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EDITORIAL

There was only one championship trial this month which was held by the Scottish Working Trials Society at Lauder. Congratulations go to Lee Payne with WT Ch Little Rough Rhinestone for winning the PD ticket under the watchful eye of judge John Wykes.

One of the biggest problems that this sport has is that everyone knows everyone, which seems to stop most folk from having their say from fear of upsetting others. This office gets to hear a lot of moans and suggestions but when we ask "can you please send a letter in and we can use it" the silence is deafening. Last month's Liaison Committee minutes caused such a reaction and because I totally agree with some of the comments made to me I have decided to air them. The subject was 'should we allow dogs with TDex or PDex to go back and compete at open level': the committee's answer was NO due to I quote "that handlers would use open level stakes as training rounds for their dogs which the Council did not want to encourage." I am sorry but this begs the question WHY do you not wish to encourage this? I would have thought that anything to help raise the standard would be beneficial. Don't get me wrong, nether I or anyone that has commented on this condones the use of titbits, praise, correction in any way but if a handler wants to or wants his or her dog to gain a bit more trials experience - what's the harm? If you think about this from the PD competitors point of view, it takes a massive amount of time and commitment to get a dog ready for this stake. This year out of 28 championship trials only 8 are PD trials - and we usually expect them to forgo competing in one to judge another. Chances

to test the dog in a trials environment are few and far between. Furthermore the increase in numbers in a PD open trial might even make it financially viable. Now that would be something, a PD stake making a profit! It might even stop societies electing to drop running PD trials (*see letters page*). I think we sometimes forget the reason why folk enter a trial - they enjoy it.

The next objection put forward was that the increase in numbers might hamper competitors needing the open qualification if a ballot was implemented due to excessive entries. What's wrong with restricting the ballot to competitors that already have an Ex qualification? The next objection was it would put strain on societies to find additional land, as all venues are different and the land availability changes with the time of year I would have thought that the decision to implement a ballot was best left to the society running the trial.

On the issue of allowing small dogs to progress through the stakes by lowering

the jumps, I for one can't see why a Jack Russel can't be as convincing a nosework dog as a collie. On the continent a few sports allow the handler to specify the height of the jumps for a pre-determined amount of points - the lower the jump the lower the points - just a thought... and if you are worried that the dog may be able to see the handler over the scale - just make the handler step back a bit. i.e. Lower jump = handler further away from the jump.

It appears that dog sport in general is in decline in this country with obedience suffering as well as working trials with reduced numbers entering. When you consider that getting a dog ready for obedience is nowhere near as time consuming as this sport it makes us the second choice. Times have changed and so have people's attitudes, we live in a society where people want it now and don't want to wait 9 months or more. We have a year before the next Liaison committee meeting, can we put forward some suggestions to

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

July

3rd	ASPADS (Scarborough, ends 4th August)	CH	CD UD WD TD
10th	Hampshire DTS (tbc, ends 24th August)	CH	CD UD WD TD
19th	Welsh Kennel Club (Laleston, ends 26th August)	OP	Intro CD UD WD TD
19th	BAGDS (Oxpring, ends 5th August)	OP	CD UD PD
23rd	Scottish WTS (Lauder, ends. 1st September)	CH	Intro CD UD WD TD Vet

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES

somehow stop the rot before its past help?
If that means we have got to bend a bit - so
be it.

MARK SKILLIN
EDITOR

READERS LETTERS

Dear Ed.

I am a member of Essex Working Trials Society 2000 and am very concerned that at the next AGM the club are considering withdrawing the PD Stake. I have spoken to some members of the committee. For the main part they don't compete in PD themselves and they find they are doing a lot of hard work for us lot who I admit might have taken them for granted a bit.

I want to make sure the membership know what's afoot so that they can make their views to the committee before the AGM which is on 28th July 2013. I believe the club has a responsibility to the membership, but also to the wider working trials community, so whichever category your readers are in I would ask that they be counted. However if their membership has lapsed it would be a good time to rejoin before putting their points across, as it should pull more weight. Registering an interest shouldn't be confined to existing competitors in the stake, but those that like watching it, or hope to do PD with a future dog.

Another thing I would like to do is to seek some support for the stake itself. This could be from those qualified or suitable to judge, steward, criminals, and particularly people, especially local to Essex who would undertake to remain at the trial late after the stake has been run, to help clear up afterwards. If anyone has a load of money

kicking about that they don't know what to do with a donation towards running the stake would put a smile on the committees face.

