

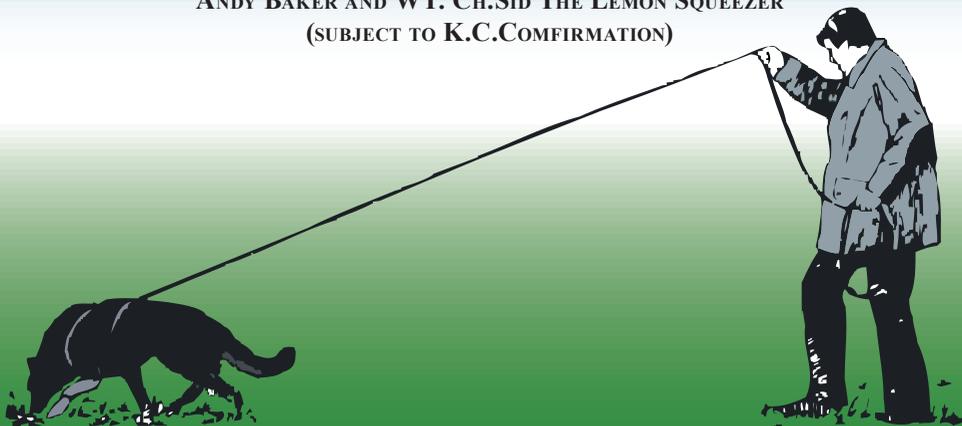
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EDITORIAL

To start off we must apologise to Andy Baker who was missed off the congratulations list last month, Andy and SID THE LEMON SQUEEZER was awarded the ticket by judge Charlie Taylor at the Welsh Kennel Club's trial in February. They then went on to win to ticket at Lincolnshire under Jeff Poole making Sid up to a WT.Ch. (subject to K.C.Confirmation)

Congratulations also go to Wendy Beasley and WT.Ch. GLENALPINE PHOEBE OF STARDELL for winning the ticket at North West with Lorna Cottier as the judge and Tony Lockyer with WT.Ch DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL who won the TD ticket at Yorkshire under Pat Hodgkins and finally to Les Theobald's winner at SATS, Diane Collie with IR WT Ch COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE

We have just suffered the coldest winter in over 30 years. The cold weather has affected farming which of course affects our sport, as crops have been slow to grow. But finally the weather is improving, the days are getting longer and the crops growing. How lovely to see the sun again and to be able to get out training without the need for thermal underwear and storm gear.

Like many of you I did not go to Crufts this year. As we know the Kennel Club week numbers are out of kilter and this year's big event clashed with SATS championship trial and Essex open causing a problem for many trialists including SATS president and Kennel Club vice president whom I believe has been cut in two. One trials dog Amberslade Buckaneer CDX UDX WDX won the dog obedience ticket. A great achievement for Susanne Jaffa and clicker training! Well done! Other trials

dogs have had success at Crufts and we look forward to receiving further details next month.

The brand new Working Trials website is proving very popular with over 800 visits in the first month. Do remember to check out this site at:

<http://www.workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk> and please remember to mention it to potential newcomers to our sport when they turn up at your training club. There is a photo gallery and you can view movies of dogs working as well as checking out Kennel Club rules and regulations at the click of a mouse, see examples of track patterns, find society contact details, and recent trial results. The site is still being improved and updated so it is well worth checking regularly. You may even find a picture of your own dog - if not then why not send us one in!

ANNE BUSSEY
ASST. EDITOR

READERS LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am amazed that two people who are 100% certain that jumping will damage their dogs' spines still continue to put them at risk. If I was convinced that it was so damaging I just wouldn't do it.

I think it is 'patronising at best and very rude at worst' to think everyone else is ignorant of the problem, or just doesn't care. I worked with vets for ten years and most spinal problems were caused by catching Frisbees and landing on their hind legs, and the constant braking and twisting when retrieving balls at high speed. None of these dogs was in Working Trials or Agility. What they did have in common were enthusiastic owners who exercised their dogs thoroughly. Fit sporty people get injured far more often than couch potatoes. I think if these two people had their own spines MRI scanned they would be 'surprised by the results' - and I don't think that's down to the long jumps or the scale. Every single creature sustains wear and tear on a daily basis which is why, as

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

APRIL

8th	ASPADS (Scarborough, 7th - 9th May 2010)	OP	TD WD UD CD
13th	Scottish WTS (Lauder, Berwickshire, 12 May To 16 May 2010)	CH	PD WD UD CD

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

you get older, something always hurts. As a farmer's wife I also find it very annoying when I overhear people saying they use any field (ie trespass) to train their dogs, and quote 'just act soft' if they are caught! As trials depend on the goodwill of farmers they should respect other people's property – it is our livelihood you are trampling on.

JUNE REED

NOSEWORK PROBLEM

I have become aware that one of my dogs seems to have lost some of his scenting ability and I wonder if other readers have encountered this problem.

The dog in question used to be able to get around a typical three hour old TD open type track, but now he struggles on anything over half an hour old unless the conditions are very good. This does not seem to be a training problem as I can lay and work the tracks myself on my own property so I can control the variables except of course the weather conditions. As I increase the age in ten minute increments, the dog struggles more. Put him back onto a fresher track and he is okay again.

I was fortunate enough to pick the brains of our own 'trained' trials vet and she made several suggestions as to what could damaged the dogs' olfactory glands or the adversely affect the ability to smell in some way. In the past some fertilisers have been implicated if we (inadvertently) track the dog over them. Antibiotics seem to have an adverse effect as do some endocrinological problems such as hypothyroidism. Homeopathic remedies and other supplements should also be ruled out. Some dogs, she thinks, recover whilst some it appears do not (thank you Joyce).

It would be great to hear from anyone who

has experienced this type of problem and whether their dog made a full recovery.

ANNE BUSSEY

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB

**MEETING OF THE KENNEL CLUB
WORKING TRIALS LIAISON COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 27 APRIL
2010 AT 10.30 AM
AT CLARGES STREET**

AGENDA

**ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR
THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL**

**ITEM 2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL**

**ITEM 3. TO ELECT A
REPRESENTATIVE ONTO THE
ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE
EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 2010 TO MAY
2012**

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION TO THE
COUNCIL ON KENNEL CLUB
STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES**

The office will give a presentation to Council representatives giving details of the Kennel Club and Liaison Council structure and procedures and the role of Council representatives.

ITEM 5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2009 (copies previously distributed).

ITEM 7. MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Introductory Stake

a. i. The Council is invited to note that all of the Regulation amendments proposed at its meeting on 25 June 2009 in relation to the Introductory Stake were approved by the General Committee, and the Introductory Stake came into effect on 1 January 2010.

ii. Mr B Gilbert

Proposed Amendment to Regulation I.24

As the Regulations do not currently specify qualifications for judging the Introductory Stake, the Council is invited to approve the insertion of a new subparagraph into Regulation I.24:

FROM

I.24

f. Additionally judges appointed to officiate for the first time must have attended a Kennel Club Working Trials Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.

g. The Committee shall have the power to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the approval of any judge.

TO

I.24

f. To judge the Introductory Stake a person must have qualified a dog CD Ex.

g. Additionally judges appointed to officiate for the first time must have attended a Kennel Club Working Trials Regulations and Judging Procedure Seminar and passed the Regulations and Judging Procedure examination.

h. The Committee shall have the power

to grant, withhold, suspend or cancel the approval of any judge.

(Insertion and amendments underlined)

iii. The Council is invited to discuss the experience of societies which have already held an Introductory Stake, and the means by which additional societies may be encouraged to take up and promote the Introductory Stake, in relation to the Council's strategic aim to introduce new competitors into Working Trials and the Council's previous discussion of the future role of the CD Open Stake.

Judges from Overseas

b. The Council is invited to note the press release issued in February 2010 reminding societies that all judges, including those from overseas, must meet the requirements set out in the Kennel Club Regulations. However societies may apply for suitably experienced judges from overseas to be considered for approval by the General Committee, even if they do not meet the minimum requirements.

