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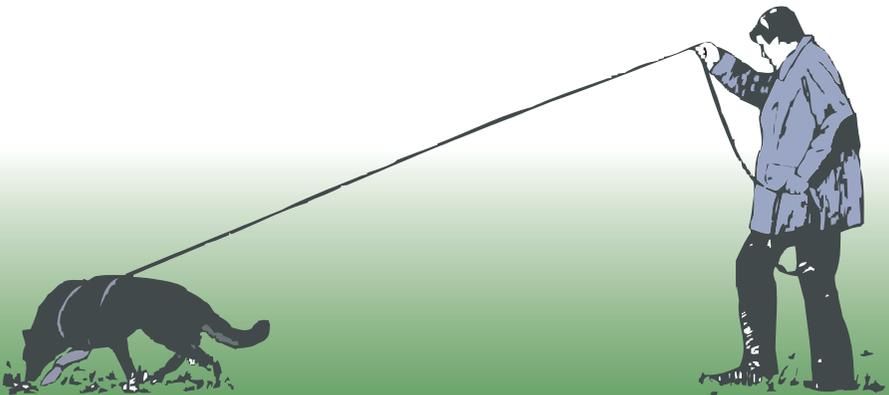
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EDITORIAL

Only one championship trial this month - Dave Marchant with WT. Ch. Waggerland Mister Jake were Judge Eric Roberts winning team at the Scottish WTS PD Trial at Lauder. Congratulations and good luck at the KCC's

This month sees an addition to the WTM team in the shape of Judy Meekings. Judy is coming on board as content co-ordinator and will be responsible for collecting and collating trial reports and articles. We feel sure Judy will make a valuable addition to our team and WTM will go from strength to strength and help us to maintain our goal of giving you the most comprehensive and informative Working Trials magazine available.

The 2006 Kennel Club Championships are looming, with only four qualifying trials to go. Can I take this opportunity to ask the hal-
lowed few that have already qualified to please send in their reports for the October issue as soon as possible.

MARK SKILLIN
Editor

READERS LETTERS

A LITTLE BIT OF WORKING TRIALS HISTORY

I think I may be going radio-active!!

Well, I look at my dog and I smile. I look at the certificates on the mantelpiece and the one that says Qualified CDEx and I glow. I think of the enjoyment of the days going somewhere playing this working trials game with my dog, the judges, the stewards in fact all the nice people I have met and I glow some more.

I look at the cards that people have sent and I glow even more. And just when I think that I should be getting my head out of the clouds another card comes through the post and I'm Glowing all over again!

Thank You, Thank You for all your lovely warm words of congratulations on our CDEx and 1st Place at Surrey Championship Trial. It is a joy to me that you are all as pleased and delighted as I am! We achieved 5th place and Open UD Certificate of Merit at Banbury only five days before, receiving the Best Track Rosette and Best Nosework Trophy at our first ever UD. I shall never forger Easter 2006.



Thank you to my tutors and to everyone I have trained with and anyone who has offered advice, I hope you feel I have used it wisely. I know in working trials terms our journey has only just begun, and I am expecting the bubble to burst before long, but in the meantime I am enjoying our little contribution to canine history.

"Riacaud Ulric de Picors CDEx" the first Pyrenean Sheepdog in the UK to get a working trials qualification. Ooooh - here I go I'm glowing again!

Thank You and enjoy your dogs.

With our best wishes from,
VICKY WILFORD
AND MONSIEUR SKOOTER DOG.

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

July

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| 7th | Welsh Kennel Club (Laleston, Bridgend, 17th to 20th August 2006) | OP | TD UD CD |
| 18th | Hampshire W. T.S. (Traveller's Rest, 21st to 26th August 2006) | CH | TD WD UD CD |
| 21st | BAGSD (Oxspring, 27th - 28th August 2006) | OP | PD CD |

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FAHRTENHUND 1 (ADVANCED TRACKING)

Do you have a dog that tracks like a demon but has a problem with one or more of the other exercises in Working Trials? Do you have a "veteran" that can no longer manage the jumps but still loves to track? Do you wish that there was an activity that you could both pursue and still title your dog? There is; it is the FH stake in Schutzhund.

In order to participate you must be a member of the BSA (British Schutzhund Association) and dogs must be registered and have a Performance Book. A prerequisite for participation is the dog must be tattooed and the pre qualification test for entry is the BH (Begleithunde) test.

The track has 7 legs, is 1200 paces long, 3 hours old with four articles, a cross track and the last leg must cross a well travelled footpath.

Dogs may work on a tracking harness, collar or be free tracked. The line, if used must be 10m long and the track must be worked at the full length of it. Handlers report in with their dog wearing a check chain on a dead link with the dog ready for tracking, ie harness and line already attached.

Dogs may indicate articles by sitting, lying down or standing or pick up the articles but not both and the judge has to be informed prior to starting the track which your dog will do.

The track is worth a maximum of 80 points and each article 5 points making the total points available 100; depending on your marks, successful completion is graded Excellent, Very Good, Good, or Satisfactory.

Having read the criteria I thought I would give it a go when the opportunity arose and

am pleased to say that Twiggy gained her FH 1 title over the Easter weekend at Bolton Schutzhund Club under Hartmut Teschke with 90/100 and was thus graded SG (Sehr Gut/Very Good).

So if you still have the competitive urge but you thought there was no outlet bar Veteran Stakes, this might be right up your street!

ALLYSON TOHMÉ

CLUB FOCUS

Please Note.

Essex 2000 have added a Veteran stake at their Championship trial in September. Les Theobald is the judge and it will be running on Sunday only

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SATS

Working Trials Taster Day 28th May 2006

This one day course was aimed at those with no previous experience of working trials and was attended by 11 handlers and their dogs, all but one being completely new to the sport.

The course was expertly run by Anne Bussey with valuable assistance from Marney Wells and Betty Mayes. The venue was a new one for SATS at Mark Skillin's beautiful farm in rural Kent.

The day started with Anne outlining the exercises in the trials schedule, then demonstrating the final goal by doing a control and agility round with her dog.

The big difference in the control section for obedience people is the sendaway, so Anne went through how to get the dogs

started on this using either a toy or a treat to motivate the dog. Then it was out on the field to have a go. The dogs and handlers were split into three groups each with an instructor, so no one had to wait around for long. After each exercise, everyone got together again to discuss problems and get advice about how to proceed further.



This was the pattern for the day, with most time being spent on tracking and agility. After a demonstration of a simple UD track, harnesses were found and fitted. Anne stressed the importance of correct line handling right from the start so the very first thing was to get the dogs enjoying pulling into the harness for a reward. After that it was the real thing with each dog doing 5 or 6 short starter tracks. Some dogs progressed very rapidly, others seemed unsure if they were "allowed" to follow their instincts. But everyone had some success and seemed keen to do more.

After lunch, it was time to try agility. There were enough small hurdles for handlers to go off and practice these on their own, while others tried the A-frame or long jump.



There wasn't enough time to cover the search in any detail and most handlers were suffering from information overload anyway! So the day finished with the dogs simply making a start on recognising a small square, by being encouraged to find a treat placed at the foot of each pole.

We were lucky to have ideal weather, sunny but quite cool with a steady breeze. It was a full day but there were plenty of opportunities to ask questions or just stop and absorb new ideas. Half a dozen SATS members came as spectators, but we all got involved one way or another, helping with individual dogs or just chatting to the newcomers about trials and training. I certainly enjoyed the day, it is always fascinating watching dogs starting to track. But it is also interesting to get a different viewpoint and fresh ideas on training methods. So if you get a chance, do go along to a taster day, and if there isn't one in your area, get your club to organise one and hopefully there will soon be plenty of new faces at trials.

BARBARA OTTLEY

SATS PD TRAINING WEEKEND

On the 3rd and 4th of June Mick Tustain ran a PD course on behalf of SATS at Hollybush Farm, Kent by kind permission of Mark Skillin.

Handlers included those new to the stake as well as those who had considerably more experience and the same could be said for the spectators.

The dogs ranged from those who had yet to enter the field of competition, those that were already in trials and one or two that already had a PDex under their belt; breeds included GSDs, BSDs, BCs, and a Labrador; not to mention a Bouvier and a cross breed.

