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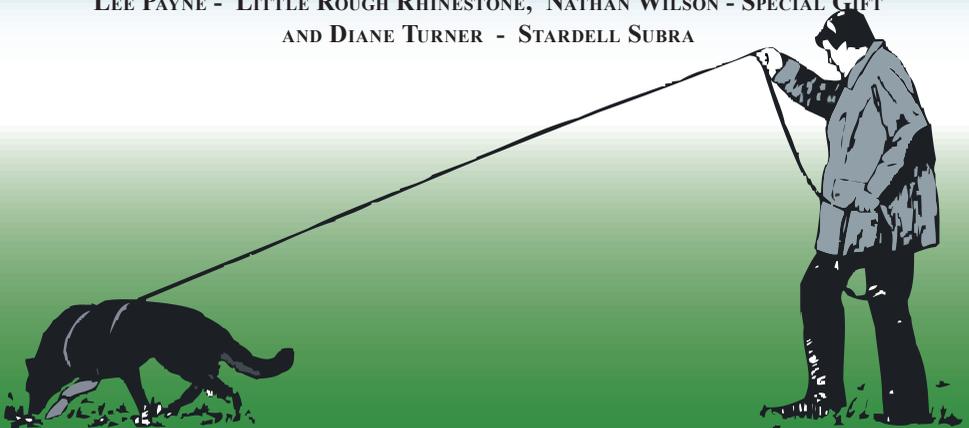
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EDITORIAL

Congratulations go to Anne Clarke and Sty-person Quincy for winning the ticket under Tony Orchard at BAGSD Tewkesbury trial and to Tony Lockyer with WT. Ch Double Top at Hartshill who were Frances Ball's winning team at ASPADS Enfield trial.

This month I have ignored Judy's objections and made a command decision to print a list of trial reports that are outstanding. Please note, this list is not inferring that these reports have not been sent in - only that we have not received them. This month I have only included reports outstanding from 2009.

Judy informs me that publishing this list is unpopular but I cant help wonder with whom it is unpopular. If the amount of phone calls this office receives concerning unpublished reports is any indication, then trial reports **are** important to most trialists.

Maybe I have got it wrong but isn't being offered a judging appointment one of the highest honours a society can bestow on an individual, in doing so they are openly showing recognition of your abilities as a trainer and a competitor. Don't the competitors that enter under you deserve some sort of write up giving them the benefit of your experience or at the very least a public announcement of their achievements.

It seems that the WTM website is going down well and the posting of trial results is proving very popular, while I will do my best to keep the site up to date, I do need your help - please send in results, pictures or anything else you feel might be of interest.

MARK SKILLIN
EDITOR

Crufts Dog Activities Stand 2010

This is the fifth year that Busby and I have been part of the Working Trials team demonstrating on the Kennel Club Dog Activities Stand at Crufts and, this year, we had the added excitement of doing two demonstrations in the Main Ring!

Another first this year was a new member of the team – Carol Burgess and her lovely Miniature Poodle, Lacey. She was an instant success with Busby who obviously appreciated her French je ne sais quoi!! She was also an instant success with the audience – there were some delighted expressions on their faces as they watched Lacey bounce over her jumps as if on springs.

Barry Gilbert's Freddie was as popular as ever. This year he really managed to give his audience terrific entertainment value by working in his usual nonchalant Poodle manner but adding long pauses to scratch – what a poser!!

Jean Howells and the lovely Jed were there and brought along young Archie, probably feeling that the Collie fraternity was get-

ting far too outnumbered. All in all, we were able to show that dogs of all sorts can have a go at trials and, from the number of people coming to chat to us about training for trials, I think we managed to convince quite a few that they are indeed great fun. The usual backroom members of the team, Linda Gilbert and Julia Evans (my friend who doesn't even compete in trials) were there as our general gofers and spare dog holders – what would we do without them?!!

In our usual ring, we showed off stays, heelwork, recalls, retrieves (from a single dumb-bell to more difficult articles and then multiple search type retrieves), speaks, sendaways and jumps. And, this year, as Lowry has retired, Jean and Jed had the unenviable task of tracking on the carpet!! They did not let the side down! In fact, they were very impressive and they even did a track in the main ring on Saturday with lights and cameras!!!

For the arena demos, several of the Dog Activities groups were in the ring at once, all doing something to show their sports and each taking turns to be centre stage for the internet coverage. We had practised on the Wednesday evening (we did not leave

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

May

21st	Wessex (Upottery, Devon, 28th June - 4th July 2010)	CH	TD WD UD CD Vet
25th	Scottish WTS (Inchnabart, Ballater, 25 - 27 June 2010)	OP	TD WD UD CD

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

the NEC till 7.30pm) and worked out what we were going to be doing when it was our turn in the spotlight, so I did have a surprise on the Thursday, when I discovered that Busby would be doing a play speak to start us off! Never mind – we did it. Our aim was to show the exercises that make trials different from obedience which had just been demonstrated, Busby did a search square laid by Stan, Jed tracked with Barry as tracklayer, Freddie did sendaways and redirects and Lacey bounced over her jumps beautifully.

Something that meant a lot to me, personally, was the opportunity to show how good and trainable Staffords are especially at the present time with so much anti-dog feeling around and the DDA being under scrutiny.

It also meant a lot to members of the audience. One delightful lady (obviously a fan of the breed) came to take photos of Busby after his demo and said she had enjoyed watching him so much that she had been in tears!! He does seem to have a huge number of admirers at Crufts and Stan does a very good job on the positive publicity in his commentary.

Anyway, that's it for another Crufts – all in all a super opportunity to show off the wonderful sport of Working Trials and maybe encourage others to join those of us who already enjoy standing in the middle of wet fields praying that our dog will find the track!!

MARNEY WELLS

I would like to thank all the trials managers who have made it possible for Paul and I to continue trialling over the past three years. As many of you know Paul's work has been very demanding during this period with him working over 100 hours a

week for what seems like forever, and it has been impossible for him to take time off during the week. We have therefore been forced to beg for weekend tracks, and with very few exceptions our requests have been met. We are both very grateful for this and appreciate that people know us well enough to realise we have not been taking advantage - sometimes real life just has to come first!

After a lot of soul searching we have realised that we cannot go on like this and so have decided to make a dramatic change to our lifestyle and hopefully later in the year this will result in us becoming far more flexible. However, in the meantime we would just like to say a big thank you for the understanding which has allowed us to keep trialling.

Thanks again

WENDY BEASLEY

Crufts 2010 Results

I am lucky enough (depending upon your point of view) to have two dogs qualified for Crufts for life but when talking to a fellow trialist at the NEC on Thursday (Working and Pastoral Day) I realised that not everyone knows that you can qualify a dog for Crufts in ways other than via the showing. So I thought I would put pen to paper in case anyone else wishes to take their Working Trial Dog to this annual event.

If your dog is a Working Trial Champion; entered in the Kennel Club Stud Book, or qualifies for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book through Working Trials you are eligible to enter Crufts with your dog.

You get a Stud Book Number by gaining a TD only or TDex. This means that your dog is qualified for Crufts for life. So you can enter your dog in the appropriate class for its breed.

In addition to this there are Special Working Trial Classes for Border Collies, Dobermanns, GSD and Rottweilers. A dog is eligible for entry in Working Trial Classes for its breed if it has gained a qualification not lower than UD Excellent under Kennel Club Working Trial Regulations.

If you have a gundog you may also enter the Special Working Gundog Class. A dog is eligible for entry in Special Working Gundog classes for its breed if it has at any time been awarded a Working Gundog Certificate, a Kennel Club Show Gundog Working Certificate or won an award, Diploma of Merit or Certificate of Merit in competition at a Field Trial held under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Dogs entered into this class no longer have to qualify for entry in a breed class first.

The only exception to this is if you have a docked breed which was docked on or after April 6 2007. So if you want to enter next year, keep an eye out for the Schedule which normally appears around November time and you can find on the Fosse Data internet site.

The following are the results I have to hand (apologies for any omissions)

BORDER COLLIES – WORKING TRIAL DOG

1st GHOSTLAND COPPER
CHARM CDEX UDEX (MS D M WHITING)

2nd BEKKIS BEKWEY MERRID-
OWN CDEX UDEX WDEX (MRS G R

LAWRENCE)

BORDER COLLIES – WORKING TRIAL BITCH

1st IR/INT CH BEESTING WICCA
UDEX WDEX (MISS J HICKEY)

2nd WT CH LAETARE LEFT IN
THE DARK AT SAMDAIS CDEX UDEX
WDEX TDEX PDEX BEGEX (MR D M
& MRS H D WOODCOCK)

3rd FOXBARTON THAT'S JAZZ
CDEX UDEX (MRS V A TILLER)

Res BEKKIS DULCIMER CDEX
UDEX WDEX (MRS G R LAWRENCE)

VHC KINGSLODGE VICAR OF DIB-
LEY ISDS CDEX UDEX (THE REV A M
HUGHES)

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS – WORKING TRIAL DOG

1st JAKE AT JOTUNHEIM SCHH3
CDEX UDEX WDEX (MRS A E TO-
HME)

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS - WORKING TRIAL BITCH

1st TYGUARD CHILLI AT MAN-
POL CDEX UDEX WDEX (GREATER
MANCHESTER POLICE)

ROTTWEILERS – WORKING TRIAL DOG

1st EYLAVERHOF NORIS AT TRI
VOMNEL (MR & MRS N & D GREEN-
MORRIS)

In the breed classes there were also some dogs with letters after their name!

