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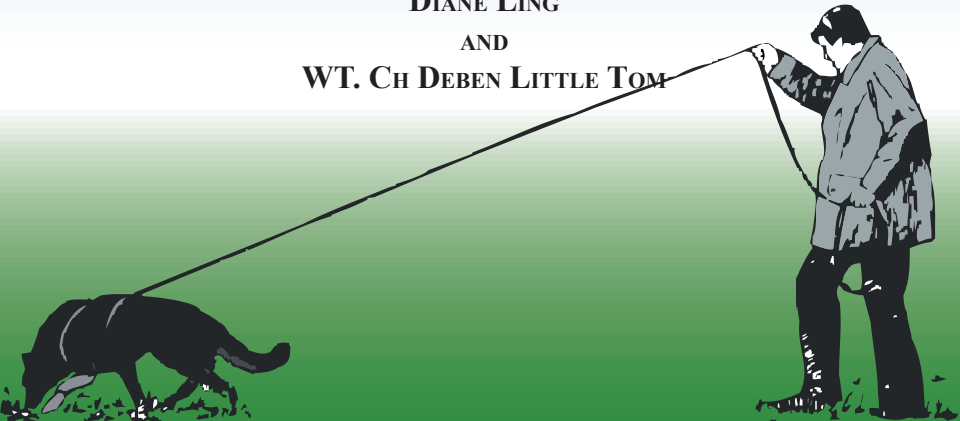
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EDITORIAL

There are no ticket winners this month due to the cancellation of Yorkshire WTS Skipsea trial, It looks like 2013 is off to a bad start. I am sorry to report that the weather has taken its toll on this great sport with the cancellation of Leamington DTC's open and East Anglia WTTS PD Championship trials due to the weather conditions. Paul Morling (EAWTTS Trial Manager) reported that in temperatures as low as -13degrees the rape that they were due to track on was disintegrating when it was stepped on - Paul felt that this was probably not the best way to endear us to the farmer for future trials so regretfully the decision was made to cancel.

On going to press Avon and Midland Border Collie club still have their fingers crossed that they will be alright.

Last week I was asked by a new subscriber wether they should continue to track their dog in the snow. I had to admit that I was probably not the best person to ask and that I could see both pros and cons for this type of training. I would be interested to hear the thoughts from others regarding tracking in the snow.

MARK SKILLIN
EDITOR

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READERS LETTERS

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone for their congratulation messages and lovely cards when Tom won the ticket at Leamington, making him a WT champion. Thank you very much for making the occasion so special.

Diane Ling and Tom

CLUB FOCUS

SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL NOSEWORK TRAINING DAY

Sunday 2nd December 2012
Charing, Kent

WOW, weren't we lucky with the weather?? After huge amounts of rain for some time, Sunday dawned a wonderful frosty, bright, crisp winter's day that made you feel good to be alive. It certainly put everyone in the

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

February

2nd	Lincoln (Dunholme, ends 10th March)	CH	TD WD UD CD
5th	ASPADS (Dundee, ends 24th February)	OP	TD UD CD
9th	Poole and District (Ringwood, ends 6th March)	OP	TD WD UD
9th	BAGSD (Tewkesbury, ends 30th March)	CH	TD WD UD CD
12th	Scottish WTS (Glenfrag, ends 17th March)	OP	CD Intro
14th	Essex 2000 (Danbury, ends 17th March)	OP	PD TD WD UD Intro
15th	SATS (Hailsham, ends 16th March)	CH	TD WD UD CD
21st	ICENI DTC (Tollesbury, ends 24th March)	OP	TD WD UD CD
26th	Hampshire (Newtown, ends 23rd March)	OP	TD WD CD

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

festive mood.

We had been able to get access to a new venue for SATS, over 70 acres of stubble on which to be able track our dogs upon. Although now retired from Working Trials, Barry Harvey kindly agreed to come along for the day to share with us his thoughts and experiences on nosework particularly apply to Working Trials. He was as enthusiastic about the subject as ever, putting a great deal of energy into the day. We were able to have 14 places for dogs and handlers, who varied from novices through to very experienced teams with young dogs and several spectators as well. Barry was able to advise each handler on his views on how best to work the dogs they presented before him, working short training tracks.

We stopped for lunch at The Bowl Inn, where we could all get warmed up in front of the log fire and fill our empty stomachs. Everyone was able to have a good natter and socialise with people they hadn't seen for years in some cases.

The afternoon was finished off with some more tracking and a chat on squares. I did have a plan for the day, but that seemed to be hijacked by Barry – we did stop for lunch when I planned though!

Thank you so much to Barry for his time, assisted by Den Webb and Les Allen. The feedback we have received has been very positive and complimentary by the SATS Members.

SHARON CARTER

TRAININGS DAYS

On behalf of the Welsh Kennel Club, Lindsey Poole, Ruth Cahill, Linda Reynolds and Marney Wells will be running two days which will give people the opportunity to train their dogs in a

Working Trial atmosphere. On the 21st April the venue is Hazelton Farm near Castle Combe in Wiltshire and on 4th May there will be a day at Laleston, Bridgend.

The aim is to offer a realistic trial situation in which handlers can reward and train their dogs: Lindsey and Ruth will be in charge of the nosework rounds and Linda and Marney will organise the control and agility at whatever level handlers wish to train.

The number of handlers will be limited to 16 to enable everyone to get the best out of the time available but spectators will be welcome.

For more information phone Lindsey on 01460 281741 or Marney on 01380 860779.

NORTH EAST COUNTIES WTS

There has been a change of judge at North East Counties Alnwick championship trial in September 2013. Tracey Park will now be judging the PD stake.

B.A.G.S.D AGM

Will be held on Sunday March 17th at Whittington Village Hall, Warwickshire starting at 2pm. Items for the agenda to be received by 1st March and sent to Sheila Tannert Old Ford Lodge Ogston, Higham, Derbyshire DE55 6EL anyone requiring more details please contact 07739535115

Many Thanks

Sheila Tannert

SQUARE TRAINING

Continued:

Now I have got a dog that is keen to search the square with no inhibitions. I hear you say 'no articles either' and this of course is a valid point! It is when we start to train the retrieve whilst the dog is working the square that we are likely to incur problems. For example; if my dog runs into the square, locates and picks up an article and then mouths it on the way back – what do I do?

- Do I praise him for searching and locating an article?
- Do I praise him for picking up the article and returning it to me?
- Do I chastise him for mouthing the article?

Of course we all want the perfect square and nobody wants chewed articles, so it might seem right to chastise him for mouthing. But if I do that – particularly if I do that repeatedly, I would reduce his enthusiasm to work the square, it might reduce his commitment to locate articles, it could reduce the speed at which he returns, it would also probably make him less keen to deliver the article to hand as the closer he gets to the hand the more he is chastised! It might seem obvious to us that we are criticising only the mouthing, but does our dog know that? Maybe the dog thinks that we do not want him to pick up that article – maybe it is the wrong one. Or maybe he should not have picked anything up. Does the dog know exactly what the problem is? Who knows what the dog thinks? One thing is clear though, if you criticise your dog whilst he is working the square you will cause confusion and that will damage your dog's attitude to the square.

Confusion and anxiety come hand in hand: I am not talking ears pinned to the head anxiety here, or panting anxiety, I am referring simply to the dilemma of a dog that wants to please its owner but cannot understand what is required. Let's face it our dog wants to please us (dogs try time and time again to hear a few words of praise). If you think that your dog does not want to please you, or that he is deliberately misbehaving because of some ulterior motive, then I suggest you stop square training and look at your relationship with your dog. (Refer back to the beginning of this article printed in WTM April 2012.)

The whole point of dog training is to build a relationship in which the dog wants to please you; and you should make it possible for him to understand what you want him to do – so that he can please you. If he pleases you, you reward him -this is a satisfying experience for both you and your dog. You can build the dog's knowledge and confidence in this way. A knowledgeable, confident dog will produce a good square.

So for me the answer to the question 'What do I do if my dog runs into the square, locates and picks up an article and then mouths it on the way back?' is:-

'No, I do not chastise the dog for mouthing, but I make a mental note of what has happened and plan to train the dog so that the problem does not recur.'

Before I can rectify the problem I need to do some detective work to find out what is causing the mouthing. I know that he can locate the article and pick it up because he did that bit alright, the problem started once it was in his mouth. The first thing I need to check is whether my dog can pick up and retrieve the article in question.

Before being sent in to locate and retrieve an article from a square it is good practise to ensure the dog is able to do a simple retrieve with that article first. There are

a number of standard articles that one is likely to encounter at a trial and your dog should be familiarised with all of these for a start. Things such as; a piece of carpet (varying size and shapes), a teaspoon, a plastic milk bottle cap, a gun-cartridge, dolly peg, wooden coffee stirrers (courtesy of Starbucks), half tennis ball, plastic plant ties, a knot of green garden string, a fir cone, keys on a key ring, and so on. You should be regularly training with metal, wood, rubber, plastic and fabric articles, soft and hard articles, small and large articles, heavy and light articles. In short your dog should be trained to hold any shape, size, texture and weight of article that you can think of so that nothing he finds in a square really comes as much of a surprise to him. Get to know your dog's weaknesses and work with these to overcome them. Some dogs are not good with soft articles – they like to chew them, or shake them to death. Some dogs are not good with very small objects as they want to swallow them (take care when selecting articles to train with this type of dog as you do not want to end up asking your vet to remove something from your dog's inside!). Start with something like a piece of carpet and reward the dog with a ball game rather than food to distance the swallowing action from the exercise. As the dog becomes keen to spit out the article for the ball game, reduce the size of the piece of carpet. Continue in this way until the dog will happily spit out a tiny piece of carpet in anticipation of the game. Then start the whole process again with something slightly different maybe a piece of fabric, perhaps a strip of your old jeans. Again start with it being too big to swallow and as your dog progresses, cut it smaller.