Mick spent time with each handler ascertaining precisely what they wanted to work on and then determining whether or not this matched what they needed to work on.



Emphasis was placed on a correct bite; a firm foundation in this was essential before further exercises could commence without confusing the dog. Working on the principle that one can only successfully train one

variable at a time each dog and handler was eased almost seamlessly from "where it was" to "where it should be" or certainly "where it should be going".

A variety of techniques were used appropriate to the individual dog to trigger/maintain focus, drive and control.

Despite the heat Mick worked tirelessly giving each dog the opportunity both to learn and improve whilst equipping the handler with the knowledge to pursue an appropriate game plan on his or her return home.

Discussions continued well into the evening over the Barbie ("cue" not doll) and plans were mulled over for the next day's training which demonstrated the principles of latent learning (for both dogs and handlers) when the dogs' performances, without exception, verified the value of the previous day's tuition.

Many thanks to Wendy Donaldson for providing us with ample refreshments during the day and special thanks to SATS and Mick for putting on this calibre of event. Here's hoping for a repeat performance.

ALLYSON TOHMÉ

GOING TO THE DOGS IN THE ARCTIC

By Patrick Holden

It all started when we saw an article on Dog Sledging in the Arctic Circle and decided that it was a “must do” before the onset of really old age and decrepitude.

We booked a 3 night taster trip in Sweden (the trip also included snowmobiling, seeing Northern Lights, driving a reindeer sleigh, and a visit to the Ice Hotel).

We arrived at Kiruna in the north of Sweden which is further north than Iceland and most of Alaska. Our sledging adventure began when we were picked up at our hotel by Mats Rullander a former Swedish and UN soldier who owns a dog and adventure company (he also trains British SAS in Arctic survival techniques). At his HQ we were kitted out in warm Arctic proof clothing. We then “helped” Mats choose 10 Siberian Huskies from his 80 or so and fix them one by one in their har-



nesses. The harnesses are very like Working Trials harnesses - over the chest and shoulders with a ring on the back. There is a simple yoke from the dog’s collar also to the tow rope, to keep them in



line. They were impatient, barking, eager to start.

Mats stood with one foot on the rear runner and the other on the foot brake.

Up with the snow anchor, then to the lead dog “mush” - well “gopa” - and we were off at speed along a track of hard ice over humps and bumps with the wooden sledge rearing and bucking. When we reached the flat of the frozen river - the ice a safe metre thick - the drive but not the speed, eased.

The sledges are made of hot pressed laminated wood fastened with cord: they are thus flexible. These days they have plasticized runners and run very smoothly. The huskies which bark noisily when waiting in their compounds and while being harnessed are totally quiet when working and just get on with their job. The only sounds were the hiss of our sledge over the ice, and the distant wind in the trees sounding like a far away waterfall.

Our morning run was around 9 or 10 miles from the base, tracks over a road, then through trails in pine forests (watching out for reindeer and moose tracks), along a frozen river again through woods of pine and silver birch and then across a frozen lake and up to the wooden cabin where we were to spend the night.

The temperature ranged from -8c to -20c but although it was, of course, cold it was dry. The sky was clear, sunny and very bright on the snow throwing everything into sharp relief. On the smooth river ice Mats and I changed position so that I drove and he sat in the sledge.

One does not use a rein or a whip. The only aid is voice commands. The lead dog responds to the driver's voice commands. The only ones I used were his name and “go” (gopa), “stop” (stanna) - at a road or

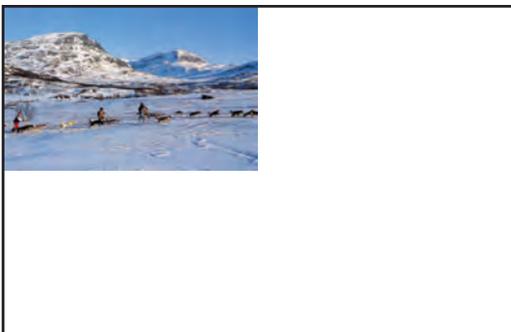
on the one sledge traffic block we came across, “left” (vanster) and “right” (hoger). Driving had some similarities to Working Trials in that one lets the dog lead at the end of a harness and uses redirects left or right for direction.

A driver can also affect the direction of the sledge by moving his weight over to one side of the handlebar and on to the relevant runner of the two that project at the rear, rather like balancing a boat.

There are 2 brakes between the 2 rear runners, one a steel shoe with 2 spikes on a short cord for ice, the other a flexible plate for deep snow, both worked by the driver stamping down one. There also is an anchor on a rope for when the sledges stay in one place for a while.

I found the driving surprisingly easy, although in practice this was far less a tribute to any skill of mine but rather the fact that the dogs who are happy when working knew the trails! My partner and I both found the experience enjoyable and exhilarating -indeed for us a major achievement.

Siberian huskies are pure bred in captivity and live outdoors in compounds but have kennels. They claim one of the oldest canine pedigrees. They originated from a nomadic people who first used them for hunting and then, as game became scarcer some 4000 years ago, as draught animals.



They are robust, sociable, pack animals. Their lives are simple: they just eat, sleep and run, apart from the breed dogs and bitches. They live and work until they are about 10. With around 1200 dogs in lkm around Kiruna and with 100 new dogs each year, so 100 are surplus to requirements and most are put down at the end of their working life. This is said to be kind since the huskies have no main interest apart from running which would not only make them bad pensioners and if kept without exercise they would be unhappy. It is of course, also economic..... Moreover, as they are never kept indoors and have never had house training are energetic and single minded, they would make very difficult pets.

The dogs are fed on a compound of reindeer and salmon (with 40% fat) for energy and dry food with warmed water.

They are very hardy as one would expect for animals living and working outdoors in the Arctic. They get ill very seldom apart from the occasional upset stomach. Neither dogs or bitches are neutered and bitches seasons can cause trouble when a fight may break out. If there is damage, Mats vets the dogs himself. Apparently Siberian huskies don't feel pain so that Mats simply stitches them up without anaesthetic or even a muzzle!

Puppies are trained from about 8 months onwards. They are socialised with other dogs (they have to work in a team and to ignore other dogs when passing on a track) and trained to tolerate noise eg cars, snow-mobiles, helicopters etc. They learn to be human handled to accept a collar and line and their harness. Each dog has a name and his/her own harness to fit. When they have learnt basic commands they then run in an experienced team. In our team we had one

dog of 10 years old and another of 10 months on his first major outing.

A lead dog or bitch is surprisingly not chosen as the strongest alpha but as the most attentive in training. He or she is chosen at 2/3 years old and remains a lead dog/bitch through the rest of his/her life.

With the lead dogs acting as the steering, the strongest heaviest dogs are placed nearest to the sledge.

We were glad that we had taken Working Trials kit - thermal underwear and various layers. We were not cold or uncomfortable and had a pleasant overnight in the (diesel-stove-warmed) wooden hut with hot reindeer soup and wild salmon to eat. The only slight disadvantage was an outside loo (deep drop) which meant that one had to give thought to timing one's visits! We were lucky enough to get a show of Northern Lights that evening — almost worth the trip in itself...

Sledging has become increasingly popular and Mats' company caters for between 1200/1500 guests each winter - the oldest guest being 82 and the youngest 3 months! One can have a joint sledge with up to 10 dogs or an individual one with 3 or 4 dogs. Trips range from a 2 hour journey with the guide driving throughout up to a 10 day safari on individual sledges staying in huts in the mountains.

We booked through an agent but it is possible to book direct through the internet and with a cheap Ryanair flight to Stockhohn and a local flight from the internal airport to Kiruna the whole experience needn't be that expensive.

Mats' website is www.jrt.se

Patrick Holden

WORKING TRIALS REPORTS

EAST ANGLIAN W.T.S.

OPEN TRIAL

26th – 29th January 2006

Waterlow Farm, Terrington St. Clements,
Kings Lynn

TRIAL MANAGER'S REPORT

My first trial as trials manager was greatly eased by the committee of EAWTS and a great team of helpers.

Thanks to Sandra and Keith for providing us with not only a base for the trial but a campsite and evening entertainment venue as well.