PASTORAL GROUP

Australian Shepherd

Veteran Bitch

1st SHEPALIAN NIGHTFLIGHT
TO MOORTIME SHCM CDEX UDEX
WD (MRS L COUSINS)

Pyrenean Sheepdog (longhaired)
Open Dog

3rd RIACAUD ULRIC DE PICORS
CDEX UDEX WDEX (MRS V WIL-
FORD)

WORKING GROUP

Hovawart
Veteran Bitch

3rd KYNYAF TIY OF PINES CDEX
UDEX (MRS E M & MR J R BETTS &
SHARPE)

GOOD CITIZENS BITCH

1st PINES PORSCHE OF MYRTIL-
LAS CDEX (MRS E ANDERSON)

GUNDOG GROUP

German Wire Haired Pointer
Veteran Bitch

2nd TYNSIL TIGER WALKS
DUNSA CDEX UDEX WDEX (MISS K
WOOLLEY)

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME

1st TYNSIL TIGER WALKS
DUNSA CDEX UDEX WDEX (MISS K
WOOLLEY)

WEIMARANER

Special Working Gundog – Bitch

1st FURSDON TWYLYTE TRA-
MONTANO CDEX UDEX WDEX TDEX
(MRS A E TOHME)

Crufts Obedience Championship – Dog

1st Susanne Jaffa Ob Ch Amberslade
Buckaneer CDex UDex WDEx (ASD)

This was the first time an ASD has won the Obedience Championship at Crufts and Buck is now retired from this discipline and going to concentrate on Working Trials.

ALLYSON TOHME

NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB

THE KENNEL CLUB OFFERS MORE TOURS FOR 2010

Following the continued popularity and success of its free behind the scenes tours, the Kennel Club has announced that further dates are planned for 2010. The dates available are as follows:

- 30th April
- 12th May
- 10th June
- 21st July
- 25th August
- 22nd September
- 10th November

Visitors will have a chance to learn more about the Kennel Club's efforts to improve the health and welfare of thousands of dogs in the UK, and see how the Kennel Club is an unparalleled source of information on dog welfare, dog training and dog breeding. They will also get the opportunity to view the Art Gallery and Library and see more of the Kennel Club art collection on a guided tour of the building.

For an accompanying photo click here
The tours are open to individuals, clubs, societies or indeed anyone who has an interest in the world of dogs and would like to find out more about the Kennel Club's activities.

Tours take place at the Kennel Club's offices at 1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London, W1J 8AB, commencing at 11am. Visitors are invited to arrive from 10.30am onwards when refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend the tours on these dates but places must be booked in advance. Every visitor will receive a free goody bag to take home and lunch is also available for a small charge.

In addition to the dates above, groups of six or more people may book a private tour for a small charge of just £5 per person.

For further details, or to book one of the tours, please contact the Kennel Club Art Gallery on 020 7518 1064 or at artgallery@thekennelclub.org.uk.

ENJOY A FUN-FUELLED WEEK WITH FIDO AT THE YKC NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

There are just a few weeks left to confirm a place at the UK's top training camp for young dog lovers.

The Young Kennel Club (YKC) National Training Camp opens its doors on Saturday 24th July at Brooksby College in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire for a week out in the great outdoors with a furry friend.

YKC members attending the week are

given the chance to train their dogs in handling, agility, obedience, heelwork to music and the Good Citizen Dog Scheme and learn lots of new skills along the way. Dedicated trainers run the day programmes, and team leaders take over in the evenings with a packed social programme, where members can socialise during activities which test stamina, brains and push the fun levels, such as games night, talent night and a huge last night party.

To find out more and to download an application form, please visit www.ykc.org.uk and click on National Training Camp under Training and Activities. Alternatively call a member of the YKC team on 020 7518 1030 who will be happy to answer any questions.

Caroline Kisko, Communications Director at the Kennel Club, commented: "Each member has a training programme tailored to their specific needs, depending on their level of experience and what they hope to gain from the camp experience.

It's a great way of developing a bond between young people and their dogs; the responsible dog owners of the future can learn to improve their handling in a fun environment and meet other like-minded dog enthusiasts."

Need to Know Facts:

- DATES: Saturday 24th July - Friday 30th July 2010
- LOCATION: Brooksby College, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire
- Members must be accompanied by a

parent or guardian – siblings are welcome to come along too.

- Families stay on site in either a tent or caravan – you need to bring your own.
- No experience is needed – members old and new love camp, we cover all levels.
- Our dedicated trainers are on hand during the day, and team leaders take over in the evening.
- Social activities are included and keep everyone busy each night – all welcome!

GOLDEN WONDER

A Proper Dog

The Golden Wonder will be two years old this month. I usually think that by the time the dog reaches its second birthday you will have a dog – a proper dog. What I mean by that is a dog that knows your lifestyle and is easy to live with, having come through all that difficult puppy stuff. Whilst puppies are lovely, I am sure that you will agree they are hard work. You have to get up early to housetrain them, have to feed them frequently therefore cannot go out for long, or really do anything without planning. You cannot walk them with the big dogs and they just take up so much time – even when they do not need the time one just has to watch them because they are so lovely to watch. However the time has flown past and he is very nearly two years old. He is much easier to live with albeit probably the naughtiest dog I have ever owned. He loves digging and swimming and barking! Well I suppose one of those traits is useful for trials.

The Speak

The Golden Wonder was born knowing how to get attention by making a noise (well not literally – but it pretty much

seemed that way). I did everything in my power to discourage noise as I do not like living with noisy dogs. In the past I have done this with my young dogs and then found it very difficult to teach them to ‘speak’ on command, they learn I do not generally approve of barking and therefore seem to find it very difficult to understand that barking is not only allowed but required when I say “speak!”

Having set myself up for this problem in the past I decided to ensure it did not happen with this dog. When the Golden Wonder was about four months of age (big enough to be tied to a fence without strangling himself) I started his speak training. I took my puppy and my older dog into a field and tied the puppy to the fence using a wide soft collar and rope lead (this has more ‘give’ in it), to protect his neck as he lunged. Then I started to play with the older dog keeping a reward ready in my other hand to give to the puppy as soon as he made a noise. Being the Golden Wonder, I knew that although he would not want to play, he would not be happy being ignored while I turned my back on him to play with the other dog. I had a large piece of food ready to reward him. As I suspected it only took a few seconds before he screamed and I turned towards him instantly and rewarded him with the food. It was really funny to see the startled look on his face. Even at that age you could see he was rather expecting to be told off not rewarded for making a noise. We repeated this several times with the Golden Wonder gradually realising that, in this situation noise was allowed. Of course I did not use any command to speak – there would be no point as he did not know what the word meant and I did not want to teach him to ignore the word in the first place. I work on the basis that I only use the command when I know I can get the behaviour. You know the say-

ing, 'it's no good shouting at a Frenchman – he still cannot understand you no matter how loud you shout.' Plus with the puppy he learns the word means nothing except that before long you might start shouting and maybe getting frustrated with him. So I like to be able to get the behaviour before I introduce the word or command so the first time he hears the word it is followed by the correct behaviour and a reward.

Continuing with the Golden Wonder's speak training, every time I turned away from him to play with the other dog he would make a noise and I would instantly turn towards him and reward. As he became confident that the noise he was making brought him my attention and the reward, I waited for more noise before turning to reward him. In the first five minute session we progressed from a yippy little scream and got to the stage that he was barking in quite a demanding way before I turned and rewarded him. Did I mention he was naturally a noisy dog! He could not believe his luck. This was definitely his kind of exercise. Barking his head off and getting his breakfast in the process.