Trial Cancellations

c. The Activities Sub-Committee issued a press release on 7 September 2009 confirming its policy on show and trial cancellations. The Council is invited to note its terms, in particular that trials may not be postponed to a later date, and that accounts for cancelled trials must be submitted to the Kennel Club within three months of the trial date.

(Annex A refers)

Guide for Bloodhound Judges

d. The Council is invited to note that the General Committee approved an amendment to the wording of the Guide for Bloodhound Judges by the insertion of the phrase in brackets below into paragraph 1.17: 'Judges should not smoke, consume

alcoholic drinks or use or activate a mobile telephone whilst judging. Mobile telephones should be switched to silent or turned off when judging (mobile phones can only be used during an emergency by one of the assistants to the judge and the stake manager).'

Championship Working Trials 2012

e. An application by the Welsh Kennel Club to cease holding PD Championship Working Trials due to problems obtaining land and insufficient entries has been agreed by the General Committee; 2012 will be its last PD Trial and the Club will hold TD Championship trials from 2013 onwards.

ITEM 8. FORMULATION OF FIVE YEAR STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Council is invited to discuss and formulate its five-year strategy and an action plan to support it. Representatives are requested to invite proposals and views from their meetings for consideration as components of the strategy.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Mrs Anne Bussey
Mrs Marney Wells
Partial Training Rounds on the Control Field

The Council is invited to discuss partial training rounds occurring in the control tests during a trial. It is thought that training on the control field gives an unfair advantage to that competitor as training in one exercise may set the dog up to perform better in subsequent exercises. The penalty of losing all marks in the one exercise that was trained may not be sufficient to restore the balance and ensure that the best dog on the day wins.

The Council is invited to consider two possible remedies:

If a dog gains zero marks in any one exercise it cannot qualify. This is a simple way of preventing competitors from training whilst competing and provides the judge with greater flexibility to mark handlers who would otherwise gain unfair advantage;

Triple the marks in the control section for championship TD and PD. This would raise the bar for the 'ticket' stakes, encourage competitors to train heelwork to a high standard of work, and discourage deliberately losing marks for a particular exercise by training.

The subject has been proposed for discussion following a recent high profile event at which the handler of a dog which was not fully under control in heelwork exercises is considered to have used their hand as a 'target' (as used in clicker training) to bring the dog back under full control. The concern is that this has now set a precedent and that we could see partial training whilst under competition creeping into the sport.

b. Mr Barrie James
TD Stake Entry Forms - Work Preference Day

The Council is requested to discuss issues arising from an increasing tendency among TD and some UD competitors to request Saturday working on their Trial entry forms without specifying a second choice of day, asking for their entry to be returned if Saturday working is not available. As the number of competitors requesting Saturday working often exceeds the number of tracks which can be worked in a day, especially at Trials when daylight hours are short, the Council is invited to consider what action Societies might take to avoid losing entries from competitors who cannot

be accommodated on a Saturday – for instance whether competitors should be required to specify an alternative working day.

This item is proposed for discussion following the recent Championship Working Trial held by Midlands Border Collie Club, at which 27 out of 50 entries in the TD Stake had requested Saturday working, a number of whom had not stated a second alternative but written 'If Saturday is not available then please return the entry'. This Working Trial has daylight to track only 10 dogs per day in the TD Stake

ITEM 9. KENNEL CLUB WORKING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Judges for 2012 Championships

a. The Council is invited to note that following judges have been approved by the General Committee for the 2012 Championships to be organised by the Scottish Working Trials Society:

TD Stake – Mr John West

PD Stake – Mr Jeff Poole

Host for 2014 and 2015 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

b. No applications have yet been received from Societies wishing to host the 2014 or the 2015 Kennel Club Championships. Any interested Society is requested to apply in writing as soon as possible, so these applications can be discussed. The reason for working so far in advance is to be able to invite the approved judges for the Championships before they are likely to have received judging invitations from societies for the same year which might clash with their Championship appointment.

Ballot for Judges for the 2013 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

c. The Council will be invited to vote on the nominations for the Kennel Club Working Trial Championship 2013, to be hosted by Midlands Border Collie Club.

(Ballot Papers will be sent before the meeting to Representatives only)

ITEM 10. JUDGES WORKING PARTY

Mr Gilbert will give a verbal report on the progress of the Judges Working Party.

ITEM 11. QUESTION TIME PANEL

Mr Ronnie Irving, Mr Bill Hardaway, Mr Stan Ford, Mrs Caroline Kisko and Mrs Kathryn Symms.

Competitors in Working Trials are invited to submit any question they would like put to the panel to their Council Representative or direct to the Kennel Club (for the attention of John Leslie) at least one week in advance of the Council meeting.

ITEM 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in September 2010.

GOLDEN WONDER

NOT NORMAL

The Golden Wonder is gold and white. Not black and white like any self respecting collie – but gold like a golden retriever. His dam is a black and white show border collie, who was shipped out to Australia to be mated to bring this unusual colour into the country. Apparently the colour is not uncommon out there. There was one golden bitch and one golden dog in the litter the rest being ‘normal’ black and whites. Not only is his colour not normal, in many ways his behaviour is not normal when compared to my other collies.

The Golden Wonder digs. Boy does he dig! I don’t know if he is influenced by the desire to get back to Australia to see his father but my word, he digs. Our lawn is covered in craters if he is left unattended out there for ten minutes.

Another thing he likes doing that my other collies do not find necessary is swimming. He will jump into any pond that is deep enough to swim in, even if it is not large enough to go far, he will just swim round in circles for the pleasure of swimming. My ‘normal’ collies will only swim if I throw something in the water for them to fetch. The first time he encountered a pond in the woods nearby it was frozen and he walked on the ice. Of course I was worried it would crack and he would fall in but before I could strip off in sub zero temperatures and rescue him he came scampering safely back. When the weather was warmer we came to the same pond and he tried to walk across it again. Of course even the

Golden Wonder cannot walk on water so he swam instead. Now no matter how cold it is if he sees a span of water he has to get in it.

He screams like a girlie. It is embarrassing when he meets people; he throws his pretty little body around whilst screaming for attention and everyone says, ‘Isn’t SHE pretty.’

He does not enjoy retrieving like every other collie I have owned. Yes he has been taught to fetch – but it is not the same. This dog is not normal!

Left to his own devices on a walk he would chase rabbits, pheasants and squirrels (don’t they eat those in Australia?) so I guess he is a normal dog in many respects. I tend to discourage this predatory behaviour as it seems to me the more they do it the more they do it. A bit like the collie eye my other dogs have exhibited as puppies. I keep them otherwise engaged to avoid unwanted behaviours developing. What I do not want is a dog who breaks off half way round a track to sniff down a rabbit hole, or take off after a hare.

On the plus side, his coat seems to be Teflon coated; and for a golden dog that swims and digs this is a big plus. As soon as he is dry he looks beautiful. Everyone says I must spend hours grooming to keep him looking that clean, - but no. The dirt just seems to fall off him. Just as well really because grooming is not my forte.

Different he might be but his training is progressing. He loves his work and will do anything for a piece of kibble.

HEELWORK PART TWO

Hand target

The Golden Wonder learnt to target my hand when he was about nine weeks old (WTM May 2009) and continue touching the target until the clicker sounded. All that was necessary was for him to touch the palm of my hand on request. That is easy to teach, all you need to do is pretend to take a titbit from your pocket and click your dog as he comes to sniff your hand (click and treat in the usual way). Repeat this pretending you have something nice in your hand until he realises that touching the hand with his nose makes you click. Throw a piece of kibble to the floor to get rid of him and get ready to produce the hand target again as he returns.

I use my right hand for this exercise and the dog would be coming towards me to touch the hand.

Heelwork position touching the hand

To use the hand target for heelwork, the first thing I did was to swap hands and get the dog to touch the target facing the same way as I am facing (I don't want him walking backwards in heelwork!). To do this, simply throw a piece of kibble to the floor as above and as he is eating it turn about and produce the left hand. Your presentation to the dog as he looks up from eating the kibble is the same as the forward facing target except that your thumb is on the inside not the outside (oh and of course he can see your bum not your face). Very quickly Golden Wonder was maintaining a hand target on my left hand side and almost looking like he was ready to do heelwork (only standing still). Before very

long I could take a step forward and click him as he came with me to maintain the target. Now we could walk along with the Golden Wonder keeping his nose on my hand at arm's length. Remember he was already used to doing something similar in the food catching exercise. All I had to do was bring my left hand onto my hip whilst he maintained the target and we were doing heelwork. Voila!