Jan Sewell for running the base for the four days, your lucky man Jim. And to Pete and Caroline Carroll for organizing the lush tracking land.

To all judges and helpers thanks for your dedication to trials and I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thanks.

PAUL MORLING

STAKE: CD (7 ENTRIES)

Judge: GEORGE HARDING

Search and control steward: Rowena Hodnett

My thanks to EAWTS for the invitation to judge the CD stake at this well run and very friendly trial. Special thanks must go to Sandra and Keith Dearing for providing an excellent base with every facility available and for organizing a first class meal and get together, on the Saturday evening, for all the helpers who made the trial a suc-

cess.

Thanks also to the trials manager Paul (Jack of all trades) Morling, who did about everything it was possible to do throughout the trial. Watch out Paul, it could become a regular job. The ladies in the kitchen, Diane Gouldeu and Sandra did an excellent job keeping us supplied with food and hot drinks. They were assisted by the base steward Jan Sewell who also organized the competitors, marked up the score sheets and wrote the certificates that were required. So many thanks to you all. I must also thank Rowena who put out the searches, stewarded the control, with very clear commands that we could all hear, and did her best to put everyone at their ease. My final thanks must go to the competitors for being a really nice group of people. All said how much they enjoyed their day and what a friendly trial it had been. All accepted my decisions with smiles and good grace. It was my pleasure to see your dogs at work.

As this stake is the first rung on the working trials ladder, I feel we should be encouraging newcomers and hopefully attracting a few more people into trials, with this in mind and knowing that the stays and agility usually take their toll, I set a very straightforward round with good sized articles for the searches, which were carried out on grass 3" – 4" long. Articles were; Wood 4" x 1.25" x 0.5", metal teaspoon and a piece of nylon scourer 3" x 2.5" One dog failed this section.

The sendaway was 40 paces straight to a fence post with an orange marker. This was not very well done, with only 2 dogs gaining more than half marks. The remaining exercises in the control section were done

to a fairly good standard, but unfortunately 2 dogs failed the down stay.

I allowed 2nd attempts at all jumps, only 2 dogs managed all three at the first attempt. Three dogs failed this section.

At the end of the trial we ended up with 2 qualifiers who were as follows.

1st Mrs. J. D. Miller FOXFOLD COALITION GSD/WSD (D). Q. CoM 92.5. A first class team, one to watch for the future. Full mark search, excellent control round. Only the long jump caused a problem. Well done Jenny and Kash. I will follow your progress with interest.

2nd Mrs. W. Harpur CAROLINA CRACKERJACK Lab. (D) Q. CoM 88.5 A very good all round performance, very good search and the only dog with full marks for agility. Well done Wendy, Dooley did you proud.

3rd Mrs. M. Swift BERRYTREE SIRIUS Lab. (D) N.Q. 77.5 hard luck Maria, one of the better sendaways, good search, good control, only the scale cost you dearly today. Hope you can sort that out and the CoM will soon come.

4th Mrs. H. Mercer STARDELL INDI B/C (B) N.Q. 75.5 another hard luck story. Good search, enough marks for agility, excellent control round but sat up after six minutes in the down stay, get that sorted Hilary and you and Indi will be on your way.

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**A.S.P.A.D.S
OPEN TRIAL**

11th & 12th February 2006

Bebside, Blyth, Northumberland.

STAKE:U.D.

**Judge: P. THOMAS (Polly)
Tracklayers: Brian Glasgow, Debbie Mead and Moira Rogerson.
Square & Control Steward: Stan Banks**

Many thanks to A.S.P.A.D.S. for asking me to judge at this very friendly trial. Thanks to those at base who kept us supplied with plenty of food. The accommodation and evening meals were great – thank-you. A big thank you to my tracklayers, Brian Glasgow, Debbie Mead and Moira Rogerson who laid the tracks exactly as requested and to Stan who did a wonderful job as Steward – if anyone needs a good Steward then ‘Stan’s the Man’. Thanks also to the friendly competitors – it was a pleasure to judge you. The track was a typical UD style ‘box within a box’ with a piece of leather on the second leg and a plastic teaspoon at the end – easy articles for the dogs. There were some super tracks. The search square had 3 articles on the diagonal and one in the top corner – they were material, wood, rubber and a beer-mat, again fairly easy for the dog, but marks were deducted for ‘mouthing’ and ‘dropping’. The control round was straightforward, with the Sendaway being about 75 yards away to a cone with a tracking pole holding it upright. The heelwork was designed to transport dog and handler around the jumps and to the Retrieve and Sendaway points. The jumps and down stay took their usual toll and unfortunately we lost a couple of good dogs this way. There were 4 qualifiers – well done; better luck to those who didn’t manage it this time.

1st Heather Patrick with SELDOM-SEEN ZIGGY CDex. WSD. 193.5. A lovely nosework round followed by a super control round. Well done Heather 'Nerves of Steel' – a real pleasure to watch and judge.

2nd Mick Cammidge with WAGGER-LAND SAM. WSD. 188. Glad you were well enough to compete Mick. A lovely team, did a stunning track, then got 4 out of the Search Square. Great Stuff.

3rd Jenny Holt with HULLATER BROCK. WSD. 185. Nice track, lovely search square.

4th Shuna Stewart with SELDOM-SEEN LIBBY CDex. BC. 181.5. Well done Shuna and Libby.

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**NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS
SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

25th & 26th February 2006
Lower Withington, Knutsford

STAKE: UD

Judge: JILL CARRUTHERS
Tracklayers: Arthur Ball & Terry Austin both days
Steward for C&A & nosework: Kim Astbury

Thanks must go to Kim, Arthur & Terry for giving up their weekend to help at this trial, your time & effort paid off well with 7 dogs gaining UDX. You are all very dedicated members of the society & by now you must know the land like the back of your hand! (or so the saying goes).

Only one dog failed to complete the track, & all qualified in the search. The C&A was a little mixed, with lots of extra commands from some handlers, both verbal & non-verbal (body language does count).

1st 191 DAISY DOO CDX UDX with Jackie Dykes. As the marks show Daisy hardly put a paw out of line, she is lovely, a very happy girl. Keep up the good work Jackie, you will go from strength to strength with her fantastic attitude & ability. Congratulations to you both.

2nd 188 DURSTONE MELODY CDX UDX with Sue Jones. Meg is a star dog, she has "several CDX's & wins to her credit. This was a double today, gaining another CDX & your UDX too. I am sure she has a wonderful future in trials, congratulations Sue & Meg.

3rd 185.5 STARDELL ALULA CDX UDX with Dave Olley. Dave dwarfs little Nell, but he handles her so well, giving so much confidence when required. A fantastic partnership working the test as a team, a pleasure to judge, congratulations on your UDX

4th 182.5 SELDOMSEEN RIO CDX UDX with Moira Rogerson. Rio is a young dog in very experienced hands of Moira, another one destined for the top, congratulations.

Also qualifying;
178 HULLATER BROCK CDX UDX with Jenny Holt
178 MATTIAS BELLARINA CDX UDX with Angie Smith
172.5 TELL TALE TACO UDX with Sue Scott

Final thanks to Judith & Hazel at the base for all your help. Also to the superb gang in the kitchen, lovely grub! Well done Dave Bell on a very enjoyable trial.

**YORKSHIRE WORKING TRIALS
SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

1st – 4th March 2006
Nostell

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It felt as if very little went right for this trial but thanks to our workers and judges we managed to get through it without any major mishap.

The judges have thanked their tracklayers and stewards in their reports but I'd also like particularly to thank the following people who rearranged their time at the last minute to rescue us:

Jan & Tom Darby, Dave Craven, Jeff Morgreaves, Brian Page, Julia Findeisen, Ann Bedford.

Thanks also to Janine and everyone who helped with the refreshments, and to our farmers for their generous use of their land.

YVONNE CARPENTER

STAKE: UD

Judge: JOYCE HUDSON

Tracklayers: Ann Bedford and Dave Craven

Steward: Julia Findeisen

Many thanks to YWTS for the appointment to judge at Nostell. It brought back many happy memories of working my own dogs there.

I was impressed with the standard of work from all the competitors and nice to see such happy dogs.