We repeated the procedure the following morning and he quickly caught on to the idea again. Then I put the older dog away, tied GW to the same place and turned away as if to play with the other dog and sure enough GW barked. I clicked (I would wouldn't I?) and turned and fed him as before when the older dog was present. I did not click when the older dog was playing as it could cause confusion as to which dog I was clicking (don't go there - that is another whole debate!) anyway if the dog were not clicker trained I could have simply continued to reward him for barking without marking the behaviour with

the clicker. So now we were back on the routine I would turn my back – he would bark, I would then click and treat. After several successful repeats I was fairly sure I could get the behaviour. At this stage I introduced the 'command' then turned my back and clicked him for 'obeying.' This illustrates why clicker trainers often use the word 'cue' rather than 'command' and why clicker training is really good for speak training as it is a behaviour that is difficult to enforce. For example if I were traditionally training the sit I could give the command 'sit' and enforce the behaviour in the traditional 'up with the lead in the right hand and press the puppy's bottom down with the left hand' -a saying I remember fondly from my early dog training classes as a child at Bristol Dog Training Society, along with - 'Never give a command unless you are in a position to enforce it.' It would be difficult to enforce a speak! Enough semantics, I had now got to the stage that I could use my word, 'speak' then turn my back and GW barked. Before long he began to anticipate what I was going to do after I said the word speak and he started barking before I turned away. Hurray – a speak on command (all this in one place with the dog tied to the fence). After several sessions in this location I tied him elsewhere and repeated the process. Yes he recognised the game as soon as I tied him up to a fence took a few steps away said 'speak' and turned my back to him he barked. I clicked and rewarded, delighted the behaviour was now being offered in a second place. We added a few more places until I could pretty much guarantee he would bark as soon as I tied him to a fence and said my word. Now back to the original place, accidentally on purpose forget to tie him and just say speak. Hey presto! A speak on command! What a clever dog and he is sooo pretty.

TRIAL REPORTS

NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIAL SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

13th – 15th February 2009
Potland Farm Equestrian Centre, Morpeth

STAKE: CD AND CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: NIGEL HINES
Steward: June Hines

Firstly, I must apologise for the lateness of this report, which is due to having lost track of the paperwork when we moved house. A big thank you to the society for the invitation to judge, and to Betty Orrin for being such a good and friendly trials manager.

On arrival, we looked at the usual control field and decided that it would be far too heavy going for the dogs – deep snow covering some seriously deep holes left by the cows' hooves in the mud. A field next to the base seemed ideal having, on the first day, an even covering of snow but progressing as the snow melted over the next two days into a mud bath. However, the competitors took it all in their stride but some of the dogs understandably didn't want to sit in the mud during their exercises!

The new base at the riding school proved to be a good move, with all facilities at hand. Thanks to Betty for the Saturday evening meal at her house where about 25 of us tucked in to the best fish and chips I've had for years. It was also good to see John Watts out and about at the trial and looking well on the road to recovery.

Obviously, by now the nosework judges

have reported on the other stakes so I will cover the CD. Sadly, no qualifiers in CD, with jumps and the stays proving the major challenges. Four teams worked but two teams scratched after the sit stay. All the dogs made good attempts at the sendaway, two of them achieving full marks.

1st GREAT ARAMIS OF BRIGHTNESS OVER WILDFIRE, BSD, D, handled by Miss A Moslin, 76, NQ.

Aramis was the only dog who managed both the stays. He also had a full mark sendaway but sadly it was the jumps that prevented a qualification.

2nd DURABLE OF DIRRINGTON, ASD, D, handled by Jo Moullin, 61, NQ. Jura did a lovely sendaway but again it was the jumps that were the main issue.

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SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

20 -21 June 2009
Inchnabobart

STAKE: UD NOSEWORK

Judge: Gwen Matear
**Tracklayers: Derek McAuley (2 days),
Brian Glasgow, Gordon Barnett**
Steward: Helen Jones

Thanks to the Society for the invitation and to Jim McKay for a brilliant trial. Thanks

also to my steward and tracklayers for their help and great company. The weather was lovely for the humans but just a bit too hot for the dogs. The setting for this trial is just superb and a couple of days watching dogs and handlers tracking is a perfect way to spend a weekend. We had some great tracks over what can be difficult ground for the handlers to negotiate but the dogs just take it in their stride.

1st Lorna Cottier and ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS, X-Breed, 183, NQ. A great track from Lorna and Haggis – they made it look effortless.

2nd Pam Cuthbert and PIERCE’S APRENTICE, X-Breed, 176.5, NQ. Another superb track with some fancy footwork from Pam to stay upright!

3rd Jo Moulin and DURABLE OF DIRRINGTON, WSD, 170, NQ. A great effort from Jo and Jura dropping just one point.

4th Sam Ashton and DOTTY DOTTY, WSD, 163, NQ. A good track but 3 out of the square saw Sam and Dot take 4th place.

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NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

21 - 25 October 2009
Sately, Co. Durham

STAKE: WD

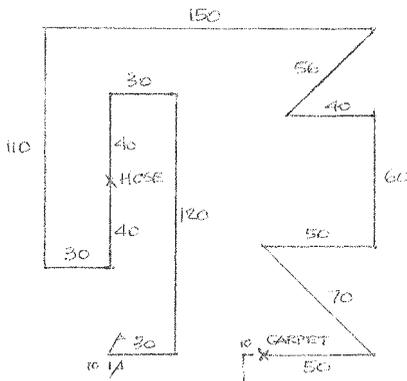
Judge: ERIC CARPENTER
Tracklayers: Andrea Lynd, Colin Wilson, Sue Ashby, Anne Bedford.

Control and Search Stewards: Yvonne Carpenter, Tracey Park.

My thanks to NECWTS for the invitation to judge at this excellent, happy trial and to the local landowners for their generosity in providing so much land. Julia and Carole front a lovely team and between them put on a trial I can recommend to anyone, be they competitor, judge or helper. It must be ‘hard’ for Julie and Carol to leave a cosy home life to B and B in a pub for a few days to run the trial but they do and they do it superbly. The meals and entertainment at night are second to none.

Sheila Margreaves and Betty Orrin did an excellent job at the base - thank you for all your help. I am not going to name names for the kitchen because there seemed to be so many helping out that I am bound to offend by missing someone out. So, just a big thank you for looking after me so well and, yes, the diet is beginning to work!

I had a terrific team of helpers out in the fields, who were all excellent company and helped to make the week very enjoyable. Thank you Andrea, Colin, Sue, Ann, Yvonne and Tracey for that and for doing everything spot on. Colin got the long service medal by managing to stay in my company for three days.



29 entered, 26 ran. The stake ran over four

days on grass. In the pub on Wednesday night Carole and Julia insisted (yes, you did!) that the conditions would defeat many. As I have visited this trial many times I had no difficulty agreeing with them (first time ever, not drink - I was driving). However, either global warming intervened and the conditions were benign by Tow Law standards, or the competitors were an awkward bunch, because of the 26 who ran 22 easily completed the track with at least one article and 18 were still within qualifying marks after nosework. After control and agility there were 8 teams in qualifying marks, with the stay being a big problem, followed by the sendaway and jumps. I think a lot of those who went out showed that on another day they will be successful. Congratulations to those who succeeded – you deserved to. To all the teams who ran, thank you for accepting my decisions and best wishes to all of at your future trials.

1st Tom Mills and MADAM MEG, CDEx UDEx, BC, B, 188.5, WDEx. I was delighted to hand over the red one and WDEx to Tom. It was thoroughly deserved. An excellent track with 2 and 4 followed by an equally excellent control and agility round. A very polished overall performance.

2nd Pat Herbert and GLENALPINE MOO, BC, B, 187, WDEx. Another polished overall performance with 2 and 3, with the fourth search article proving very costly in the end.

3rd Denis Nelson and SELDOM-SEEN HOBBSONS CHOICE, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, WSD, D, 179.5, WDEx. A good steady track with only minor casting and 1 and 4.

4th Moira Rogerson and XANDOAS CHANCE, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, BC, D, 179.5, WDEx. A good track with 1 and 3, just losing out on 3rd.

3rd place was decided on overall nosework mark.

Also Qualifying WDEx:

Ruth Bryant and MEISTERWERK BRUISER, CDEx, BC, D, 176

Judith Stamp and SPROLLIE DOLLIE, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, XB, B, 175

Chris Trevor and DESMOND DINGO, CDEx, UDEx, XB, D, 172

Paul Morling and VONGRAK KAGUL, CDEx, UDEx, GSD, D, 167.5

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FINGAL DOG CLUB OPEN TRIAL

27 - 29 November 2009
Painsetown, Co Meath, Ireland

STAKE: CD

Judge: JENNY ORCHARD
Steward: Sandra Meenan

Thank you to Fingal Dog Club for the invitation to judge the CD stake; it was ably run by Anne Collen and her wonderful enthusiastic band of Irish helpers.

I was superbly fed and watered by Angela - it was definitely a 'moment on the lips and a life time on the hips.' Janet's home made soups were delicious and not to be missed.

I must thank Sandra Meenan for stewarding in appalling weather; she kept the stake flowing and put the competitors at their ease, making my job a lot easier.