Penny Bellis

Dear Ed.

I recently had occasion to contact the Kennel Club to ask if a dog was allowed to wear a Gentle Leader whilst taking the Bronze Good Citizen test at their local dog club - the rules only state 'collar and lead' I believe - and the instructor had indicated that it was against the rules - the owner had only wanted to use it whilst out in the street for extra safety not in the training hall. The reply I had from the KC rep' was that it could not be used as it was a training aid! However she would be able to use a 'choke' chain and when I questioned this was told that if used properly it was not a training aid?!!

Now I mention this as in the June WTM the KC minutes under item 12: AOB were about electric and pinch collars. The former I agree are totally unnecessary and indeed banned in parts of the UK (although I dare say that they may well have saved a dog from being shot for sheep chasing so everything is debatable), but pinch collars are certainly much milder than choke chains if used correctly.

Until the Kennel Club deems choke chains as cruel and unnecessary then I feel they should refrain from commenting about equipment they don't understand.

Name and Address supplied.

CLUB FOCUS

SATS

WORKING TRIALS HEELWORK AND AGILITY CLINIC

Saturday 31 August 2013

Hye House Farm, Crowhurst, Battle, East
Sussex, TN33 9BY

Start 10 am until approx 3.30 pm

GUEST TRAINERS:

JANE WOOD, KCAI, HEELWORK ANNE CHALLIS, AGILITY

Jane has worked several dogs through the classes in Obedience, Collies and a GSD, qualifying three to work Ticket and has worked C at the Inter Regional competition at Crufts. She judges all Obedience classes including Championship C, Pre Beginners at Crufts and also regularly judges abroad. Jane is now competing with a Collie in Working Trials, who qualified through the Stakes from Introductory to TD Ticket Stake in 14 months. Jane is a KCAI Instructor with advanced accreditation in Companion Dog Training and Obedience, running her own Training Classes for many years.

Anne competed in Working Trials in the early 1990s with her BSDs and Obedience up to Test C, in which she still teaches, until entering the world of Agility which then took over. She competed in Europe at the Belgian Shepherd World Championships in Spain, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia, France and Belgium also qualifying a puppy in France at Obedience and Shepherding. In the 1980s Anne headed a Flyball Team consisting of Groenendaels that she bred, winning at Crufts. With her Tervueren she also won at Crufts and Olympia. Her current bitch was placed

2nd at Crufts this year and has appeared on Television in a new programme now being filmed and finally Anne's Crossbreed is working Grade 7 Championship Level Small Agility having just finished filming an O2 advertisement.

Cost per person: Members £10, Non-Members £15, includes beverages. Bring your own Lunch

Cheques payable to SATS. Entries close Sunday 18 August 2013

Send cheque and details (Name, address, email, phone and mobile) to:

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SATS

MEMBERS' DAY

To be held at SATS current training ground, Hye House Farm, Crowhurst, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9BY, on Sunday 1 September 2013 instead of usual training.

The tests are compiled to provide the first step from training on our usual ground, to informal, graduated simplified tests for members wishing to eventually compete in Obedience or Working Trials Introductory/CD Stakes. There is a choice of four control tests and two short training tracking tests with property searches. Extra commands will be allowed, short stays and reduced height jumps. No gun test included.

It is ideal for Novice dogs or dogs being bought back into work after a layoff. Members can enter up to 2 control tests and 1 tracking test. Due to restricted land available, if the tracking tests are oversubscribed, dogs with NO qualifications will take precedence.

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**ICENI DOG TRAINING CLUB PRACTICAL
JUDGING SEMINAR,
4th May 2013 at Farm House Lodge.**



The weather was variable and when we

went inside, the sun seemed to shine and when we went outside, the heavens opened!

In the morning we concentrated on the nosework exercises. Following a presentation from Judy Meekings and Stan Ford we discussed the practicalities, rules and regulations of judging in working trials. Discussion included having a logical framework for designing track patterns and that it was important to remember that tracklayers have to lay them. It is also important that track patterns are drawn to scale and copies available for the tracklayers. Additionally, articles need to be graduated in size from CD to TD and selected bearing in mind the ground coverage. All those present had brought examples of track patterns for the different stakes which were presented for people to review and compare.