The down stay was the downfall of most of

the dogs that failed. It is not an easy field to set up a down stay. Train for everything you can think of. Good luck to you all in the future.

1st 184.5 Q. Pat Parkinson & CARISHILL HYACINTH (Goldie). I always enjoy watching Pat work her dogs, if she was any more laid back she'd fall over! Well done Pat.

2nd 176.5 Q. Judith Owens & FIRCROFT DALWINNIE (B/C). another good handler who knows when to encourage her dog, nice to watch. Well done.

3rd 171.5 Q. Miss R. LEATHAM & JUSTY GUS (WSD) nice dog and well handled by this young lady. Well done. Good luck in the future.

4th N.Q. 183. Dave Olley and STARDELL ALULA (B/C). very nice work from handler and dog. Shame about the jumps Dave, another day!

I'd like to say a big thank you to my tracklayers Ann Bedford and Dave Craven, they did a great job. Also to Yvonne and to the ladies in the base for keeping us fed and watered. Last but definitely not least my steward Julia Findeisen, friend and exceptionally good steward. Thanks Jules.

Happy Trialling Everyone.

STAKE: WD

Judge: MOIRA ROGERSON

Tracklayers: Brian Page, Jeff Margreaves, Ken Jones and Dave Olley
Search and control steward: Heather Patrick

Thank you to the society for the invitation to judge. Yorkshire always run a good trial,

**LEAMINGTON DTC
OPEN TRIAL**

and everything ran smoothly, even though the trial manager Damian Chadwick, was ill. I hope he feels better now. Thank you to my tracklayers and Heather my steward and to everyone who gave up their time to make the trial enjoyable.

There were 27 entries, 25 worked and we ended up with 11 qualifiers.

1st Mrs D. Collies WSD (B) COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE CDX. UDX. WDX. 185 pts also got the best nosework. A great team that I am sure have a bright future ahead of them. Well done.

2nd Mr B. James's BC bitch TYTRI KAY CDX. UDX. WDX. 172.5 points. Another lovely collie bitch, well handled by Barry. Well done.

3rd Mrs H. Hirst's Aus Shep, Dog TRIJEM ALL AMERICAN TALE OF AVAWAGA 172.5 a strong tracking dog with an excellent control round. Good luck for the future.

4th Mr A. Pollard PRIDE OF THE GLEN CDX. UDX. WDX. 172 pts. A lovely happy dog well handled. Well done.

Also qualifying;

Ms R. Cahill's GSD dog BAYRIVER AMBUSH OF SALANZE CDX. UDX. WDX. 170.5 pts

Mrs L. Wilson's xbreed dog ALFIE PEPPER POT CDX. UDX 170 pts

Mr J. Watts GSD dog JAYESS ROUGH N' TUMBLE CDX. UDX. WDX. 167.5

Mr J. Sewell's GSD bitch DRESBURG ESTELLE CDX. UDX. 165.5

Mr B. Richardson's BSD Mal. CAPER KALI CDX. UDX. 164.5 pts

Qualifying WD only;

Mrs R. Kidson's BC dog CARFELD GYP CDX. UDX. 157.5 pts

Carla Morris's Welsh S/D dog AZI AZA KITE CDX. UDX.

4th March 2006

VETERAN STAKE

Judge: ZOE FINLAY

Track layers: Roger Shrimpton & Anne Shepherd

Square Steward: Sue McCabe

Thank you to Leamington Working trials committee for press-ganging (no sorry, inviting) me to judge the Veteran stake at their open trial. Judging in trials is something I've avoided for years and anyone who knows me as a wreck of a competitor will understand why. However, I was not at all nervous on the day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you Roger and Anne, my track layers and Sue, my steward, to the guys running the base, and Sue & Bob for the food.

Veterans is interesting to judge in that there are no KC rules at all to refer to. This gives the opportunity to set a slightly novel test but apprehension on how to apportion marks. I considered it important that the best tracking dog should win and had concerns that having more articles in the square might upset that balance. However, on reflection, the placings line up was exactly how I would have wanted it. Seven dogs entered and five dogs ran.

I set a straight forward track pattern to keep it simple due to my inexperience. The track was 1.5 hours old with three articles, a 3" piece of hosepipe, a 5" knot of green string and a ball on a rope for the end article. 110 marks were allocated to the track plus 10 for each track article. All

dogs bar one got round the track. Only one dog got all three articles off the track.

The 25 yd search square had six articles, a cork, plastic hot chocolate tub lid, 2"x3" green scourer, 5" twig, 2"x3" green cord fabric and 3" carpet. The competitors weren't told how many articles were in the square until the last one was recovered. Each square article gained 7 marks plus 8 handling/style marks. Only one dog got all six articles, this was the dog that didn't complete the square so he felt he had a good day after all.

Thank you to all the competitors for enjoying the day out with your oldies. I was very impressed with everyone's attitudes. Thanks to everyone at Leamington for your advice and support whilst in I was in panic mode, and to Andy, my hubby, for being crash test dummy (sorry, run-through volunteer).

1st Alan Ballinger with MAGIC FEATHER DUSTER TDex (WSD).

174/190 Brilliant tracking, a joy to watch.

2nd Chris Gregory with WT Ch VOMSANDBAR EROS TDex-PDex (GSD) 171/190 Lovely tidy track, the second article would have changed the order.

3rd Carla Nieuwenhuizen with SHADOWSQUAD HIGH FLYER (GSD) 168/190 I tracklaid for the very first time for Carla and Flyer and was petrified. It was an honour to judge their only competitive round. Lovely track and just as speedy as before.

4th Kate Wykes with TIP OF TARN-FORCE CDex-TDex (BC) 162/190 Super track, especially so as Kate doesn't normally work Tip. Tip took advantage of this in the square.

**ESSEX WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
2000
OPENTRIAL**

4th and 5th March 2006

Crays Hall Farm, Church Lane, Crays Hill, Billericay.

CD Stake

Judge: STELLA SMYTH.

My thanks to Essex WTS 2000 for the opportunity to judge their CD Open Working Trial. I had a very relaxing day out watching dogs work (or not as the case may be!) The weather was relatively kind, only light showers, with gusty wind. Thanks also to Sally Baker for stewarding, much appreciated.

We had eight entries but were down to five on the day. All the dogs and handlers have potential but more work and less nerves are needed!

1st & the only qualifier DUNNSLAYNE DAZZLING QUEEN (WSD) A very respectable round, good luck in your future trials.

2nd BOSIE BOY (GSD) sort out those stays and you'll have a winner.

3rd FREEDOMS DREAM (Wei) Wow can this dog jump! Stays would have made all the difference.

4th CALVADOS GATHERING STORM (Newfie), great dog but I don't think Newfies are going to take over working trials just yet. Thanks for a super handler attitude.

5th SNOW DIAMOND (GSD) the first trial can be scary, hope you enjoyed yourself. Keep training and you will both be fine.

Stake: UD

Judge: MIKE WOODS & BOB COOK
(Report sent in by Mike Woods)
Track Layers: Dave Self & Jan Vallack
Stewards: Dave Self & Jan Vallack

I started off laying search squares and Bob Cook was the Judge, as the morning progressed Bob became quite unwell and it was apparent he would not be able to continue. After a phone call to base it was agreed Bob would be taken home and I would take over the judging.

I would like to thank Lynne Baker, Dave Self and Jan Vallack for the help they gave Bob and the assistance they gave me with the UD judging. They really were first class. Happily Bob made a good recovery after a period of 2 weeks and is now back to his grumpy old self, just how we like him.

1st K. Sear JAFARE THYME TINGLE NQ 185. An excellent track with full marks square. It was a pleasure to watch this little cocker spaniel track.

2nd V. Ridge KASTANIE TITANIA NQ 178.5 Excellent track and square. Well done. I'm sure qualification should be soon.

3rd W. Siggers HEATHGATE ISLA NQ 169. Well done Wendy. Nice track to watch. Hope you achieve qualification soon.

4th J. Clarke CASMAWLLAN JACK IN THE BOX NQ 106.5 A good performance on the track but unfortunately did not complete it. Well done on the square.

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**SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING
SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

18th March 2006
Nutley Village Hall

STAKE: CD

Judge: CHRISTINE BROOKS
Steward: Maggie Richardson.

