CH	PD WD UD CD VET
6th	Essex 2000 WTS (Billericay, 2nd-5th March 2006)	OP	PD TD WD UD
7th	SATS (Nutley, 13th-15th March 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
15th	ASPADS (Dundee, w/e 26th March 2006	OP	PD TD WD UD CD
18th	BAGSD (Tewksbury, w/e 1st April 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
21st	Scottish WTS (Airth, 17-19th March 2006)	OP	PD TD WD UD CD
22nd	ASPADS (Enfield, w/e 9th April 2006)	CH	TD WD UD CD
23rd	ICENI GSDC (Tollesbury, 25th-26th March 2006)	OP	TD WD UD CD
27th	Hanpshire WTS (Newtown, 21st-25th March 2006)	OP	TD WD UD
28th	Hucknall and District (Crich, 17th- 19th March 2006)	OP	TD WD UD CD

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

CLUB FOCUS

Please Note: the closing date for entries at Dundee is 22nd Feb not 15th as advertised.

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### **BILLINGSHURST DOG TRAINING CLUB**

#### **TRY TRIALS TWO**

Dedisham Manor Farm, Slinfold, Nr Horsham, West Sussex RH13 7RA  
25th & 26th February 2006

After last year's resounding success the Working Trial group at Billingshurst Club are doing it again! Following the lead that the Kennel Club needed to encourage dog owners to try out the different disciplines, Billingshurst are again going to do their bit to help publicise Working Trials next year in February.

We are blessed with tracking ground throughout the year, thanks to our president, Peter Harrison and his wife, Valerie Harrison, who run the farm where we train. We meet in the Harrison's farmhouse every Sunday morning for coffee round their huge kitchen table. When we have put the world to rights, then briefly talked about dogs, we go out to work in the fields. We have a trailer and can set up the jumps, as long as it is not too wet.

It is a basically self-help group. Although newcomers are guided along the way, they are expected to "put back", laying searches, putting up jumps etc. We require a certain level of control and encourage the new members to go to their local obedience clubs to learn the basics of every day training. Agility helps too, giving young dogs confidence when first facing the Working Trials jumps.

On 25th and 26th February 2006 we are running a "Try Trials Two" weekend. Newcomers can partake in all the aspects of Trials. The groups will be limited to a maximum of five people and each group will remain with the same trainer throughout the weekend. This will give the newcomers the chance to progress with nosework and other exercises over the two days, at their own level.

Obviously those who can come both days go to the front of the queue. We will be able to take people for one day only and a very few spectators. Numbers are governed by how many can be seated in the farmhouse to partake of homemade food (Billingshurst has a renowned reputation for good food!). All refreshments and food throughout the day, will be including in the cost of the course. Each group will be taken by a trainer who not only works their dog to the highest level, but judges at Working Trials. The groups will be sorted out in advance by the background ability of the owner and dog, as well as by breed. This will be made possible by a short questionnaire on the booking form. We hope to run an extra group of people who started last year and want to continue.

We suggest, as it is February, you bring warm wet weather clothes and boots, there can be mud on the farm in February! If you have a harness - bring it - although we will have some spares available. You will need tasty titbits and/or a favourite toy, as well as a dumbell for your dog. Your dog will be expected to remain in the car during meals as our base is a private home.

Each year Billingshurst raises money for a charity decided by the Club members at the AGM. All our trainers and helpers give their time and expertise free at the weekend. Valerie appears only to charge for ingredients and the Billingshurst Obedience section

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donates cakes as well. Last year we made £616 for the annual charity.

We are keeping the cost the same. Handlers £40 for the weekend. Spectators £30 for the weekend. For one day, as a Handler it will cost £25 and £20 for spectators.

Venue, timetable, directions etc will be sent out with the booking form. This can be obtained by sending a SAE to: C.C. Guard, Peacocks Farm, Northchapel, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 9JB. Tel 01428 707620 or by email guarddog@btopenworld.com .

## NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB

### KENNEL CLUB LIAISON COUNCIL WORKING TRIALS COUNCIL

A meeting of the Kennel Club Liaison Council Working Trials Council will be held on THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2006 at 10.30am. Any comments your Club has on the items to be discussed should be passed to your Representative. The Representatives' names and addresses are contained in the Kennel Club Year Book.

### AGENDA

#### ITEM 3.MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. Ballot for the Kennel Club Working Trial Championship Judges 2007. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, decided that when Mr Carroll was fully recovered, he should advise the Kennel Club and his name would then be included in the next available ballot by the Working Trials Liaison Council. The Council will be invited to vote on the PD

nominations for the Kennel Club Working Trial Championship 2007. Nomination forms will be circulated for the 2009 Kennel Club Working Trial Championship judges.

b. Host for 2011 Working Trial Championships. Any Society wishing to host the 2011 Kennel Club Championships is requested to apply in writing as soon as possible so these applications can be discussed.

c. Working Trial Championship Judges for 2008.

At its meeting held on 11 October 2005, the General Committee approved the following judges:-

**TD Stake** - Mr Nigel Hines  
**PD Stake** - Mrs Rosie Jones

d. Regulation Changes.

(1) Regulation I.(C).12.j. – Working Trial Regulation Anomaly. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(2) Regulation I(C).10.e. - Description of Agility Section. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(3) Regulation I(A).6.c. - Open Working Dog (WD) Stake. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(4) Regulation I.24.e. - Judging. The Council is invited to note that the General

Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(5) Regulation I.23.d(2). - Utility Dog (UD) Stake Judges. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(6) Regulation I.23.d(3). - Working Dog (WD) Stake Judges. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(7) Regulation I(D)6.a. - Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(8) Regulation I(D)6.e. - Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

(9) Regulation I(D)7.b. - Bloodhound Working Trial Certificate. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee, at its meeting held on 11 October 2005, approved the amendment with effect from 1 January 2006.

#### **ITEM 4. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

Essex WTS

Mrs L Baker

Proposed Amendment to Regulation I(C).10.c.

#### **FROM:**

The construction of the long jump shall be as follows: The front element to be a minimum of 914.4mm (3ft) wide graduating over 5 elements (4 for small dogs), to a back element of a minimum width of 1.117 m (3ft 8 ins). The front edge of the front element to be 101.6mm (4ins) high rising to 177.8mm (7ins) at the back edge. Each element thereafter graduating in height by 25.4mm (1in) – the back of the last element being 297.4mm (11ins) high. The minimum width (front to back) of each element to be at least 152.4mm (6ins) and clearly visible to the dog.

#### **TO:**

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(Amendment underlined)

b.Welsh Kennel Club.

Mrs M Wells

Proposed Amendment to Regulations I(A).3. - Definition of Stakes, Eligibility and Exercises.

The reason for this proposal is that as most police officers currently entering their dogs in Working Trials do so as civilians and it would mean that all dogs have to progress through the same system of qualifications.

“All Police dogs shall be considered qualified for entry in WD Championship Stakes if

they hold the Regional Police Office I/C when such entries are made. Dogs holding this qualification are not eligible for entry in CD or UD Open or Championship Stakes, nor in WD Open Stakes”.

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(Delete underlined).

c.Association of Bloodhound Breeders

Mrs M Fish

Working Permit Regulations.

The reason for this proposal is that, at present, there is some confusion as to whether or not hounds competing from mainland Europe require an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or a Bloodhound Club Working Trials Permit, albeit issued by a judge in their own country who has previously judged in the UK. It is hoped that the following proposal will clarify the situation.

For Bloodhounds holding an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club Working Permit at the close of entries.

Kennel Club Press Release 022.05 – Bloodhound Trials.

During its discussions, a comparison between classes scheduled in the rest of Europe and the equivalent stake at Kennel Club licensed trials, as seen in the table below, was noted.

| <b>Europe</b> | <b>Equivalent UK Class</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Novice        | Novice                     |
| Junior        | Junior                     |
| Senior        | Intermediate               |

The Committee confirmed that, as the class structure for Bloodhounds in Europe was very similar to that used in the UK, a hound would be eligible to compete in the equivalent stake at Kennel Club licensed trials up to and including Intermediate. Furthermore, the General Committee agreed that with effect from 1 February 2005, hounds resident in mainland Europe are required to have passed a stock test in the UK before being hunted off leash, and consequently such dogs would be ineligible to compete in a Senior Stake until successfully stock tested.

(1) Proposed Amendment to Regulation 10.a - Working Permits.

**FROM:**

“Bloodhounds may only be hunted free if they hold both sections of a Working Permit issued by the Association of Bloodhound Breeders or the Bloodhound Club to certify that they are steady with farm stock. Hounds entered on a Restricted Permit must be hunted on a leash. To qualify for entry in the Senior Stake, hounds must hold both sections of the Working Permi”.

**TO:**

“To compete at Kennel Club Licensed Trials a hound must hold an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club Working Permit. Hounds from mainland Europe must hold a Working Permit issued by their Bloodhound Club and can compete in the UK stake equivalent to their qualification”.

(Amendments underlined).

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(2) Proposed Amendment to Regulation I(D)11.a - Novice Stake.

**FROM:**

The line shall be approximately 1.6km (one mile) long and not less than half an hour cold. For Bloodhounds holding an Association of Bloodhound Breeders or Bloodhound Club Working Permit at the close of entries. No hound that has won Novice or gained 1st or 2nd place in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Stake may enter.

**TO:**

For Bloodhounds holding a Working Permit at the close of entries. The line shall be approximately 1.6km (1 mile) long and not less than half an hour cold. No hound that has won Novice or gained 1st or 2nd place in Junior, Intermediate or Senior Stake may enter.

(Amendments underlined).

**ITEM 5. JUDGES WORKING PARTY (WTOA).**

Mr Harvey will give a verbal report on the work of the Judges Working Party.

**ITEM 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Welsh Kennel Club.      Mrs M Wells.

Extra Commands in Open CD Stakes.

The Council is invited to discuss a change in the Regulations to allow extra commands to

be used while working a dog in Open CD Stakes. It is felt that this would encourage new competitors and give more confidence to inexperienced handlers and dogs.

b. Welsh Kennel Club.      Mrs M Wells

Reduction of Stay Times in Open CD Stakes.

The Council is invited to discuss having the stay times reduced in Open CD Stakes e.g. one minute sit and five minutes down. And/or marking the stays using a graduated scale of marks instead of the all or nothing system used at present.

**ITEM 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting has been confirmed as THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2006. Items for inclusion on the agenda should reach the office by 15 March 2006.

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# WORKING TRIALS REPORTS

## NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

Satley  
9th - 10th July 2005

**STAKE: CD**

**Judge: GWEN MATEAR**  
**Steward: David Matear**

Thanks to N.E.C.W.T.S. for the inviting me to judge. It was a great weekend, great weather and great company. Thanks to Julia Findeisen, a first class Trials Manager, everything I needed was provided before I even knew I needed it! I must also thank my steward, my husband Davie, who gave up part of his summer holiday to take up his first stewarding post - he did an excellent job.