Some dogs dislike picking up metal objects. Focussing on metal objects with such a dog can often make the problem

worse as the dog (who may have sensitive teeth) grows to dislike the game as it always sets his teeth off. The trick here is to play a fast game of fetch swapping through a range a different retrieve toys and occasionally slipping in a metal one. I once overcame a dislike of metal objects in my GSD by swapping his favourite rubber ring for a check chain. A check chain can be thrown quite well and after a week of that being my dog's only fetch toy out on walks, the metal chain no longer presented a problem and after that he would pick up other metal articles without any problem. He just needed to view metal objects as 'toys' and he lost his inhibition. Another way of getting a dog familiar with metal is to wrap a metal article such as a teaspoon with string. As the dog's retrieve improves allow the string to become loose and gaps develop. It will still be his familiar article but gradually as you lose the string he will have learnt to retrieve the metal spoon. Then progress to other metal objects in a similar fashion.

When I feel confident that my dog is unlikely to be phased by anything he finds in the square I need to check that he will walk, trot and canter with the article in his mouth without reverting to dropping or mouthing. Some dogs will do a perfect hold whilst stationary but mouth as soon as they move. This will need to be trained separately.

Some dogs will retrieve and carry the article very well in a static exercise but when starting exercise with the excitement of searching and finding the article, they become over stimulated and start mouthing on the return. In this case you could follow the dog into the square so that you are right behind him when he locates the article so you can help him to perfect his pick-up and delivery at that point. Just because you

cannot enter the square in competition does not mean you cannot enter it to advantage during training. Some people seem to think that once four poles are in the ground there are man-eating crocodiles in the grass ready to snap their ankles! It really is not a no-go area during training.

Your dog will of course need to know how to deliver any article cleanly to hand. I teach this as a separate exercise and would never expect my dog to retrieve anything to hand if he had not first been taught this away from the search field. You should never teach hand delivery to your dog when he has just brought you an article out of the square. If your dog does not know to deliver articles to hand and you 'get on' at him when he brings an article to you, you will risk introducing a range of faults that

we were trying to avoid, i.e. dampening his attitude to the exercise, teaching him to be reluctant to return articles to you, mouthing articles - as we know that anxiety increases mouthing.

So in my book the dog needs to be taught to pick up any article, he needs to be able to walk, trot and canter with the article held firmly in his mouth and he needs to know how to deliver and release the article to my hand. When he can do all of these things as separate exercises I can put them together and merge these exercises with the pole association as outlined in WTM November 2012. If I check my list of desired attributes in the square, my dog now has half a chance of measuring up to my desires.

Anne Bussey

TRIAL REPORTS

SWTS OPEN TRIAL

Inchnabobart, Ballater
23 – 24 June 2012

STAKE: UD

Judge: GARY TAIT

**Tracklayers: Bill Mackie, Colin Thain
and Derek McAuley**

Steward: Sheena Kerr

I would like to thanks SWTS for inviting me to judge the UD at Ballater, which is my most favourite trial location, and to all the helpers who made this trial run smoothly. A big thank you to everyone who helped out in the kitchen - the food was first class, as always. The weather was very wet over the two days, which resulted in most of the

tracks being under water and caused a few competitors and Bill Mackie to fall, but my tracklayers, as always, all did a great job. Thanks to my steward, Sheena Kerr, for her help, assistance and company and to Jim Jeffrey (who due to recovering from a broken foot – was unable to lay tracks) for still attending and helping out. Lastly, a big thank you to Jim McKay, who performed his last stint as Trials Manager; as always this trial was excellent and you have always put such a lot of effort and time into making it what it is – I wish you and Midge all the best and look forward to seeing you both compete next year at Ballater.

1st Terry Austin with MANPOL VIXEN, Q, 189. What an excellent track and control from you both; all the best in the future.

2nd Catherine Gordon with NNERUM FANFARE, Q, 183.5. Another excellent

round, did not drop a mark on the track. This was one of the best tracks I have ever seen; all the best to you both.

3rd Lesley Drummer with LONDON PRIDE, NQ, 159. What a great track from you both, a shame about the jumps but not far away now. Good luck to you both in the future.

4th Joyce Rea with GEFNI EFOR EFFORT, NQ, 152. Another good round from you both. Well done, Joyce, as Tora completed the down – don't know who was happier, Tora or you. Good luck to you both in the future.

Thanks to all competitors for entering and accepting my decisions on the day. I did enjoy watching the dogs and handlers working their tracks despite the poor weather conditions.

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WELSH KENNEL CLUB OPEN TRIAL

Laleston, South Wales
17 -19 August 2012

STAKE: TD

Judge: GARY MARTIN
Tracklayers: Pat Herbert, Gary Atkins
Search/CA Steward: Julie Atkins

Many thanks to Welsh Kennel Club for the invitation to judge the TD stake. We had a super time at this well organised trial with a really great bunch of people. The hospitality we enjoyed made this rather sodden weekend a real pleasurable one in spite of the weather. Welsh Kennel Club has a great band of regular helpers who really make this trial - thanks one and all.

Thanks to Lindsey as trials manager, a job at which she excels. Her organisation before, during and post trial were first class. We were always kept up to date with land changes and competitor numbers. Typically Lindsey was kept on her toes when a large swathe of land was slurried at short notice! But in true Lindsey style she just got on with it and organised fresh fields.

Brian Riste at the base, as efficient as ever, made sure everyone was where they should be at the right time, all completed with good humour and trademark efficiency. Thanks, Brian. Barbara in the kitchen was a flurry of activity making sure we were all catered for – thanks Barbara.

The farmers are superb, particularly Mike Rees and his lovely family, who all take a genuine interest in our sport – although I couldn't help noticing the quizzical looks on their faces as we stood saturated in a field with our dogs and enjoying it!! Mike and his family took an active part in the trial, with his son Nicholas helping move jumps around and Edward and Alice giving us a helping hand whenever we needed it. Thank you all so much for the use of your land, your help and your company.

My tracklayers were Gary and Pat – superb at their jobs and great company. They were as frustrated as anyone that the conditions were so difficult for the teams. Every track was laid to perfection and I am grateful to you both for your time and professionalism and your excellent company.

Julie was my steward for the three days, and she was brilliant. Always there, helping set up the jumps, walking the round and helping me tweak it here and there. Thank you for all your time, effort and hard work, and also for your friendship. Both Caroline and I had a superb time.

The conditions were for the first two days..... difficult to say the least. Not one team got round. Chris Theobald did

the best of the first two days, completing five legs, but the weather was atrocious and it chucked it down on the tracks from the time they were laid until they were worked. It was just too much for the dogs. However, come Sunday it was a different matter; although it was by no means easy for them, it was easier. So to all those who didn't qualify, you took it in good heart and the dogs did try, so the very best of luck in your future trials.

Tracking was on Wales' finest pasture. Track articles were a 2 inch strip of leather, a 3 inch piece of rubber and a 2 inch x 3 inch piece of carpet; square articles were a green bottle top, 1.5 inch x 0.5 inch strip of leather, 2 inch square of green underlay and piece of dowel.

1st Marge Lee with SYN MISCHIEFS PARTNER, WSD, dog, qualified on 193.5. Syn made a super job of the track, with just bits and bobs here and there, but left one article on the track. He is a real terror is Syn! He has a great attitude and loves his work, although he makes Marge work just as hard. Nice square with Syn's trademark enthusiasm! He does cover that ground so quickly. Solid C/A round with full mark jumps and a well deserved qualification. Well done, Marge – he's a great dog.

2nd Martyn Willcock with LUCY THE LAWLESS OF LANCS, WSD, bitch, qualified on 176. Lucy worked so hard to get round the track and gave us one or two tense moments, but each time she got out of trouble. She gave her all on this nose-work section and really deserved to qualify. Shaved in with the C/A! Well done .

3rd Christine Theobald with XAN-DOA ABBYLON AT TYTRI, BC, bitch, NQ. Chris and Abby got the furthest round, having completed 5 legs. She made a real sterling effort at the track and Chris was

rightly pleased with the effort and commitment she showed. Good luck in the future.
4th John Simpson with FAR CANAL FOSTER, XB, dog, NQ. Foster fell foul of the weather; it was so difficult for these dogs. Immaculate C/A. Good luck in the future.

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EAST ANGLIAN WORKING TRIALS TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

27 – 30 September 2012

Waterlow Farm Kennels, Waterlow Road,
Terrington St. Clement, Kings Lynn

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Thanks to all those involved in the trial - we appreciate your time and effort. I'll let the judges thank their own helpers for each stake but I also need to thank the judges - Dave Olley (PD), Belinda Spensley (UD) and Penny Bann (CD and Introductory), the farmers, Di in the kitchen and Sandra and Keith for the base and putting everyone up. Special thanks to Paul for organising everything.

Well done to all the competitors, especially those who qualified.

KAREN WARNER

STAKE: UD

Judge: BELINDA SPENSLEY

Steward: Karen Warner

**Tracklayers: Jim Sewell, Karen Warner,
Andy Baker, Emma Baker**

Ferrier: Brian Pole

Everything else: Paul Morling and Jan Sewell

Thank you to EAWTTS for asking me to judge UD Open at this small friendly trial, the farmers, Dianne in the kitchen and to Sandra and Keith Deering, who own the kennels and spoil us with accommodation and home cooked meals.

The weather was fine, dry and sunny and the venues ideal for our sport. Tracking was on stubble, which at first glance seemed a bit tricky; however, with the expertise of my tracklayers, good dogs and good weather only a few struggled and the tracking marks for those who got round were good.

I saw enthusiasm and joy from both handlers and dogs, even those who didn't qualify, who, although disappointed, appeared to be happy with their efforts and enjoying their own personal achievements. This, for me, is the whole point of competing.

Qualifying is of course the aim, but it's the icing on the cake of a good day out!