Heelwork position – no hands!

Ah, but I hear you say, this is trials not obedience – you should walk in a natural manner and swing your arms.

Ok one last bit. As ever, because we are making one thing more difficult, we should make something else easier. So stand still (stop the target from moving) and quickly move the hand target away from the hip and click simultaneously. If you are quick enough you click the dog for not following the hand but staying on the new target – that part of your hip or leg. Repeat this until he will stay in the heelwork position without the need of your hand to help him. Now you can progress to swinging your arms with your dog doing trials heelwork. Easy! Ok then it takes months and Golden Wonder is still on the hand target – but he does move beautifully and he is sooo pretty.

TRIAL REPORTS

ASPADS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

28 July - 2 August 2009
Ravenscar, Scarborough

STAKE: TD

Judge: NIGEL HINES
Tracklayers: Tom Darby, Mark Lewin-
don, Graham Brumpton
Steward: June Hines

Many thanks to ASPADS for the invitation to judge at one of my favourite trials. Thanks to Barry and Linda for their professional organisation and friendly approach to running this trial and to all their helpers, in whatever capacity, for making sure everything ran like clockwork. To the kitchen staff for the lovely food made available every time we walked into the base and on the field - many thanks.

My helpers on the field were Tom Darby, Mark Lewin and Graham Brumpton, who tracklaid through the week in weather conditions ranging from pleasantly dry to extremely wet. June laid search squares and stewarded the control.

The tracking fields varied from shortish grass, to clumpy with nettles and thistles that had to be navigated and then fields with plenty of growth which made tracking easier but the articles more of a problem. Most dogs coped very well but the weather conditions undoubtedly caused some to struggle.

The control round was generally well completed but with the jumps causing the usual hiccups for some. The sendaway was out

to the middle of the field with no obvious target for the dogs to see, followed by a re-direct to the wall, with variable results in this exercise.

Well done to those who qualified and to those that didn't on this occasion, I hope you've had success in subsequent trials. Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable judging appointment.

1st WTCh GLENALPINE IZZIE AT DALEMALN, BC, B, handled by Anne Thorpe, 207, Q TDEx. An excellent round by Anne and Izzie made this team worthy winners. Well done to you both, it was a pleasure to watch.

2nd Ir WTCh COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE, WSD, B, handled by Diana Collie, 202.5, Q TDEx. Another good round. They tracked in the long grass, missing an article in the square, which would have made all the difference. Well done, Diana.

3rd PRIDE OF THE GLEN, Golden Retriever, D, handled by Alison Pollard, 200, Q TDEx. Well done to you both, I could see that you were so pleased with Bailey.

4th SID THE LEMON SQUEEZER, BC, D, handled by Andy Baker, 198, Q TDEx. Won the run-off for 4th place. Another team that made the most of their round; well done, Andy.

Also qualifying TDEx:

VILLAGE KING, GSP, D, Janette Sayer, 198

WTCh GLENALPINE PHOEBE OF STARDELL, BC, B, Wendy Beasley, 195
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B, Kath Ingham, 181.5

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LEAMINGTON CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

8 - 15 November 2009

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

The Championship Working Trial ran smoothly with the support of a super team of helpers.

We had some great judges; thanks to Lorna Cottier, TD, Linda Newbold, WD, Julia Findeisen, UD, and Barrie James, CD. I will leave the judges to thank their track layers and stewards.

Thanks must go to the farmers for the use of their land, and to Dot Levin for catalogues, useful lists and secretarial work. The food during the Trial was organised by Chris, David and Di. And thanks to Sue Ashby for organising all the helpers and marking

out the land, John Wykes for getting all the land and arranging the equipment, and to David Barker, who also did the accounts.

At this point I must say a special thanks to Tom and Jan Darby - what would we do without them? To Jan for organising the base and never making a fuss, and to Tom for tracklaying all week and then on Sunday helping to put fridges, microwaves etc into Kate Payton's van to be taken to Kate Wykes ready for the Open Trial - a big, big thank you.

The weather was reasonable for the whole week and all the Stakes ran successfully.

Last but not least I would like to thank the competitors for entering our Trial. I hope you all enjoyed the Trial as much as we enjoyed running it.

JULIE SKIPP

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NORTH WEST WTS OPEN TRIAL

19 - 22 November 2009

Lower Withington

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Well this trial started with the threat of being washed out if you had taken notice of the weather forecast, but not here at the North West trial. We started on the Friday with a damp covering only to get better; the sun came out and it was a really nice day. But we had phone call after phone call to see if the trial was still on; I think we must have had a drought compared to the rest of the country. Saturday had a shower as did Sunday.

We had some lovely tracking land yet

again, with a new control field right next to the base which we prize quite highly as it took a lot of hard work to get. Some people didn't appreciate this, as twice they were asked to leave this field as it wasn't a dog walking area. PLEASE take note and do not use trials land for dog walking - there is a big area in the woods.

Numbers were up in all four stakes, with 15 in CD, 31 in UD, 22 in WD, and 10 in PD, but the weather took its toll with competitors not wanting to risk travelling due to the weather.

Thank you to our judges - you set good tests - and to all the people who helped with running of this lovely trial. Thanks to Ken Coleman and Diane Cottrill for helping to take the electric fences down, also to Ken for buying the cakes and Rod Roberts for your kind donation to "Help for Heroes". There really are too many people to thank in this report but many thanks to you ALL. Thank you to the competitors for entering at North West, and good luck to you all in the future.

RAY LEA

STAKE: CD

Judge: JACKIE DYKES

Steward: Gill Armstrong

Thanks to the NWWTS for inviting me to judge at their Open Trial and to all the members who make it so efficient; Ray Lea, Trials Manager, Judith and Sylvia at base along with Pam, Jackie, Aileen and everybody else who does 'turns' in the kitchen. A huge thank you to Gill, who helped all the competitors and the judge through what was for many their first trial. It was a privilege to work with you all.

1st June Reed with SHAD-

OWQUEST LEGACY, GSD, 99, COM.
As the marks show, hardly a paw wrong by Buddy and experienced handler June - well done.

2nd Marg Williams with BRAKES APPLIED FOR, X-Breed, 97.5, COM.
Another lovely round - Scooby gets better all the time and yet another steward who wants to take him home!

3rd Rosemary Smyth with BEELA-HOLT KEZZY BEAST, BC, 94.5, COM.
Very few mistakes by Kez and nicely handled by you, Rosemary.

4th Margaret O'Kane with LITTLE SPROUT, X-Breed, 91.5, COM. This dog has improved so much, and see what can happen when you overcome nerves, Margaret - a pleasure to judge you both.

The Best GSD Trophy (not winner) went to Cathy Williams with **STORM FORCE OVER ISLA.**

STAKE: WD

Judge: KEN COLEMAN

Tracklayers: Terry Austin, Dave Bell, Kim Astbury, Chris Greenhalgh

Steward: Di Cottrill

Thank you to North West Working Trials Society for the invitation to judge the WD stake at your open trial.

Thank you to Ray Lea, who ran it with his usual expertise. The B&B for Di and me was great. The meals at the Black Swan on Thursday and Saturday were really enjoyable as was the meal at the base on Friday. The team spirit is really strong in this society and with Ray at the helm, everything runs smoothly.

To the ladies at the base - Judith and Sylvia - and in the kitchen - Pam, Jackie, Maeve, Aileen, Jan and Chris - thank you all.

Tracklayers Terry, Dave, Kim and Chris laid the tracks as asked and were great company. And last but not least, thanks to Di, who was my square and control steward. It may have been her first time but you would not have known as she gave clear and consistent instruction to all competitors.

Track articles were half a beer mat and 2.5" green hose.

Square articles were 2.5" x 5/8" leather, cork, horseshoe, emery board

1st Sue Ashby and TITAN, CDEx, UDEx, WSD, D, Q. Track 89/20, Square 33.5, Control 34, Agility 20; Total 196.5. Marks say it all.