Thanks to all the competitors who worked in extremely hot conditions and accepted my decisions without complaint. Some dogs worked very well, others just weren't quite ready on the day and as usual in CD it was the jumps and stays which took their toll.

**1st** Linda Cooper & Joss Coquet  
Borderer (BC)

A lovely partnership with great potential and will do well in the future. A full mark square followed by an excellent control round ensured the qualification and first place. 95.5 Q. COM

**2nd** Vicky Jenkins & Pragnell Daisy (X Breed)

Another good partnership just pipped at the post by Linda's square. 95.5 Q. COM

**3rd** Sue Pickerin & Ch Habbill Smart  
Enough (B. Terrier)

A nice round made all by a great little dog. Shows the oldies can still do it.. 86 Q. COM

**4th** Carol Ashworth & Tweedsmill  
Loch Tay (F.C.R.)

Carol's quiet manner keeps Holly's mind on the job, no easy task with a Flat-Coat. 83.5 Q. COM

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## SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

LAUDER  
25-29 AUGUST 2004

**STAKE : T.D.**

**JUDGE : TONY LOCKYER.**

Tracklayers: Tom Middlemass, Alan Bolton,  
Jill Carruthers, Joyce Hudson, John Gray &  
Jeff Margreaves

Stewards: Search & Control: Ann Bedford &  
Alan Bolton

Thank you to the Scottish Working Trials Society for the invitation to Judge the T.D. Ticket at this Trial.

When I opted to fly up to Scotland rather than drive I realized that though it would make life easier for me it would mean extra work for members of the society therefore my thanks start with Jean McPhillips for picking me up at the airport and to her and David for looking after me in the evenings of my stay, to Ann Bedford for collecting me

from the B&B each morning, stewarding for me all day and dropping me back in the evening.

T0 my tracklayers also thank you for giving up your time and for laying the tracks as I wanted. Knowing that the common can be very undulating I had set an open pattern with the one relatively close section being within sight of the pole.

My articles were chosen with the memory of the heather on Lauder common from my previous visits, but that was eight years before, so I was surprised to find less heather than I had anticipated, but the articles still played a major part in the results.

There were 42 entries, 40 ran, 18 failed the track, of those teams that tracked three recovered only one article on the track and four only one from the square and one with not enough marks overall. That left us with fourteen nosework qualifiers going in to Sunday. The control was , on the whole, not very well done, 22 teams attempted the round but 15 of them failed to get enough marks to qualify and only three dogs gained over half marks for the sendaway.

**1st** and C.C. Rosie Jones with: DREGANTA DOUBLE DISTINCTION 201.5. 3 and 4 in the nosework and the nearest to what I was looking for in the sendaway. Well done

**2nd** and Res C.C.Pat Herbert with JOLLY JILL 193.5 95pt track but three from the square and not her day on sendaway!!

**3rd** Linda Newbold with LITTLE BRADLEY 190.5. 92.5pt track and highest overall control mark but only two from the square.

**4th** Dave Marchant with W.T.Ch WAGGERLAND JAKE. 189

**Also qualifying:**

Miriam Lyons SHEEFRA 188.5  
Ann Fowler FLOSS 184.5

## THE SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB

17th-18th September 2005

Venue: Airth, Stirling.

**STAKE: TD NOSEWORK**

**Judge: ANN BEDFORD**

Many thanks to SKC for this judging appointment. Trials Manager John Grey and his trusty base person, Betty Calderwood, both doing a wonderful job keeping us organized and providing a well run trial.

The weather was generally overcast and windy with the occasional shower of rain.

16 dogs entered with 15 working. 8 qualified nosework, 6 qualifying overall.

Tracking was on grass, varying from long to 'where's the dog'??

Many thanks to tracklayers: Harry Arbuckle, Iain Forrest and Robbie Warner.

Also my bemused steward of two days, Hilary Morris, a job well done.

**1st** Ed Brown with DIVAS DELIGHT. Lab. B. 212.5.Q. Last dog to track. Ed more shocked than the dog by the dozen birds that were put up on one corner. Full point square and took best nosework trophy. Ed pleased with his C/A as he got his speak AND sendaway. Well done.

**2nd** Heather Halton with CAREFREE COOL CUSTOMER. Lab. D. 203.Q. Litter brother to the winner and from the same household, what more can you say? Three from the square. This dogs' last attempt at opens and has already qualified TDex. Good luck.

**3rd** Walter Evans with LANCELOT VON SWARTZ. GSD. D. 201.Q. Owned by Rita Evans. Thankfully Jack held his tail up whilst tracking, it was the only bit of him we could see for most of the time! Four from the square.

**4th** Debbie Meade with HEATHER-MARK VIXEN. GSP. B. 196.Q. First dog to

track. Lots of minor checks here and there cost points on the track. Three from the square.

**Also qualified:**

Jackie Hall with MERCURY SKYLARK.  
GRet. B. 193  
Ailsa Anderson with SEAHAAR SHELL.  
WSD.B.177.5

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**EAST ANGLIAN WORKING TRIALS  
SOCIETY  
OPEN TRIAL**

21st - 24th September 2005  
Waterlow Farm Kennels Terrington St.  
Clement, Kings Lynn.

**STAKE T.D.**

**Judge: YVONNE FILLEUL**  
**Tracklayers: John Philips & Paul Morling**

**Steward: Bryan Pole**

Many thanks to E.A.W.T.T.S. for the invitation to judge. A big thank you to my tracklayers John & Paul who laid the tracks exactly as requested. Also thanks to my search & control steward Bryan, who was also my host. Thanks to everybody who helped organise & run this trial, to Peter Carroll, Trails manager, Jan Sewell who ran the base and did the scores & Caroline Carroll for writing the certificates. Also thanks to everybody who helped with the catering, it was superb. This was a new base for the trial with good facilities. Tracking was on dry stubble with little growth. Every dog made a good effort with three dogs completing the track. Search squares were well attempted with all dogs getting at least 3 articles. All of the dogs had really good control rounds, and the dogs

that worked showed that they were capable of qualifying. The difficulty of the tracking terrain being the deciding factor. To those who didn't qualify I am sure the qualification won't be long in coming. Lastly thanks to all the competitors for accepting my decisions.

**1st** Christine Stewart & BEL-DORM DUNCAN (Std. Poodle) Superb track & search only losing 1 mark on the track. Also an excellent control round. Good luck when you enter Championship. 217.5 pts. COM.

**2nd** Lee Payne & SWEET ASSASSIN (W.S.D.) another excellent track & search. Should do well in T.D. Championship. Good Luck. 214pts COM

**3rd** Rowena Hodnett & DRUMMAJOR GOOD LUCK CHARM ( Rottweiler) found the track difficult but the dog never gave up. Good luck at future trials. 195pts. COM

**4th** C.C. Guard & LENWORTH BERTRAM OF PHILKINDY (Lab.) Qualified in all sections but not enough overall - track proved costly today. 170pts NQ

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**BAGSD  
OPEN TRIAL**

Long Compton  
28th - 30th October 2005

**STAKE : UD - NOSEWORK**

**Judge : MAEVE WESELBY**  
**Tracklayers : Chris Gregory and David Barker**  
**Steward : John Weselby**

Many thanks to BAGSD for inviting me to judge UD stake at Long Compton. Tony Orchard and his team did an excellent job of organising the trial and making sure everything ran smoothly. I would particularly like

to thank Chris and avid for their well laid tracks and my steward John for his smelly squares.

Tracking conditions were food with plenty of growth. Unfortunately the weather over the three days was cold and windy and especially wet on Sunday. We saw some excellent tracks and squares regardless of the weather and the dogs who qualified really deserved to.

**1st** John Simpson with YAZZ (GSD). Yazz did a lovely track which was a pleasure to watch. I hop you have many more birth-days like that one John. Q 82/20/33

**2nd** Lynn Liney with BOSS (WSD). Despite Lynn feeling very nervous this team worked really well together - have faith in yourself and your dog Lynn. Well done. Q 80/15/33

**3rd** Maureen Capes with HOLLY (BC). Lovely track - well done. 83.5/20/28

**4th** Sue Pickerin with RIO (GSD). An excellent track in horrible conditions. Good luck in the future. 84/20/25

#### Also qualifying

Jeanette Sayer with ZEUS (GSP) - 85/10/26  
Best track - Gail Gwesyn-Pryce with KEVIN (GSD)

Best nosework - Marnie Wells with BUSBY (STAFF BT) NQ

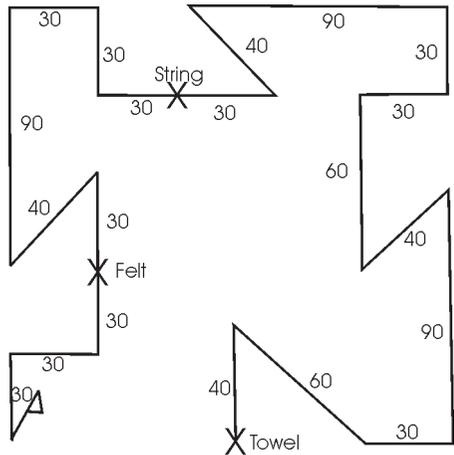
Congratulations to all who qualified and to those who did not, keep trying.

#### TD STAKE

**Judge : PENNY BELLIS**

**Steward : Julia Bedford**

**Tracklayers : Steve Liney, Heather Connelly, Len Newman, Carla Neiuwenhausen**



**1st** Kevin Johnson with DUNNSLAYNE BLUE SKIES CDEx, UDEx (WSD)(D). 204. Track 96, arts 30, search 33. Best Nosework award. Windy conditions. Very accurate and businesslike track.

**2nd** Val Upton with TAXBERRY JOE CDEx, UDEx, WDEx (BC)(D) 194. Track 94.5, arts 20, search 27. Happy dog and experienced handler beat the conditions.

**3rd** Mrs. P. Pearce's DUSTERS RAGAMUFFIN handled by Alan Ballenger. (WSD)(B) NQ. Track 93.5, art 30, search 22.5. Excellent nosework - bad luck.

**4th** Mrs. J.L. Reed with LITTLE JODE WDEx (GSD) NQ. Track 96, art 20, search 32. Best Track award. Slow, steady and very precise track. Well done.

Thanks to the committee of BAGSD for the invitation to judge the Tracking Dog Stake of the Long Compton open trial. Congratulations to Trial Manager, Tony Orchard and helpers for an excellent trial. To the helpers attached to my stake, Julie who did a top job as square steward and the very experienced tracklayers I was fortunate to be allocated.