My tracklayers, all good friends, were professional, great company and all willing each competitor to do well and giving every team the best chance to succeed. Karen is a brilliant steward. She gave confidence to those who were nervous, and was consistent and clear with her explanation of the exercises, enabling me to stand back and watch the teams work.

My intention was to set a sensible, simple test using good sized articles and to judge them fairly and appropriately for the stake. I feel quite passionately that the onward progression between Open and Championship competition through the stakes should be defined by a gradual scale of difficulty in all the areas. I believe that this will give encouragement to handlers and dogs to progress. Hopefully this was reflected in my judgement in not penalising silly mis-

takes by dog and handler which they will no doubt have to iron out when they move up to the next level.

Thank you for accepting my decisions and good luck in the future.

1st John Currie with MY BOY JIM (Jim), Working Sheepdog, 184, Q. An experienced handler with an enthusiastic and precise dog who I fully expect to see moving on up the stakes in the coming year. Search square 34.5 completed in 1 min 48 sec! Good luck for the future.

2nd Gill Martin with SNOWIECOTT GREAT AND GOOD (Yogi), Golden Retriever, 178.5, Q. A very capable but strong willed dog and I would use the same description for the handler. Excellent track, 87 and both articles. Well done.

3rd David Paul with ALBADHU PAWS FOR A REST (Stan), Large Munsterlander, 170.5, Q. Striking dog - very confident, capable dog handled very well by David. Marks lost due to a few minor blips which will easily be ironed out. I look forward to seeing Stan in the future. Well done.

4th Graham Blake with TOBIAS COLLIER (Toby), Working Sheepdog, 178.5, NQ. An excellent day for Toby apart from the down stay which we know to be just a glitch on the day! Full mark square, excellent track, both articles and a good control round.... Well done.

STAKE: PD

Judge: DAVE OLLEY

**Track layers: Andy and Emma Baker
Square, control and patrol steward: Karen Bexon**

Control and patrol scribe: Tracey-Lee Sinfield

Criminals: Alan Bexon, Chris Trevor, Bernie Martens and Nicky Martens.

Thank you to EAWTS for asking me to judge their PD Open. Thanks to the trials manager, Karen Warner, assisted by Paul Morling, for all their help and for running a very friendly trial. A big thank you to all the helpers named above and also to Keith and Sandra for their fantastic hospitality, to Di for all the hard work in the kitchen, and to Jan Sewell for collating the marks.

With 13 entries we ran over 2 days; 11 ran. We started with the nosework; tracking was on dry stubble so I set a pattern and articles accordingly. On the whole the nosework was a good standard, with all the dogs showing a commitment to track. The speak was on the tracking ground, walking diagonally across the square from pole to pole with the dog at heel.

Once the nosework had finished we moved to the control field, which doubled up as the patrol field, a large fenced area of short well cared for mown grass. The short grass and level ground made it ideal for the dogs to show a good standard of heelwork, followed by the sendaway, a diagonal 90 yards to a pole in the corner of the field, then a 45 degree right along the fence, 120 yards to crossed poles. We finished off with the agility.

The Patrol briefing - the competitors were told their task was to check the area of land for trespassers; on finding, any persons were to be detained, then escorted off the land. They were notified there had been some sightings, and a disturbance was taking place in the bushes on the perimeter of the designated area.

Search and escort - dog and handler at a pole 20 yards from an area of large bushes in front of a wall of 25 feet plus conifer trees. They were told about a couple who had been in that area shouting hysterically for help; the handler challenged for the couple to come out and show themselves,

whilst keeping their dog under control. At this point a young couple came from the bushes, speaking mainly Spanish with a spattering of English; they were speaking enough English to give a message, and ask for help because a man had been chasing them with a knife. The young couple gestured in panic, this greatly excited all the dogs, but the handlers were told these innocent people were not to be bitten. The escort started through the bushes and along the trees, to safely accompany the people off the land. In the middle of the bushes and halfway down the line of trees, the knife-wielding attacker ran at the handler. Once the dog had dealt with the attack, it was called off and the man was searched. A further short escort towards the perimeter of the land led to the start of the quarter. The quarter - the handler was told to send the dog across the field 70 yards to a farm gate, then along the fence to the bottom right hand corner of the field, to hide 1, then across the top of the field to hide 2. The dog then needed to be brought towards the handler and sent left across the field to a fence where a hide was set up, using a camouflage net; concealed in here was the hide criminal. Once the dog had found the criminal and given voice the handler was told to join the dog, and deal with the situation.

The chase - as the last exercise was finishing, the chase criminal walked out into the middle of the field, waiting for the handler and dog to take up their place on the edge of the field; once this had happened the handler challenged and after a short conversation the criminal ran. The dog was immediately sent and once the dog had detained the criminal, the handler followed on, dealt with the situation and escorted the criminal to the top end of the field.

The recall was the next exercise and it took place from here. Once the dog had been

sent and recalled successfully, the dog, handler and steward could walk back down the field giving them breathing space before the final exercise.

Test of courage – approximately 25 yards from the handler and dog was a man with a string of 10 empty, large plastic milk bottles; the criminal was told to scream and shout, shaking the bottles for maximum rumble, but not to block the sleeve in any way, or to hit the dog with the bottles. I wanted to see committed dogs clearly going in for a bite, and for the most part that's what happened.

After all sections the following teams qualified.

1st Moira Rogerson with **THREENINES KATIE**, Malinois, B, 298.5. Powerful dog, in very capable hands. Congratulations, good to see you back in PD, Moira.

2nd Diane Ling with **DEBEN LITTLE TOM**, GSD x BC, D, 296.5. Well done, Di, Tom's a credit to you. He is a star in TD and looks like he will be one in PD too.

3rd Bill Richardson with **KENOCTO OCTOBERS DELIGHT**, Malinois, D, 273. Another good round - you've got a great relationship. Good luck in Ticket.

4th David Waite with **EYLAUERHOF RULA**, Rottweiler, D, 268.5. Well done, Dave. You have done a lot of work with Rula, and it's paid off.

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BLANCHARDSTOWN AND DISTRICT D.T.C. CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL.

5 - 7 October 2012
Ireland

Judge: LÉ NEWMAN.

Ah! Ireland! That green and holy land! HE must have been looking down on us, 3 days of judging with almost wall to wall sunshine!

My thanks to Blanchardstown and District DTC for the invitation to judge their trial, especially as they cancelled this trial last year when we lost Len's mother and were unable to go over.

Len and I have been judging in Ireland on and off for the last 12 years. It has always been a pleasure and the hospitality second to none. We have now made firm friends with not only the trialists but the local shopkeepers, publicans, farmers and Geraldine the hairdresser! We fit in dog training plus sightseeing. This time, from the sublime to the ridiculous, I enjoyed Kamal's course in Malahide one day and on another, an Irish folk night in the local pub. Brilliant!!

Biggest thanks go to our good friends, Steve and Jenny, who ran the trial from their home in Raharney and where we spent the next fortnight on holiday. Also thanks to the track layers, Judith, Len and Steve, and square stewards, Judith and Riona. Scribes for the C/A were Len and Riona all of whom were 'foot', 'hand' and 'pencil' perfect over the 3 days of CD, UD and WD.

Sadly, some of the handlers chose to do 'training rounds' and did not complete/attempt some of the exercises. This appears to happen a lot in the Irish trials; I can never really understand the logic. The jumps took their toll and overall control was a problem for one or two handlers, however the tracking and search squares were of the very high standard we have become used to in Ireland.

There were no qualifiers in UD or WD and as the competitors chose not to complete the tests there could be no places given.

WD STAKE:

Jeff Poole did a super track and search followed by a good control round but went out on the jumps. Also awarded 'Best Track'.

UD STAKE:

Neil Lowdnes put together a cracking nosework and control round but unfortunately hasn't taught Coco the jumps. 'Best Track' was awarded to Jack Gingell with PB.

The only qualifiers were in CD.

1st Bernadette Giggs with KASPER, BC, 91.5, Q Ex

2nd Samantha Rawson with SASSY, BC, 89.5, Q Ex

Both did lovely nosework and control, very little between them. Long jump appeared to cause a bit of a problem, with Kasper successful on the 2nd attempt and Sassy, unfortunately, failing.

Thank you to all the competitors for entering under me and accepting my decisions. You are a lovely bunch of people and I wish you lots of luck in the future.

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

6 - 7 October 2012
Oakwood Hill, Surrey

STAKE: CD AND UD CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: LES THEOBALD
Steward: Chris Theobald

I would like to thank the committee of the society for the invitation to judge at the trial. Many thanks to Joyce Tibbetts, assisted by Christine Brooks, for a well run trial.

A big thank you to all the ladies (I'm sorry I don't know all your names) for all their work in the kitchen keeping us supplied with food whenever we wanted it, especially the lunchtime buffets. Thanks to my wife, Chris, for scribing for me and keeping me under control.

We were very lucky with the weather; after all the rain we had brilliant sunshine both days and with the work being carried out on the cricket pitch at the rear of the base, it provided us with a perfect venue for people to show what their dogs were capable of.

CD STAKE:

3 dogs entered with all 3 competing.

1st CHACKMORETON SAFFRON, G. Ret, handled by Angela Clarke, 92.5. Just the odd mark dropped here and there and a second attempt required on the scale. Well done, a pleasure to watch and judge.

2nd CASEAROMAGO OBELIA, Mal, handled by Winston Cadogan, 87. A hesitant retrieve and no long jump, but otherwise worked very well.

3rd GUNWHARF JACK, Lab, handled by Bob Burns, 84. Lack of control at the end of the sendaway was costly, but worked very well at the rest of it.

Three CD competitors, all of whom had perfect stays and all qualified on the agility. What more can I say? None of you would have disgraced yourselves at a Championship trial. Well done to all of you.

UD STAKE:

26 dogs entered with 25 dogs competing

1st WAGGERLAND THIS IS IT, WSD, handled by Betty Briley, 194. An extra command on the retrieve and no stay the other side of the scale were the only things that cost marks on the control field for this pair. Well done; a very nice, round and a pleasure to watch.