I set a straight forward test. The search articles comprised a dolly peg, a six inch piece of knotted brown felt and a two inch square of green pan scrubber. Ten teams had entered but only six ran. Of these six

three teams recovered all three articles, two recovered two search articles; on the whole the retrieve was executed to a reasonable standard by all.

The control commenced with the sit stay, then heel on lead, recall, and heel free, followed by a 30 yd sendaway to crossed poles in the hedge; agility was next and we finished with the down stay. Due to the very wet conditions only one dog achieved qualifying marks on the jumps.

1st KALIYON CAOIBHE, BC, handled by Miriam Lyons, 96, Q. Miriam's experienced handling showed, losing just 2 points on both the nosework and control, with full mark jumps. Very well done.

2nd HAPENNY KELTIC MAGIC, BC, handled by Jennifer Hickey, 82.5, NQ. Lost 0.5 on the nose work, 1.5 on control, but unfortunately due to the soggy ground Maggie had a problem with the jumps.

3rd FALK VON KONGISHOF, GSD, handled by Edwina Dunne, 76, NQ. Achieved qualifying marks in the nose-work but again the jumps took their toll.

4th KALIYON JASPER, BC, handled by Bernadette Digges, 75, NQ. Jasper lost just 1 point on the nosework, did a good control round, but the scale and conditions proved too much for him.

I would like to thank you all for entering under me and I hope that you enjoyed the test as much as I enjoyed judging you and your dogs. I am sure that in the future you will all have successful trials careers.

STAKES: UD, WD AND TD

Judge: TONY ORCHARD

Tracklayers: UD/WD, Diana Collie; TD, Caroline Woods and Ger Philpott

Stewards: Mary Dolan, Jenny Orchard

I would like to thank Fingal Dog Club for inviting me back to judge. Anne Collen was her usual efficient self, ably assisted by Diana Collie as secretary. As a judge nothing was too much trouble and everything ran like clockwork thanks to their efforts. Diana Collie was an excellent host and the club entertained us extremely well, making for a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

I thoroughly enjoyed setting the tests and it gave me a great opportunity to think about the graduation between the stakes. Although the weather was atrocious the dogs worked extremely well, particularly when it came to the control and agility on waterlogged ground. The dogs that did well were obviously highly motivated and therefore not too bothered by conditions.

All the helpers did their jobs brilliantly and their friendly approach created a great atmosphere. Jenny as usual did a great job stewarding the searches and C/A for me, when not judging the CD stake. The tracklayers got every track down perfectly, giving all competitors a fair chance, as did Mary Dolan with the search squares, so a very big thank you.

The refreshments were excellent and the home made soups were to die for! So thank you to everyone involved.

rienced dogs and handlers, but the majority made a really good effort, and got the first article before losing their way. The search squares were generally very good, which made it a little better.

The Control and Agility field was hilly and furrowed, which made the heelwork more interesting! The sendaway was to an up-turned cone over a rise, which could be seen by the handlers, but was just out of sight of the dogs at the start of the sendaway, but came into view from about half way, so those dogs which went out soon clocked it and homed straight in to it. The distance was about eighty of my paces. The majority of dogs found it no problem, with several full mark sendaways. Retrievers were of a very good standard, and just one dog broke its stay exercise. The agility was very well done, with problems for only one or two. Overall I thought that the standard was very good, with some very promising young dogs coming through.

1st June Reed handling Mr and Mrs D Williams' SHADOWSQUAD LEGACY, GSD, 185.5, UDEx. Track 88.5, Articles 20, Search 25, Control 32, Agility 20. First to track on Thursday and made it look easy, full of confidence, lovely to watch. A bit untidy in the search square, but apart from that a really good nosework performance. First to go in the control and agility, and again no problems, a pleasure to judge. Looks like another success story for you, June. Well done and good luck. Also winning the Best Track Trophy.

2nd Liz de Unger with STYPERSON ROYCE, Lab, 177, UDEx. 78/20/27/33/20. Tracked when the ground was still frozen and was going very well until nearly home, then got into all sorts of trouble. But your cool head, Liz, saved the day! He worked hard in the search square for three articles. A very good control round with a full mark

sendaway, and the agility section looked easy for him – a really good all round performance. Well done, and all the very best for the future.

3rd Val Upton with GLENALPINE RAFFERTY, BC, 176.5, UDEx. 84/10/34/33.5/15. Tracked as the ground was thawing out rapidly, and after a few casts on the first leg had very little trouble. Unfortunately he missed an article on the track, but followed this with one of the best search squares. Had the highest marks for the control section, with just a blip on the long jump to mar what was a very good performance indeed. You must have been very pleased with him – he looks like another young dog with a very promising future. Well done.

4th Ray Lea with ANMEETUE COLOURFUL LADY, BC, 158.5, UD. 73/10/33/25/17.5. Worked really hard on the track in very difficult conditions, but kept going. Unfortunately, missed the last leg of the track, so only got one article, which was a shame after working so hard. Nevertheless, followed this with a very good search square. A good control and agility round was essential for this team to get the full qualification, but the sendaway did not suit this team today, and a slight problem on the scale meant they could not manage it, which was a real shame after all the hard work on the track. So here's to better luck next time.

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ASPADS CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

9 - 14 February 2010
Oxford

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

With such a great team of helpers, how could we fail to have a successful Oxford trial?

The farmers here must be the most generous and friendly in the country - all of them just said "Help yourself - go where you like!" - so we had a huge corn field just a few minutes up the road from the base for all the TD tracks, and a little further away, a number of rape fields for the WD.

Many thanks to all the helpers, for all the work before and during the trial, particularly Jacqui Gibney, who not only fed the entire team every evening with fabulous home-cooked gourmet meals, but gave up a lot of time beforehand, coming with me to see the farmers, and offering advice gleaned from her long years of experience, and then wrote out the Certificates for the qualifiers. Thanks, Jacqui!

To the judges, Anne Collen, TD, Sheila Tannert, WD, and Stevi Boyall, CD - you all set good, fair tests, and were huge contributors to the great atmosphere during the whole week. Many, many thanks!

I'm sure the judges will thank their teams in person, but thank you very much to all the tracklayers (Tom, Mark, Gary and Sandra) and stewards (Jan, Diana, Stevi, Jean and Sheila), who braved icy cold weather without complaint, and kept smiling all week. Thanks also to the team at base - Jean Howells, keeping everything under control, with help from Jan Darby; Caroline Martin in the kitchen, keeping every-

body fed during the day; and Arthur Jeal, General Factotum, who escorted competitors to their tracks, moved jumps, washed up and did all the little jobs that nobody notices, but which are vital to the running of the trial, and even negotiated storage of the jumps for the next year. Thank you all very, very much - you are perfect examples of why Working Trials is such a rewarding sport!

Finally, thank you to all the competitors for entering, and making the whole atmosphere of the trial so warm and friendly. Congratulations to Julie and Dug on winning the Ticket, and well done to all the qualifiers. I look forward to seeing you all again next year, when we'll be running CD, UD and TD.

JUDY MEEKINGS

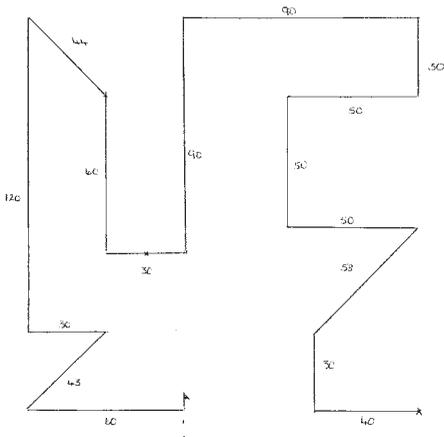
STAKE: WD

Judge: SHEILA TANNERT

Tracklayers: Gary Martin and Sandra Lewindon

Stewards: Stevi Boyall and Jean Howells

I would like to thank ASPADS for the invitation to judge the WD stake. Thank you to my tracklayers, Gary and Sandra - you did a great job - and to Stevi and Jean for putting up with me. Thanks also to Caroline in the base kitchen for breakfast and to Jacqui for the wonderful meals in the evening - it was fine dining every day. To Jan and Jean doing the scores and Judy for all her hard work before and during the trial; and I couldn't forget Arthur for escort and all the other little jobs he did. To the competitors for entering under me - thank you, I had a fabulous week.



1st Kevin Hill, VEKKA LADY, GSD, 188, Q. When Vekka started to track we didn't think she was going to get down the first leg, then after the first corner went round on rails. She then did a super control round. Well Done.