Thanks SATS for inviting me – I enjoyed my day and didn't feel cold once in the wind but with so many layers on I felt – and probably looked - like Michelin man. Thank you Maggie for your very capable stewarding and also Julie, Steve's other half, who came to help and see what was involved at the same time. The nosework standard was quite high and mostly a pleasure to watch – 100% success rate – but inevitably some dogs managed to fail themselves on the C&A. The most noticeable feature was that the heelwork was much better off lead than on! Congratulations to those who succeeded – and better luck next time to the rest.

1st Pat McMaster & KRISTAL MIGHTY (Xbrd) 93 marks. Pat was rightly thrilled with his dog's response coming back to competing from a situation where he thought the dog might never work again.

2nd Jane Webb & LENWORTH BRIONY (WSD) 88marks. A new girl with potential – 29/30 and 44.5/ 50.- but just needed second attempts on the jumps.

3rd Mike Robinson & FLINT OF GLEN MEL (BC) 84.5 marks. A “returning” handler with what looks like a very capable dog.

4th Jane Gray & GOMARINGEN HANNS AT DERJANCA. (LAB) 82 marks. Jane & her ‘big baby boy’ managing to put it all together!

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SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

18th/19th March 2006
Airth Mains Farm, Airth, Skinflats

TD WD UD CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: ANN BEDFORD
Steward Stevie Braithwaite

Thank you to SWTS for the invitation to judge at this trial. Thanks to trials manager Rachel Henderson for organizing the event, along with her band of helpers, including David, Betty and Helen in base, plus an excellent catering van. The weather was cold and overcast on the Saturday, the sun making a welcome appearance on the Sunday. Many thanks to Stevie for stewarding both days, keeping both competitors and myself in order.

TD. 12 entries.

1st Fran Mitchell with RENDALE ROBIN. Lab. 207. C.o.M. Good steady round from this lab, giving one of only two full point sendaways in this stake.

2nd Bill Richardson with CAPER KALI. Malinois. 201.5. C.o.M. Bit of tidying required on the heelwork, otherwise a nice control round. Definately a young lady with attitude and potential, suspect she'll enjoy PD.

3rd Lindsay Errington with CASTLESIDE YOUNG JET. Lab. 200.5. C.o.M. Precise round, the usual standard we've come to expect from Lindsay and her dogs.

4th Sheila Shearer with DREAGANTA DEODUBH. BC. 198.5. C.o.M. Nice tidy round, though sendaway obviously not long enough for Smudge.

Also Qualified CoM:

Pam Cuthbert and PIERCES BOY. Crossbreed. 195.5.

John Watts and JAYESS ROUGH 'N' TUMBLE. GSD. 184.5. The other full point sendaway

WD. 4 entries. Unfortunately no qualifiers overall.

1st Heather Patrick with SELDOM SEEN ZIGGY. WSD. NQ. Nice control, just a bit of tidying here and there

2nd Carol Ashworth with TWEEDSMILL LOCH. F/C Ret. NQ. Enthusiastic dog putting on a nice performance in control.

3rd Liz Roberts with CALLANWAY HARRIS. GSD. NQ. Ti not giving his best today but I'm sure Liz will talk him round.

UD. 10 entries.

1st Margot Delaney with BROCK-ETSFIELD BLACK MAGIC. X Breed. 192.5. C.o.M. This dog took CD by storm on Sat and then repeated her success in UD on Sun. Slight variation of a theme on the sendaway, but I suspect this will be sorted out before long. One of only two dogs to qualify agility.

2nd Jenny Beaton with TRIALEX NORTHERN LIGHT. GSD. NQ. Nice control round from this young GSD, only falling foul of the jumps (nerves got the better of mum). Believe in him Jenny, he can do it!

3rd Jim McKay with CONADREW VASKO. GSD. NQ. Another young dog that came unstuck at the jumps, but shouldn't be too long in getting there.

4th Katy Whittemore with DEVILS-BECK MUSTANG. G. Ret. NQ. Lovely dog handled well by this young lady who is new to trials. Best control round of the stake and full point jumps.

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HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

22nd – 25th March 2006
The Travellers Rest, Newtown, Hants.

STAKE: UD

Judge: GILL MACGREGOR
Tracklayers: Ann Clark all 3 days, Mary Drewitt Friday & Saturday and Paula Harvey Thursday
Stewards: Colin Harrison

Thanks to Hampshire Society for the invitation to judge the UD stake, also for Jean & all her helpers for their hard work before and during the trial. My thanks to my tracklayers and to Colin who stewarded the nosework & the control you all did an excellent job and were great company over the 3 days even when it was raining. Many thanks to John Bowen who made sure we had a drink and something to eat each day and escorted the competitors to their tracks.

23 entered 22 ran

1st Gavin Thomson CONCENN XANADU GSD (D) 194.5 Q. A good track and 4 out of the square and only losing 1 on your control, full mark agility. Made you worthy winner (Bet you are glad you did the stays now!).

2nd Ms Margaret Jones RUSKATH ONE STEP AHEAD WSD (D) 193.5 Q. Lovely control round unfortunate you needed second attempt with clear jump, followed by a nice track and square. Well done.

3rd Mrs Ruth Kuszek SOUTH-LEIGH TORNADO KING SBT (D) 189.5 Q. This little dog has bags of enthusiasm, wasn't bothered by the pheasant on the track retrieved 4 out of the square. Good control round shame about the clear jump. Well done.

4th Lynne Watkins STARSHOT DOLGOS WITH SZIKRAS WH VIZ (B) 188.5 Q. Excellent track 3 out of the square full mark agility and nice control round Well done.

Also Qualifying;
Mr D Edmonds PEPNICK HALF PENNY GSD (B) 182 Q

STAKE: WD

Judge: PAULA HARVEY

Tracklayers: Vana Moody, Lindsey Poole

Steward: Vana Moody

I would like to thank Hampshire for the invitation to judge. Tracking was on newly sewn crop with no growth. Unfortunately it proved too hard for these young inexperienced dogs. Thanks must go to my tracklayers who also laid my squares. Control was on the whole good but on the second day we had several dogs who broke the stays. Well it was raining!

1st Steve Linney GEMSTONE
EASTER WISH XB B. 90 NQ. Don't
despair you will get your WD soon.

2nd Robert Willatts MOORMILL
NILANDU FCR D. 89 NQ.

3rd Vreli Middleton SHARDEE'S
JODIE GSD B. 85 NQ.

4th Gary Squires ARNCOURT
DELTA CDX. UDX GSD B. 84.5 NQ.

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**ASPADS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL:**

Dundee
W/E 26th March 2006

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK & PD STAKE

Judge: TRACEY PARK

Stewards: TD Tracklayers & Square

Stewards: Jim Jeffrey, Bill Mackie & Gary Tait

PD Control & Manwork Steward: John Watts

PD Tracklayer & Square Steward: Bill Mackie

PD Criminals: Gary Tait, Alan Cuthbert and Lol Campbell

First of all I would like to thank ASPADS for the invitation to judge the TD Nosework and the PD Stake at Dundee. To Trials Manager Jim Jeffrey who kept everything running smoothly, Joyce Rae who sorted our accommodation out and entertained us on our nights out. Many thanks to you all, you all done a fab job and it was much appreciated.

My tracklayers did a brill job - thank you. And to John who once again stewarded for me in the PD Control & Manwork - thank you.

Tracking for both stakes was on short sheep grazed fields. Looked very nice, but looks are very deceiving. The weather conditions varied from rain to sunshine to real bad mist.

TD NOSEWORK RESULTS

1st Mrs F. Mitchell & RENDALE
ROBIN (Lab) D. Fran & Winston did a fantastic track & square and well deserved their win. I think you & Winston will do really well in TD Championship. I remember seeing you in CD Championship and you have come a long way since then. Your hard work has certainly paid off. Well Done. 211 Q

2nd Mr E. Brown & DIVAS
DELIGHT (Lab) B. Ed & DD flew round the track and had no problems at all. Just exactly what I would expect from you Ed. Well done on your qualification and thanks for the huge Easter egg I won for you in the raffle - it was delicious. 210.5 Q.