Thank you to Tony and Jenny Orchard for having me to stay and the excellent dinner parties. Thanks too to the farmers for the land, Lisa and Sarah for the facilities at the Red Lion Pub, to Eve for the lunch boxes and to Ann Shepherd and her team at base.

The conditions looked okay on the tracking fields - moist sandy soil with 4" or so growth of wheat. It was however on the crown of a hill and exposed to the blowy weather - anyway the dogs struggled with it! After ten scratches, 25 dogs attempted the track. Five completed the track with qualifying marks and all of those worked very hard to do so.

Great congratulations to those who qualified - it was well deserved. To those who didn't - better luck next time. Some competitors arrived on the tracking field with an openly negative approach. Remember "If you think you can do it you might - if you think you cant do it, you wont!" In those conditions, your dog needs to know you are on his side, and have faith in him.

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## **POOLE & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

26 Sept -1 Oct 2005  
Red Shoot Camping Park, Linwood

### **CD STAKE**

**Judge: LYNNE WATKINS**  
**Steward: Sharon Drewitt**

Thank you to Poole for inviting me to judge. Mary and Melvin, as usual, ran a very happy trial - it's always a pleasure to be at Poole. Thanks to Jacqui and Carol were always at the ready to make sure we were fed and watered at all hours - they make a good team.

Sharon was brilliant as steward. She made sure the test was fair for every handler and dog, put handlers at their ease and was great company throughout. A special thank you must go to June for use of her land - it's a wonderful facility.

24 dogs were entered and 17 worked.

With a few exceptions the searches were disappointing but control rounds were really impressive. Stays and jumps took their usual toll. Very well done to the qualifiers; it won't be long for the rest so keep at it.

**1st** Dean Woodcock with LAETARE LEFT IN THE DARK (BC). 97 Q. This team maintained a consistently high standard throughout with Abby totally responsive to Dean's calm handling - an impressive round and a well deserved win.

**2nd** Marney Wells with BERAKA HURRICANE OF COPYHOLD (SBT). 91.5 Q. It's unusual to see a big grin on a handler's face in competition. On this occasion, there were matching grins on Busby's and his mum's faces - both were clearly delighted to be working together. He's a real credit Marney.

**3rd** Tony Lockyer with DOUBLE TOP AT HARTHILL (WSD). 90.5 Q. As might be expected, Gyp showed himself to be a committed worker in all aspects of the test.

**4th** Lynne Davies with MISTER MISFIT MONGREL (XB). 90 Q. It's good to see you out with your youngster. Zek so enjoyed himself and his responsiveness to you bodes well for the future - good luck with him.

### **Also qualifying CDex were :-**

Steve Liney with GEMSTONE EASTER WISH 89.5

Maureen Capes with WHITEROSE HOLLY 85.5

### **Qualifying CD was :-**

Juliet Ward with WOLFROCK MIDNIGHT STAR 79

**STAKE: UD**

**Judge: JANE GRAY**

**Search and Control Steward: Ruth Payton**

**Track Layers: Mary Drewitt, Arthur Jeal and Paula Harvey.**

Thanks again to Poole for asking me to judge, I love The New Forest and always have a great time at the Red Shoot Camp. This Trial was no exception, special thanks to Rob and Kathy Bracey-Wright, I haven't laughed so much for a very long time, and it did me a power of good.

To Melvin and Mary and ALL at Base-THANK YOU, you all work very hard, Poole are lucky to have such a good band of workers. To the ladies in the caravan doing the cooking, breakfast and evening meals, again Thank you.

To my track layers Mary, Paula and Arthur, to Ruth for stewarding squares and control, thanks for your company and hard work. Out of 16 entries, 12 worked their dogs. I was disappointed that more did not get round their tracks, but Forest, ponies and weather put a lot off.

We ended up with 4 qualifying UDX as follows;

**1st** Barry Harvey and FITZERS HAZEL CDX, UDX. Lab. (B) 191

Twig did a lovely steady track and was handled well by Barry in the search square, no rush and lots of praise. N/W 140, 2 and 4. C/A 31/20 well done and Good Luck in WD.

**2nd** Stan Taylor and CHALKWELL OUT OF THE ORDINARY. CDX. GSD (D) 183.5 Odin is a GSD with attitude, one of the few GSDs I'd take home. Great track accompanied by ponies, Well Done. N/W 141, 2 and 4. C/A 28.5/14.

**3rd** Ruth Cahill and BAYRIVER AMBUSH OF SALENZE. CDX. UDX. GSD (D) 176. Another good track and Control round, N/W 124, 1 and 3, C/A 33.5 / 18.5

**4th** Siobhan Jefferson and JAKOVELL MIDSUMMER MOTH FOR LAETARE. CDX. BC (B) 171, 2 and 3. C/A 32.5/ 16.5 Good track, shame you didn't trust your dog more on the track, it was costly. Good Luck.

Thanks to everyone for accepting my decisions and making my time enjoyable.

**STAKE: WD**

**Judge: MARTINE TAYLOR**

**Steward (search & C&A): Kath Bracey-Wright**

**Tracklayers: John Reynolds & Rob Bracey-Wright**

Thank you to the committee of Poole & District DTC for the invitation to judge. Particular thanks to Melvin and Mary Drewitt & co. for organising the trial, for putting me up in their new caravan and for all the lovely evening meals. Thanks to Kath for stewarding throughout and putting all the competitors at ease. Also thanks to the tracklayers John and Rob for keeping me, the competitors, and anyone else who happened to be visiting the New Forest entertained.

The heather was a good height for tracking and although the weather was good we did get the odd patch of rain, which meant the ground wasn't too dry. We had minimal interference from ponies and cattle with the exception of one of the four tracking days, where a herd of cattle decided to ruin the first three tracks. 12 of the 21 dogs that ran completed the track, one of these was short of articles and another 4 unfortunately went out on the C&A.

**1st** Heather Cook - RAXMAE GOLD-EN REVIVAL (GSD) -178.5 Qex. Competent all round performance and lovely control round ensured this team a qualification and a well deserved win. Congratulations

**2nd** Maurice Millington - MILKYHILL ROXY (GSD) - 177 Qex. A lovely nosework round, recovering all articles gained this partnership the second place. Very well done.

**3rd** Lynne Baker - TRKINDALE CODAL (WSD) - 177 Qex. Another good performance and superb C&A. Congratulations.

**4th** Mrs. G. Lawrence - SLIEVE CHANCE - (BC) - 169.5 Qex. Tracked in a fairly deep piece of heather and worked very well. Well done.

#### **Also qualifying:**

Mesd. Jefferson & Hornsby (handler Jenny Jefferson) - BEKKIS VIRTUOSO (BC) - 169 Qex.

Les Theobald - TYTRI TESS (BC) - 169 Qex.

Christine Stewart - BELDORM DUNCAN (Std. Poodle) - 167.5 Qex.

#### **TD STAKE**

#### **Judge - BARRY GILBERT**

Thanks to the Society for the invitation to judge, Melvyn and Mary for all their organisation and accommodation during the week. My track layers were Len Newman, John West and Lynne Watkins and my search steward was June Coutts. My scribe for control and agility was Gary Squires.

#### **NOSEWORK TEST**

My track had an open pattern which allowed tracklayers room to manoeuvre in the difficult terrain of the New Forrest. It also gave them the ability to get into line for the article legs. I deliberately chose large articles which held scent well because I did not want the competition to become a lottery which can happen in rough ground if the articles are too small. This worked very well with nearly all the dogs that got to them retrieving the track articles.

Search - articles were placed generally in centre so that orientation and wind direction were less important. There were three good sized articles and one "tester" all laid in open spots, not buried in the heather.

Fortunately we only had animal interference on a handful of tracks After the nosework we had 16 qualifiers

#### **CONTROL AND AGILITY**

I decided to use a area of the forest so that I could set a test in natural surroundings. The heelwork started on a gravel track with the handler and myself walking together, turned through gap in bracken on to the heather and continued towards the steward. For the speak, handler left their dog and walked around a gorse bush with the steward commanding the dog to speak when they got out of sight.

The Sendaway was 120 yds down a gentle slope to gorse bushes with the redirect being a100 yds further on to silver birch trees. More heelwork followed to get us back on to road and into a grass area for the jumps.

The Speak caused some difficulties with dogs perhaps confused by the handler and steward walking off in conversation. For the Sendaway I expected that the outrun would be possible on one command and the redirect would just require the dog to be sent 20 or 30 yds to the right, stopped and then sent away. Most dogs had a good go at the outrun, but the redirect was less well done, highest mark TA - no one reaching the required spot (only 6 Dogs got anywhere near) with less than 6 or 8 commands.

Stays well done 100% success

Run off tracks for 2nd and 3rd place were laid by Len Newman and run in a very heavy shower in not the easiest ground. Both dogs recovered all 3 articles.

**1st** Gary Atkins CAFCOLL RON (199)

Gary and Ron produced one of the best control rounds when it really mattered to edge ahead of a group of 4 or 5 dogs who were very close together. Congratulations and good luck at the Kennel Club Championships in a years time.

**2nd** Ann Clarke TARNEDGE SOLAR (198)

Best nosework round, Ann just managed to hold her nerve in the control and agility. They finished on equal marks with Shelia Tannert and won the run off track convincingly.

**3rd** Shelia Tannert WTCH STYPERSON TERN (198)

A really good round over all just odds and ends which lost marks in the search prevented Heather gaining a higher place.

**4th** Pat Herbert WTCH JOLLY JILL (1971/2)

Very good nosework, the only hiccup being a missed track article (this one was bigger than the big stick Jill missed at Skipsea!).

Qualified Excellent

Tony Lockyer HARTSHILL NUTMEG (192.5)

Shelia Tannert WTCH STYPERSON BRIAR (188)

Maureen Regan KENMILLONE FRASER (182)

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### THE ALSATIAN (G.S.D.) TRAINING CLUB (JERSEY) OPEN TRIAL

October 1st & 2nd 2005

The Club House, Glencoe, St. Lawrence

**Judge: SALLY BERGH-ROOSE**

I should like to thank the working trials section of this club for the invitation to judge their open trial. With Kath Barette as trials

manager (also looking after a poorly husband) and the three competitors I had a really enjoyable time. At such a leisurely pace we had the time to do some work in the morning, all have lunch together and then some more work in the afternoon, before all going out together in the evening for dinner. A special thank you must go to Wendy White, who picked me up from the airport, and with husband Chris made me feel most welcome in their home and even took me to Jersey Zoo, head quarters of The Gerald Durrell Conservation Trust, to see the work being done to save endangered species. I fell hopelessly for the Aye-Ayes and would love to have spent more time there.

A wonderful weekend, thank you all so much.