2nd TRIPLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, handled by Tony Lockyer, 191. The first outing for this young dog and as usual handled superbly by Tony. Wrong position the other side of the scale and going to the wrong tree on the Sendaway were the only marks lost.

3rd RAVENSBROK MAID, BC, handled by Christine Brooksby, 188.5. Losing odd marks here and there, but full mark sendaway. Well done.

4th SHARDEE'S KOS, GSD, handled by Don Laskey, 184. Whenever there is a trial at Surrey you always find Don helping out, so nice to see him qualify. Well done.

Also qualifying for a Certificate of Merit:

HANBAR KARLO VON GAINSHAUS, Rott, handled by Ross McCarthy, 183.5

MEADOWSHOT MACGRAW, Lab, handled by Sue Redshaw, 179

SHELTYSHAM SO ESOTERIC, BC, handled by Diane Whiting, 177.5

WESTMIDS KYRE, GSD, handled by Shirley Simpson, 177

JANALLEN BAKARI, Groen, handled by Felicity Veazey, 176

BALNAKEIL BEINN TARSHIN, Gordon Setter, handled by Barbara Riste, 174.5

TOBIAS COLLIER, WSD, handled by Graham Blake, 163

Open UD and only one dog failed the stay!

Seven dogs went straight to the sendaway point on one command - there would have been more, but the control of some of the other dogs once they reached it was lacking.

Once again, many thanks to the society and the competitors for an enjoyable weekend.

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AVON WTTS OPEN TRIAL

7 Oct 2012

St Briavel's, Glos

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Avon did it again! We had two days of sunshine after a rainy Friday and with a torrential Monday following.

The entry for the trial was very healthy, with 18 Introductory and 6 CD. To accommodate preferences we ran both stakes on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you to our judge, Pippa Bentham, for setting a test that most competitors seemed to enjoy, whether or not they were successful.

I had a great deal of help from Avon members, who did everything I asked of them. Janette Hickson was trials Secretary and right hand woman, as well as stewarding for two days - many thanks!

The kitchen was run on Saturday by Jan Baker, and by Sue, Josie and Marilyn on Sunday; thank you for feeding us so well. Barbara was gatekeeper on Saturday and Felicity on Sunday and this kept a steady flow of competitors onto the field. Barbara also helped me at base on Sunday. Thank you both and thanks to those who helped with stays.

We had a lovely selection of different breeds and crossbreeds competing, includ-

ing several small dogs. In fact crossbreeds won both stakes. I was grateful to competitors for their cheerful co-operation each day and their support for the tombola, which raised £36 for the World Veterinary Service funds.

CHRIS YOUNG

STAKES: INTRODUCTORY AND CD

Judge: PIPPA BENTHAM

Steward: Janette Hickson

Thank you to the Society and trials manager, Chris Young, for the invitation to judge the Introductory and CD stakes in the beautiful Forest of Dean. After rather damp weather in the days before we were blessed with sunshine and warm temperatures on both days. The ladies in the kitchen, Jan, Marilyn, Sue and Josie, kept us well fed with some wonderful cakes - thank you, it was appreciated.

Barbara and Felicity kept the competitors in order on Saturday and Sunday respectively, ensuring Janette and I were not kept waiting, as we had quite a lot to get through, with a total entry of 24 over the two days. Janette, as ever, was a brilliant steward and a pleasure to work with - thank you.

Thank you to the competitors in both stakes. It was a pleasure to judge you and I hope you enjoyed the experience; for several it was their very first competition.

INTRODUCTORY STAKE:

1st Ann Ketteringham with PAD-DYDEPAWS AT COALWAY, X-Breed, dog, 99. Ash worked brilliantly, you should be very proud of him, Ann. Well done.

2nd Lorna East and GLENALPINE TOSCA, BC, bitch, 98. Tosca is such a willing, bright little girl and a pleasure to watch. Well done.

3rd Catherine Manfield and GLENALPINE OZY ZIG, BC, dog, 93.5. Ozzy worked well; a bit of anticipation cost a mark or two, otherwise well done.

4th Hazel Sharp and AMBER GOLD-EN GEM, X-Breed, bitch, 93. What an improvement on last year, Hazel. You should be so proud of what you've achieved - it was a privilege to see.

Also qualified:

Gillian Knowland and GINELLA CAVIE IN DISGUISE, X-Breed, bitch, 91.5.

Margaret Sterry and DIASTANS RECAR-DO, X-Breed, dog, 90.5.

Emma Stoker and JIMJOY SENSATION-AL STYLE AT MADGACK, Lab, dog, 89.

CD STAKE:

1st Hazel Sharp and AMBER GOLD-EN GEM, X-Breed, bitch, 92.5. Well done.

2nd Lorna East and GLENALPINE TOSCA, BC, bitch, 81, NQ.

3rd Emma Stoker and JIMJOY SEN-SATIONAL STYLE AT MADGACK, Lab, dog, 60, NQ.

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SKC OPEN TRIAL

13 October 2012

Muthill

STAKE: CD

Judge: STEVIE BRAITHWAITE

Search/Control Steward: Jackie Suckling.

I would like to thank the Scottish Kennel Club for the invitation to judge the CD stake at Muthill, and would like to thank Brian Glasgow and his team of helpers for such an enjoyable trial. Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen for some tasty refreshments. I would also like to thank Jackie Suckling for being my control and search square steward and doing such a good job. 6 entries, 3 ran. Unfortunately none of the competitors qualified, but you are all nearly there; it was the jumps which were the deciding factor today, not unusual in this stake. I am sure it will not be long before you all sort this out. Thank you for being pleasant and sporting competitors - it was a pleasure to watch your lovely dogs.

1st Patricia Templeton and FRANKIE THE FLYER, FCR/Lab, 76, NQ. Overall a good steady round, with a full mark sendaway. Just the jumps were the problem today. Well done.

2nd Louise Saunders and TORRIGLEN TRAILBLAZER, Shetland Sheepdog, 70, NQ. Very nice control round and search square. Again, the jumps were a problem. Well done.

3rd John Westaby and PRIORS POLLY, Lab, 45, NQ. Corrie started off very well, but got confused by the whistles coming from the TD control, which unsettled her. However, she had a full mark sendaway and is an enthusiastic dog - both very welcome. Sadly the stays and jumps were Corrie's downfall. Well done.

STAKE: UD

Judge: ROY DRUMMER

Tracklayers: Jimmy Scott, John Hood, Shirley Windsor and Jackie Hilton

Steward: Lesley Drummer

Thank you very much to SKC for their invitation to judge and for all the help from Brian Glasgow and his family at the base and in the kitchen. Thanks also to Joyce and John Westaby and track layers, Jimmy Scott, John Hood, Shirley Windsor and Jackie Hilton. They all made the day so enjoyable and straightforward and, indeed, a lot of fun

There were 7 teams and all handlers deserve to be proud of their performances, as they all took away a lot of positives. Most of the handlers were experienced and bringing on younger dogs - and it showed. It was a real pleasure to judge them and good to be amongst old friends.

1st John Gray with GEORGE, 198.5, Q., Wonderful overall performance; a joy to watch dog and handler. This youngster will go a long way, at this rate

2nd Ann Bedford with DIESEL, 193.5, Q. Winner of the Nosework Trophy with a faultless performance by Diesel. Well done and good wishes for the future

3rd Joyce Rae with TORA, 184, NQ. Lovely nose work by Tora. Unfortunately, the down lost it. Keep working at it, Joyce, lots of good work

4th Jenny Beaton with BRYN, 174, NQ. Good nose work, Jenny; it was the jumps again which spoilt it. But keep trying.

Well done to the others, especially Jim McKay and Midge, who set up a hare on his track but went back on for a while!

Well done to all handlers and very best wishes for the future with your dogs

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

9th October – 14th October 2012

The Fox, Main Street, Kirton, Nottinghamshire

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

Thank you to the judges, Tony Orchard (TD), Dave Bell (WD), Barbara Bell (UD), Linda Newbold (CD), and their tracklayers and stewards. The TD tracklayers were Gary Talbot, Tom Darby, Liz Warrior and Malc Snowden, and the steward was Jenny Orchard; WD tracklayers were Janette Sayer, David Waite, Andrea Lynd and Dave Marchant, the square steward was Robert Martin, and the control stewards were Barbara Bell on Friday, and David Waite on Saturday; UD tracklayers were Joan Snowden and Barrie James, and the steward was Pat Herbert; the CD stewards were Lisa Fox on Saturday and Lisa Coull on Sunday; and at the base were Wendy Magyar and Jan Darby. Thank you to everyone, all great company and without your help the trial would not run - your help is much appreciated. I would also like to thank David Waite for the work he does prior to the trial.

This year the land was allocated by the farmers, rather than having a choice, as the land changed 3 times in the 4 weeks leading up to the trial due to farmers changing their crop patterns. Tracking was on stubble for TD and stubble drilled with rape for WD and UD, with more growth on the UD fields. Very well done to those who did qualify, and congratulations to Andy Baker for winning the ticket.

ANDY MAGYAR

STAKE: CD

Judge: LINDA NEWBOLD

Stewards: Lisa Fox, Saturday; Lisa Coull, Sunday

I would like to thank the society for asking me to judge, Andy, assisted and kept in order by Wendy, for running a great trial and for looking after us all so well, and to all the behind the scenes helpers who make our hobby possible. To Jan and Wendy for running the base, doing all the scores and certificates and for ensuring everyone got to where they should be. Thank you also to the staff at The Fox for the lovely food and to the farmers for the use of their land. Special thanks to Lisa and Lisa for putting down the squares perfectly and doing an excellent job of stewarding the control and agility and, despite rumours, Lisa did not frighten any dogs on Sunday! Thank you both for your company. Thank you also to Joan for helping me set up my round and pulling up the thistles around the jumps! Thank you to all the competitors for entering; it was a pleasure to see all your dogs work. All the handlers and dogs worked really well and if you did not qualify this time I'm sure you will soon, so keep up the training.