2nd Tony Lockyer, LAWINICK COME N GET IT AT HARTSHILL, GSD, 181.5, Q. Isla did a lovely track but missed an article in the square; also a nice control round - one of only 3 dogs to get full points on the agility. Well done, you deserve your qualification

3rd Di Cottrill, SANDY'S OAK, CDEx - WDEx, Lab, 178.5, Q. A lovely strong lab. Poor Di had to run round the track and lost a few marks on the corners but did a nice square and control round, so well done

4th Jenny Orchard, WILLOWY WHISPER OF TADMARTON, CDEx - WDEx, Lab, 177.5, Q. Another very fit lady also had to run round most of the track with Willow, but managed it even with the big clogs of mud on her wellies. A good control round and a worthy qualification, well done.

Also Qualifying WDEx:

Christine Stewart, ANGEL WISHES AR-

IEL OF NATURE, Std Poodle, CDEx - WDEx, 164.5

Qualifying WD:

Angela Sanders, STARSHOT BUCCANNEER AT SZIKRAS, CDEx, UDEx, HWHV, 158.5

STAKE: TD

Judge: ANNE COLLEN

Tracklayers: Tom Darby and Mark Lewindon

Square Stewards: Jan Darby and Diana Collie

C/A Steward: Diana Collie

Scribe: Jan Darby

Firstly, a sincere thank you to ASPADS for giving me the opportunity to judge a 'Ticket'. I really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Judy for all the hard work she put in to enable the trial to run so smoothly and also for getting such a great team of helpers together.

A big thank you to my two tracklayers, Tom and Mark, who slogged away all week and were great company. They made every effort to ensure that each competitor had the best possible chance of success, whatever the conditions. Thanks also to Jan, who did squares on the first day and was my scribe on the Sunday. I have never before had the luxury of such an efficient steward, she had everything to hand which meant I could totally relax! Thanks also to my sister, Diana, who took time off to travel over with me in spite of her injuries. Much appreciated. She did squares the other four days and stewarded the control very efficiently. Thanks to Jacqui for providing us with wonderful meals every evening. Brilliant food! Also the cups of tea during the stays - lifesaving! And then, to finish off, wrote

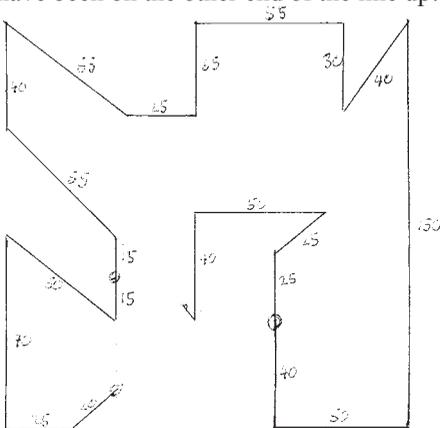
all the certificates.

Thanks to Caroline for providing us with sustenance out in the field and also for the breakfasts, and to Jean and Arthur who were both multitasking, Jean for doing all the adding up and paperwork, Arthur for cups of coffee, helping put up jumps and stay stewarding, to mention just a few!

The weather was very cold but mainly dry, and was very windy at times. Tracking was all in one very large field on sparse crop. The ground conditions varied from frozen to porridge-like mud, depending on the day and the hour.

No dog found it easy and it was fascinating to watch how different dogs coped with the prevailing conditions.

The one track that stood out for me was done by Margo Brothwell's Ryan. He tracked on the last day, when the land was covered with a multitude of foot prints, yet he managed to do a near perfect track. Unfortunately for Margo, he didn't have his article finding hat on, otherwise he would have been on the other end of the line up!



C/A was done close to the Base on the cricket field. Being open to the public, and also adjoining the area where competitors had been walking their dogs, did cause problems for some. Thank you to all who helped divert the local dog walkers!

I set as straight forward a sendaway as I could, given the area we were working in...120 paces straight out to the boundary where the pitch joined the rough grass area for 3 marks, 60 paces recall, for 2 marks, to stop just short of a pathway, redirect about 100 paces at right angles up this pathway to a boundary.

47 dogs entered, 39 dogs worked, 17 qualified the nosework with 12 qualifying overall.

1st and CC, WTCh OUR DUG, BC, with Julie Atkins, 198.5. Nosework 86, 30, 34. C/A 29.5, Agility 19. There is a lovely rapport between Julie and Dug. It's not hard to see why they are consistently so successful. Congratulations and good luck at the KCC's.

2nd and reserve CC, WTCh DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, with Tony Lockyer, 196.5. 82/30/ 34/31.5/19. Gyp had to work hard on the track but his persistence paid off. Best control round and the only dog to make the sendaway look very simple – thanks, Tony! Well done.

3rd WTCh WAGGERLAND MURPHY, WSD, with Dave Marchant, 194.5. 88.5/30/33/28/15. Good work by Murphy. No return over the scale proved very expensive in the end. Commiserations and also, well done.

4th LITTLE MISS LOTTIE, X-Breed with Anne Shepherd, 187.5. 88.5/30/22/27.5/19.5. Super little dog, great attitude, really enjoyed watching her work. Well done.

Also qualifying TDEx:

CORNDON TAFF AT GRELGANNA, BC, with Roger Shrimpton, 187.

GLENALPINE SHEP, BC with Vana Moody, 186.

WTCh GLENALPINE IZZIE AT DALE-

MAIN, BC, with Annie Thorpe, 185.5.
TANGHAM LITTLE RYAN, X-Breed,
with Margo Brothwell, 184.5.
HEX AT CARFELD, BC, with Eric Car-
penter, 184.
LAWINICK RIOJA, GSD, with Mary
Drewitt, 182.
WOLFHART TOUCH OF GOLD, GSD,
with Liz Hickman, 180.

Qualifying TD:

THAMESPOL ISSIE, GSD, with Heather
Cooke, 174.5.

Thank you to all the competitors. Your
sporting attitude, and sense of humour
when needed, made for a really enjoyable
judging appointment.

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NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

13th - 14th February 2010
Longhurst, Morpeth.

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to thank all the helpers, com-
petitors and judges for their forbearance,
coping with the less than ideal conditions
that building work at the base inflicted on
us!! Also, as usual, the weather brought its
own problems in the form of rain!! Well,
at least the snow ploughs weren't out and
covered up the signs as they did last year!
Despite the conditions, all the helpers were
brilliant, including Ann at the base - cud-
dled up to the gas fire, suffering from the

end of a "bug" - who worked her usual
magic getting people sorted; Pat trying to
organise the food and drink with its own
problems, and who did really well; Lol,
who had done things before I even asked,
and gave me excellent support; the track
layers, Dennis and Carole in UD (the land
was unfortunately changed at short notice
due to a farm worker putting boulders in
the way of the original fields, and he then
disappeared!!), Julz and Andrea in WD,
Lorraine and Penny in TD, who organised
their little teams so well. And the judges,
Jacquie Hall, C/A and CD, who tried to
keep everything working in the wet field,
and never moaned once, with her patient,
cheerful steward, Sharon; Bill Richardson,
UD nosework, with Moira stewarding,
again just got on with the job and did it
well; Heather Patrick, WD nosework, with
steward Debbie, just the same, out in the
fields they went (in fact are they still out
there??!!...); Tracey Park, TD judge, and
steward Doreen, all working hard to help
the competitors. I really thank you, and
apologise to you for the conditions, but you
all contributed so much to make the trial
work.

The competitors were all cheerful, and
seemed to enjoy themselves, whether they
qualified or not, and again I apologise to
them for the basic conditions at the base.
Well done to all who qualified or even met
their own achievements.

BETTY ORRIN

STAKE: WD

Judge: HEATHER PATRICK
Tracklayers: Julia Findeisen, Andrea
Lynd
Steward: Debbie Meade

I must thank NECWTS for the invitation to

judge the WD tracking stake; I thoroughly enjoyed myself with the good company of Julia, Andrea and Debbie. Betty, as Trials Manager, did a good job in keeping us all in order with a smile on her face.

The weather was kind to us on both days of the tracking, but the ground was sparse winter wheat with plenty of mud and lying water; however the dogs did not find the tracking hard and most of the failures were down to the inexperience of the handlers. All the dogs did lovely squares.

1st Richard Musgrove with XAN-DOA SAM, CDEx, UDEx, Border Collie, Q, 191. Richard and Sam also won the best nosework trophy; they were the best team to watch on the tracking ground, only losing points by cutting off the last corner of the track, followed by a full mark search square. Well done, Richard.

2nd Mike Fryatt with DAGWOOD DAX, GSD, NQ, 153.5. Hard lines, Mike - Dax qualified in every section but not enough overall. Dax did a precise track but only at his pace - slow and stop; good on Mike for patiently waiting while Dax was very busy looking round to see what was going on around him. Unfortunately they went wrong at the very last corner, and so missed the important 10 marks for the article.