2nd Julie Atkins and REG, BC, D, Q. 88.5/20, 34, 31, 19; Total 192.5. Well done.

3rd Sheila Tannert and TEAL, Lab, B, Q. 87/20, 33, 32.5, 19; Total 191.5. Well done.

4th Maeve Welesby and Gillie, Lab, D, Q, 83/20, 35, 27.5, 20; Total 185.5. Well done.

Also qualifying:

Sheila Margreaves and Coffey, GSD, 174.5
Jackie Hope and Bud, GSD, 170.5

All dogs had a good attempt at the test with only the send-away causing a problem for some. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of judging you and your dogs.

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**WESSEX WORKING TRIALS
CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

19 - 22 November 2009

Aller Farm, Upottery

STAKE: CD

Judge: PIPPA BENTHAM

Steward: Liz Hickman

My thanks to Wessex for the invitation to judge the CD stake and to Liz for stewarding for me.

The weather was a little damp and breezy, but it did not put off my one competitor, who had a long drive in appalling conditions, for which I must thank her and hope she enjoyed her day.

1st Jeanette Davies with GSD bitch ANNACOURT ANJA, qualified with 82. Anja worked well despite the weather and thoroughly deserved her qualification. Well done, Jeanette.

STAKE: UD

Judge: CELIA BOURNE

Tracklayers: Ann Clarke, Alan Lee

Stewards: Friday, Gill Lawrence; Saturday/Sunday, Mark Gowler

Thank you to Wessex Working Trials Club for the invitation to judge UD open. It's a super venue and everyone is always very welcoming and helpful. I must also thank Gill and Mark who stewarded for me, Alan and Ann who laid all the tracks, especially Ann who remained calm and regained our sanity when the wind blew the bag of tracking articles out of sight and distrib-

uted them across the fields! Thanks also to Brian Riste, Lindsey Poole and everyone at the base who kept us in order and fed us.

Tracking was on grass and conditions varied somewhat; Friday was a beautiful day, just rather wet underfoot, Saturday and Sunday were dreadful, horizontal rain in torrents, jumps blowing over and Mark bellowing directions to the competitors who could barely stand up against the wind. Despite the conditions most of the dogs did well on the nosework and had a good attempt at the rest. To those who didn't quite make it, keep trying and better luck next time.

1st STYPERSON ROYCE, Labrador, E de Unger, 197.5, COM. An excellent all round performance from this team and a pleasure to watch. Good luck for the future.

2nd WARRIORS LITTLE ROSIE, Crossbreed, J Warrior, 195.5, COM. Handler didn't seem to think he'd done very well despite a losing only a point here and there and giving a very competent and controlled round. Don't argue for fewer marks! Well done.

3rd VAPRESTO DEABLO KINGSWOLD, Terveuren, C Huckle, 195, COM. Another lovely round and very agile dog. A well deserved qualification.

4th JABY PHLOMIS, NSDTR, J Baker, 190.5, COM. One of the best tracks we saw and full point square. I'm sure you'll soon sort out the long jump. Well done.

STAKE: TD

Judge: ANNE BUSSEY

Tracklayers: John West, Lindsey Poole

Steward: Liz Hickman

Square Steward: Mary Hansel (Thurs-

day, Friday and Sunday) Mary Drewitt (Saturday)

I would like to thank Brian Riste and everyone at Wessex for asking me to judge the TD stake at their open trial this year. My heartfelt thanks go to Barbara and Brian Riste for making me feel so welcome in their home that I did not want to go home! Thanks to Barbara, Jackie West and Marjory Lee for feeding me so well all week. The super meals were much needed to keep one going through the wind and rain. Many thanks.

I had a super team of helpers; John and Lindsey laid my tracks to perfection and kept me entertained! Liz put the competitors at their ease every morning as she guided them round the C/A and the two Marys expertly laid all my squares. Many thanks, one and all, for smiling, entertaining and looking after me so well in the face of some pretty horrendous weather. You were a great bunch to be with.

The weather on the whole was not kind to us. High winds prevailed throughout the four days. Tracking was on lush grass and most dogs gained good track marks though this seemed to be affected by the weather. We saw some lovely tracks on Thursday in spite of the high winds, I was surprised (as were most owners) how well the dogs tracked when we could hardly stand still against the gusts. Friday brought a little warmth with the sun and certainly seemed to be the best day to track. The weather only deteriorated after that with heavy rain accompanying the strong winds on Saturday, which made for very difficult tracking, and it was not much better on the Sunday. Three dogs qualified on Thursday, three on Friday and only one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

The track articles were: Half a green lollipop stick; Green fabric tape, 15cm x 2cm,

have made. This is true of many of the non qualifiers as well as those listed above. I wish you all the very best of luck in the future.

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NWWTS OPEN TRIAL

20 – 22 November 2009
Lower Withington

STAKE: UD

Judge: ANDREW FOX
Tracklayers: Kath Woolley, Jenny Holt, Arthur Ball
Steward: Lisa Fox

A big thank you to NWWTS for the invitation to judge the UD Stake at your Open Trial. A special thank you to Ray Lea and his band of helpers for running an excellent trial – it was a privilege to judge for 3 days. To my tracklayers, Jenny, Kath and Arthur, thanks for laying all the tracks as I had asked. Thank you to all the ladies in the kitchen for the excellent food, and a special thank you to the ladies running the base and sorting out my scores. Last, but not least, to my wife, Lisa, for stewarding for 3 days – thank you.

1st Rod Roberts and JEFF, 195. What can I say? The marks say it all. Full marks for the nosework, an excellent all-round performance. Good to see you back. Well done.

2nd Polly Thomas and ROSE, 192.5. Excellent all-round performance. Good luck for the future.

3rd Jan Sewell and BRYN, 186.

Lovely control, only losing 1 mark, and full mark agility. A pleasure to watch and judge.

4th June Reed and BUDDY, 183. Slight blip on the track, but otherwise a really good performance. Well done.

Also qualified:

Dave Bell and FINN, 177
Caroline Woods and LYRA, 174

Thank you to all the competitors for entering; it was a pleasure to judge you all.

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THE SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB OPEN TRIAL

4 - 6 December 2009
Jedburgh

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

It was decided to have a “run through” this year as an open trial prior to adopting Championship status from 2010 onward. Weeks of rain (like the rest of the country) had rendered the lush grass in the tracking fields soggy but perfectly usable. A Control and Agility field with sound footing was more difficult to locate, but, with just days to go, the farmer with “the best drained field in the borders” volunteered its use. It has now been booked for years to come.

Entries were 11 in CD, 16 in WD and 23 in TD, necessitating a three day event due to restriction of daylight. Weather over the three days provided one still, sunny day,

one still, damp and dull day, and one wet and windy day - pretty good for December. All day hot snacks, and a Saturday evening meal, were provided at the base. Many, many, thanks must go to the farmers, judges, tracklayers, stewards, kitchen angels, escorts, and other helpers who gave freely of their time (and fuel) to ensure the success of this first trial.

Such selflessness is all too rare nowadays, but, happily, is alive and well amongst tri- alists. Also, thanks to the competitors who remained lively and jocular throughout, de- spite the ribald comments often thrown at them by helpers.

The Scottish Kennel Club extend an invita- tion to all to enter the Championship next year (and bring a friend)

SHEILA SHEARER

STAKE: WD NOSEWORK

Judge: PAULA JAQUES

Tracklayers: Julz Findeisen, Stevie Braithwaite

Steward: Carole Hall

Thanks to the society for the invitation to judge the WD nosework at this brand new trial, and thanks to Doug and Sheila for putting us up at their home - super.

The tracking land at this new venue is sec- ond to none and all competitors had a good piece of land. The weather was cold and windy but there were some super tracks and squares.

Thanks must go to my brilliant tracklay- ers, Julz and Stevie, who were brilliant company and laid all the tracks beautifully. Thanks to Carole for being great company and laying all the squares brilliantly.

1st Lorna Cottier with ADDRESS TO

A HAGGIS, X-Breed, 193.5. Well done Lorna, super track and square, giving you the Best Nosework trophy. Lovely young dog.