3rd. Mrs Ailsa Anderson & SEA-
HAAR SHELL (WSD) B. Ailsa was the first person to track in a field that saw no other dogs get round on that day. She made

it look so easy and deserved to do well. Well Done. 205 Q.

4th Mrs S. Shearer & DREAGANTA DEODUBH (BC) D. Sheila & Smudge missed a couple of legs on the track but more than made up for it with a Square that is to die for - it was perfection. Well done I am so pleased you qualified. 194.5 Q.

PD STAKE

The manwork round started off with a Test of Courage from behind, then take control of the situation and then the criminals were to be escorted, (they knew where to go) and then an attack on handler would take place. Tidy that situation up and then it was on to the quarter which was out to the boundary, along a fence across to a hide and down to another hide where the criminal (Mr Campbell) was hiding. Once dog had located, handler could join it and sort the situation out. Then it was onto the recall and chase, both set out exactly the same. Sounds so easy when on paper doesn't it?!

Being just an open I do not believe in setting a test to fool either the dog or the handler, I believe you can still see good from bad in the easiest of tests. I also like my manwork rounds to flow from one exercise to the other. My criminals did a fab job and I personally would like to thank them for their time and effort. In Geordie language - Ta very much!

1st Mrs C Wright & NORSHEP AMBER GAMBLER. (GSD) B. Caroline, Amber's quartering needs a little more work and then I think she has the whole package for PD. She certainly likes it. 254 NQ

2nd Miss Joan Miller & TRKINDALE ACE. (WSD) D. Unfortunately

Ricky failed to get round his track, but gave a good account of himself in the manwork section. He is well controlled and listens well to Joan and he also has a beautiful escort. 188.5 NQ

To all the competitors that qualified well done, and to those that didn't keep working hard, it will come soon.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

26th March - 1st April 2006
Tewkesbury

STAKE: CD

Judge: RON DAVIES
Steward: Yvonne Filleul

My thanks to BAGSD for the invitation to judge. The trial was well run by Charlie, with the able assistance of Martine. Many thanks to Yvonne for stewarding the search squares and scribing the C&A round. Thank you Ruth for putting me up for two days. You made me feel very welcome. I thought the standard of the majority of competitors was excellent, it was a pity we lost so many in the stays because of the storm.

1st with 95.5 was Mrs C. Bourne with WSD (D) FLAME OF THE FOREST. Full mark sendaway, a great round

2nd with 94.5 was Mrs M. S. Jones with RUSKATH ONESTEP AHEAD WSD (D). First class search and retrieve.

3rd with 94 Mr G. & Mrs V. Thomson

with CONCENN XANADU GSD (D). Full mark jumps. Well done.

4th with 91 Mrs C. Brooks with DARIAH IN YOUR SMILE BC (D). well done Chris.

Also qualifying;

Mr C. Goodridge with NURAJAY TINKS KINGDOM GSD (D). 89.5 pts.

Mr & Mrs Stonely with SPARKY OF WESSEX WSD (D) 87.5 pts.

Mr D. Edmonds with PEPNICK HOCUS POCUS GSD (D) 86 pts.

Mrs J. Gibney with BRYN HEULOG AT BREACON WSD (D) 84.5 pts.

Mrs E. Anderson with PINES PORSCHE OF MYRTILLAS Hovawart (B) 84 pts.

L. Watkins with STARSHOT DOLGOS WITH SZIKRAS H.W.H. Visla (B) 81 pts.

Mr & Mrs B. Wood with PIXHAM PRETTY LADY CDex. S.S. (B) 80.5 pts.

J. S. & C. Thornley with LENWORTH BRYONY Lab. (B) 78.5 pts

Mrs E. Beaumont with VOMHAUSNYE ODYSSEUS GSD (D) 77 pts.

STAKE: U.D (17 ENTRIES)

Judge: BARBARA RISTE

Track Layers: Ruth Cahill (two days), Marney Wells (one day), Yvonne Filleul (one day).

Search Steward & C/A Steward Brian Riste (two days)

Thank you BAGSD for the invitation to judge the U.D stake. I really enjoyed myself. A very well run and friendly trial. This is mainly due to Martine and Charlie for all their hard work, not only during the trial but also for pre-trial organisation, plus all their merry band of helpers. Jan at base what a super job you did. For my track lay-

ers and steward a big thank you, you did a grand job not only for me but also for the competitors, not forgetting Jaquie for putting up the jumps. The weather was a combination of sun, rain and wind. Tracking was on spring corn with quite good growth.

1st Mrs Sue Jones - DURSTONE MELODY W.S.D. A superb performance throughout, and also the best track. Well done Sue. Q 197.5

2nd Mr John Simpson - GLEN ROYAL JAZZ G.S.D. Again a good all round performance. Well done. Q 189.5

3rd Mrs N Rees - TRIJEM ICENI WREAK HAVOK A.S.D. A good all round performance too. Well done. Q 187

4th Chris Young - MALI OF MEADOWALK B.C. Worked well throughout, a good performance. Well done Chris. Q 185

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**WEST HERTS WORKING TRIAL
SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

31st March - 2nd April 2006
Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead

STAKE: WD NOSEWORK

Judge: DAVID CLARK

Tracklayers: (Friday) Vana Moody, Gary Martin (Saturday) Ron Jaques, Jim Sewell

Stewards: Friday/Sat/Sun. Jan Sewell

I would like to thank West Herts W. T. S. for the invitation to judge the WD nose-

work. I would also like to thank Jan and Brian Vallack for putting me up while I was judging. They made me feel very welcome and I very much appreciate everything they did. Sadly I was unable to eat any of Jan's lovely cakes, this time! but I look forward to enjoying them again in the future. The trial was very well organised and it was a true pleasure to be invited to judge. Also I need to thank my tracklayers on Friday, Vana Moody and Gary Martin, on Saturday, Ron Jaques and Jim Sewell, on Sunday Jim Sewell. Also my square steward Jan Sewell, who made everything flow on the day.

1st Steve Liney 190.5 It looks like you are on a roll Steve, well done! Q.

2nd A. Goodley 164.5 Well done. Q.

3rd Mike Robinson 179 NQ.

4th I. Nichol 178.5 Best track – well done. NQ.

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK

Judge: JOAN SNOWDEN

Tracklayers: Malc Snowden, Nigel

Hines and Ron Jaques

Stewards: Friday Stella Parr. Saturday & Sunday June Hines

I would like to thank the society for the invitation to judge the TD nosework. Special thanks to Jan Vallack and her well organised team for making my job a pleasure at one of my favourite trials. Many thanks to the farmer for the use of his farm. My tracklayers Malc, Nigel and Ron thank you.

On Friday a very nervous Stella was my square layer having never laid square at a trial before did a great job, thanks Stella,

and June for laying the squares Sat and Sunday.

Bob and Sue in their chuck wagon kept us well fed and watered, many thanks.

The weather was bright but very windy. Tracking was on well grown winter wheat. 23 dogs were entered but only 16 dogs ran. Most of the dogs gave the nosework a good go, but seemed to run out of steam in the square. 7 dogs qualified the nosework. We finished with 5 qualifiers at the end of the 3 days. Well done to all qualifiers experience showed and good luck at future trials to everyone.

1st C. Gregory with VOMHAUS-NYE QUANTUM GSD on 201.5 pts.

2nd J. Owens with FIRCROFT DAL-WINNIE BC on 198.5 pts.

3rd J. Hickey with Ir. Ch. BEESTING WICCA BC on 192 pts.

4th Roger Shrimpton with GRELGANNA KIRA BC on 186 pts.

Also qualifying;

G. Martin with TYTRI ROY BC on 184.5 pts.

STAKE: UD,WD AND TD CONTROL & AGILITY

Judge: ANGELA PORTER

Steward: Paula Jacques.

Firstly, I must thank West Herts for the invitation to judge the C/A for their Open Trial. The generosity of farmers Bob and Jenny each year is quite wonderful. It was a great honour to be invited, and I feel sure that although the standard in each stake was very varied, I marked in a fair and impartial way.