3rd Dave Stretch with KENMILLIX EBONY DESTINY, CDEx, UDEx, Lab, NQ, 159.5. Ebony is an accurate tracker but very fast, not bothering to stop on articles - Dave found the last one; also because of her speed it wasn't until she was a few yards round the corner of a cutback when she realised the scent was no longer there! But she quickly found it half way down the leg. Unfortunately failed in the control round.

4th John Tait with PINFOLD FLY, WSD, NQ, 159.5. Fly was a lovely steady

tracker, nose down and steadily got on with the job in hand, unfortunately John thought he knew better than Fly at the last corner and encouraged him to come back towards the pole instead of where Fly was trying to take him. Unfortunately failed in the control section.

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SURREY DTS OPEN TRIAL

19 -21 February 2010
Newdigate, Surrey

STAKES: WD AND TD C/A

Judge: ALLYSON TOHMÉ
Steward: Sue Henderson

Many thanks to: the society for once again inviting me to judge; Christine Brooks for organising the competitors, completing the score boards and certificates; Cathy, Joyce, Dorothy, Liz and Beryl for the catering (including Dot's FABULOUS meringues which must be the best on the planet); Stan and Bert for moving the jumps each morning in order to maximise competitor safety; my dear friend Liz for the 5* accommodation, fabulous food and providing my dogs with escorted walks and bones. (However I was somewhat less than enthusiastic about being put at risk of arrest whilst she was trying to gain entry into a car other than her own after our pub dinner)!

Liz was ubiquitous and in addition to the above also laid tracks and ran the excellent shop which was raising funds for the 2010 KCC's. Sue was a very conscientious steward who was consistent throughout and gave each competitor every chance of success. Last but not least, thanks to all the

competitors for entering under me and accepting my decisions with good grace.

I found it particularly interesting to judge the C/A section of a stake in which I am currently competing as well as the WD (which could and did include those at only their second trial). I set my test(s) to take into account both the conditions underfoot as well as the level of performance I wanted and some of the rounds I saw in both stakes would not have been out of place at a Championship trial. We did have a faller (human) at the second fence on the second day. I hope you have fully recovered John; the same thing happened to me last year!

WD STAKE:

1st John Reynolds with his WSD dog, STONECROSS TOMMY, 192.5. The old man can still show the youngsters a thing or two and pulled it out of the bag to win this stake! A solid control round and he also spent two days tracklaying for other competitors.

2nd Nathan Wilson with his Weimaraner dog, SPECIAL GIFT, 189. This team lost only 2 marks in the C/A, on the sendaway. But for the “handbagging” round the jumps (which cost them a mark from the overall score) they would have been the clear 2nd place. Carla must be very proud of you!

3rd Ron Davies with his WSD Dog, KAI JUMPING JACK, 189. On the same overall mark as the above but his dog was unavailable for the run off. Another “old timer” who, like John, as well as competing gave up his time to lay tracks on the weekend.

4th Sheren Perez with her WSD dog, MY BOY KAI, 187.5. Working the litter brother to that of the TD winner, this team completed a full mark sendaway and retrieve; I know Sheren was particularly

pleased with the long jump.

Also gaining CoM:

June Coutts with her Labrador dog, CRADBRIDGE BILL, 178 (full mark sendaway)
Val Upton with her BC dog, GLENALPINE RAFFERTY, 177 (litter brother to the 2nd place in TD, full mark sendaway and jumps)

Melvin Drewitt with his GSD dog, LAWINICK TROUBLE, 173.5 (full mark sendaway and jumps)

Jill Carruthers with her GSD bitch, VOMKYNA DARCA, 172.5 (full mark sendaway and jumps)

Ann Trodd with her X breed dog, BAILLIE OF CHELSASA, 163.5 (full mark sendaway)

TD STAKE:

1st Sue Ashby with her WSD dog, THE TITAN, 214. An upstanding collic which has overcome adversity and produced full mark heelwork, speak and jumps. A very different kettle of fish from Echo and a well deserved win for someone who has probably laid more tracks over the years for fellow competitors than I have had hot dinners! Good Luck in Ticket!

2nd Pat Herbert with her WSD bitch, GLENALPINE MOO, 212. Full mark speak; but for the long jump, 1st and 2nd position would have been reversed. Pat almost let her nerves get the better of her, however her skills and experience shone through. Breeding will out, but Pat loves her dog to death and it shows. All the best in ticket!

3rd Irene Nicholl with her Weimaraner dog, GUNALT CHA CHA, 207.5. What can I say, I have been waiting for Irene and Kern to qualify for ticket for over a year and they have finally done it! A full mark

speak made up for the sendaway and I wish them both the best in Championship TD. Another dog that has overcome adversity and it must have been a relief for Peter that he was allowed to eat on the way home - eventually, after the detour! Many congratulations.

4th Gill Lawrence with her BC dog, BEKKIS BEWAY MERRIDOWN, 206.5. I am sorry that the “wrong dog” qualified today, Gill! The best C/A round of the trial, losing only half a mark! Although this was a “freebie” you and Jenny must be thrilled to bits with your “Woody” son; well done!

Also gaining CoM:

Maggie Moran with her BC dog, ALTRICIA TODDIE, 204.5 (full mark heelwork, speak and jumps)

Len Newman with his WSD bitch, SALLY BELL, 197.5 (experience showed)

Elizabeth de Unger with her Labrador dog, STYPERSON ROYCE, 193 (unaccustomed to public speaking that I am.....)!

Also worthy of a mention: Val Isherwood who is such a good sport and provided me with the best giggle of the trial with her WSD “Seven”.

The dog that the judge would most like to take home: Kelly Chapman’s Labrador bitch TARNEDGE POSY; unlucky not to qualify in the agility section, her sendaway is akin to an Exocet missile!

Finally I would like to express my gratitude for the lovely gift which (as Stan knows) is particularly apt in my case!

Enjoy your dogs.

STAKE: WD NOSEWORK

Judge: CAROLINE ASHFORD

Tracklayers: Tess Shoobred, Maggie

Richardson, Judy Meekings and Joyce Tibbetts

Steward: Sally Baker

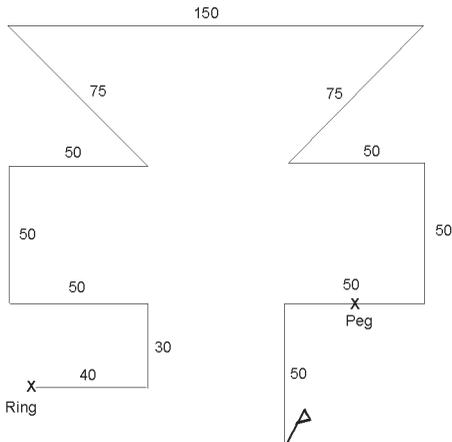
This is a tale of Mr Darcy and Wickham amongst others (nice to know Jane Austen’s influence is everywhere). A big thank you to Surrey for inviting me to judge the WD open nosework stake at their February trial and to the competitors who accepted my decisions. We saw some lovely dogs and I am sure they will be progressing up the stakes soon: to those that did not qualify - keep trying.

The standard was set from the start and it could not have been higher, a beautiful track from Ron Davies and Kai, 89.5. I had in mind what I wanted to see and they must have known. They were followed by John Reynolds and Tommy, not far behind in marks, and who subsequently and deservedly won the stake.

The competition should have ended with a run off between Ron and Nathan, as there was a tie on 189 for 2nd and 3rd places, but Ron decided to forego the run off, which came at the end of a wet and cold day.

I set a straightforward test both for myself and the competitors; the articles on the track were half a wooden peg and a thin rubber ring about 5 cms in diameter. For the square there was a garden tie about 12 cms, a piece of felt cloth, leather and sash cord rope, all about 4 cms.

The tracking was on grass and the standard overall was good and enjoyable to watch, even if the weather tried it’s best to put them off. It was cold throughout; one day wet, one windy and one where the track was laid in frost but gone by the time it was run. Conditions to try all comers, and to test the helpers; many thanks to Sally Baker for her company and search squares over three days and to the track layers: Tess, Maggie, Judy and Joyce.



A thank you to Chris Brooks at the base, who made sure all ran to time, and as it was my first attempt at judging nosework, also all her advice, prior to the trial.

To the crew in the kitchen, Beryl, Dorothy, Cathy and others, the food was most welcome in such cold weather. And to Cathy a fond farewell as she is off to live in Ireland from March.

1st John Reynolds and TOMMY, WSD, D, 192.5, 88/20/33. A polished performance and a worthy winner

2nd Nathan Wilson and MR DARCY, Weim, D, 189, 83/20/34. A team to watch, good control overall and with more confident tracking techniques from Nathan, they will progress up the stakes with style.

3rd Ron Davies and KAI, WSD, D, 189, 89.5/20/33. A beautiful track and a pleasure to watch.

4th Sheren Perez and KAI, 187.5, 88/20/27. Dog and handler worked well together, but only three articles out of the square.