2nd Rod Roberts with LITTLE JEFF, X-Breed, 187. Another lovely young dog with an experienced handler. Well done.

3rd Heather Halton with KISDONS VANDAL, WH Vizsla, 167.5. Super job, well done.

4th Debbie McKay with KENMIL- QUIN KATE, Eng Spr Spaniel, NQ, 175. Blinding track, but went out on the C/A. Hard luck, keep trying.

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK

Judge: RON JAQUES

Track Layers: Tracey Park, Derek Macaulay, Ian Forester, Jim Jeffries.

Stewards: Paula Jaques and Tracey Park.

Thanks to the society for the invitation to judge at Jedburgh's new trial. Thanks to Sheila and Doug Shearer for a well run trial and for putting us up. The venue for this trial is great and my thanks to the ladies in the kitchen for all the great food.

Tracking was on grass some on steep hills. Thanks to all my tracklayers for a brilliant job, and also to Paula for stewarding on Friday, and Tracey for Saturday and Sun- day. Lovely job. Tracking was mixed but saw some very good tracks.

1st Graham Reaney with TARNEDGE ROUGH DIAMOND, Lab, 211.5, Q. Well done. Lovely young dog that worked with a maturity beyond his years.

2nd Glenys Page with BRIGLEN JOSS, BC, 207, Q. Well done. One sticky point on the track but you believed your

dog and completed the track.

3rd Nelson Smith with LITTLE CROW, Mal, 197.5, Q. Last dog to work and tracked superbly. Very well done.

4th Liz Roberts with CALLANWAYS HARRIS, GSD, 196, Q. Well Done

Also qualifying:

Julz Findeison with TOLBERG JUMPING JACK, 193.5

Stevie Braithwaite with NORSHEP BRECK, 191

Lol Campbell with SELDOMSEEN SHEP, 181.5

Very well done to you all.

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YORKSHIRE WTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

26 – 31 December 2009

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

As the run up to the only trial of the Christmas break, the usual anxieties of what's the weather going to like, will we be able to transport caravan, trailer, clothes, food, all the necessities for a week's trial to the East Coast, eighty five miles away come to mind, and although there was plenty of snow and ice before Christmas, all the stalwarts of working trials arrived on Boxing Day ready to help at the trial. My thanks go to the following people:- Tom Darby, Mark Lewindon, Andrea Lynd - TD Tracklayers; Jeff Margreaves, Richard Musgrave, Neil Symons - WD Tracklayers; Tom Mills, Sandra Lewindon - UD Tracklayers. Stewards were Laura Bardwell, Sheila Mar-

greaves, Teresa Musgrave, Rita Banfather, Ruth Bryant and Glenys Page, with Chris Trevor as escort.

Judges were:- TD, Graham Reaney; WD, Jenny Holt; UD, Tracey Park; CD, Neil Symons; thank you all for a great job. This year our TD Judge brought his wife, Norma, and granddaughter, Megan, along to work in the kitchen, and with the help of Liz, Tom and Ruth they kept everyone fed and watered all week, as well as cooking some fantastic evening meals. Our very reliable base staff consisted of Jan Darby and Mary Hardacre, who always do a remarkable job meeting and greeting the competitors, adding the scoresheets and completing certificates in their very professional manner - thanks very much. I would also like to thank Ruth Bryant for the offer of accommodation, firstly to our UD Judge and then to competitors who needed to stay over; also many thanks to Liz Stewart for completing the catalogues.

The weather remained as it had been before Christmas, quite cold, snowy and certainly icy, with an easterly wind coming off the sea making the wind chill even more extreme. The farm yard and the base car park were permanent ice rinks. As usual our farmers were so obliging, so thanks to the Blanchards for the tracking land and Phil Foreman for the ticket control field, and for opening his caravan park specially for everyone who wanted to enjoy the trial, and to the people of Beeford Village for taking so much interest in our sport.

Congratulations to Julie Atkins on winning the ticket once again, and thank you to all the people who brought cakes, chocolates, eggs, buns etc, and also to the people who have let us know how much they enjoyed the friendly atmosphere at Skipsea Trial.

BRIAN PAGE

STAKE: CD

Judge: NEIL SYMONS

Steward: Ruth Bryant

Thanks to YWTS for inviting me to judge CD. My thanks to Brian Page for putting on a great trial, and to everyone behind the scenes for looking after me, and last, but by no means least, a special thanks to Ruth for her excellent stewarding.

The weather was very cold and quite windy and even through several layers I still struggled to keep warm, although this didn't seem to bother the dogs. I thought the standard for CD was very good, with 18 entries of which 11 ran, out of which we had 5 dogs qualify CDEX.

1st Mrs Polly Thomas with POLLGINA ROSEBANK ROSE, Lab, B, 95, Q. A very well rounded performance only dropping points on heelwork and retrieve, with a full square. A great team effort by Polly and Rose.

2nd Rod Roberts with LITTLE JEFF, X-Breed, D, 92, Q. Great to see Rod out with his new dog. Though there were other full mark sendaways I really enjoyed Rod and Jeff's.

3rd Mrs Eva Robards with TARNEDGE COLUMBINE, Lab, B, 87, Q. Our fastest square on the day at 44 seconds; handled well by Eva.

4th Mrs Pat Quinn with HOWS HARRY AT ROYALTAIN, Lab, D, 86, Q. Yet another lovely control round only losing marks on heelwork. Shame about the long jump. Another lovely lab handled well by Pat.

Also qualifying CDEX:

Mrs J R Bateson with CHARLOATS ALMOST PERFECT, GSD, B, 82. A near perfect search and retrieve with 29.5 out of

30 and the best heelwork of the day.

Thanks to all the rest of the competitors. Keep going, your day will come.

STAKE: WD

Judge: JENNY HOLT

Tracklayers: Jeff Margreaves, Richard Musgrave and Neil Symons

Stewards: Glenys Page and Sheila Margreaves

Thank you to Yorkshire WTS for asking me to judge this well organised Trial. The weather was 'seasonal' but could have been a lot worse. As usual this was a very sociable Trial and we were very well looked after by Brian Page and his team.

I am indebted to Jeff, Richard and Neil for laying all my tracks exactly as I wanted them, and for their good company. Also thanks to Glenys and Sheila for setting out the search squares and stewarding the control.

1st Mr Chris Trevor with DESMOND DINGO, X-Breed, 21/6/07, 194, Q. What a super partnership this pair are, obviously enjoying both Trials and each other's company. Consistent high standard of work throughout.

Well Done

2nd Mrs Sheila Tannert with STYPERSON CLEO, Lab, 22/12/07, 193.5, Q. Only a whisker between the first two young dogs. Well handled, as one would expect from Sheila. Well Done.

3rd Miss Andrea Lynd with REBARK BUBBLY PEG, Lab, 4/6/06, 190.5, Q. Yet another WDEX to her collection. Retrieve a bit naughty but everything else went like clockwork. Well Done

4th Miss Kath Wooley with AND-

SAL EYE CATCHER AT DUNSA, GSP, 30/5/07, 189.5, Q. Negotiated all the wild-life to win the best nosework trophy. Unfortunate deviation on the sendaway cost them the first place. Well Done

Also qualified WDEx:-

Mrs Fran Atkin with BLENDRI OF STE-PASIDE, WSD, 4/7/07, 188. Another good performance from a young dog. Well Done

Mrs Laura Bardwell with POLLGINA JACKSON McBRIDE, Lab, 29/4/06, 184. Almost missed the first track article but made up for it with an excellent C/A. Well Done

Jacquie Hall with NUNNEYSWOOD RHYTHM 'N' BLUES, CB Ret, 25/2/06, 181.5. Bits of polish needed here and there and this dog will soon be in the cards. Well Done

Sandra Lewindon with BRACOKELI DELIVERENCE, GSD, 11/3/05, 181.5. Scarey moment when she failed the long jump but all came right. Well Done

Mrs D Cottrill with SANDYS OAK, Lab, 28/4/07, 172.5. The track was costly but entertaining due to this dog's sheer exuberance and speed - nevertheless he made it through. The potential in this dog is there for all to see.