1st Tony Lockyer and TRIPLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, 95, Q. Lovely young dog, expertly handled. Will look out for the tummy tickles when you get to ticket with him. Congratulations.

2nd John Currie and MY BOY JIM, 93, Q. Another experienced handler getting the best from a young dog. Lovely work with a full point square. Well done and good luck for the future.

3rd Samantha Rawson and RYAN'S DAUGHTER, 92.5, Q. A nice team working a very professional round. Good luck

in the future.

4th Tracey Eaton with CLEYNE-HAGE ON THE TILES, Q. Bronty's enthusiasm for her work was great to watch. Well done.

Also qualifying:

Emily Arch with JASPER THE COWPE CRUSADER, 85.5. Well done.

Vicky Hunter with XANDOA SPOT, 81.5. Well done.

STAKE: UD

Judge: BARBARA BELL

Tracklayers: Joan Snowden and Barry James

Steward: Pat Herbert

Thank you to Midland Counties for asking me to judge at this very well organised trial. I was looked after extremely well, nothing was too much trouble, and it was a pleasure to be a part of this trial. Big thanks to Andy and Wendy for their hospitality.

We were very lucky with the weather, bright, very little breeze, good tracking conditions. Very big thanks to Pat for stewarding and laying squares and also to Joan and Barry for laying tracks. All three carried their tasks out brilliantly and were excellent company. Thank you all, it was very much appreciated. Lastly, to the competitors, I hope you enjoyed my test - you were all a pleasure to judge. For those who didn't qualify, it won't be long before you do. Good luck to you all in future trials.

1st Barry Gilbert, GLENALPINE COSWORTH, 198, Q. Hardly put a paw out of line. Very well handled. Another dog destined for the top.

2nd Samantha Rawson, RYANS DAUGHTER, 195, Q. Lovely dog with a

good attitude, handled very well. I believe you qualified CDEx too. Well done.

3rd Judy Meekings, LAURINCO RED SKYE AT WINDLEBROOK, 177.5, Q. What a busy, powerful dog on the track. Full point control round, well done.

4th Jayne Douglas, TRACELYN ROXY, 181, NQ. Lovely nosework, what a shame about the jumps. It won't be long before you qualify.

STAKE: WD

Judge: DAVID BELL

Tracklayers: Janette Sayer, David Waite, Andrea Lynd, Dave Marchant

Square Steward: Robert

Stewards: Barbara Bell, David Waite

Thanks to Midland Counties for the invitation to judge. I was very lucky to have a brilliant team of helpers, and anything I asked was carried out to the letter. My thanks to my tracklayers, Janette Sayer, David Waite, Andrea Lynd and David Marchant. All tracks were laid to give everybody an equal chance. My thanks to Barbara for stewarding on Friday, and to David Waite for stewarding on Saturday. Big thanks to Robert for square stewarding on both days. I was told that he was very quiet! We had a great laugh and Robert can square steward for me anytime.

To the tracking. On the Friday we had 12 dogs run and not one of them got past the third leg. It had to be the ground conditions after the very heavy rain the previous night. Saturday brought a frosty morning and completely different conditions. One dog (the winner) gained a full point track. We ended up with 4 qualifiers.

Finally, a big thanks to Andy and Wendy for putting us up for our time at Midland Counties.

1st Fran Mitchell, LITTLE SMOK-EY, 180, Q. Full point track and a good control round. Well done, Fran – this was the dog that I wanted to take home.

2nd Sarah Naylor, FLICK FLACK BLAKE, 178.5, Q. I have judged Sarah before and her handling is improving. I believe this is her first trials dog.

3rd Heather Cook, LOOKYLOOKY LIFE N SOUL, 167, Q. Nice dog, well handled. Well done.

4th Fran Mitchell, BARAK BAL-DAMAR, 163.5, Q. A good day for you, Fran. A competent round. Well done.

STAKE: TD

Judge: TONY ORCHARD

Steward: Jenny Orchard

Tracklayers: Andy Magyar, Tom Darby, Gary Talbot, Liz Warrior and Malcolm Snowdon

66 Entries, 60 ran

Thank you to Midland Counties for inviting me to judge the Ticket; it is a special privilege to be asked to set a test for the best handlers and tracking dogs in the country. A big thank you to Andy Magyar, who managed the trial in a very friendly and efficient manner. Of course behind every well organised man is a well organised woman, so also a big thank you to Wendy - they made a good team. Jenny and I were extremely well looked after and the B&B accommodation was first class.

During the trial The Fox provided very good refreshments which we both thoroughly enjoyed. Jan Darby and Wendy did an excellent job as base stewards, completing the score boards and getting competitors to the tracks. Thank you both.

I hope I have not missed anyone out of my thanks, often there are people working behind the scenes, so thank you to everyone

involved.

To the test - the ground was stubble and although it looked good for tracking it actually proved quite difficult. The weather throughout was bright and dry, with any rain coming when we had finished or overnight. I was fortunate to have tracklayers who were very professional in their approach and also good company. While the competitors were working they allowed me to concentrate on the judging, but when required knew exactly what was happening. All the tracks were laid very accurately, giving all competitors the same opportunity to qualify.

Considering the conditions I was treated to some good tracking, with 27 competitors completing the track, 1 competitor with no articles, 7 with 1, 9 with 2, and 10 with 3. Only 4 teams missed the last article. The articles were a 3 inch aerial cable, a 5 inch length of white string and a 4 inch wooden meat skewer. The cable was recovered 15 times, the string 18 and the skewer 23.

Due to the fact the dogs had to really work hard to get round the track, they needed plenty of drive and motivation to search successfully. The search articles were a 3 inch black straw, half a peg, 2.5 inch plant stake and a 2.5 x 1 inch piece of non-slip plastic tray mat. Of the 56 squares completed 6 competitors recovered 4 articles, 25 recovered 3, 17 recovered 2 and 8 only 1 article.

At the end of the nose work we had 17 teams with qualifying marks

The control day was bright and dry with 18 returning for the control and agility including non qualifiers. With all the hard work having been done out in the fields, my view of the C/A is to demonstrate just that - control. So the round was uncomplicated, with a speak at heel and a short T-pattern of heelwork. The sendaway was 90 paces out in front but diagonally to the left

and the redirect 100 paces away diagonally further into the field to the right. I identified the sendaway and redirect points using bushy markers taken from the hedge. The instructions were 'I would prefer your dog did not touch the field boundaries'; the outrun was marked out of 4 with obviously 6 for the redirect. The best sendaway was Mrs Pat Williams with Pip, gaining an impressive 9.5; only 11 competitors achieved 5 or more marks. The agility was, as expected at this level, very confidently done.

1st Mr A T Baker, WTCh SID THE LEMON SQUEEZER, BC, D, 201.5, Q. A team on top form having to work really hard on the track, not on the best bit of land. A few worrying moments but great to watch an experienced team at work. Lost 13.5 with three articles, followed by a brilliant full mark search completed in 1 minute 35 seconds! What stamina and motivation. A very competent C/A round. A truly worthy winner - congratulation on winning the Ticket.

2nd Mr A J Lockyer, WTCh LAWIN-ICK COME N GET IT AT HARTSHILL, GSD, B, 198 Q. A very competent track with all articles, losing 6 marks, then 3 articles out of the search. A good control round with full mark agility. An excellent all round performance. Congratulations, a creditable Reserve Ticket.

3rd Mrs M Robinson, JUST FRANKIE AT TRENTVALLEY, WSD, D, 194.5, Q. A lovely track, losing only 5, but unfortunately missed an article in the square. A professional control round, lost 0.5 on the clear. Placed 3rd after a run off square with Julie Atkins.

4th Mr and Mrs G and J M Atkins, GLENALPINE REG, CDEx – TDEx, BC, D, 194.5, Q, handler Mrs J G Atkins. Last nosework round of the trial and what a track; only lost 2 marks but sadly missed

the first article. Another fantastic full mark search in 1 minute 58 seconds; an experienced dog demonstrating stamina and commitment. Unfortunately no speak but a good sendaway, dropping marks for hitting the boundary. Failed the clear jump. Taking fourth place after a run off square with Margaret Robinson. Congratulations on a well earned 4th place.

Also Qualified:

Mrs A Fowler, GLENALPINE MAISEY, BC, B, 188.5

Mrs S Tannert, WTCh STYPERSON CLEO, CDEx – TDEx, Lab, B, 188

Mr M Williams, MARINA BEN'S PAL, CDEx – TDEx, X-breed, B, 184.5

Mr and Mrs D Williams, SHADOW-QUEST LEGACY, CDEx – TDEx, GSD, D, 183.5, handler J L Reed

Miss S Boyall, VANQUISH ULTIMATE EDITION, CDEx – TDEx, Lab, D, 183

Mrs P Williams, SUNSHINE PIP, CDEx – TDEx, X-breed, B, 182

Mr G Haim, WTCh WAGGERLAND DI-LEMMMA, CDEx – TDEx, WSD, D, 180

A big thank you to Jenny for stewarding the searches and the control day; judging is made so much easier if you have a steward you can rely 100% on.

Congratulations to all the qualifiers and commiserations to those that missed out.

Finally thank you to all the competitors for entering under me, accepting my judgments and for showing such sportsmanship; without exception you are a credit to the sport.