Also qualifying:

June Coutts and RUBEN, Lab, D, 178, 86/10/34

Val Upton and RAFFA, BC, D, 177, 88/10/25

Melvin Drewitt and TROUBLE, GSD, D, 173.5, 87/10/25

Jill Carruthers and DARCA, GSD, B, 172.5, 85/15/19

Ann Trodd and BAILEY, X-Breed, D, 163.5, 82/20/17

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK

Judge: CAROLE BROOKE

Tracklayers: Stan Ford, Bert Maynard (1st day)

Val Upton, Ron Davis, John Reynolds (2nd and 3rd days)

Search Steward: Sue Hay

Escort: Don Lasky

My thanks go to Surrey for asking me to judge the TD nosework and to Chris Brooks, Trials Manager, who ran such a friendly trial. Thank you, Sue, for stewarding my search squares and being such good company. Squares were laid exactly as I asked, as were the tracks - thank you Stan, Bert, Val, Ron and John. My thanks also go to the ladies in the kitchen who provided us with some scrumptious meals. Last but not least, thank you, Don, for getting the competitors to their tracks and chauffeur-ing Sue and me backwards and forwards. We started off with 23 entries, 19 worked, 7 Qualified. At the end of tracking 12 dogs were qualifying on their nose work, but some came to grief in the control rounds.

helpers but they did a magnificent job and I know they saw some very good work.

As always Shirley and Karen supplied large amounts of good food and kept me in cups of tea as well!!

Finally a massive thank you to Brian at the Petfood Store for giving us a free sample of dog food for every competitor, and bags of food for first and second places in each stake. Much appreciated.

JOYCE RAE

STAKES: UD AND WD

Judge: ED BROWN

Tracklayers: Bill Mackie , Gary Tait, Frank Glancy

Search Steward: Heather Halton

Control Steward: Jim Jeffrey

Many thanks to ASPADS Dundee Branch for the invitation to Judge UD and WD at the spring open trial; this is a great venue with a lovely atmosphere. The weather was especially kind and despite threatening to snow on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday were sunny without a cloud in the sky; it was however very frosty and the ground subsequently was frozen solid.

Tracking was on stubble and I had a large grass field for the control (thanks go to the land owners for generously letting us use the land).

My thanks go to my super tracklayers, Bill, Gary and Frank, who did a great job and were great company. Thanks also to my partner, Heather, who laid the squares, and Jim, who did a terrific job stewarding in control and agility. 'THE A TEAM'

Also a big thank you to the ladies in the kitchen, who did a terrific job keeping us all fed and watered throughout the trial.

Last but not least Joyce Rae, as always an ultra efficient trials manager, a great help

and organiser who made sure everything ran like clock work, despite a broken arm!

UD STAKE:

1st Mrs Pam Cuthbert and SAM, X-Breed, D. Track 90/20, search square 34, control 35, agility 20, total 199, Q. The marks speak for themselves - faultless track and good square in the morning, then reproducing the form in the afternoon with full marks in the control and agility sections. Great handling and teamwork, a pleasure to watch.

2nd Mrs H Watson and DARCY, Dobermann, D. 68/10/27/33/20, Total 158, NQ. Not quite enough marks to qualify overall to gain the UD Open certificate. Darcy never gave up on the track, just missed out on the last leg. Very strong control round and agility section. Well done.

3rd Mr Nick McMechan and LADY, X-Breed, B. 89/20/35/33.5/5, Total 182.5, NQ. Nick and Lady (a happy little dog that works like a dynamo!) produced a great track and search, good control round, just not her day for the jumps. A good effort.

4th Mr John Gray and RUDIE, BSD. 85.5/0/34/34/20, Total 173.5, NQ. Nice to watch an experienced handler with a young dog. Good track however unlucky with the track articles, John. Good search. A very good performance in the control and agility sections.

WD STAKE:

1st Mrs Alison Pollard and HAMISH, X-Breed, D. Track 87/20, search square 34, control 34 and agility 12.5, Total 187.5, NQ. Alison and Hamish worked really well as a team. Hamish is enthusiastic and you can tell that he is enjoying trials.

A strong nosework section followed by an excellent control round, just so unlucky on the jumps today. Well done.

2nd Ms Debbie McKay and BREEZE, ESS, D. Track 89/20/35/34/0, Total 178, NQ. A fantastic track - blink and you missed it! Great search square, followed by a strong control round, with a confident sendaway. Better luck next time on the jumps.

3rd Ms Yvonne Walker and MARLEY, Dobermann D. 80/10/33/32/9.5, Total 164.5, NQ. So close today, Yvonne. Marley produced a good performance on his track and search square. A good control round, unlucky on the jumps.

Thank you for entering your dogs, it was an enjoyable day. To all the competitors, best wishes in all future trials.

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NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

18 - 21 February 2010
Lower Withington, Nr Knutsford

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Well this year's Championship trial is the best one I have run as trials manager, as all the land owners played ball with me and gave me the land I wanted, although one land owner did turn up with a barrel of cow slurry to dump on the fields, but after a short chat he put it somewhere else! The trial started on the Wednesday with the WD stake, with CD and PD starting

on the Friday and UD stake on Saturday. The weather throughout the trial was very wintry, with freezing fog and frost most mornings, then waking up to three inches of snow on Sunday morning and PANIC! How is every one going to get to the trial? Safely, as it turned out; we only had a couple of scratches. Thank you, everyone, for making it on the day.

I would like to thank all of my teams: judges, stewards, tracklayers, escorts, kitchen staff, base staff, and, most of all, Tom Davis and his team who worked so hard and who set out from Sheffield in such bad weather. Trials could NOT run without all of you people, so once again thank you so much - you all did a great job. To the land owners, thank you for allowing us to use your land. And to Skinners Pet Food for their continued sponsorship, and for the donation of another embroidered coat for the winner. Thank you to Elizabeth Wooltorton for being on site to give advice on the different types of dog food on show.

I hope everyone got home safely, and thank you for your time. Good luck to every one in the future

RAYMOND LEA

STAKE: UD

Judge: BARBARA BELL

Tracklayers: Sat - Kath Woolley, Arthur Ball, Sue Yates; Sun - Chris Greenhalgh, Jain Douglas

Steward: Sat - Dave Bell; Sun - Sue Yates

Many thanks to NWWTS for inviting me to judge. Thanks to Ray Lea, Trials Manager, for running another efficient trial. A big thank you to Kath, Arthur, Sue, Chris and Jain for laying all the tracks exactly as I wanted them, and also to Dave and Sue for stewarding. Huge thanks also to Pam

and the kitchen staff who always looked after us and kept us fed and watered; also to Judith and Hazel for manning the desk, writing the certificates, scores etc.

The weather on the Saturday was a hard frost, but sunny in the afternoon. Sunday brought snow, which started to melt by middle afternoon but it then turned cold. Tracking was on pasture and all the dogs tracked very well but some dogs found the squares a bit difficult; I think this was due to lack of wind and conditions.

I would like to thank the competitors, whether you qualified or not, for accepting my decisions and Good Luck to you all in the future.

1st Jan Sewell, BRYN OF HARWOOD DALE, WSD, 190.5, Q UDEx. Quietly handled, a very good all round performance. Very impressed with his square, lovely attitude, a well deserved win.

2nd Wendy Beasley, STARDELL LUNA, BC, 185, Q UDEx. An impressive track, only losing half a mark. Well done.

3rd Brenda Nevard, REDFOR SPIN, WSD, 184.5, Q UDEx. Well done, 2 off the track, 4 out the square.

4th Jill Carruthers, Vomkyna Darca, GSD, 180.5, Q UDEx. An excellent track, Darca tracked like she was on rails. Well Done.

Also qualified UDEx:

Jan Baker, JABY PHLOMIS, NSDTR, 177
June Reed handling Mr and Mrs Williams' SHADOWQUEST LEGACY, GSD, 168
Paul Beasley, STARDELL SPICA, BC, 162

Qualified UD:

Donna Walker, ASTRA JAY, BC, 149.5

STAKE: PD

Judge: LORNA COTTIER

Tracklayers: Terry Austin and Jenny Holt

Search and C/A Steward: Sylvia Austin

Patrol Steward: Linda Newbold

Patrol Round Scribe: Kim Astbury

Patrol Competitors' Steward: Diane Yeatman

Criminals: Tom, Steve, Vic, Anthony and Richard

A big thank you to Ray Lea and everyone at North West for all their terrific teamwork that ensured the trial ran so smoothly.

My helpers were super – all were great company and did their job to perfection. I, along with I am sure the competitors, really appreciated your time and efforts.