**CD**

**1st** .N.Q. Wendy Wright Patois Berruelle (Ticket) B/C Handled by Carole Pearce

Wendy had to rush her older dog to the vet, so Carole stepped in. Lost very few marks until it came to the jumps! Considering that this was the first time Carole had handled the dog, and even forgot some of her usual commands Ticket did very well.

**UD**

**1st** .N.Q. Wendy Wright Patois Berruelle (Ticket) B/C This time handled by Wendy

Super track and search, followed by a very good control round, unfortunately the jumps caused a problem again.

**WD**

**1st** Wendy White Fairlea Daz (Daz) B/C

A lovely track, with both articles on a difficult bit of land, I fell flat on my face twice while laying it! Daz also managed to get three articles from the square. A good send-away ensured enough marks in the control section and only one second attempt needed on the jumps.

Qualified Open WD. Congratulations 165.5/200

## VETERANS

2 Entered, unfortunately Wendy Wright had to withdraw Karjon Karamba

**1st.** Carole Pearce Shalimar Velvet Lady (Haze) B/C 13 yrs

Haze does not look or act her age, although she decided the track was not "trackable" today, she soon livened up doing the search square and then went on to show us she could still do heelwork / retrieve / speak / recall / stay - before going for a run around the field with all the other dogs!

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## SURREY D.T.S. CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

6th - 8th October 2005

Venue : Abinger Hammer

**STAKE : CD**

**Judge : John Wykes**

**Steward : Paula Wright.**

Thank you to the society for the invitation to judge. It was very nice to judge at the lower end to see hopefully new handlers and new dogs and try not to put them off without giving qualifications away. It was as is usual a well run Surry trial with all the helpers giving of their best both in the base and elsewhere.

The field we were given was extremely rough and covered mostly in thistles. We did our best to find a clear area for the squares and for C&A.

My steward Paula did a wonderful job in laying the squares giving every dog and handler the best opportunity she could to get the articles and then guided them through the control and agility round. The nosework overall was quite good; however the control rounds

left an awful lot to be desired and a lot of handlers need to sort this out if they are going to do well in the higher stakes.

**1st** MOORMILL NIIANDU (FCR) (D) handled by Mr. Robert Willatts. An extremely capable handler who was able to get the best out of his dog and got a very well deserved win. One to watch out for Q Ex. 95.

**2nd** GEMSTONE EASTER WISH (X) (B). Handled by Mr. Steve Liney. Very sympathetically handled by Steve who got the best out of his dog on the day. Q Ex 85.

**3rd** FRONSAC KRUGER (GSD) (D). Handled by Pearl Rigg. A good nosework group helped. A not so good C&A round did enough to qualify. Q Ex 84.

**4th** CASMAWLLAN JACK IN THE BOX (BC) (D). Handled by Mrs. Jane Clamce. Very nice dog and handler, however bits and pieces all the way through cost quite a few marks. Q Ex 82.

**5th** ARRANBANKS SPOTTA BOVVA (WSD) (D) . Handled by Ms. Sharon Webley. An excellent noswork section but unusually let down by the C&A. Q Ex 80.

SUMAHA RAZZLE DAZZLE (FCR) (D). Handled by Miss Sue Henderson. Unlucky today. CD only 79.5.

SPYCE IS NICE AT CAROBILLS (WSD) (B). Handled by Mrs. Carole Burgess. CD only 78.5.

FOR THE LOVE OF EDDIE (X) (D). Handled by Mrs. Lynne White. CD only 75.5.

A big thank you once again to my steward Paula who did a wonderful job and was a pleasure to work with. To those who qualified, well done. To those who didn't, a bit more work and better luck next time.

**WD STAKE**

**Judge : DOROTHY BOWEN**

**Steward : Sally Baker**

**Tracklayers : Stan Ford, Tess Shoolbred, John Reynolds, Dave Martin, Joyce Tibbetts, Gary Atkins**

Thanks to Surrey Dog Training Society for the invitation to judge the WD stake at this trial. Thanks to Arden Grange for the sponsorship and the many farmers and landowners who allowed us to use their land which is organised by Stan Ford. Thank you Stan. Colin Harrison and Gill Macgregor managed the trial and Chris Brooks ran the base all doing their job very efficiently. My tracklayers were Stan Ford, Tess Shoolbred, Dave Martin, Joyce Tibbetts, Gary Atkins and John Reynolds, all very experienced tracklayers who were excellent. Thanks to the ladies in the kitchen, Beryl Kimberley, Liz de Ungar, Cathy Dench and Caroline Ashford. Special thanks to Sally Baker who was my steward and chauffeur and was brilliant company over the three days.

27 entered, 21 worked, 7 qualified

**1st** Val Upton with JAXBERRY JOE (BC) (D). Full mark square and agility. Excellent control round. Val is very professional in the handling of her dogs. 194.5

**2nd** Bert Maynard with SORUMOUR JUST THE ONE (GSD) (B). Excellent track. Super sendaway and control round. Full mark agility. 190.5.

**3rd** Lynne Baker with TRKINDALE CODA (WSD)(B). Brilliant track through thistles but Coda coped with them very well. Full mark agility and very good control round. Same marks as the above competitor. 190.5.

**4th** Andrew Buchanan with GLE-NALPINE SOCKS (BC)(B). Another good track. Full mark agility and good control found. 188.5.

Also qualifying WDEx.

Norma Ansell with GEFNI WALKS ON WATER (GSD)(B) 184.5

Les Theobald with TYTRI TESS (BC)(B) 182.5

Paul Cousins with MOORTIME FOREST FERN (ASD) (B) 182

I was very disappointed in the standard of agility in this stake. Eight dogs failed the agility and only eight dogs out of twenty-one obtained full marks for the agility.

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## **AVON WTTS OPEN TRIAL**

7th - 9th October 2005

Felton, Bristol

### **CD STAKE**

**Judge: CELIA BOURNE**

**Steward Steph Rendall**

Thank you to Avon for the invitation to judge CD and for looking after us so well. Thanks too to Steph, my steward who did a fabulous job. We were two virgins together so I think we did ok for our first time. I was lucky in having four wonderful competitors with a great attitude towards their dogs. They all seemed to enjoy the test and the rain held off all morning until the stays then it poured. Jumps and stays were the biggest problems but all the dogs tried their hardest in each exercise and I wish them the best of luck in future competitions.

**1st** COM, 90.5 pts, M. Gatland, ABERDAUNANT CELYN OF MEREONI, Large Munsterlander, B. A very good round and lovely to watch. A well deserved win, well done.

**2nd** 69 pts, J. Luker, BELMARLEY TRY ME, Tervuren, B, Little bits and pieces to work on but it's all there - don't give up!

**3rd** 67pts, G. Rowley, GALGRAIZE

# Tracking for Beginners

## *Warning - NOT for the eyes of experienced Trialists*

Let's be honest; the first time you attempt to track with your dog it's highly likely to be unproductive, confusing, possibly humiliating, and definitely boring.

The Tracking world is full of jargon and expressions like:~ "Cross wind", "Down wind", "Into the wind". Then there's "Body Scent", (the mind rushes to dragging corpses) "Track Scent", "Crushed Vegetation", "Ground Disturbance", "Deep Nose" (when I first heard that I thought it was a sexual practice). The list goes on - most of the terms are valid, but to a beginner baffling. Then we get to the things you as a beginner will have to decide on. Are you going to track for articles / toys or food?

Now comes the first lesson. With an experienced helper guiding you, you are asked, "Have you brought your dog's favourite toy?" Now a toy which interests the dog in the home may be less exciting when outside in a strange place. What usually happens is that you drag out Prince's favourite toy, probably a squeaky frog (but the squeak has died). The helper says, "Get the dog interested, then." You jump around like a cheerleader on drugs, but the dog hardly stops nibbling at the sheep droppings. The helper says "Come on, work at it!" You end up throwing and fetching the toy yourself, at which point the dog lies down and yawns. Your helper mutters something along the lines of "Oh, I can see it's phobic about that toy."

Your helper then suggests food, and asks if the dog's been fed this morning. You say, "No, just a few Bonios." The helper says, "Get your food." You return after the trip back to the car with a small poly bag containing a couple of handfuls of his normal

all-in-one food. You smile confidently, but notice your helper turns away with a grimace...

After much struggling, at the third attempt, you manage to get the tracking harness on the dog. You unravel the line. The helper comes forward, approaches the dog with a handful of food, and tries to interest the dog, which by now is sitting scratching at the harness. The helper finally gets a reaction from the dog which starts to move forward. You stagger after it, whereupon the helper aggressively says, "Stand still!" You do, but allow the dog to continue forward. The helper gets grumpy at this and says, "Restrain the bloody thing." You give the dog a hard command to stay - it stays, but loses what bit of interest in the tracklayer it had.

After the abortive start the second attempt goes a bit better. By your third track the dog seems to be getting the idea. Your helper says "That's enough for today." You wander back towards the car bemused and wondering if 'Heelwork to Music' isn't a better option.

So, you decide to try on your own. You go walking along a footpath on farmland; it's grassland, there are no animals and no-one's around. You tie your dog to the fence and lay a little track. By the time you've done three little straight legs you feel like you are getting there. As you are wandering back to where you left your lead, thinking it's a bit like the blind leading the visually challenged, there's a large man with a red face giving you a severe rollicking for trespassing and leaving the foot path. As you return despondently to your car you and think "Flyball seems a nice sport"

## **It doesn't have to be like that.**

There is a fascination in tracking that is not in any of the other dog sports. As you and the dog gradually begin to understand what you are trying to achieve, you will have highs where you will not be able to stop grinning at what the dogs achieved (how did he do that?). There will be times where it seems to go so wrong and on the day it goes really wrong you can bet you won't remember your landmarks that you'll end up nearly slashing your wrists, The fascination will drag you out the next day and all will be well. (I'll let you into a secret - it happens to all of us, but with experience the lows won't be quite so low, and the highs will be less high.)

From the competition point of view, being in a situation where you are in the middle of a field with no idea which way the track goes, means you are reliant on your dog in a unique way. The satisfaction of completing a big track is enormous.

## **So let's look at the Jargon**

**Deep Nose:** ~ the dog having its nose almost touching the floor. This is really only relevant to people doing Schutzhund. Most serious trialists are quite happy for the dog's nose to be where the scent is.

**Cross Wind:** ~ the wind coming from right or left when you are facing along the track.

**Down Wind:** ~ the wind coming from directly behind.

**Into the Wind:** ~ the wind blowing into your face.

**Body Scent:** ~ the scent which falls from the body and clothes. This blows away after a period, depending on wind and ground conditions.

**Track Scent, Crushed Vegetation:** ~ scent created by the crushing effect of the tracklayers feet.

**Ground Disturbance:** ~ gases released when

the ground is disturbed by the weight of the tracklayer, the imprint from the boots, etc.