Well Done

Qualified WD:

Mrs Heather Donelly with MOBELLA CARELESS WHISPER FOR WOOL-RAM, BC, 20/1/05, 152.5. Shaky start to the track; probably got confused with the many deer tracks and so failed to finish, but did a full point square. A good effort.

Of the 30 competitors, 25 ran, 12 completing the 18 leg track, and 17 retrieved all four articles from the square. The long jump caused a few problems together with control before and after the jumps. I felt

some dogs were sent on 'a wing and a prayer'. As conditions around the jumps were good I did not allow second attempts - after all this was WD Championship!

Thank you to all the competitors; I enjoyed your company and watching your dogs.

STAKE: TD

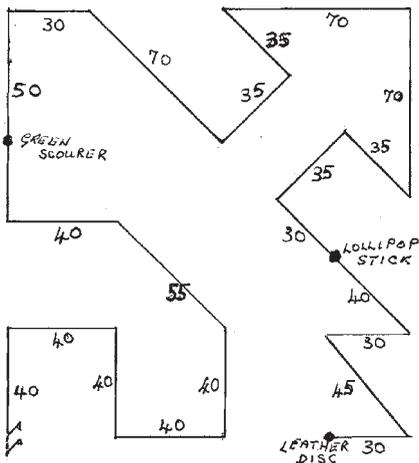
Judge: GRAHAM REANEY

Tracklayers: Tom Darby, Mark Lewindon, Andrea Lynd

Square Stewards: Laura Bardwell, Glenys Page

Thank you Yorkshire for the opportunity to judge championship TD at Skipsea, my first championship TD appointment, and as I intend to retire from judging, probably my last. I have already got two more PD ticket appointments booked, and I am finding it increasingly difficult to come up with something different in each test, so I feel enough is enough.

Thanks to Brian and Glenys Page for their efforts at such a busy time of the year; I am sure but for their input yet another trial could well bite the dust. Thanks to my tracklayers and stewards, all named above, for their efforts to ensure that all the competitors got as equal a chance as the weather allowed. I must on this occasion give a special thanks to the kitchen staff, one of whom who was only 12 years old, who worked tirelessly for six days up to twelve hours a day for all our benefits. So thanks Norma, Megan, Liz, Tom and Ruth - your efforts were much appreciated.



a run off for a third place. 153, 28.5, 20,
Total 201.5

Also Qualified TDEx:

Mr Nigel Hines and TYTRI KES OF BRYNSWOOD. This team turned in a nice round that included best track. 196, Q TDEx

Mrs Suzanne Plumb and WTCh COLLIEWOOD CAVELLERO, 195

Mr Dave Marchant and WTCh WAGGERLAND MURPHY, 190.5

Mrs Sheila Tannert and STYPERSON EBONY, 185

Mrs Jannette Sayer and VILLAGE KING, 184

Linda Newbold and COLLIEWOOD DANCING BRAVE, 180.5

Of course, thanks also go to the competitors, who accepted my decisions in a sporting manner and made every effort to do the test in the manner I asked.

1st Mrs Julie Atkins and WTCh OUR DUG. A very competent round by a experienced handler. Nosework 159, Control 30.5, Jumps 15, Total 204.5. Well done, Julie.

2nd Stevi Boyall and WTCh STYPERSON LOMOND. Another competent round by this young but experienced handler. 157, 28, 17, Total 202. Well done.

3rd Mrs Diana Collie and Irish WTCh COLLIEWOOD BROWN EYES BLUE. Another very good round, just a series of little things taking the ticket just out of reach. 154, 28.5, 19, Total 201.5. Better luck next time.

4th Mrs June Reed and LITTLE JODE. Another good round from this team. I feel I must give this lady extra credit for the fact she does not go for any fancy breeding, but saves GSD's lives by taking them out of rescue, giving them a good life, and working them in our sport - her results speak for themselves. After

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**LEAMINGTON DOG TRAINING CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

13 - 17 January 2010
Ex-Servicemens Club, Pailton, Warwickshire

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Unfortunately, our open trial was cancelled due to the snow. Thank you to the competitors for accepting my decision graciously, and thanks also for your patience in waiting for your refunds. Thanks to the competitors who donated their entry fee to the club, to Sue for organising all the helpers, and finally thank you to our club Treasurer, Fiona, for writing the cheques and not complaining of writer's cramp!

JOHN WYKES

**AVON
OPEN TRIAL**

23 - 24 January 2010
Westwood Farm, Keevil, Trowbridge

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

I said last year that I would never do it again, so why did I do it again this year? The answer is simple - a team of great people who really pull together to run a lovely relaxed, friendly trial; and my heartfelt thanks go to Flis, Rick, Kate, Heidi, Sharni, Allyson, Marney, Dave, Anita, Graham, Ollie, Gail, Woody and Janette.

Our farmers, Francis and Rosemary, once again laid on excellent weather (no snow) and superb tracking. Trials could not happen without landowners as generous and accommodating as they are, and on behalf of the club and competitors, I would like to express our thanks and a hamper of goodies. My thanks also to our judge, Gill Lawrence, who did an excellent job, ably assisted by steward Ann Clarke. Lastly the competitors, who were a lovely bunch and did their best to eat all the cakes, quiches, pizzas, sandwiches and jacket potatoes provided by our excellent kitchen team (already booked them for next year) - thank you for entering and good luck in future trials.

PIPPA BENTHAM

STAKE: UD

Judge: GILL LAWRENCE

Tracklayers: Allyson Tohme, Dave Edmunds, Anita Reeves

Steward: Ann Clarke

Thank you to Pippa, Felicity and the committee for asking me to judge and for laying on dry (if cold) weather. Many thanks must

go to the tracklayers, especially Allyson, who was a tower of strength. Also thanks to the trusty kitchen staff who kept us well supplied, the escorts and all the other helpers so necessary to make a trial successful. Last, but certainly not least, huge thanks must go to Ann Clarke, who was my trusty steward. She kept me and everyone else in line and as usual, was great fun to be around.

The ground was to die for – lush grass and this resulted in all but one getting around the track.

1st Carol Huckle and VAPRESTO DIABLO KINGSWOLD, BSD (Terv), D, 180, CoM. I was so impressed with this team today. They looked like winners from the start with a neat and tidy track; sadly left one in the square but went on to do a very competent control round. It was nice to see 'Blue' back on form after his setback last year. Very well done!

2nd Heather Donnelly with WOOL-RAM LOTHARIO, BC, D, 175, CoM. Very impressive nosework from this handsome dog, but showed his very exuberant youthfulness in the control round. One to watch for the future I am sure. Good luck with him.

3rd Kelly Chapman with TARNEDGE POSY, Lab, B, 174.5, CoM. This diminutive dog made up for her lack of size with commitment to her work. To see this little dog fly over the long jump had to be seen to be believed. Well done.

4th June Coutts with CRADBRIDGE BILL, Lab Ret, D, 172.5, CoM. This pair always seems to give a good account of themselves and today was no exception. He deserved to be in the line up and should progress nicely through the stakes. Good luck to you both.

Also gaining CoM's:

Jill Carruthers with VOMKYNA DARCA,

GSD, B, 169

Kath Channing with GLENALPINE ACE,
BC, D, 166

Sasha Holden with SILVENROK XEVEN
VIKA, Bouvier, D, 162

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MIDLANDS BORDER COLLIE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

25 to 31 January 2010

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

About eight years ago a fellow working trialist and I were considering how we could put something back into Working Trials. We decided to arrange a little Open Working Trials, just two stakes, CD and UD, and as I was a member of the Midlands Border Collie Club we asked if they would be interested in being involved with this. The club jumped at the chance because they are also very interested in the working abilities of the Border Collie. As most of you are aware this trial has gradually progressed and built up and we have just completed running our third Championship Working Trial. I am also only too aware that we could not have done this without the help of people from the working trials clubs in the area around us and the support of M.B.C.C. This trial could only be run with a team of enthusiastic people pulling together. The trial is not dependent on one individual, we all contribute together to make it work. Over the years we have had a lot of positive feedback and thank you cards from competitors, and some very kind and supportive messages from some experienced working trialists. Going on the actual feedback from competitors we appear to have run five successful open trials and three successful championship trials

so far. I know I am not the most experienced trials manager but I have been involved in dog competitions for more years than I care to remember, and was also show manager for a number of large open obedience shows in the past. Where I may lack experience as a working trials manager I always make very sure that I thoroughly understand the relevant regulations that apply, without making up my own regulations or putting my own interpretation on them. As those of us who have done the job know, a trials manager's task can sometimes be an onerous one. The job is often stressful enough as it is, without it being made more unnecessarily stressful by the actions of others. I can understand why some societies are struggling to appoint willing trials managers. In my case I am considering my position for a few weeks before making a decision on whether to continue as a Trials Manager due to some of this negative aura.