My steward, Paula, was consistent

throughout, supportive and great company, thank you Paula. (Think we only had one mental lapse each over the trial, not too bad!). Can I at this point draw some attention to what I see as 'over-handling' of dogs between the exercises? This was once pointed out to me as a competitor, by a concerned judge and I was surprised at the next trial how little physical contact my dog actually needed, and it looks smarter. Thank you competitors, for accepting my decisions, and although the weather was not so idyllic as it usually is at Piccotts End, we did not get wet!

UD STAKE

1st Mr R Shropshire with STYPERSON OLIVER Lab D. Very well done, Bob, for a young dog not yet 2 years old. I am sure he will do well in your capable hands. He needs a good bribe to let go of the dumbbell! Full mark jumps. Q 176.

2nd A Salisbury with DUNNSLAYNE DAZZLING QUEEN WSD B. Another young dog. Dazzle started so well on the control Avril, and got unlucky on the scale. One of the better sendaways. Keep on trying and you will get there. NQ 174.5

3rd V King with LITTLE TIKKI FOR LUCK AT KINGSPRIDE GSD B. It was good to see you working so confidently with Tikki, Val, her control was a very smart round, and no problems with jumps for this little girl. Well done. Won trophies for Best GSD in UD and Highest Placed Club GSD. NQ 163.5

4th K Sears with JAFARE THYME TINGLE CS B. Well done on this place, Kelly, with Tia. You seem to be specialising in almost full mark sendaways wherever you go! Jumps are letting you down at present, keep working as you are so nearly

there. NQ 158

WD STAKE

1st Mr S Liney with GEMSTONE EASTER WISH X B. Little Gem did you proud today, Steve, all her C/A was evenly efficient and businesslike. A well deserved win. Won Trophy for highest placed Non GSD or Collie. Q 190.5

2nd A Goodley and HOLLY COLLIE WSD B (handled by Rosemary). Well done on this place with Hollie, Rosemary. A little more polish on the sendaway, but the rest of her work was a pleasure to watch. Q 164.5

3rd Mr. M Robinson with FLINT OF GLENMEL DC D. Nice control, Mike, but unlucky on the jumps. Not your day today but Flint is such a happy worker success is not far away. NQ 179.

4th I Nicholl with GAMEPOINT GO AND GO WEIM D. Not much wrong with Kaiser's C/A, Irene, the best sendaway in WD. I love watching this boy work. You must have been unlucky in the search square. Won Trophy for best WD Track NQ 178.5

TD STAKE

1st C Gregory with VOMHAUSNYE QUANTUM GSD B. West Herts is your lucky venue Chris! Buffy likes to live dangerously while voicing her opinions, but calm handling saved the day. Nice round from this keen youngster. Won Trophies for Best Track TD and Best GSD in TD. Q 201.5

2nd J Owens with FIRCROFT DALWINNIE BC B. Well done on this place, Judith. Wisely called a halt to the redirect while Guess was still happy (quitting while

ahead?!) Full mark jumps, competent round. Q 198.5

3rd J Hickey with Ir. CH BEESTING WICCA BC B. Another nice round from Jennifer and Teegan, a little unlucky with only one exercise, but everything is in place for success. Another full mark jumps, well done. Q 192

4th Mr R Shrimpton with GRELG ANNA KIRA BC B. Well done Roger, Kiri had her working hat on today. Just bits here and there, she is getting braver! Q 186
Also Qualifying TD Open;
Mr G Martin with TYTRI ROY Q 184.5
Congratulations Gary.

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**BANBURY & DISTRICT DOG TRAINING
SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

14th – 16th April 2006
The Cricket Club, Hinton in the Hedges,
Brackley, Northants.

TRIAL'S MANAGER'S REPORT

Our 18th Trial ran again like clockwork thanks to our hardworking band of club members who all did a sterling job. I always feel guilty at the end of each trial when I seem to get all the credit whereas I know that without the back up of our fantastic team this trial would not have the good reputation that it has.

How lucky we are to have people who are willing to give up 3 days in a row, taking time off work and who are prepared to 'neglect' their own dogs for this time in

order to help others succeed. This means that we can provide a judge with the same team for 3 days which is every Trial's Manager's dream! We had some new helpers this year who were shown the ropes by the more experienced members and they all did a great job.

So an extremely big thank you to:
The UD Nosework Team: Chris Gregory and Clive Griffiths for laying 28 tracks between them and Anne Shepherd for doing all the search squares. Only 7 teams failed the nosework!

The TD Nosework Team: Penny Bellis for laying all the early morning tracks, Tony Orchard for laying all the 'hilly' tracks and John Simpson all 22 search squares.

Our 'resident' C & A steward: Shirley Simpson who is now called Sheila! Out of a total of 61 (UD & TD) competitors entered 50 actually showed up.

Our Base Team: Jane Webb & Lynne Griffiths who ensured that we never lost a track and they got everything ready in time to do an early presentation on the Sunday. Pat Sunderland who did all the escorting and all the field catering preventing all the helpers from keeling over.

Our KitchenTeam: Sue Lawrie who did all the preparation and organising and also cooked us all a super meal on the Friday night with help from Pat Sunderland. Mark Riley who did the majority of early morning breakfasts with Sue also assisted by Jo Jennings. Not forgetting all the other members who kept popping in and out to help out, too many to mention all by name. And last but not least Diana Stephens who had the worst job of all: taking care of all the

pooh bags left hanging on the gate. Hope your dustmen won't stop collecting from your house!

A very big thank you also to all the judges: Judy Meekings (TD), Raymond Lea (UD), Richard Cornwell (C & A) and Deb Williams (CD). You were all great to have around, so undemanding and so non-expecting that you nearly did not get your breakfast two days in a row! The total of 18 qualifiers, slightly higher than the national average showed you set your tests just right.

Finally thank you to all the competitors who supported our trial. You were a very cheerful lot and very uncomplaining. If you did not qualify this year we hope you will come and try again next year. Meanwhile we wish you all success at your next trial.

Carla Nieuwenhuizen

CD STAKE

Judge: DEB WILLIAMS

Steward: Diana Stephens

Thank you Banbury for inviting me to judge the CD stake. To all the helpers at the base, Jane, Pat and Lynne, and the excellent catering from Sue, Mark and others a very big thank you.

My steward for the nosework and the control work was Diana who ensured all competitors were put at ease and commands easily heard. Thank you for your company and work.

There were 5 competitors in the stake and following the retrieve and search square,

all of them were qualifying. The articles for the search were a piece of carpet, a length of hose and a piece of wood. 4 dogs recovered all articles and 1 dog two articles.

The control work was of a good standard. The sendaway was performed extremely well by two dogs, Tia a cocker spaniel and Leo a GSD. 3 out of 5 were qualifying after the control, unfortunately we lost 2 of them in the agility section.

In the stays, all 5 dogs obtained full marks for the sit and 3 dogs for the down.



(Photo by Deb Williams)

1st Mike Powell with Blod, BC on 85 marks and qualifying. She has a lovely attitude, winning the stake for the first time of working a dog is great. Good luck.

2nd Kelly Sear with Tia, Cocker Spaniel on 80 marks, Non qualifier. Once you have the jumps sorted out you will do well.

3rd Chris Johnston with Leo, GSD on 75.5 marks, Non qualifier.

Hopefully you will be able to overcome

the jump problem.

4th Dot Levin with Dax, Weim on 70 marks, Non qualifier.

Stays and sendaway let you down today.

My best wishes to all the competitors and their dogs for competing in future working trials and thank you for accepting my decisions.

Lastly, but not least, Carla (Trials Manager) you and your helpers have a wonderful and friendly trial at Hinton in the Hedges, may it continue on for another 18 years!

(Banbury report continued next month)

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SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH 2006

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For further information contact Ann Wright on 01268 416028

FEES: £5.00 MEMBERS £10.00 NON MEMBERS



KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

Lower Withington Parish Hall, Knutsford
On Thursday 19th Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October 2006

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Thursday 19th | TD Tracking followed by supper at The Red Lion |
| Friday 20th | TD and PD Tracking followed by an evening Ceilidh and Hog-Roast in the Parish Hall |
| Saturday 21st | TD and PD C/A and PD Patrol work followed by:- |

PRESENTATION DINNER

at

Ye Olde Vicarage Hotel, Cranage, Holmes Chapel.