Any other Jargon will be explained as required.

Now let's take a logical look, and get you started in a positive manner. This might appear to be slow and boring, but going through the stages will move you towards your goal of having a good tracking dog quicker and more reliably than the less methodical approaches.



## **Preparation Training**

Teach the dog to except having the harness put on; practice in the house where you haven't got the distraction of being out in the fields. Then you can learn to put the harness on the dog without having to stand there sheepishly looking at the harness, trying to work out how it fits, or struggle with the dog trying to put it on. Most dogs will have a shake when they start to move with the harness on - you will need to allow him to get used to the feel of it. If the dog is accustomed to the feel of wearing the harness it will be one less distraction the first time you attempt to start tracking. Learn how to roll up your line so you won't have the embarrassment of foolishly trying to untangle it with your helper watching. (It will be much easier to

keep your helper interested in helping you if you are obviously trying to get it right).

Spend time without a dog practicing using markers when tracklaying. When you have got the hang of it, lay a five or six leg track and use £1 coins as articles. Then re-walk the track an hour later and retrieve them (the £1 coins help you focus!)

At some time in your dog's early tracking training, you will have to start thinking about getting the dog to indicate articles found on the track. An easy positive way to do this is away from the tracking field using plastic pots (I use film containers). Put titbits in a few containers and drop the food pot on the floor - this can be done at home or on a walk. Point at the food pot; when the dog sniffs it, give the command "Down." When the dog lies down, give a "Wait" command, pick up the food pot, open it and while maintaining the dog's down position, give the dog the treat by letting it take the food from the pot and your hand. After practicing this for a few days, when you drop the pot the dog should lie down without being told as a way of asking you for the treat. When you have this response you can change to placing food pots on the track.

Before your first session, get your dog motivated (there were two articles written on this subject last spring). Don't Shortcut the Motivation work. The level of motivation will make all the difference between the dog learning to track and not.

Let's assume you are going to track for food. Miss two meals (the dog, not you!) Not just a few biscuits for breakfast - NOTHING. And the food you take with you will need to be really tasty - chunks of meat not silly little titbits. The dog needs to know it's being rewarded.

The First Track to the end of the third week.  
Have the dog sit at the base of the line

clipped to the harness, and the lead on the collar, with you holding the lead. I like to use the wait command to keep the dog in position and focused - jumping about and screaming might look motivated, but it is usually just unfocused excitement. With the dog sitting calmly, get the tracklayer to show the dog the food, even let it lick it a bit. At this point someone usually says "No chance, my dog would just gobble it up." Well, pretend you're a dog trainer, and don't let it. The tracklayer then backs away, leaving the start pole in place, leaving a bit of meat at the base of the pole, then shuffles backwards, leaving a food drop every pace or so; after about 20 paces he leaves 2 or 3 pieces of meat, then returns back along the track. As the track layer returns, he should avoid stepping on the food drops, and as he gets nearer also avoid eye contact with the dog. At the pole he should move away sideways and behind you, leaving the dog's attention on the track. While the tracklayer is returning, take the lead off the dog and put it in your pocket or round your neck - it's really easy to lose leads in this situation. Holding the tracking line in one hand, with the other hand point at the food drop at the pole; as the dog is eating move forward slightly, indicating the next food drop to the dog, and continue like this until the end. Repeat the whole process 3 or 4 times. If the dog seems to be catching on, increase the length of the tracks quite rapidly.

A point worth mentioning at this time is: ~ we don't teach a dog to track, we put it in the position where it wants to learn. Using food and motivating the dog in this manner should be fairly straight forward. As the dog's understanding increases, so should the distance between the food drops; the length of the track needs to be increased as rapidly as the dog can cope with; the longer tracks give the dog more time to learn. 3 or 4 tracks a session is about right at the start. If you can do five sessions a week for the first 2 weeks

the dog will really be getting the idea.

Overview This bit's going to have to be a bit vague.

At the start, probably the first 2 sessions, tracks laid 'into the wind' will help the dog realize that scent leads to the food drop. As soon as the dog gets the idea, the tracks should be laid 'down wind' (with the wind coming from behind). This will have the effect of making the dog's nose move closer to the ground, as the scent is being blown away from the dog. The result of this will be to make the tracking much more accurate.

Within this period you should also change from double laid tracks (out and back in the same footprints) to single laid (lay the track and walk on and round back to the start). By the end of the 3rd week you should be doing tracks up to 200 paces long; this of course will depend on the individual dog.

During this period the dog will almost certainly start missing out food drops - by now there should only be 3 food drops in 200 paces, but the size of the last drop should have increased considerably. When the food drops are 50 paces apart, change over to using food pots as described earlier. When the dog reaches a food pot, give the command to "Down" in as non-interventional manner as possible and give the dog the treat from the pot while it's still in the down.

Subsequent articles will cover teaching corners, ageing tracks, different surfaces etc.

*Trials Reports continued from Pg. 18*

NEMESIS, GSD, D, Just the jumps put you out today.

**4th** 65.5 pts., M. Lee, LOKI MISCHIEF MAKER, WSD, D, I'm sure you'll get the stays and scale sorted out soon, then you'll be away!

**STAKE:C&A**

**Judge: JACQUELINE BARRON**

**Stewards: Shirley Robinson & Jo Magness**

As ever, my thanks to Avon for the invitation to judge the C&A at the brilliant new venue at Felton, under the flight path of the planes coming in to Lulsgate airport!! This in no way put any of the dogs off, though once or twice there were a couple of misheard commands!!

Shirley Robinson stewarded on Friday and Jo Magness suffered the rain with me on Saturday, but then the sun shone on Jo and I on the Sunday so all ended well for us both!! Thanks to all involved helping and running the trial and particular thanks to my co-judges and to Brian Riste, who, now he has nothing else to do has taken over the Trials Managers role. I expect he might take other commissions?

Generally I thought the standard the usual mish mash of very good to very iffy, but I have to say there were a couple of excellent rounds, with both the winners showing how it should be done!!

Thank you to all the competitors who braved me and I wish you all good luck for the future.



*Dean Woodcock with Laetare Left in the Dark, UD winner and Jenny Jefferson with Bekkis Virtuoso W Dex, winner of the TD stake. Photo by J Barron*

**STAKE:UD**

**1st** Dean Woodcock and Abby, LAETARE LEFT IN THE DARK BC. 186.5

**2nd** Tony Lockyer and DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL WSD 169.5

**3rd** Siobhan Jefferson and JAKOVALL MIDSUMMER MOTH FOR LAETARE CDex BC (NQ)

**4th** Marney Wells and BEREKA HURRICANE OF COPYHOLD CDEX UDEX Staffordshire Bull Terrier

**STAKE: TD**

**1st** Jenny Jefferson and Woody, BEKKIS VIRTUOSO CDEX WDEX BC 212.5

**2nd** Tracey Wiliams and SUNSHINE JED CDEX WDEX. Labrador, 195.75

**3rd** Nicky Prescott and SKIPAWAY FORTUNE, Crossbreed, 189.5

**4th** CC Guard and LENWORTH BERTRAM OF PHILKINDY CDEX,WDEX Labrador

(The dogs handled by both Jenny and Siobhan Jefferson are co-owned with Alison Hornsby)

**Judge: BRUCE GOLLEDGE**

**Track Layers: Lindsey Poole, Adrian Quick**

**Search Steward: Peter Nicholls**

8th - 9th October 2005

Venue : Longniddry, East Lothian, Scotland

Thank you Avon, for the invitation to judge the T D Nosework and thank you to my tracklayers for doing an excellent job, thank you Lindsey and Adrian also to Peter for doing all the search squares. We were treated to some excellent tracks. Thank you also to ladies in the kitchen and also Brian, back at Base who in his impeccable style ran it like clockwork.

**TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT**

This is SWTS 3rd year at this venue and I thought I was going to have to work really hard as John Gray, who does at lot of the arranging, decided to go on holiday. However, everything just slipped into place as usual.

**1st** Jenny Jeffersen BEKKIS VIRTUOSO (BC) What a happy super little dog. You were so nervous yet he breezed it. A well deserved win. Good luck in the future. 212.25 pts

Thanks to everyone who helped and offered help. Our usual Farmers, Morgan Nicoll who, although we have used his land for 3 years, was most amused to find that tracklayers actually go out at 7 in the morning whilst it's still dark, Bill Leckie who provides the control field and Wullie Thompson who was pleased to help out (even more so when I gave him a bottle of malt whisky). Credit to Steve Reynolds who not only allows us to use his office as our base every year but even got out of his bed with a hangover to bring me the keys. That's what you call service!

**2nd** P.Williams SUNSHINE JED (LAB) Another lovely track he hardly put a foot wrong till almost the end, and a very good square. Well done. 195.75 pts

Thanks to Base staff Gwen, Lorna (and Sam), Betty and David Braithwaite and also to the catering van who even made us pancakes.

**3rd** N.Prescott SKIPAWAY FORTUNE (CROSSBREED) A very well deserved placing. You had the worst of the weather but Tilly did you proud. Well done. 189.5 pts

**4th** C.C. Guard LENWORTH BERTRAM OF PHILKINDY (LAB)

Another good track, just squeezed in on the square. Well done. 181.5 pts

Lastly, a special mention for Derek McAulay who not only transports the jumps to and from Lauder but puts them up along with a lot of my signs. He then comes back on the Sunday and takes them all down again. Derek doesn't even compete in trials and his assistance is very much appreciated.

**Also qualifying**

J.West. - FULMAY FIRST CHALLENGER AT SHEPALIAN (ASD) Well done John.

Thank you to the competitors for accepting my decisions. Although we did have 11 qualifiers in nose work for those who didn't qualify overall, good luck for the next time.

**JUNE MCPHILLIPS**

**STAKE: CD**

**Judge: ANNE FORREST**

**Steward: Steve Lancashire**

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Thanks to SWTS for the invitation to judge, I had a great day. A special thank you to my steward Steve who laid all the squares perfectly and did a great job stewarding his first control round (he would have been more at home with a sleeve on his arm). Everyone managed to get at least 2 out of the square but unfortunately the stays and the jumps took their toll and we only got 1 qualifier. It was nice to see so many new dogs and handlers and I wish them all well for the future.