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NORTH EAST COUNTIES WTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

23 – 28 October 2012
Satley, Tow Law

STAKES: CD AND VETERAN

Judge: LAURA BARDWELL

Tracklayers: John Atkin and Kath Woolley

Steward: Sharron Dunn

A very big thank you to the society for asking me to judge CD and Veteran. A very big thank you to Julz for running such a great trial and making sure everyone had a great time and was made to feel so welcome. I would also like to thank Linda and Annie for keeping us all well fed and watered - they never stopped during the whole trial; thanks also to Sheila and all the ladies who helped at the desk, doing all the marks and making sure everybody got to the right places at the right time. Thanks to my steward, Sharron Dunn, who drove all the way from Alnwick in snow to steward for me. What would we do without such great people who are willing to help and are great company as well? Thank you to the competitors who all had lovely dogs that were a pleasure to watch. I was a little disappointed that only a few people remembered to thank the steward for her hard work laying their squares and standing in freezing weather all day for them - maybe it's nerves but try to remember that a thank you goes a long way.

CD STAKE:

1st Tony Lockyer and TRIPLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 95, Q CDEX. A nice tidy round from this lovely young dog.

2nd Philip Talbot and TRACELYN NEIL DIAMOND, GSD, 93.5, Q CDEX. Another nice round from Hugo, one of few dogs to do the down stay in the snow.

3rd Jessica Stam and RIGG THE PIG, X-breed, 78.5, NQ. What a shame; just missed out but what a lovely boy Rigg is. At 10 years old he put in a great round but he wasn't happy lying in all that snow - and who can blame him!

4th Andrew Rintoul and SILBERSTERN BLUE BLAZER, Wiem, 77.5, NQ. Another lovely dog who did a lovely round but who wasn't happy in the down stay.

Best nosework went to Joyce Watson and COLINTON CEIL after a run off with Judith Stamp and LITTLE MADAM MABELLINE; both dogs were great but Ceilah just managed a better retrieve when it mattered. Well done to all of you; they were all beautiful dogs to judge.

VETERAN STAKE:

What a fantastic stake to judge; watching all the old dogs working was a real treat. Thank you to all the people I thanked in CD but also a big thank you to John Atkin and Kath Woolley for laying my tracks and carrying round all the articles, which were a small bottle of water, a two pack of breakfast biscuits, a hard boiled egg, a tennis ball, a packet of Haribo, 1 Bonio, and, for 50 bonus if returned in one piece, a pork sausage. I must also thank Kath for taking me Tow Law and driving me wherever I needed to be, and also thanks to her dog, Moss, for unpacking my suitcase for me!!

1st Gail Gwesyn-Pryce and CON-CENN XCEL. One of two dogs to get all articles back safe and sound - well done.

2nd Judith Stamp and SPROLLIE

DOLLIE. I think Judith was shocked that her little dog got round the track and with all articles - well done, Judith.

3rd Fran Atkin and BRONFYNNON BRECON. What a beautiful track only losing one point; a real pleasure to watch. Just a quick bite from the Bonio cost him first place, but I am with him and would take the biscuit any day!

4th Mary Hardacre and TARNDALE TAG, who had equal marks with Jackie Dykes and DAISY DOO, but who retrieved more articles. What a pleasure to watch this beautiful 14 year old dog with its tail wagging all the way round the track - really having a great time

STAKE: UD

Judge: KATH WOOLLEY

Tracklayers: Bill Richardson and Richard Musgrave

Steward: Fran Atkin

Many thanks to North East WTS for asking me to judge. Everyone is so friendly and helpful, right down to the staff and locals at the pub where everyone stays. Thanks go to Julz, trials manager, who had been juggling land all week, and to Sheila Margreaves, base secretary. Thank you to all those who help Julz and Sheila to make this trial so welcoming and running like clockwork. Special thanks to the always efficient Fran for being such good company and assisting with my senior moments. We were kept well fed (did the diet no good) by Linda and Annie - thank you. Tracks were laid by two experienced tracklayers, Richard and Bill - many thanks for your tracks and company.

Unfortunately UD Championship is a small stake at the moment and we only had five teams taking part - thank you all for

braving the snow. We started with control and agility; unfortunately three dogs failed the jumps, possibly distracted by the snow-covered ground. Tracking was on melting snow-covered pasture and was eight legs; articles were pieces of carpet and wood. Four dogs completed the track with both articles and the other only missed the last leg. Squares were worked very well, only one article having to be recovered by Fran.

1st Barry Gilbert, GLENALPINE COSWORTH, 190, Q. Apart from leaving one article in the square, Cossie hardly put a paw wrong; his tracking style is text book.

2nd Jacquie Hall, LITTLE ASHAN, CDEx – UDEx, 185, Q. Lovely tracking dog, but didn't like the look of the long jump.

3rd Jain Douglas, TRACELYN ROXY, 172.5, NQ. Best Nosework Trophy. Jain had a steep hillside to track on but this was not a problem to Roxy. Unfortunately, Roxy took exception to the jumps.

4th Vicky Hunter, XANDOA SPOT, 168.5, NQ. Good nosework round. Best Novice Handler was Hannah Butters with DAISYBOO OF BEADWELL. Very sympathetically handled by Hannah. Believe your dog, Hannah - she knew where that track went!

STAKE: WD

Judge: PAUL ADAMS

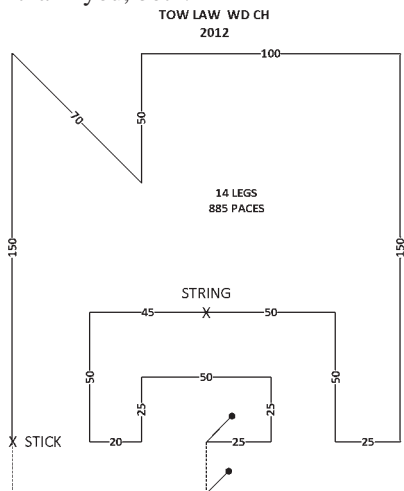
Track Layers: Andrea Lynd and Sue Ashby, both days

Steward: Tracey Park, both days

I would like to thank the committee of NECWTS for the invitation to judge the WD stake at the Tow Law trial; I would also like to thank everyone for looking af-

ter Elaine and me for 4 days. The food during the day was great - a big thank you to Linda Newbold and Annie in the kitchen, also thank you to Sheila Margreaves and Elaine Adams on the booking in, scores, certificates and a million and one other jobs. We stayed at the Royal Oak, Cornsay, where the evening food and hospitality was outstanding - thank you, Sonia.

Trials manager Julz Findeisen and general dogsbody, Lol Campbell, looked after my every need and nothing was too much trouble - thank you, both.



What a wealth of experience I had helping me in the fields; all three are ticket handlers who have laid tracks and squares for years and between them have more TDEx's and WTCh's than most of us have had hot dinners. The tracklayers, Andrea and Sue, were great company and did everything as I had asked them to. The fields were very wet and muddy; on Friday it was bitterly cold and on Saturday the fields were covered in snow and just as cold, but still tracks were laid with no problems. Tracey, my search steward and C/A steward, was very good and really smelly, as after putting down 48 search articles she only had to recover 2; in control she was very good,

giving clear and concise instructions all the time. She was good company and very professional.

Judging at working trials is the easy part - all the work on the fields, behind the scenes, back at base and then keeping us entertained in the evening is where the real work is done so, a very big thank you to Julz and her team.

15 Entries / 12 worked. 9 completed the track, 4 with both articles, 3 with 1 article and 2 with no articles. 3 failed the track before reaching the 1st article

Search squares were good, with Tracey only having to recover 2 articles. Search Articles were a cable tie, black cable, carpet and a cartridge.

1st Mrs Heather Cook with LOOKY-LOOKY LIFE N SOUL, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, WSD, D, 192/200, Q WDEx. Full point track, good square and very good control - it was a pleasure to watch. Well done, Heather.

2nd Fran Mitchell with LITTLE SMOKEY, GSD-X, D, 187.5/200, Q WDEx. Very nice track, square and good control. Also won the best nose work award. Well done, Fran

3rd Martyn Willcock with LUCY THE LAWLESSOF LANCS, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, WSD, B, 164/200, NQ. Very nice nose work, but with only 1 off the track. When it came to the control round, Lucy did ok, but didn't want to do the long or scale jumps today.

I would like to say I enjoyed my time at Tow Law and it was a privilege to judge the teams who entered under me. If you failed I think it was the conditions that beat your dog and not that your dog didn't try. Thank you for accepting my decisions and good luck for the future. Finally, I would say that in life there is always someone

who will offer advice - sometimes it might pay to listen.

STAKE: TD

Judge: SUZANNE PLUMB

Tracklayers: Colin Wilson, Jeff Margreaves, Lol Campbell, Penny Pritchard

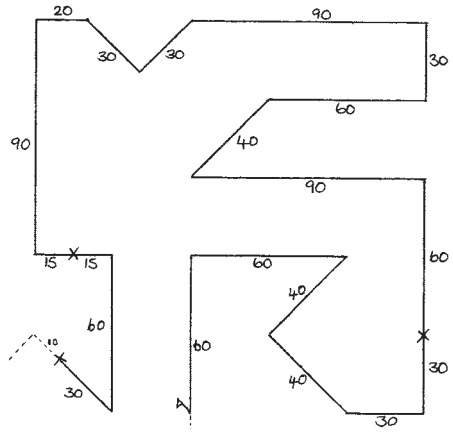
Steward: Lorraine Wilson

Thank you to the Society for asking me to judge my first TD ticket. Trials manager Julz and her team ran a very friendly and well organised trial for six days. Thanks to Linda and Annie in the kitchen, Sheila and Elaine on the desk and John for escorting the competitors to their tracks. The accommodation at the Royal Oak was brilliant - hot radiators in the rooms to warm us and dry our damp clothing, delicious evening meals and great company. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Tow Law, sat on the brow of the Wear Valley, is exposed and subject to all types of weather at this time of year. With that in mind I decided to design a straightforward track and to use generous articles - my hunch paid off and sure enough the weather proved to be "changeable" to say the least. Each day was different, with fog, heavy rain, cold winds, sunshine and snow on the Saturday morning. Thankfully the farmer cleared the farm track of snow to allow us all to drive to the fields safely.