We had a super venue this year in a hotel conference centre (the venue for the 2013 KCC's). Everything was in one place; base, accommodation and evening food. Much better than the cold draughty scout hut used in previous years! Both tracking stakes were on winter wheat with quite wet muddy ground. I would like to add my own personal thanks to the tracklayers and stewards, especially those helping in the TD Stake, as they were there all week, and it was very heavy going trekking on the fields. All the tracking stake competitors received a highlighted route map with both printed and verbal directions and every junction had a TD or UD direction sign (3 for TD and 4 for UD). This seemed to work out quite well; I believe only two competitors did not follow the signs and temporarily got lost on the way to their field. CD was on a pasture field adjacent to the base and so just a short walk from the car park.

I thank everyone who helped with the trial in any way. We really cannot do it without

you! Thanks to the three judges, Dave doing CD, Roger doing UD and Len doing TD. All three undertook their respective roles in a professional manner, enduring varying conditions through the week, from cold, windy and damp days to a sunny frosty Sunday. Due to a family illness there was a possibility that Len would not be able to undertake the TD C/A on the Sunday and I thank Roger Shrimpton for agreeing to stay an extra day and night to cover this eventuality. Fortunately the situation for Len did not develop further and he was able to complete the Stake. Again, thanks to everyone who helped and the competitors for entering, and congratulations to all who achieved an award at the trial.

We are considering alternating our UD Stake with a WD Stake in future years to coincide with ASPADS Oxford Trial so there will always be a Championship UD and WD Stake around this time of the year. Watch this space – it maybe WD next year instead of UD.

BARRIE JAMES

STAKE: CD

Judge: DAVID WAITE

Steward: Diane Yeatman

Thanks to the Club for inviting me to judge, and to Barrie James and all the team for organising and running the trial. A big thank you to Diane for doing a brilliant job stewarding over the two days.

There were 26 entries, of which 19 worked. 5 teams qualified CDEx and 2 teams qualified CD. I hopefully set a straightforward round that was suitable for the Stake. The articles in the search square were a green cartridge, a 5” piece of green plastic Christmas tree and a 3” x 1” x 1” block of wood;

overall most dogs did a good retrieve and search square, which got most teams off to a good start to the stake. The standard of the Control Section was also very good, but as quite often with either young or inexperienced dogs, the Agility Section proved very costly.

1st Jeny Miller with FOXFOLD UNEXPECTED EDITION, X-Breed, B, 100/100, Q. What a beautiful round to watch and judge, a very polished and no nonsense work like performance. Although the approach to all the jumps made me wonder if the dog was going to jump them, but she did with ease.

2nd J Lewis with RUSHBOTTOM RHYNESTONBROWS, ASD, D, 98/100, Q. Another high class round from this team, with only minor faults in heelwork and sendaway costing the points.

3rd Nathan Wilson with SPECIAL GIFT, Weim, D, 94/100, Q. The name says it all, this dog did look a bit Special. 5 points dropped on the long jump and 1 on the search square were the only faults with this dog’s performance today.

4th Jill Carruthers with Vomkyna Darca, GSD, B, 93/100, Q. Another really good solid round from this young dog. Only minor points dropped on heelwork, retrieve and square, but another dog that lost 5 points on the long jump.

Also qualifying CDEx:

Michael Loughran with GARRETHALL QUADRILLE, Lab, B, 87/100. This team’s second ever trial and to say Michael was very pleased is an understatement.

Qualifying CD:

P Thornton with LIMASMYTHE ENNYA, GSD, B, 79.5/100

J Lloyd with LITTLETHORN ROLLS ROYCE AT BROOKSBID, CDEx, BC, D, 78.5/100

WELSH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

4 - 7 February 2010
Laleston, Bridgend

STAKE: UD AND WD

Judge: TONY LOCKYER

**Tracklayers: Pat Herbert, Lindsey Poole,
Linda Reynolds and John West**

Stewards: Marnie Wells and Eleanor Anderson

Many thanks to Marnie and the committee at Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation to judge at this Trial. For a while leading up to the date I did think the jinx was going to work again and the snow was going to stop proceedings, but as things turned out the weather was fine and for two days we had quite warm sunshine.

UD STAKE

Pat, Lindsey and Linda laid the tracks, with Marnie and Eleanor sharing the stewarding - once again, thank you all.

Twelve entered and eight ran, of these six qualified the nosework and three qualified overall. The tracking was on permanent pasture and the dogs seemed to cope well with it, the searches being where most marks were lost.

After a run off.

1st Pat Golding and ST PETE'S JETTA, 178.5. A very impressive round, spoiled only by an article left in the square. Very well done.

2nd Pat Tagg and ABAPSOMA BLANNKA, 178.5. Just a bit of work needed on retrieve, both on articles and dumbbell. Well done.

3rd Mary Hansell and NELLINKA

WINTER STORM, 173.5. The hard work is paying off, Mary, HE GOT ALL THE ARTICLES and a very good track after the first corner.

4th Norma Ansell and GEFNI CAUGHT ON CAMERA, NQ.

WD STAKE:

Pat and John laid all the tracks and Marnie was in charge of the squares and scribed for me in the control. Thank you all for a sterling job.

All sixteen entries ran, 12 of which qualified the nosework and five qualified overall. The tracking was on sheep grazed grass, which made the dogs work quite hard, with Lorna Bardwell's Ted getting the best track mark but leaving an article in the square, and Julie Atkins' Reg getting the best nosework mark. The control field was a little uneven which perhaps accounted for the lack of heelwork, with 5 partnerships getting below half marks, but what really disappointed me was the number of dogs that did not want to leave their handlers on the sendaway, which was straight out to a very definite hedge.

1st Julie Atkins and GLENALPINE REG, 133.5/ 33.5/ 19, total 186. A great round to watch, Julie, even though you are still working out how he reacts, and a very good control round.

2nd Sheila Williams and WAGGERLAND TOCKEE, 130.5/ 34.5/ 19.5, total 184.5. Very well done, Sheila, another impressive control round; the article left in the square was costly.

3rd Sheila Tannert and STYPERSON CLEO, 126/ 30.5/ 19, total 175.5. Well done, Sheila, just bits and pieces and a missed track article made the difference.

4th Fran Atkin and BLEDRI OF STEPASIDE, 118/ 31/ 20, total 169.

Also qualifying WDEx:

Rod Roberts and LITTLE JEFF.

Thank you also to all at base, Lindsey, Trials Manager, Brian as base steward and Barbara in the kitchen, keeping us well fed and watered, and for the lift to the pub each night.

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BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF IRELAND

29 - 31 January 2010

Cappanargid, Rathangan, Co. Kildare

STAKES: CD, UD, WD, TD

Judge: JEAN HOWELLS

Tracklayers: Jeff Poole, Arthur Jeal and Steve Fearon

Steward: Riona Kilbride

Many thanks to Border Collie Club of Ireland for inviting me to judge - I had a super time with superb accommodation at Judith and Jeff's lovely home. Thanks to Jeff for all his hard work in running a good trial and to Judith who worked hard throughout the trial - the Base being Judith and Jeff's kitchen. Thanks also to Judith for all the lovely meals.

Thanks to my tracklayers, Jeff, Arthur and Steve, and to my steward for all the stakes, Riona (the bag lady!) - you all worked hard and were good company.

WD STAKE:

I started on Friday with WD. There were 5 entries, and 4 worked. Tracklayers were Jeff and Arthur. It was a sunny morning but with a cold wind, it then clouded over and we had a little rain in the afternoon. There were three qualifiers after the nosework, but

unfortunately two went out on the control.