Nosework was on grass; the fields varied in quality but not to any great extent. Weather conditions on Friday and Saturday caused no problems with tracking but the sendaway had to be changed at the last minute on Friday morning as my planned outrun wasn't visible due to dense fog. So Saturday's dogs had it a bit easier there.

On Sunday we were greeted by a few inches of snow. I shortened the chase slightly but otherwise it didn't cause any problems with the patrol test. We owe huge thanks to all the criminals who drove through very wintry weather to get to the trial on the Sunday morning.

13 teams entered, 12 worked, and after the nosework and C/A we had 7 still on qualifying marks for the patrol.

The patrol test was a lock out and commenced with the test of courage, followed by a short escort. The recall came during the escort, with the handler given little chance to 'set their dog up' and the escort then continued with the attack on handler. The chase then followed immediately at

the end of the escort and, as with the recall, it was quick, with good responsive control by the dog required for the handler to be able to work the situation well.

That part of the test was then finished and the quarter commenced. The field was split into two sections with the handlers told they had to be sure the first section was cleared of anyone before commencing the second section. There were two tents and a wood within one half of the field and just a boundary to be run in the second half. One criminal was in the first half in a tent, another in the second half, up a tree.

At the end of the day we had three worthy qualifiers; most of the other teams needed work on mainly the control aspect and some on the hidden persons.

Thank you to NWWTS for the invitation to judge and thanks also to the competitors for entering and their good sportsmanship. There are some very promising dogs out there that bode well for the future.

1st Wendy Beasley and WTCh GLENALPINE PHOEBE OF STARDELL, BC. As is often the case, this team went into the patrol round having lost very few marks en route. Superb control in the patrol meant that Phoebe could afford to lose the few that she did in the chase and quarter, where, like so many others, she wasn't convinced there was anyone in the tent. An enjoyable team to judge and at the end of the day, a worthy winner. Best of luck at the KCCs later in the year. (N/w 109.5, Con 34, Ag 20, Patrol 124) Total: 287.5, PDEx

2nd Andy Baker and SID THE LEMON SQUEEZER, BC. This team had to work hard to get round their track but otherwise worked well throughout the rest of the nosework and C/A. Great commitment from Sid in the patrol and he had sussed out the guy in the tent way before anyone else. Really well handled by Andy – it won't be

long before Sid has his well deserved title. (N/w 102, Con 28.5, Ag 19, Patrol 135) Total: 284.5, PDEx

3rd Dave Marchant and WTCh WAGGERLAND MURPHY, BC. Terrific nosework and good C/A from this team, meaning they went into the patrol just behind Wendy's mark. In the patrol, though, control was the issue on the escort, and Murphy also needed a bit of convincing that there was someone up the tree. However, as usual, Murphy's enthusiasm throughout ensured a worthy qualification. (N/w 113, Con 29, Ag 19, Patrol 115) Total: 275, PDEx

4th John Wykes and WTCh FLYNNTASTIC RED JAFF OF TARNFORCE, BC. Jaff produced the best nosework but age caught up with him in the agility. He has always been a good, consistent patrol dog and this was again the case with a qualifying patrol round. Happy retirement by the fireside, Jaff. (N/w 113.5, Con 24, Ag 9, Patrol 130) Total: 276.5, NQ

OUTSTANDING TRIAL REPORTS

2009

JANUARY:

East Anglia, Open: WD – Manda McLellan, CD – Penny Bellis

FEBRUARY:

ASPADS Blyth, Open: PD – Moira Rogerson, WD - Jacquie Hall,
UD – Iain Forrest, CD – Brian Glasgow

ASPADS, Dundee, Open: TD – Lorraine Wilson

MARCH:

SWTS, Open: TD Nosework – Jim Jeffrey,
WD Nosework – Helen Jones,
UD Nosework – Fran Mitchell, C/A – Bill Richardson

Hucknall, Open: CD – Geoff Tordoff

BAGSD, Tewkesbury: CD – Stevi Boyall

APRIL:

Yorkshire, West Bretton, Open: PD – Moira Rogerson

BAGSD, Flintham, Champ: PD – Moira Rogerson

MAY:

SWTS Lauder, Champ: PD – Mike Snow, WD – Lorraine Wilson,
UD – Linda Newbold

JULY:

NECWTS, Open: CD – Pat Nelson

AUGUST:

WKC, Open: WD – Celia Bourne, CD – Dean Woodcock

Hants, Champ: TD – Anne Thorpe

SEPTEMBER:

NECWTS, Champ: CD – Jacquie Hall

SKC Airth, Open: TD Nosework – Caroline Wright,
UD Nosework – Rachael Henderson, CD – Anne Forrest

ASPADS Monk Fryston, Open: CD and C/A – Fran Mitchell

East Anglia, Open: WD – Ann Wright

OCTOBER:

NECWTS, Champ: CD – June McPhillips

BAGSD Long Compton, Open: TD Nosework – Anne Shepherd

NOVEMBER:

Portland, Open: CD – Gill Lawrence

Ranmore, Open: WD Nosework – Chris Brooks

Lincoln, Open: CD & C/A – Linda Newbold

Leamington, Champ: WD – Linda Newbold

ASPADS Tillmouth, Open: UD – Nelson Smith, CD – Lorraine Wilson

NWWTs, Open: PD – John Wykes

DECEMBER:

SKC, Open: CD – Moira Rogerson, C/A – Bill Richardson

Yorkshire, Skipsea, Champ: UD – Tracey Park

These reports from 2009 have not as yet got to me. In all probability, they've been sent, but have either got lost in the ether, or courtesy of Royal Mail. Everything I receive by email (either reports@working-trialsmonthly.co.uk or judy@workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk) gets acknowledged, so if you send a report by email, and it hasn't been acknowledged, please send it again. Judy

**NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

9th – 11th July 2010

Nothumberland Canine Centre, Unit 10, Lee Moor Business Park, Rennington, Nr
Alnwick. NE66 7RL

Judges:	PD	Rod Roberts
	WD	Dave Stewart
	UD	Betty Orrin
	CD	Alison Pollard

Trials manager: Jacquie Hall

Tel: 01665-720763 Mobile: 07813-912889

Entry fees: tracking stakes £17; CD stake £13 (paid up members £2 reduction)

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE, 2010

(any KC approved entry form will be accepted)

Entry forms, fee and S.A.E. to;
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8th – 10th July, 2010
Village Hall, Falday Glade, Holmbury St.Mary,Surrey.RH5 6PG

JUDGES	P D Stake	Stan Ford
	WD Stake	Lauren Marlow
	CD Stake	Karen Warner
	Introductory Stake	Bert Maynard

Introductory & CD Stake 9th & 10th. work in one day
WD Stake all work in one day)

ENTRY FEES : Tracking Stakes - £19.00. Members - £17.00.
£1.00 reduction for Senior Citizens
C.D.Stake - £12.00 Introductory Stake £10.00

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 7TH JUNE 2010

Entries to the Trials Manager: Christine Brooks
Cobleigh, Brookwood, Surrey. GU24 0EL.

**HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

On 16th – 21st August 2010
At: The Travellers Rest, Newtown, Wickham, Hants, PO17 6LL

Judges	TD Stake	Maureen Reagan
	WD Stake	Lindsey Poole
	UD Stake	Lindsey Poole
	CD Stake	Caroline Martin

Entry Fees: Tracking Fees £19 / CD Stake £16 (£2 reduction for Members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 9th JULY 2010

Schedules from / Entries (with Fees & SAE) to the Trials Manager
Mrs Jean Howells, 22 Beacon Square, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7HU
Tel: 01243 372958

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**WESSEX WORKING TRIAL CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

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
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

CHAMPIONSHIP WORKINGTRIAL

At: Scarborough
Ending On Sunday 1st AUGUST 2010

Judges

TD Stake	Jean Howells
WD Stake	Linda Newbold
UD Stake	Lorraine Wilson
CD Stake	Fran Mitchell

All WD, UD and CD work in one day. WD early in week, UD end of week.

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 23RD JUNE 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

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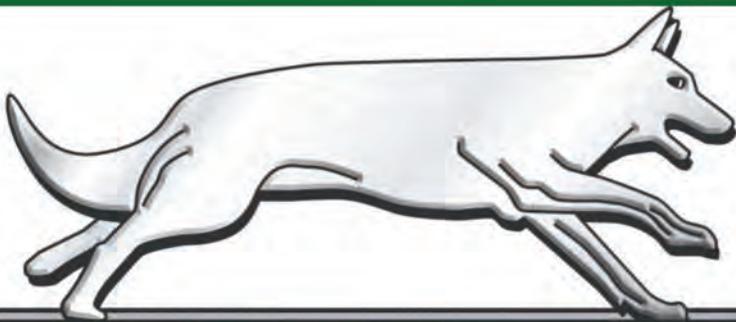
Entry Fees for 2010 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £20.00 – CD, £15.00

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