The tracking was on grass and I saw some very good nosework results throughout the week. Many thanks to my excellent team of experienced tracklayers (it is not easy to lay tracks in fog before it gets light). On Saturday it was particularly difficult for them as not only did they have to clear the snow and ice from their vehicles but they also had to battle the snow blizzard to lay the tracks. Search squares were a pleasure to watch with the majority of dogs finding

the four articles very quickly – however, there was a bit of mouthing and dropping of articles.



I had 45 entries and 44 worked their dogs - 25 qualified the nosework.

Sunday morning saw 23 qualifying teams return for the control and agility. The round started with speak at heel with the handler walking towards me; I was looking for a dog that barked continually without extra command. Heelwork was next to the sendaway point. The outrun was a hundred and sixty paces at an angle towards a broken hedge, then a further hundred and sixty paces redirect left. I placed a dark green pole on the outrun seven paces from the hedge so that I was able to judge where the dogs stopped and to hopefully prevent the dogs from running into the thistles and nettles in front of the hedge. Then more heelwork back towards the clear jump for the start of the agility. I saw some good rounds but the sendaway and long jump caused problems for a few.

Finally a special thank you to Lorraine, she laid the squares all week then stewarded the control. Brilliant steward, great company and she remained cheerful no matter what the weather threw at us.

1st Glenys Page with BILKO'S

GLORY, WSD, 209.5 Q. Congratulation on the qualification and winning the ticket, making Sam, subject to KC confirmation, a Working Trial Champion.

2nd Sue Ashby with WTCh THE TITAN, WSD, 207.5 Q, winning the Reserve Ticket. It was superb teamwork from Sue and Titan. Well done.

3rd Tracey Park with WAGGERLAND TYNE, WSD, 205.5 Q. Almost a faultless nosework round from this team but the long jump proved costly. Also won the Best Nosework Trophy. Well done.

4th Moira Rogerson with XANDOA CHANCE, BC, 204, Q. Good nosework, but a few marks lost on the outrun on the control. Well done.

Also qualifying TDEx:

Jill Carruthers with WTCh VOMKYNA DARCA, GSD, 199.5

Nick Williams with SUNSHINE ANTIC, WSD, 199.5

Julie Atkins with GLENALPINE REG, BC, 199

Paul Bryan with KIPCROFT ETERNAL FLAME AT BRYNBOURNE, BC, 197

Tony Lockyer with WTCh DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 195

Heather Donnelly with MOBELLA CARELESS WISPER FOR WOOLRAM, BC, 193.5

Jayne Lewis with RUSHBOTTOM RYNESTON BROWS, ASD, 190.5

Richard Musgrave with ZANDOA SAM, BC, 188.5

Thank you to the competitors for entering under me, good luck to you all at your future trials.

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BAGSD OPEN TRIAL

25 - 28 Oct 2012

Long Compton

TRIAL'S MANAGER'S REPORT

The weather ranged from damp and breezy to dry but with a bitterly cold wind. For once I was very happy to be base or car bound and particularly proud of all my judges and helpers, who all did a great job without a murmur! This year I lost one of my mainstay tracklayers, Annie Thorpe (chicken pox!). That and the loss of some TD land meant that the only way to deal with a large entry (39) was to add an extra day. We also lost our UD judge (hope that your back is better, Pippa) and so Marney Wells stepped in to deal with a larger than usual UD entry (38). With only 6 cancellations this meant three full days for Ruth Cahill and Brian Hartree; Gill Cooke refreshed her tracklaying skills and did two days and when she was working her dog John Turtill stepped in. Steward for the C/A was the problem area this year, but Sue Lawrie started off the trial and Claire Lush came over for the last two days - thank you both!

Without Annie Thorpe I needed tracklayers to plug the gap. So thank you to Jennifer Speake (who also carried out secretarial duties) and Tony Orchard. Bob Shropshire and Ann Clarke did two days each - thank you very much.

There are two people who served beyond the call of duty. Kath Channing felt that it was only right that she laid squares for all 4 days even though that involved a long drive for what was effectively a half day on Thursday. Once again David Barker laid the 'earlies' and with all the behind the scenes work that he puts in it is no exaggeration to say that without his contribution I would not be able to run this trial. Another person deserving special mention is Anne Shepherd, who not only provided the food for the TD team but

also covered the base and coped brilliantly when things got a bit fraught.

Once again The Red Lion did us proud and the farmers were great. The judges, Jenny Orchard, Marney Wells and Maureen Regan were lovely and very professional - thank you all.

Last but not least, thank you to all competitors and good luck in the future.

CHRIS GREGORY

STAKES: CD, AND UD, TD CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: MAUREEN REGAN

Stewards: Sue Lawrie, Thurs/Fri; Claire Lush, Sat/Sun

May I take this opportunity to thank the BAGSD Committee for inviting me to judge the C/A? My thanks to Chris Gregory, the Trials Manager, and to her willing helpers holding fort at the base - what a merry bunch of people. Thanks, Chris, for doing your very best to ensure I was well catered for. The B&B was super, warm and cosy (- 4° in the mornings) and the Red Lion's meals were fabulous. To my Stewards, Sue and Claire, a HUGE thank you; it was so cold, but you never lost your smiles or patience. Great company - thank you.

I always feel that it is a privilege not only to judge handlers and their dogs, but to witness partnerships forming, (that really is thrilling) therefore to the competitors, thank you for allowing me, and for accepting my decisions gracefully.

CD STAKE:

3 Entries, 1 Ran

1st G.Baird with LAUCOTT KAISER ST LOYS, ESS, D, NQ. Unfortunately didn't qualify today, but did do a full mark nose-work. Lovely little dog.

UD STAKE:

39 Entries, 33 Ran

1st Elaine Betts with PINES ACORN, Hovanart, B, 192, Q. Very nice round. Well done, both of you.

2nd Diane Whiting with SHELTYSH-AM SO ESOTERIC, BC, D, 191, Q. Eric put in a first class round, only losing 1 mark. Well done.

3rd Gavin Thomson with TRACELYN DANCING IN THE DARK, GSD, B, 190.5, Q. What a control round, didn't lose a mark! Lovely handling; Jette really worked her socks off for you, Gavin. Well done.

4th Graham Blake with TOBIAS COLLIER, WSD, D, 190, Q. Again, a very good control round, only losing 1 mark. Super to watch Toby work. Well done.

Also qualifying UD:

Julie Atkins with GLENALPINE PETE, BC, D, 188.5. Another excellent control round only losing 0.5. Lovely to watch, well done.

Elaine Boyd with TUMBLE TRAIL, Lab, D, 188.5. Oh for those 5 marks lost on the clear jump! Well done, Elaine.

Felicity Veazey with JANALLEN BARKARI, Groenendael, D, 188. Well done, Jet worked well.

Malcolm Snowdon with STARDELL SIRIUS, BC, D, 186.5. Lovely round, only losing 2 marks. Well done.

Ross McCarthy with HANBAR KARLO VON GAINSHAUS, Rott, D, 181. Well done, we were holding our breaths with the jumps.

TD STAKE:

38 Entries, 26 Ran

1st David Warrick with SPACE COM-MANDER, X, D, 208, Q. Well done, David, Vulcan did you proud today. Good control round.

2nd Ruth Payton with CORIES BLAZING STAR AT KALIAZAR, BC, B, 201, Q. Well done, Ruth.

3rd Jane Wood with LUDGATE POWER 'N' GLORY, BC, D, 195, Q. Superb round, only losing 0.5. Well done.

4th Joan Snowdon with GLENALPINE JES, BC, B, 193, Q. Well done, Joan, another excellent round. What a good day for the Snowdon family.

Also qualifying:

Jo Magness with LIZLINE MANDOLIN, GSD, D, 190.5. Well done.

Sue Russell with GLENALPINE DANNY, BC, D, 189. Super round.

Well done everyone and commiserations to those who didn't qualify, but going by the quality of the work that I saw over the week it certainly won't be long before you do. All the best for your future trials.

STAKE: UD NOSEWORK

Judge: MARNEY WELLS

Tracklayers: Ruth Cahill (3 days), John Turtill (1 day), Gill Cooke (2 days)

Square Steward: Brian Hartree

This judging appointment did come as something of a surprise as the original judge, Pippa Bentham, had to back out at the last minute as she was not well – get better soon, Pippa, trials would be lost without you. Anyway, thanks to BAGSD for asking me to step in, as I thoroughly enjoyed the three days of watching some really lovely dogs work without having to sort out all of the details of the test, as Pippa had done it already. Thanks to Chris Gregory for running the trial so efficiently and thanks to Anne Shepherd in the base for sorting out all of the scores.

My team in the fields was excellent – Ruth, John and Gill laid the tracks to perfection and Brian not only laid all of the squares exactly as I wanted but kept me entertained! The dogs obviously liked the smell of him, too, as most of them recovered all of the articles.

Food appeared in the fields as if by magic at just the right time – must have been the Food Fairy – it was certainly much appreciated. Thanks.

39 teams had entered, which is a very encouraging number of entries in UD; of those, 31 teams worked. There was a good variety of breeds which made it more interesting and we certainly saw some really lovely enthusiastic dogs work showing great promise for their future in trials.

1st Elaine Betts with PINES ACORN, CDEx, Hovawart, B. Acorn and Elaine worked a stunning full mark track which was a joy to watch. Elaine's handling was excellent, allowing Acorn to get on and sort out the track, giving her every opportunity to work it in her own steady and accurate style. She was beautifully focused on her square and worked it very efficiently with no time wasted and two of the articles being retrieved faultlessly. Well done, Elaine, you should be very proud of your girl. Best Nosework rosette.

2nd Dianne Whiting with SHELTYSH-AM SO ESOTERIC, CDEx. BC, D. Eric is still only 2 years old and is showing so much potential. He has a super attitude to his work, with his enthusiasm causing most of his errors in the first part of the track before he settled into it and showed us just how good he can be. Not only clever but handsome as well - I am sure that Dianne and Eric have a great future to enjoy in all of the competitions they participate in. Well done.