Two members of Icenic DTC (Shirley and Les) had agreed to attend and work their dogs, one at UD and one at TD level. The two tracks had been pre-laid and Shirley and Les did not know the track patterns. All delegates were required to mark the tracks and it was interesting to find that all marks awarded were within 5% of each other, the same being observed with the scoring of the search squares.

After lunch, a Control and Agility presentation was given following which the delegates were split into two groups who were required to design two control rounds, one UD and one TD. Shirley and Les then worked their dogs in each of the rounds which enabled the groups to judge their work. Afterwards the marking was reviewed and the basis of the individual marks awarded was discussed.

On behalf of the participants I would like to thank Icenic DTC, and in particular Jane

Clarke who organised the event, for a most interesting and informative day which gave us all the opportunity to reassess our approach to judging working trials.

Deb Williams

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WELSH KENNEL CLUB.

Open trial at Trefeglwys 9th June 2013.

Trials Managers Report.



We were blessed with great weather for our trial this year and I would like to thank Bill Richardson for judging again this year ably assisted by his steward Dave Warrick. Our usual great land was denied us this year due to the silage being cut late but my wonderful neighbours at Lower Ffrydd Farm stepped in and found me a field - the sheep poo caused some of the dogs a bit of a distraction but it is all good experience. Sadly we had no qualifiers in either the Introductory stake or CD stake, with two missing out by one point on the jumps and others being let down by the sendaway. I will leave the results for Bill.

Poor Lindsey was unable to make it to represent the WKC when her van broke down on the way here.

Three days prior to the trial we ran our

usual training course, numbers were down this year but those who attended had a good time. It was especially nice for me to have three of my 'babies' on the course together and I think they all acquitted themselves well - might be biased though! Before the course started we had an evening seminar with Trevor Cooper of Dog Law. I would urge anyone who has not attended this to look on their website for a seminar near you.



Left to right - Vic Donocik with Zend Avesta at Concenn (Zen), Sandra Warrick with Zephram Ampelus at Concenn (Quest) and myself with Zavi Java at Concenn (Rav), just turned 9 months - so watch out for us next year!

The format for next year will possibly change a bit and we hope to have a one day course for PD followed by two days general working trials training followed by the open Trial. Anyone interested please send me an e mail and I will put you on a list to contact.

SENDAWAY

(Part One)

When planning to teach a sendaway I begin as I always do by checking the requirement with the rules, watching what happens at trials and then looking for pitfalls that need to be avoided. The rules state the minimum distances but experience tells us that we need to train the dog to go a lot further than stated. They go on to state that “when the dog has reached the designated point”... “the dog should be stopped in either the stand, sit or down position at the discretion of the handler.”

This bit immediately rings warning bells for me, because if I try to teach a sendaway and distance control at the same time I could knock my dog’s confidence to run away from me. I do not want to be nagging him to wait if he has just done a lovely sendaway or he might not be so keen to go another time. He might learn that I often start yelling as soon as he gets to the boundary and therefore become reluctant to do the sendaway. To avoid this happening I teach the wait, whether it be a sit, stand, or down as a separate exercise. As a clicker trainer it is easy to click the dog in the distance and end the exercise there (but don’t worry if you are not a clicker trainer – there are other ways to achieve this). Even though I am not teaching the wait at this time, I will be considering which of the three positions I will expect the dog to take up when he is ready to do both bits at once. Many dogs, especially collies, naturally elect the down position when stopped. This is OK but I have on occasions had a dog lie down in long vegetation, or over a



Bill Richardson forgot his hat, but a weatherwriter does the job quite well! The winner of the Intro stake Elaine Barr from Scotland with her rescue working Cocker Spaniel Freddie. The competitors and course attendees.

Gail Gwesyn-Pryce.

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slight bump in the ground and then be unable to see him, whereas if he were sitting or standing I might be able to see him. If I teach him to stand he will be prepared for the re-direct in the higher stakes but some dogs are inclined to wander if standing. If on the other hand I say 'sit' at the end of a brilliant sendaway at a trial, and my dog stops in a stand or down, the judge could mark this as minor disobedience. So a position should mean that position. However, if I say 'wait' and my dog stops moving that would be fine - but in that case what does 'wait' mean to my dog? That of course will depend on what I teach him, but be aware of what you teach. For example, if when jumping, I say 'wait' on the far side of the scale and elect the stand position, there is a

possibility that I will cause an element of confusion if the same word is supposed to mean sit at the end of a sendaway! Are you confused? Think what it must be like for a dog who does not understand our language! As I say, I do not teach any control at the end of the sendaway to start, but I do keep all the above in my mind so when I do come to train it I will have noted all my dog's tendencies, his strengths and his weaknesses and I will use these when deciding which position and what command I will select.