**1st** Helen Rajaska & LOOK NO CHANCE ENCOUNTER (BC) D 97 CD COM. This dog did an excellent round, Well done.

**2nd** Sam Ashton & DOTTY DOTTY (WSD) B 77.5 NQ. A nice round. Keep going you will get there soon.

**3rd** Gladys McCulloch & FORGUE-CROFT PATHFINDER (GSD) D 76.5 NQ. You're nearly there, keep up the good work.

**4th** Wendy Strang & VIKTOR AT BALKELLO (WSD) D 76.5 NQ. Well done, a good round.

#### **UD NOSEWORK**

##### **Judge: RACHEL HENDERSON**

Thanks to Scottish Working Trials Society for the invitation to judge the UD stake. The venue is second to none and the weather was reasonable for the time of year. Many thanks to the team :- Trials Manager - June McPhillips, Base staff: Betty Calderwood and Dave Braithwaite and the catering people - fantastic pancakes!!

Thanks to my steward Stevie Braithwaite and her helper Sam. To Rudi Fruzynski for leading the sing-a-long and laying tracks and Brian Glasgow for tracklaying too. Everything was done as I asked.

I enjoyed my morning watching the young dogs. The standard of nosework is very good on the whole, as can be seen by the marks. I hope the competitors enjoyed the day too.

**1st** Penny Pritchard with TEIFI. What a fantastic round with a full point square. A pleasure to watch. Well done Penny. (N/W 143.5/145)

**2nd** Joyce Hudson and SAM. A lovely little dog with lots of attitude (N/W 139.5/145)

**3rd** Carol Ashworth and HOLLY. Holly and Carol make a great team (N/W 133.5/145)

**4th** Jenny Beaton with JED. I think Jed really enjoyed himself on his first crack at UD. (N/W 133.5/145)

Good luck to you all in the future.

#### **STAKE : PD**

##### **Judge : BRYAN GEORGE POLE**

**Tracklayers : Bill Richardson, Gary Tait**

**Steward : Lorna Cottier - square and patrol round.**

Very good trial, excellent tracklayers and criminals. Very smooth throughout, worked under Lorna's directions to the letter.

**1st** Mr. J. Gray's GRITTONBROOK MECCA (BSD MALINOIS) (B). Handler - Iain Forrest. Track - 58, art 20, search 34, control 32.5, agility 20, PD round full points 314.5 - 320 Q. What can I say about this team - sheer brilliance. The dog's pet name - Mouse - I have named it Mighty Mouse.

**2nd** Miss A. Tamlin with NORSHEP ANJA (GSD). Track 57, art 20, search 33, control 34.5, agility 17.5, patrol 149, 306 - 320 Q.

**3rd** Miss J. Miller with TRINSDALE ACE (WSD). Track 56, art 20, search 26.5, control 34.5, agility 20, patrol 144. Q

**4th** Mr. R. Fruzynski's XNDOS SPLASH (WSD). Handler - A. Fruzynski. Track 56, art 20, search 28, control 28.5, agility 20, patrol 148. 300.5 - 320. Q.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GSD  
ASSOCIATION  
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Date: 13th - 16th October 2005  
Venue: Walesby, Nottinghamshire

**STAKE: CD**

**Judge: ANN BEDFORD**

Many thanks to the Society for their invitation to judge the CD stake. Thanks to Trials manager Robert Martin and his right hand man Gary for organizing everything and for providing Maeve Weselby as my Steward for the two days. Maeve doing a sterling job as expected, many thanks. Also thanks to the ladies of the base for trying to keep me organized - sorry about the slight hiccup at the end! Bob and Sue on the catering van kept us all well fed, managing to provide hot fish and chips in the barn on Friday night was very impressive.

22 dogs entered, 18 worked with 3 qualifying. The weather was dull and overcast both days with a slight breeze. The square contained a plastic milk bottle top, a thick piece of rubber covered wire and a knotted piece of plastic ribbon. We lost 8 in the nosework/retrieve section, jumps claiming a further 4, C/A taking the final 3. The send-away was 65 paces to a black and white pole centered along the side of a barn wall - one dog managed a ten!

**1st** J Hedges with TREVORSILK INDIAN QUEEN. Flatcoat Ret. B. 94.5.Q. Nicely handled and consistent throughout the test, a deserved winner.

**2nd** J Sayer with VILLAGE KING. GSP. D. 82.5.Q. Big striking GSP who gave the impression that he chose to grace us with his presence on the day - very superior! Did everything on the day, just general tidying required (plus deep breathing for mum to calm her nerves).

**3rd** R Enright with SIDESHOW BOB. Xbreed. D. 82.Q. A 'character' who thankfully managed to keep his sense of humour under control for the day and gain this qualification. Again, just general tidying required.  
**4th** G Edmunds with GRACORN HIGH AND MIGHTY. GSD. D. owned by K Ness. 85.NQ. A showy dog with attitude. Let himself down in the square, otherwise worked well. Nice to see a handler not scared to stride out during heelwork.

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**SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB  
OPEN TRIAL**

15th - 16th October 2005  
Crieff, Perthshire,

**TRIALS MANAGERS REPORT.**

This new Trial came about after an introduction to working trial day held back in April to introduce new people to this great world of Working Trials so Harry Arbuckle suggested a Trial to try and encourage some of these new handlers and dogs to compete, well the rest is history now so I would like to thank the SKC for allowing the Crieff Dog Training Club to run this Open Trial at this beautiful venue of Crieff in Perthshire.

This was our first trial and my first attempt at Trials Manager, which was made a lot easier with the help from the following people before and during the trial, Philippa Ireland (trials secretary), Harry Arbuckle, Carol Ashworth and John Westaby It was a good team effort, I would also like to thank the other members of this new trials team who all knew what they had to do and carried their duties out to perfection, these members were Joyce Westaby Joanne, Margaret Naismith at the base, Score keepers at the control field Carol Ashworth, Philippa Ireland. Philippa seemed to every where even escorting com-

petitors to the tracking fields, Also for the ladies who kept the troupes happy and well fuelled with the food Linda, Mary and Rene,. Trials would not be able to take place if was not for the generous help from the landowners who allow us mad doggy people to prance allover their land so a big thanks to Bob Simpson and John McClaren. To make a good trial you also need a good base and that was provided by Muthill Golf Club, the local golfers must have wondered what had happened to their quaint little golf course that weekend but to their credit they actually were very interested in what was going on, good to see two sports getting on together. The entry was healthy 12 dogs in CD and 7dogs UD a nice number to break our team in gently. Now for this trial to take place we needed two judges no show with out punch, Our judges Ian Forest (CD) and Helen Jones (UD) put all the competitors and ease and set a nice test for handlers and dogs. I would also like to thank Joan Hutchison from Gilbertson & Page for her involvement with the trial by supplying bags of food for the prize winners. Thanks to John and Joyce Westaby for giving Phil and myself a room for the night, and last but not least thanks to the competitors for entering this new trial and I hope that the trial will be added to the Working Trial calendar for years to come.

**BRIAN GLASGOW**

**STAKE: CD**

**Judge: IAIN FORREST**  
**Square Steward: Phil Glasgow**  
**Control Steward: Harry Arbuckle**

Thanks to The SKC for the invite to judge CD at this brand new trial, thanks also to my square steward Phil Glasgow who done an excellent and professional job and my control steward Harry who was great and made my job much easier.

I must thank trials manager Brian and his team of helpers for organising such a well run and enjoyable trial.

The competitors worked their dogs with a great attitude and were a pleasure to judge. There are plans to possibly add a WD stake next year and with the land available, beautiful location and such a friendly bunch of people I cannot recommend this trial enough to anyone, even trialists as far a field as Englandshire should consider traveling to Crieff.

**1st LOOK NO CHANCE**  
**ENCOUNTER BC and Helen Rajska Q 86.5.**  
Superb round from this team, perfect square and good control round, good luck in the higher stakes Well Done.

**2nd VICTOR AT BALKELLO WSD**  
**and Wendy Strang NQ 83**  
Great round from Scotty and Wendy, once the down stay is cracked this dog will leap up the stakes.

**3rd TRIALEX NORTHERN LIGHT**  
**GSD and Jenny Beaton NQ 77**  
Jed was well handled by Jenny and looks a promising team for the future

**4th CLACHNABEN LAD LAB and**  
**John Westaby NQ 76**  
This team are very promising, a fine round with only the scale and sit stay causing problems

**UD STAKE**

**Judge: HELEN JONES,**  
**Steward: Betty Calderwood,**  
**Tracklayers: Robbie Warner and Harry Arbuckle,**

Lovely trial, had a great time nice base and well organized

**1st Q 192-200 - Carol Ashworth & HOLLY.** Great round had us scared at the jumps but she did well.

**2nd NQ 159.5-200 - Tanya Whorwood**

& RUSKIN. Did a nice track, will get his UD Open soon.

**3rd** NQ 145-200, - Wendy Strang & SCOTTIE, What a lovely wee lad, seemed to enjoy himself.

**4th** NQ 122-200, - Jenny Beaton & JED, Nice big pup, sorry about the sendaway.

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## PORTLAND DTC OPEN TRIAL

23rd October 2005  
Dorchester -

### TRIALS MANAGERS REPORT.

Entries were down again this year, with eight teams entered in UD, nine in Veteran and four in CD.

I would like to thank our judges, Paul Cousins who judged the UD nosework, Rose Faulkner CD and UD C&A and Adrian Quick who judged the Veteran stake, also their stewards and tracklayers. I will leave it to the respective judges to thank them personally.

I would also like to thank Carol hedges and Pat Curtis who manned the kitchen, and everyone else who helped in many different ways.

I would like to thank Holland's Farms for the use of their land, which meant that all work was on grass. I am hoping that the same arrangement will stand for next year.

Congratulations to those of you that qualified, to those that did not quite make it this time, all the best for the future.

**PAT MIDDLETON-SMITH**

### UD STAKE - NOSEWORK

**Judge: Paul Cousins**

**Steward: John West**

**Tracklayers: Ann & Martin Bracegirdle & Pippa Bentham**

I should like to thank Pat Middleton-Smith and Portland Dog Training Club for giving a novice his first judging appointment. I could not have asked for a better start. The weather was kind to us, the land was very good, the trial had a 'friendly' feel to it and my first competitor completed the track.

I set a straightforward UD track with a piece of wood and half a beer mat for articles. The search square articles were a long thin wooden tea stirrer, a piece of carpet, a gun cartridge and a piece of green hose. Of the six competitors who turned up on the day three completed the track. With one exception all the dogs retrieved at least three articles from the square. As you would expect at UD Open level inexperience played its part with a few dogs on the track. However, on the whole the standard of nosework was very good with most dogs tackling the track and square with enthusiasm.

To add to the excitement there was a run off for the best nosework award. Margery Lee with Loki and Felicity Veazey with Inka both scored 136. The run off was decided by a search square with Felicity turning out to be the eventual winner.

Thanks to my tracklayers, Ann and Martin Bracegirdle and Pippa Bentham. Special thanks to my search square steward John West whose knowledge and experience were available if requested. Thanks also to Carol Hedges and Pat Curtis who did an excellent job in the kitchen.