3rd Gavin Thompson with TRACE-LYN DANCING IN THE DARK, GSD, B. Jetta was very impressive on the track, having to work quite hard in the strong wind to sort things out. Gavin's calm handling was a great asset, giving Jetta the confidence to work it out for herself. The square was one of the best we saw, very tidy handling with three of the four articles being delivered faultlessly to hand. A very enjoyable team to watch.

4th Graham Blake with TOBIAS COL-

LIER, WSD, D. Graham and Toby worked very well as a team, sorting out the track with no real problems. Toby applied himself to his work confidently to produce a most enjoyable track to watch. All four articles out of the square finished off a good nosework round.

Also qualifying:

Julie Atkins with GLENALPINE PETE, BC, D

Elaine Boyd with TUMBLE TRAIL, LAB, D
Felicity Veazey with JANALLEN BAKARI,
Groenendael, D

Malc Snowden with STARDELL SIRIUS,
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Ross McCarthy with HANBAR KARLO
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mark@workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk

with your details and the level you are at with your dog

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Linwood, New Forest
5th - 6th March

Judges	TD	Irene Nichols
	WD	Gavin Thompson
	UD	John Simpson

Entries £18.00 Members £1.00 less

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9TH FEBRUARY 2013

Schedules/ Entries to Melvin Drewitt, 35 Glenwood Rd Verwood Dorset BH31 6HU
01202827247

Please enclose SAE for report time – Thank You

**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

Fri 15th – Sun 17th March 2013
Glenfarg, Perthshire KY14 7SR

Judges: CD Stake Pam Cuthbert
 Intro June McPhillips

Trials Manager – Gary Tait Tel: 01592 205008; Mobile 07749387938.

Entry Fees:
CD Stake £11.00 (Members) £13.00 (Non Members)
Introductory Stake £10.00

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2013

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

**ICENI DOG TRAINING CLUB
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

on Saturday, 23rd and Sunday 24th March, 2013
at Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex.

Judges: CD & all stakes C & A Len Newman
 UD Nosework Sandra Lewindon
 WD Nosework Sandra Lewindon
 TD Nosework Sheila Tannert

Entry Fees: UD, WD, TD £19.00 CD £14.00
(members £1.00 reduction)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2013

Schedules from/entries with fees to the Trials Manager;
Mrs Frances Ball, 72 The Street, Capel St Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP9 2EG
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**WEST HERTS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

ends: 31st March 2013

Wood Farm, Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Judges:	T.D.	Sharon Carter
	W.D.	Jan Vallack
	U.D.	Paula Jaques
	C&A	Linda Newbold
	Intro	Jackie Sears

ENTRY FEES:

Tracking Stakes: £19.00 (£1 reduction for members) Intro: £8.00

All work will be completed in one day

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2013

Schedules from / Entries with fees to:

Trials Manager: Penny Bann, The Gate House, Crabb's Hill, Hatfield Peverel
Essex CM3 2NZ. Tel 01245 382661 (Please Enclose SAE)

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

Friday 14th – 17th March, 2013
Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex

Judges:	TD Nosework	Len Newman
	PD Stake	Lee Payne
	WD Nosework	Penny Bann
	UD Stake	Vana Moody
	C&A	Le Newman
	Intro	TBA

All work will be completed in one day,
PD stake will take place on Sunday only.

The entry fees are:- PD/TD/WD/UD Stakes: £20.00 Intro: £8.00
(£1.00 reduction for members).

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**LINCOLNSHIRE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG AND ABTS
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

To be held at The Old School, Dunholme, Lincoln LN2 3SU
w/e 10th March 2013

Judges:	TD Stake	Barry Gilbert
	WD Stake	Mark Lewindon
	UD Stake	Barrie James
	CD Stake	Sandra Lewindon

Entry Fees: UD/WD £18.00, (£1 reduction for members)
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**YORKSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

On:6th & 7th April 2013
West Bretton Village Hall, West Bretton, Wakefield, West Yorks. WF4 4LB
Trials Manager - Mr D. Stewart

Judges:	Patrol Dog	Dave Olley
	Tracking Dog N/W	Mark Lewindon
	Working Dog N/W	Chris Trevor
	Utility Dog N/W	Bill Richardson
	Companion Dog	Moria Rogerson
	C&A For TD/WD/UD	Moria Rogerson

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £16.00 C.D.Stake: £12.00
Deduction of £1.00 for paid up members.

ENTRIES; TO BE RECEIVED BY: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2013

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

Tewkesbury Glos
To be held week ending SATURDAY 30th March 2013

Judges:	TD Stake	Paul Adams
	WD Stake	Ruth Cahill
	UD Stake	Marney Wells
	CD Stake	Gary Haim

ENTRY FEES:- TD/UD £21.00 CD £15.00
(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members –
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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY – 9TH FEBRUARY 2013

Schedules from/ entries with fees to:
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CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

Flintham Nottinghamshire
To be held
Week ending 14th April 2013

Judges:	PD Stake	Jacqui Gibney
	WD Stake	David Craven
	CD Stake	Janette Sayer

ENTRY FEES:- PD- £25.00 WD-£21 CD - £15.00

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

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY – WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2013

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**SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

16th – 20th April 2013
(CD Stake { 19th & 20th } and UD Stake all work in one day)

At: Okewood Hill Village Hall, Nr. Ockley, Surrey. RH5 5PU.

Judges:	TD Stake	Julie Atkins
	UD Stake	Caroline Ashford
	CD Stake	Dave Clark

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £19.00. Members £17.00 CD Stake £12.00
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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, 18th MARCH 2013

Schedules from/Entries with fees to the Trials Secretary: Mrs. Christine Brooks
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**HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

ends: Saturday 23 March 2013
The Travellers Rest, Newtown, Wickham, Hants, PO17 6LL

Judges:	TD Stake	Gary Haim
	WD Stake	Eric Carpenter
	UD Stake	Margery Lee

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £18.00 (£16.00 for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013

Entries to / Schedules From:
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**MIDLAND COUNTIES GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

Week ending Sunday 28th April 2013
The Fox Main Road Kirton Nottingham NG22 9PL

Judges:	TD Nosework	Gary Martin
	WD Nosework	Caroline Martin
	UD Nosework	Barrie James
	CD	Stevi Boyle
	C & A UD.WD.TD	TBA

Entry Fees: Tracking stakes £20.00, CD £16.00
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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31ST MARCH 2013

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**SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

ends 16th March 2013
Priesthawes Farm Ersham Road Hailsham East Sussex BN24 5BL

Judges	TD Stake	Anne Collen
	WD Stake	Mick Tustain
	UD Stake	Mick Tustain
	CD Stake	Lauren Marlow

ALL STAKES - ALL WORK IN ONE DAY

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £20.00 CD Stake £16.00
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ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2013

Entries & all enquiries to:- : Trials Manager
Mrs F Webb 58 Huggetts Lane Eastbourne East Sussex BN22 0LU
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**HUCKNALL & DISTRICT CANINE TRAINING SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24 March 2013
The Butchers Arms Chesterfield Road Oakerthorpe
Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 7LN

Judges:	PD Stake	Graham Reaney
	TD Stake	Linda Newbold
	WD Stake	Laura Bardwell
	UD Stake	Kath Woolley

Entry Fees: PD £20 Tracking Stakes £17

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 01 MARCH 2013

Entries to / Schedules From:
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01159783808

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

Saturday 12th and Sunday 14th April 2013
(if large entry will start Friday 11th April)
Hinton in the Hedges, Brackley, Northants

Judges:	T.D. Nosework	Mr. Roger Shrimpton
	U.D. Nosework	Ms. Jill Carruthers
	TD/UD C & A	Mrs. Judy Meekings
	C.D. Stake	Mrs. Christine Brooks
	Introductory	Mrs. Christine Brooks

Entry Fees: UD/TD: £ 19.00 (Members £16) CD & Intro: £12.00 (Members £10)

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For any other information (not for schedule) phone: 01869-810646.



ASPADS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

OPEN WORKING TRIAL

At: Dundee, Ending on Sunday 24 February 2013

Judges

TD nosework	Colin Ball
WD/UD	Pam Cuthbert
CD & TD C/A	Frances Ball

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 5 FEBRUARY 2013

Entries with entry fee (**Please Enclose SAE**) to:
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CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

At: Enfield, Ending on Sunday 7 April 2013

Judges

TD	Richard Musgrave
WD	Allyson Tohme
UD	Ray Lea
CD	Dave Self

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 6 MARCH 2013

Entries with entry fee (**Please Enclose SAE**) to:
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OPEN WORKING TRIAL

At: Scarborough, Ending on Sunday 12 May 2013

Judges

TD	Vana Moody
WD	Dave Olley
UD & Intro	Sheila Margreaves

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 10 APRIL 2013

Entries with entry fee (**Please Enclose SAE**) to:
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Entry Fees for 2013 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £21.00 – CD, £16.00
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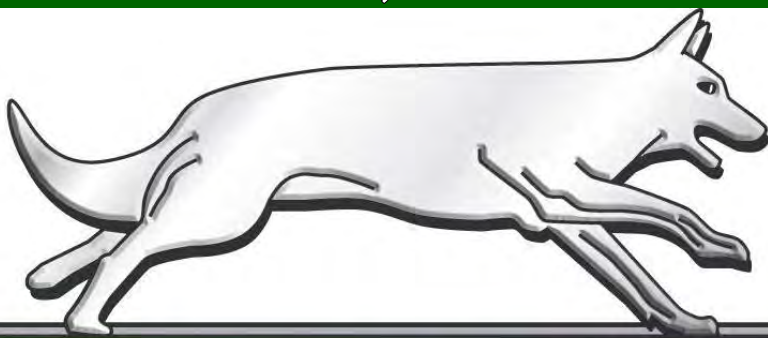
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