1st Miriam Lyons with KALIYON CAOIBHE, BC, B, 181, Q. Keva did a good track with both articles and a good square with 4 articles. A good control round, well done.

2nd Caroline Woods with PARAVEL ILLUSION, GSD, B, NQ. Lost a few marks on the track as Lyra decided to alter the track pattern a little! A good sendaway but jumps and stays were costly.

3rd Jenny Hickey with Ch & Int Ch HA'PENNY KINGFISHER, BC, D, NQ. Guinness started the track in a positive manner. He got to the third leg and unfortunately lost the track. A lovely control round with full marks on the jumps.

4th Marjorie Briggs with IR ShCh TRILITE PRIVATE RYAN, Weimaraner, D. A lovely track getting the Best Track Award. Well Done.

TD STAKE:

TD was on Saturday; there were 4 entries and 4 worked, and Steve laid all the tracks. It was a beautiful day with a clear blue sky, but it was also very cold and frosty. There were 2 Qualifiers after the nosework.

1st Miriam Lyons with WTCh TAMERRYE MARANELLO, BC, B, 188.5, Q. A good track and a good control round. Best Track Award. Well Done

2nd Judith Owens-Poole with Ch & Int Ch & WTCh FIRCROFT DALWINNIE, BC, B, 170, NQ. Unfortunately, only one article off the track. A good square with 4 articles, a very nice control round and full marks on the jumps.

UD STAKE:

UD was on Sunday. There were 6 entries and 5 worked, and the tracklayers were Steve and Arthur. A very cold frosty dull morn-

ing, and then before we started there was a covering of snow. 3 dogs qualified on the nosework, and these 3 also qualified on the control.

1st Jeff Poole with FIRCROFT CASHEL, GSD, D, 193.5, Q. A lovely track and search followed by a good control round. Only blip was the long jump, which Cash managed on the 2nd attempt. A worthy winner. Joint Best Track with Jenny Hickey. Well Done.

2nd Jenny Hickey with HA'PENNY KELTIC MAGIC, BC, B, 188.5, Q. Another lovely track and search. Neck and neck with Jeff after the nosework. A good control round, but no return on the scale was costly. Joint Best Track with Jeff Poole. Well Done.

3rd Judith Owens Poole with ShCh FIRCROFT BELISIMA, Portuguese Water Dog, B, 188, Q. A good track and search followed by a good control round. Gorja worked well and just needed a 2nd attempt on the clear jump. Well Done.

CD STAKE:

CD was after lunch on Sunday. By this time the snow had disappeared and the sun had come out, although it was still very cold. There were 5 entries and 3 worked. My steward for the squares and control was again Riona. Thanks again, Riona, for transporting me about and looking after me!

1st Edwina Dunne with FALK VON KONGISHIF, GSD, D, Q CD. You qualified in each section and had Alfie done the sit stay, you would have got the Ex. Well done on the rest of your work.

2nd Caroline Woods with PARAVEL ILLUSION, GSD, B, Q CD. Again qualifying in each section but not enough marks for Ex. Heelwork was expensive today. Well Done

Both of you should keep trying and I am sure it won't be long before you get your CDEX.

Thank you once again to all the helpers and to the farmers for allowing us to use their land. Arthur and I had a very enjoyable time during our stay with you and we wish you all every success for the future.

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Monday 28th June to Sunday 4th July 2010

At: Aller Farm, Upottery, Devon.

Judges:	TD Stake	John West
	WD Stake	Jill Carruthers. (all work in one day)
	UD Stake	Ruth Cahill (all work in one day)
	CD Stake	Paul Cousins
	Veteran	Jo Magnus

(Veteran: LIMITED to 12 Sunday only, CD: Friday and Saturday only.
UD: End of the week, WD: Beginning of the week)

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 21ST MAY 2010

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

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

SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

Lauder, Berwickshire,
Wednesday 12 May To Sunday 16 May 2010

Judges	PD Stake	Moira Rogerson
	WD Stake	Bill Richardson
	UD Stake	Yvonne Carpenter
	CD Stake/Veteran	Eric Carpenter

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2010

Trials Manager: Ann Bedford 01896 822619

Entry Fees

Tracking Stakes	£16.00 (Members)	£18.00 (Non Members)
CD Stake	£12.00 (Members)	£14.00 (Non Members)
Veteran	£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, 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

OPEN TRIAL

Inchnabobart, Ballater,
Friday 25th(If necessary), Saturday 26th And Sunday 27th June 2010

Judges	C & A	Doug Shearer
	TD Nosework	Sheila Shearer
	WD Nosework	Sheena Kerr
	UD Nosework	John Hood
	CD Stake	Sheena Kerr

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 25TH MAY 2010

Trials Manager: Jim McKay Tel: 01224 749084

Entry Fees

Tracking Stakes	£15.00 (Members)	£17.00 (Non Members)
CD Stake	£11.00 (Members)	£13.00 (Non Members)

Entries, schedules and information (please send SAE) from the Trials Secretary: Helen Jones, 12 Higginson Loan, Mayfield, Dalkeith EH22 5RE
Tel: 01875 820464/ 07795 823369



ASPADS

WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

OPEN WORKINGTRIAL

At: Scarborough
On Friday 7th – Sunday 9th MAY 2010

Judges

TD Stake	Suzanne Plumb
WD Stake	Dave Craven
UD and CD Stakes	Richard Musgrave

All work in one day. Earlier days will be used if necessary.

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 8 APRIL 2010 Please Enclose SAE

Entries with entry fee to:

**Mr Barry Gilbert, Lindum, Horsegate Field Road, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire, DN19 7NN
Tel: 01469 531301**

OTHER TRIALS 2010

Scarborough Champ Ends Sun 1 Aug Closes Wed 24 June	Barry Gilbert, Lindum, Horsegate Field Road, Goxhill, N Lines, DN19 7NN	TD – Jean Howells WD – Linda Newbold UD – Lorraine Wilson CD – Fran Mitchell
Monk Fryston Open Ends Sun 19 Sept Closes Wed 12 August	Dave Stewart, 11 Penlands Walk, Colton, Leeds, Yorkshire, LS15 9DL	TD – Liz Roberts WD – Jacqui Gibney UD/CD – tba
Dundee Champ Ends Sun 7 Nov Closes Wed 10 Oct	William Rae, 5 South Street, Monifieth, Dundee, DD5 4PJ	TD – Jim Jeffrey WD/UD – Tracey Park CD – Sheila Margreaves
Tillmouth Open Ends Sun 14 Nov Closes Wed 13 Oct	Jackie Suckling, 20 Orchard Smallholdings, Hume, Kelso, TD5 7TS	UD – Brian Glasgow CD/Special Veteran – Roy Drummer
Enfield Open Ends Sun 6 Dec Closes Wed 28 Oct	Vana Moody, 35 Chace Avenue, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 5LZ	WD – Mark Lewindon UD – Gary Martin C & A – Eric Nicholls

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M will take place on Sunday 18th April 2010, at Gayton Village Hall, Gayton, Northamptonshire commencing at 10.00am.

This will be followed at 11am by a Seminar on “Working Trials Management”

All are welcome - free to members, £5 for non-members

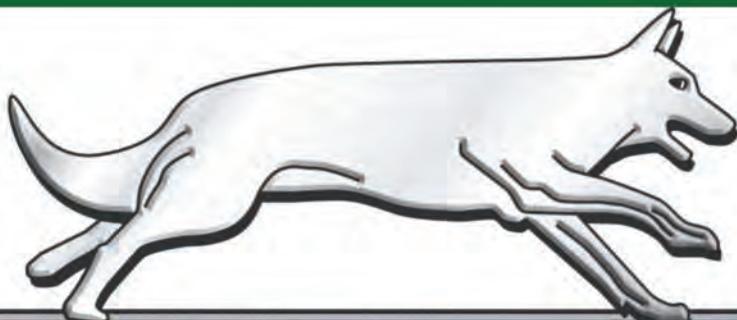
Entry Fees for 2010 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £20.00 – CD, £15.00

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