Well done to the qualifiers and better luck next time to those who did not quite make it.

My thanks also go to the competitors who entered the trial without having heard of the judge before and for helping to make my day so enjoyable.

**1st** Margery Lee with LOKI MISCHIEF MAKER (WSD) Q182. A very steady track with dog and handler working in harmony and only losing half a point.

**2nd** Stella Smyth with MORROLI DIAMOND DREAMING (ACD) Q161. Did not make the end of the track but made up for it with an excellent search square dropping only one point.

**3rd** Felicity Veazey with VANISTICA RAINBOW SEEKER (Groenendel) NQ 166.5 Matched the winner for the nosework - what happened with the C&A?

**4th** Sally Baker with IVYMORE HESTER CDex (Weim) NQ 164. A very nice track but unfortunately failed to retrieve any articles from the square.

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## NORTH EAST COUNTIES WTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

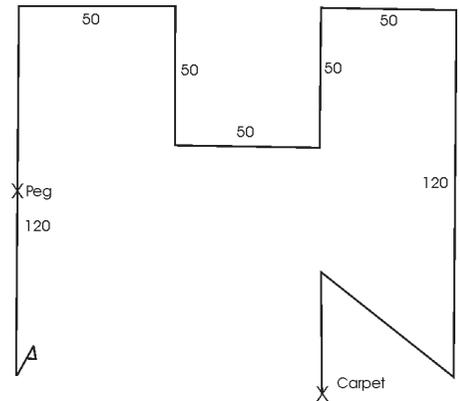
Tow Law  
26th - 29th October

**STAKE : UD**

### Judge : STEVIE BRAITHWAITE

I would like to thank NECWTS for the invitation to judge the UD stake. Thank you to Carol and Julia at the base, and for the refreshments we received. Thank you to Moira and Heather for laying the tracks, they did a marvellous job, and thank you to Samantha Ashton who was my steward for the control round, and laid the search squares. It was the first time she had done either job at a trial, and she did exactly what was wanted.

The competitors were, without exception, very sporting and good company. All the dogs completed the track and did good search squares, but the control round took its toll.



**1st** Lindsey Errington with CASTLE-SIDE YOUNG JET (Sgian) (LAB) 192.5. An enthusiastic young dog who dragged Lindsey round the track, and gave her a heart stopping moment with the scale jump. Very well done.

**2nd** Mrs. V. Jenkins with PRAGNELL DAISY (Daisy) (XB) 190.5. A lovely dog with attitude and a real character. Throwing the search articles at the handler cost her first place. Very well done.

**3rd** Mr. Mark Adams with PORTALUTRA KYLES DREAM (Tyson) (GSD) 189. A steady control round and a beautiful track. Well done.

**4th** Mrs. Irene Seymour with OAKENHEART DARK AFFAIR (Issey) (GSD) 188.5. A good control round, just a few minor hiccups on the track. Well done.

Also qualifying

Mrs. D.E. Waite with PRINCESS VALLONTHORPE (Jazz) (BC) 179.5

It gave me the greatest pleasure to see Doreen and Jazz qualify, as I know all the problems there has been with Jazz's stays and Doreen has stuck to her task and is now getting the rewards. Well done.

## WD STAKE

**Judge : JACQUI GIBNEY**

**Tracklayers: Sue Ashby (three days)  
Andrea Lynd (two days) and Geoff Poole  
(1 day)**

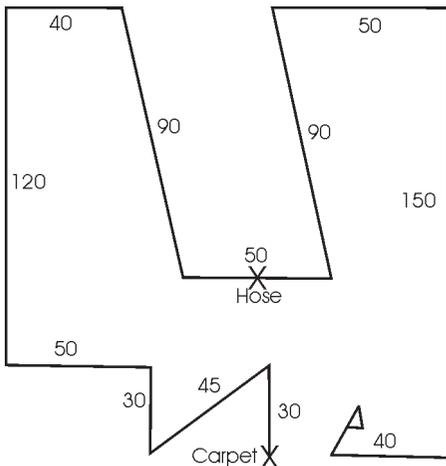
**Search steward: Dennis Nelson**

**C&A Steward: Andrea**

After a hectic few weeks, I was really looking forward to this appointment. Tracking on grass, weather: well, I think this part of the world has its own eco system! We had rain, fog, mist, warm wind, cold wind, sunshine ...

Thank you to my tracklayers Sue Ashby (three days), Andrea Lynd (two days) and Geoff Poole (1 day) and Dennis Nelson as search steward. Andrea, being a glutton for punishment, then stewarded the C&A for me on all three days. You were brilliant, thank you.

Of the 33 entries, over half achieved qualifying marks on the nosework, and as always we lost a few in control, ending up with 11 qualifiers overall.



**1st** Gary Martin with TYTRI ROY (BC). A sound performance from a keen, fast dog. Congratulations 187.5.

**2nd** June Reed with LITTLE JODE (GSD) (B). The dog I most wanted to take

home. An excellent round. 182.5

**3rd** Ruth Cahill with RAYRIVER AMBUSH OF SALENZE. Excellent handling as always, Ruth. Well done. 182

### **Qualifying Excellent :**

Walter Evans handling RITA'S LANCELOT VON SWARTZ (GSD) (D). Jack just went out there and did it. What a super dog he is. Walter's calm handling ensured Jack didn't take over. Excellent performance. 180

Christine Stewart with BELDORM DUNCAN (STD POODLE) (D). Well done 180  
Ann Dent with GERTY'S DARK SECRET (XB)(B). A good performance from this 8 year old. Well done. 176

John Gray with GRITTONBROOK MECCA (MALI)(B). What drive! Excellent handling John. 171.5

Fran Atkins with BRONFYNNON BRECON (WELSH SD)(D). These Welsh dogs always have to have the last word don't they?! He was naughty on the heelwork, but the rest of his round ensured a good qualification. Well done. 171.

John Watts with JAYESS ROUGH N TUMBLE (GSD)(D). Johns says Timba is still learning his job. I'm sure he'll be a force to be reckoned with. Well handled as always. 169.

Kath Woolley with TYNSIL TIGER WALKS AT DUNSA (GWP). Laid and run in thick fog. Moss worked well. 165.

And just on the button, Susan Cable with MISTY WHISPERS (XB)(B). A very delighted Sue at the end of the stays. Well done. 160.

Best nosework awarded to Dave Todd with ANJODA CLARA (GSD)(B). Excellent handling.

6 different breeds qualified WDX. Thank you competitors for entering and best wishes for the future.

Finally, thanks to NEC for inviting me to judge and Carole Hall and Julia Findeison for running the trial so well.

**STAKE : TD**

**Judge : HARRY ARBUCKLE**

A wind swept and interesting week in the north of England, where the conditions dictated the success rate of the competitors. On the days that were gently, the test proved very straight forward to these top class dogs and handlers. On the other days, every one was cold and wet for no apparent purpose. That I suppose id working trials!

The nosework at this event I found well up to expectation, but was surprised to lose some qualifiers in the control section on stays and jumps.

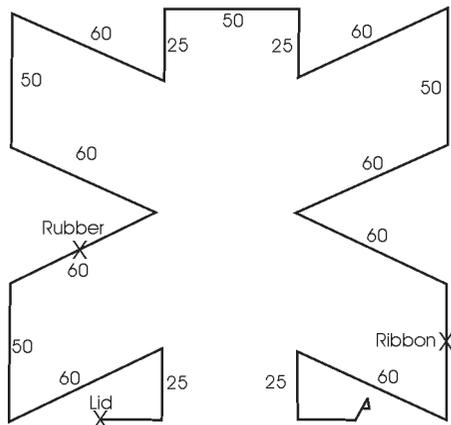
My thanks to the society for the honour of judging this stake, it was most enjoyable.

The following team prepared the tests and we are all very much obliged to them for giving their time for the society.

Jeff Margreaves, DaveTodd, Penny Pritchard, Dave Olney, Joyce Hudson, Lorraine Wilson and Ann Bedford (tracklayers).

Search and control steward Karen Warner, (first class lady with mean sense of humour).

The background team, marshalled by Carole Hall our trials manager ensured that things ran smoothly, dealing with any crisis without too much fuss. Thank you guys.



**1st** Margaret Robinson with JUST BRADLEY AT TRENTVALLEY, ticket winner and best nosework. A worthy winning team, an outstanding track in not the best of weather.

**2nd** Steve Boyall with STYPERSON LOMOND. This young lady has many triumphs ahead of her. Handled her dog with a calmness that I have seldom seen at this level.

**3rd** Lynsey Errington with WOODHEADS BLACK AGNES. Very accomplished round of work, particularly strong in the control section.

**4th** (after run off) Ann Fowler with WAGGERLAND FLOSS. Very sound work in every department again working in one of the more difficult days.

#### **Also qualifying TDX**

Glynis Page with BRIGLEN NUTMEG  
Elizabeth de Unger with BARNSTHORN STRIKE IT LUCKY

John Currie with DREAGANTA SAMH  
Barry Gilbert with LAETARE DAY JAVU  
Pat Herbert with JOLLY JILL

Peter Hines with TYTRIL KES OF BRYNSWOOD

Rosie Jones with DREAGANTA DOUBLE DISTINCTION

Joan Parker with LATCHETS VISION  
Pat Parkerson with DREAGANTER DOUBLE DECKER

David Waitt with DUNNSLAYNE BLUE OMEN

John Wykes with FLYNNTASTIC RED JAFF OF TARNFORCE

To all the competitors, thank you for bringing your work along to try my test. I enjoyed watching skilful handlers and top grade dogs at work. Best of luck to you all in the future.

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## YORKSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

On: 8th/9th April 2006 (Previous Days If Required)  
At: West Bretton Village Hall, West Bretton, Wakefield

Judges

UD Nosework:

Pete Morley

WD Nosework:

Cathrine Chadwick

TD Nosework:

Ron Jaques

TD/WD/UD C & A & CD: Suzanne Plumb

PD Stake:

Nelson Smith

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2005**

Entry fees: Tracking Stake £15 for CD Stake £11, paid up members £2.00 reduction  
Cheques made payable to Y.W.T.S

Schedules from / Entries to: Mrs S Margreaves Barnstable House, 38 High Street,  
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## **GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES FOR SALE**

**Sire:-** KENMILLONE FRASER CDex,UDex,WDex,TDex .  
**Sired by Tanfield Django Hips:-** 2 - 3

**Dam:-** LITTLE GINGERSPICE  
**Hips:-** 7 - 4

**Sire:-** is currently working in Ticket. Fraser goes back on to the WT CH Lidlecornish Chani line and Ch LauserVom Hasenborn, Ch Tanfield Delfie. He is a beautifully natured dog and full of drive.