Information and tickets now available from:-

Jenny M.Holt, Trials Manager,

South View, Hutton Roof, Carnforth, Lancs LA6 2PF

Tel: 01524 271584

Mobile 07774972906

E-mail:- huttonroofholt@tiscali.co.uk

Ceilidh and Hog-Roast £12 per ticket

Presentation Dinner £20 per ticket

Complimentary tickets will be available to competitors.
Accommodation and camping information available on request.

**YORKSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

Finishing on 10th SEPTEMBER 2006
RUFFORTH SPORTS CLUB, RUFFORTH
NORTH YORKSHIRE

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Judges: | Working Dog Nosework | Lorraine Wilson |
| | Utility Dog Nosework | Sheila Margreaves |
| | CD Stake/ Control & Agility | Wendy Craven |

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £15.00 CD Stake £11.00
(£2.00 reduction for paid up members)

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2006

Schedules from/Entries with Fees/SAE to: Catherine Chadwick, 19 Willow
Grove, Ossett, W Yorkshire, WF5 0AH. Tel: 01924262392

**SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**



5th - 7th October 2006

At Abinger Sports and Cricket Club, Abinger Hammer, Surrey

| | | |
|---------|----------|-------------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake | Mick Tustian |
| | WD Stake | Richard Cornwell |
| | CD Stake | Sally Bergh-Roose |

(WD all work in one day)

Entry fees: Tracking Stakes £17.00 [Members £15.00] Senior Citizen Reduction £1.00
CD Stake £10.00

ENTRIES RECEIVED BY MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Schedules from, entries with fees to;
Trials Manager, Gill MacGregor, 3 Poundgate Cottages, Poundgate, Nr. Uckfield, East
Sussex. TN22 4DE. (Please enclose SAE)

**AVON WORKING TRIALS TRAINING SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

Felton Village Hall, Nr. Bristol
6th - 8th October 2006

| | | |
|--------|-------------|----------------|
| Judges | TD Nosework | John West |
| | UD Nosework | Alan Ballinger |
| | TD & UD C&A | Mike Snow |
| | CD Stake | Marjorie Lee |

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £16.00 CD Stake £12.00
(£1.00 reduction for paid up members)

Refreshments will be available all day at the base.

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2006.

Entries to/Schedules from: Mrs J. Clark, Windwhistle Cottage, Wild Country Lane, Barrow
Gurney, Nr. Somerset. BS48 3SE.
Please include S.A.E.

**POOLE AND DISTRICT
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Red Shoot Camping Park Linwood in the New Forest
Dates September 25th - 30th 2006

| | | |
|--------|----|----------------|
| Judges | TD | Jean Howells |
| | WD | Norma Ansell |
| | UD | Charlie Taylor |
| | CD | Anne Bussey |

Entries Fees: Tracking stakes £16.00 CD £13.00
Members £1 reduction

ENTRIES MUST BE RECIEVED BY AUGUST 28TH 2006

Schedules from Entries to Melvin Drewitt, 35 Glenwood Rd Verwood, Dorset BH31 6HU
01202 827247
Please include S.A.E.

**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Lauder, Berwickshire,
Tuesday 29th August To Sunday 3rd September 2006

| | | |
|--------|------------------|------------------|
| Judges | TD Stake | Nigel Hines, |
| | WD Stake | Bob Russell |
| | UD Stake | Jean Morley |
| | CD Stake/Veteran | Rachel Henderson |

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUES 8TH AUGUST 2006.

Trial Manager.: Ann Bedford 01896 822619

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £15.00 CD Stake £12.00CD
(£2.00 reduction for paid up members)
Veteran Stake £5.00

(Open to all dogs Q. UDEX or above, attained age of 7 yrs on closing date for entries and has not competed in any Trial for 6 months prior to the trial)

Entries for the above trials, schedules and information (please send SAE) from the Trials Secretary: Mrs. Lorna Cottier, 5 Hillside Gardens, Dolphinton, West Linton, Peeblesshire EH46 7AE Telephone number 01968 682218 / 07816 485265

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

On: Sunday, 27th and Monday 28th August, 2006
At: OXSPRING, Nr. PENISTONE, SouthYorks.

| | | |
|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| Judges: | PD Stake | Dave Marchant |
| | CD Stake: | Sheila Margreaves |

TRIAL MANAGER: BRIAN PAGE

Entry Fees: PD -£17.00 CD-£13.00
(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, 21ST JULY, 2006

Schedules from/Entries with fees to the Trial Manager: Brian Page, Mayfield, 25 Bristfield Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury, W.Yorks. WF12 OPW
(Tel. 01924 462387)
(Please enclose S.A.E.)

NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

On 8-10th September 2006
At: The Golden Lion, Sedgefield, Co Durham.

| | | |
|--------|----------|--------------|
| Judges | PD Stake | John Watts |
| | UD Stake | Dave Todd |
| | CD Stake | Wendy Magyar |

Trials Manager - Carole Hall
CD UD All work will be completed in one day.

ENTRY FEES: Tracking Stakes £16 CD Stake £12 (Paid up members £2 reduction)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WED 9TH AUGUST 2006.

ENTRY FORMS, FEE AND S.A.E. TO:

Mrs Carole Hall, Preston Tilery Farm, Brafferton, Darlington, Co. Durham. DL1 3LF. Tel.
07876 403813.

(Any KC approved entry form will be accepted)

HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIAL SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

On: 21st. to 26th. August 2006

At: The Traveller's Rest, Newtown, Wickham, Hants. PO17 6LL

| | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Judges: | T.D. Stake: | Paula Harvey |
| | W.D. Stake: | Jill Carruthers |
| | U.D. Stake: | Jill Carruthers |
| | C.D. Stake: | Barry Harvey |

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £17.00. C.D. Stake £15.00 (£2.00 reduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 18th. JULY 2006

W.D. early in week. U.D. end of week. Both stakes: all work on one day.

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

**ESSEX WORKING TRIAL SOCIETY - 2000
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

******* NEW VENUE*******

On
11th - 17th September 2006
at
Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex

Judges: PD Stake Mike Snow
WD Stake Les Theobald
UD Stake Margaret Robinson
CD Stake Sheila Tannert
Veteran Stake Les Theobald (Sunday only)
WD & UD work will be completed in one day

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £15.00 CD Stake £13 (£1 reduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2006

Schedules from / Entries with fees to:
Penny Bann, The Gate House, Crabb's Hill, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2NZ
Tel:- 01245 382661 Mobile:- 07979 605966



OPEN WORKING TRIAL

on 20th - 23th September 2006
at Nutley, East Sussex

Judges: PD Stake Ron Davies
WD Stake Sally Bergh-Roose
UD Stake Carole Brookes

Entry fees:- Tracking stakes - £15.00 (£1.00 reduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 21ST AUGUST 2005

Schedules from/entries to:- The Trial Manager: Frances Webb. 58 Huggetts Lane.
Willingdon, Eastbourne. BN22 0LU
(Please enclose S.A.E.)



ASPADS Working Trials Society

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ABERFORD OPEN TRIAL TD WD UD CD.
ENDING SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2006
PD PATROL SUN, ALL CD, UD AND WD WORK IN ONE DAY

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| TD | Nelson Smith | WD | Jacqui Barron |
| UD | Glenys Page | CD & C/A | Dave Todd |

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mr Roy Williams, 42 Industrial Street, Horbury, Wakefield, West Yorks,
WF4 5EG

CLOSING DATE: 16TH AUGUST 2006

DUNDEE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL TD WD UD CD.
ENDING SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2006
ALL CD, UD AND WD WORK IN ONE DAY

| | | | |
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| TD | John Wykes | WD | Diane Dugdale |
| UD | Diane Dugdale | CD | Stevie Braithwaite |

Trials Manager & Entries to: Mr William Rae, 5 South Street, Monifieth, Dundee, DD5 4PJ

CLOSING DATE: 4TH OCTOBER 2006

BOOK: - "ASPADS HISTORY OF WORKING TRIALS" BY JOHN CREE

This book is THE definitive history of our sport - a must for every competitor.
Available at all ASPADS Trials, or contact as below

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

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

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