**Dam,** Teasle, goes back on the lines of Ch Laios Van Noort, Ch CarlistonZous and Dringhoe Spartan,Dringhoe Flash and Dringho Greta. Teasel has a lovely temperament, very willing to please, and takes everything in her stride.

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## **MIDLAND COUNTIES GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

28th - 30th April 2006

Venue: Pond Farm, Walesby, Notts.

|         |                |               |
|---------|----------------|---------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake       | Mick Tustain  |
|         | WD Nosework    | Liz De Unger  |
|         | UD Nosework    | Stevi Boyall  |
|         | CD + UD/WD C&A | Maeve Weselby |

Entry Fees: PD/WD/UD Stakes £15.00    CD Stake £12.00  
(£2 reduction for paid up members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2006**

Schedules from: Wendy Magyar, 28 Mickledale Close, Bilsthorpe, Newark, Notts NG22 8QN  
Entries to: Garry Talbot, 31 Manor Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 8DL  
Please send SAE

## **BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

On : Monday 27th March - Saturday 1st April, 2006

At : Tewkesbury, Glos.

Judges : TD Stake : John Reynolds  
WD Stake : Jane Gray (Wed. onwards)  
UD Stake : Barbara Riste (Tues/Wed)  
CD Stake : Ron Davies  
(WD and UD Stakes all work in one day)  
(CD Stake: Friday)

Entry fees : TD/UD - £16.00; CD - £12.50

(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members - Membership number must be quoted on entry)

(Cheques should be made payable to B.A.G.S.D. Working Trials)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2006**

Schedules from / Entries with fees to the Trial Manager :

Mr. Charlie Taylor, High Reach, Hill Farm, Fernbrook Road, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire  
HR9 5RU.

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## **CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

On : 13th - 16th April 2006

At : Flintham, Notts

Judges : PD : Charlie Taylor  
WD : John West  
CD : Joan Snowden

(WD Stake all work in one day)

Entry Fees : PD / WD - £16.00; CD - £12.50

(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members - Membership number must be quoted on entry)

(Cheques should be made payable to B.A.G.S.D. Working Trials)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, 4th MARCH 2006**

Schedules from / Entries with fees to the Trial Manager :

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## LINCOLNSHIRE GSD & A.B.T.S CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

At: Dunholme Village Hall, Lincoln

On: 10th -12th March 2006

|         |          |                 |
|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake | Roy Williams    |
|         | WD Stake | Joyce Hudson    |
|         | UD Stake | Vana Moody      |
|         | CD Stake | Lorraine Wilson |

Trials Manager Mr Nigel Hines

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £16.00- CD Stake £12.00

( £1 reduction for paid up members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Schedules from/entries to: Mrs Jan Sewell, 53 Monarchs Road, Sutterton, Boston, Lincs

PE20 2HJ

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**HUCKNALL AND DISTRICT  
OPEN TRIAL**

17th-19th March 2006  
Jovial Dutchman, Crich, Derbyshire.

|         |          |                 |
|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Judges: | TD Stake | Sheila Tannert  |
|         | WD Stake | Linda Newbold   |
|         | UD Stake | Maeve Weselby   |
|         | CD Stake | Alison Davidson |

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £15.00 CD £10

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2006.**

Schedules from/entries with fees to: G Williamson, 28 Denehust Ave, Asply, Nottingham.  
NG8 5DA  
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**ICENI GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB  
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

on Saturday, 25th and Sunday 26th March, 2006  
at Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex.

|         |                       |                   |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Judges: | CD & all stakes C & A | Margaret Robinson |
|         | UD Nosework           | Christine Stewart |
|         | WD Nosework           | Ron Jaques        |
|         | TD Nosework           | Penny Bellis      |

Entry Fees:UD, WD, TD £15.00 CD £12.00  
(members £1.00 reduction)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2006.**

Schedules from/entries with fees to the Trials Manager;  
Mrs Frances Ball, 206 Ipswich Road, Colchester, Essex, CO4 0EP.  
(Please enclose S.A.E.)

**NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY  
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

On: week ending 26th February 2006  
At: Lower Withington Parish Hall, Near Knutsford.

|         |          |                 |
|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake | Alan Bolton     |
|         | WD Stake | Ricky Davies    |
|         | UD Stake | Jill Carruthers |
|         | CD Stake | Hilary Morris   |
|         | Veteran  | Jean Horseman   |

CD, UD, WD will be done on one day. Veteran on Sunday

Entry fees: PD WD UD £15 / CD £12 (£1 deduction for members) Veteran £7

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Schedules from/ entries with appropriate fees to the Trials Secretary:  
Mrs Judith Stamp, 191, Broad Lane, Rochdale, OL16 4PU  
Tel: 01706 525871

Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope

**ESSEX WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY - 2000  
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

2nd - 5th March 2006  
at: Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Billericay, Essex

|         |          |               |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake | Pete Carroll  |
|         | TD Stake | Lauren Marlow |
|         | WD Stake | Mick Tustain  |
|         | UD Stake | Bob Cook      |
|         | C&A      | Joan Miller   |

**ALL STAKES WILL BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY**

Entry fees are: £15.00 (£1.00 reduction for members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Entries From/Schedules to the Trials Manager:-  
Lynne Baker, 102 Simpson Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5QJ  
(Please include a SAE)  
Tel:- 01634 249884 mobile:- 07779 495421

## HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIAL SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

To be held between 21st. & 25th. March 2006  
at Newtown, Wickham, Hants.

|        |            |                |
|--------|------------|----------------|
| Judges | T.D. Stake | Dorothy Bowen  |
|        | W.D. Stake | Jean Cooke     |
|        | U.D. Stake | Gill MacGregor |

Entry Fees: £15.( £2.00 reduction for paid -up members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 27TH. FEBRUARY 2006**

Schedules from / Entries with fees, to the trials manager Mrs. Jean Howells,  
22 Beacon Square, Emsworth, Hants. PO10 7HU. Tel: 01243 372958  
( Please enclose S.A.E.)

## WEST HERTS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

31st March - 2nd April 2006  
at: Wood Farm, Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

|         |          |                |
|---------|----------|----------------|
| Judges: | TD Stake | Joan Snowdon   |
|         | WD Stake | Dave Clark     |
|         | UD Stake | Belinda Frakes |
|         | C&A      | Angela Porter  |

All stakes will be completed in one day

Entry fees are: £15.00 (£1.00 reduction for members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2006**

Entries From/Schedules to the Trials Manager:-  
Jan Vallack, 2 Heath Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 1TT  
(Please include a SAE)  
Tel:- 01442 254791

**SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING SOCIETY  
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

13th To 18th March 2006  
at: Ashdown Forest

|        |          |               |
|--------|----------|---------------|
| Judges | TD Stake | John West     |
|        | WD Stake | Dorothy Bowen |
|        | UD Stake | Ron Jacques   |
|        | CD Stake | Chris Brooks  |

Entry Fees Tracking Stakes £15.00, CD £13.00  
(£1.00 reduction for members)

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2006**

Entries to : Trials Manager, Mr Steve Skillin, c/o Pine Timbers, Crowborough Hill,  
Crowborough, East Sussex. TN6 2DB.  
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**SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY  
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**



at: Okewood Village Hall, Nr,Ockley, Surrey.  
on: 18th - 22nd April 2006

|         |          |                 |
|---------|----------|-----------------|
| Judges: | TD Stake | Roger Shrimpton |
|         | UD Stake | Lauren Marlow   |
|         | CD Stake | Penny Bellis    |

(CD Stake 22nd-23rd; UD Stake all work completed in one day)

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes£17.00 (Members £15.00)  
CD Stake £10.00 Senior Citizens £1.00 reduction

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2006**

Shedules from/entries with fees to: Mrs Christine Brooks, Cobleigh, Sheets Heath,  
Brookwood, Surrey. GU24 0EL  
(Please include S.A.E)

**POOLE & DISTRICT DTS  
OPEN TRIAL**

March 3rd / 4th 2006  
at: Linwood, New Forest.

Judges: TD Stake Anne Thorpe  
WD Stake Margaret Robinson  
UD Stake Paul Cousins

Enries £16.00 Members less £1.00

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH 2006**

Schedules from/ entries to: Melvin Drewitt, 35 Glenwood Rd, Verwood, Dorset. BH31 6HU  
Tel 07774878797  
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**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY  
OPEN TRIAL**

Airth Mains Farm, Airth,  
Friday 17th ( If Necessary ), Saturday 18th., Sunday 19th. March 2006

Judges: PD Stake Moira Rogerson,  
TD Nosework Iain Beaton  
WD Nosework Betty Calderwood  
UD Nosework Ed Brown  
CD Stake Sheena Kerr  
C&A Ann Bedford

**ALL WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY.**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2006**

**Trials Manager: Rachel Henderson 07789 378003**

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

Entries to/schedules from the Trials Secretary: Mrs. Lorna Cottier, 5 Hillside Gardens,  
Dolphinton, West Linton. Peeblesshire EH46 7AE Telephone number 01968 682218 /  
07855039787 (please include SAE )



# ASPADS Working Trials Society

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## DUNDEE OPEN TRIAL PD TD WD UD CD. ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 26TH 2006

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>PD</b> Tracy Park         | <b>TD</b> Tracy Park     |
| <b>WD</b> Lol Campbell       | <b>UD</b> Rudi Fruzynski |
| <b>CD</b> and C/A John Watts |                          |

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mrs Joyce Rae, 5 South Street, Monifieth, Dundee, DD5 4PJ  
**CLOSING DATE: 15TH FEBRUARY 2006**

## ENFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL TD WD UD CD. ENDING SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2006

All WD, UD and CD work in one day

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>TD</b> Roy Williams  | <b>WD</b> Jacqui Gibney |
| <b>UD</b> Lindsey Poole | <b>CD</b> Maeve Weselby |

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mrs Vana Moody, 35 Chace Avenue, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 5LZ  
**CLOSING DATE: 22ND FEBRUARY 2006**

## SCARBOROUGH OPEN TRIAL TD WD UD CD. ENDING SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2006

All work in one day

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>TD</b> Barry Gilbert        | <b>WD</b> Ann Bedford |
| <b>UD</b> Linda Newbold        | <b>CD</b> Dave Craven |
| <b>C &amp; A</b> Dave Marchant |                       |

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mrs P Hodgkins, 7 Mere View Gardens, Scarborough, N Yorks, YO12 4DF  
**CLOSING DATE: 12TH APRIL 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)

*email: judymeekings@yahoo.co.uk*

|            |                 |                |                    |
|------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Entry Fees | Tracking Stakes | Members £15.00 | Non Members £17.00 |
|            | C.D Stake       | Members £12.00 | Non Members £14.00 |