Now I can make a list of what I do want from my dog in a sendaway: the attributes I want to develop.

- I want the dog to run away from me in

a straight line

- I want speed and commitment – not the dog looking back at me over his shoulder
- The line should be set by me!
- I want him to keep going until I stop him, or he reaches the boundary of the field

That does not seem a lot to ask, does it?

The only problem is; I think that explaining that first requirement to a dog, ‘run away from me in a straight line’ is one of the most difficult challenges in dog training. My task as ‘the trainer’ is to strive to help the dog to understand.

I begin my planning as ever with my two rules - Anne Bussey’s two rules of dog training;

1. Make it easy for the dog to get it right, and
2. Provide sufficient reward.

Overview

To encourage the dog to run in a straight line away from me I plan to start by teaching a ‘send to’. This will develop drive as the dog runs towards the reward, rather than looking back at me asking, “Is this far enough?”

I teach the dog to go to a pole to get his reward and I place the pole by a boundary hedge or fence. I allow the dog to run to the pole on the boundary taking him further away as his knowledge and confidence increase.

I teach him a ‘set-up’ in which I point out the direction I want him to go.

I generalise this behaviour, using several different fields.

I reduce visibility of the pole to make the dog more dependent on me and my direction control to send him in the right direc-

tion.

I progress to a ‘send away’ in which there is no reward on the boundary – without losing the dog’s enthusiasm. I put his on to a variable schedule of reinforcement.

I teach the control – the stand, sit or down. I build up the distance over which I can maintain the control.

I put the two parts of the exercise together.

Selecting the Reward

My plan is first to teach the dog to run to a pole to get a reward. The reward might be a toy. A ball on a rope is an excellent toy for this exercise. So I tie a peg to a (tracking) pole and use the peg to attach the toy to the pole. This is preferable to hooking the toy over the pole because it could either fall off before the dog gets to it, or get hooked over the pole so the dog cannot get it off. The toy pegged to a pole in this way provides a clear visible reward that keeps the dog focused on the target and avoids any sniffing around hunting behaviours developing on the boundary which can become a problem for some dogs, especially gun dogs.

Many dogs need help and encouragement to grab the toy off the peg. If your dog is sound sensitive be warned that when the toy is snatched, the peg can make quite a noise as it snaps shut. If this is your dog you will need either to accustom your dog to the sound before you start sendaway training, or use a thin piece of string tied to the toy and peg the toy by the thin string rather than the rope so the peg is not stretched too far open hence it does not make a loud snap when the toy is snatched.

If your dog is not driven by a toy you may have to use food as the reward. In this case I would buy a cheap ladle (£1.99 from Argos) and bend the ladle so food will not drop out when upright. Tape this to the pole

so when the pole is stuck in the ground the bowl of the ladle is just the right height for your dog to eat from without having to lower his head, or jump up. Always select food that does not crumb, e.g. sausage, Edam cheese, so as to avoid teaching the dog to forage along the boundary. There is nothing worse than recalling a dog that ignores you and is then rewarded for ignoring you when he finds a tasty morsel on the floor.

Now you are in a position that you can offer sufficient reward at the pole. The next task is to teach the dog that he can help himself to this reward on your command.

Basic control

If you are going to use a toy as the reward, your dog should be able to take the toy from your hand when told without any further encouragement from you. You should teach your dog to do this before commencing to train the sendaway. It should only take a few minutes.

Your aim is to tell your dog to sit, hold the toy in your hand in front of him and release him to grab the toy from you without moving your body at all – just your mouth! With the ball-on-rope in your hand ask him to sit. If he ignores you and lunges at the ball, just hold it securely in your hand so he cannot get it. Do not move, or talk to him - waving your arms around and shouting could be construed as fun! Wait until he realises that nothing good happens until he does as you ask. When he is sitting in front of you invite him to ‘Get-it’ and then wave the toy to signal he can now have a game. The most common error people make when teaching this is they say the command and simultaneously wave the toy: because the waving toy is so stimulating the dog reacts to this without even noticing the command

– hence he does not learn the command. So make sure you say the words first, pause for effect, and then wave the toy. Your dog will soon learn that the game follows the ‘Get-it’ command and before long you will not need to move the toy, your dog will ‘Get-it’ on command.

Repeat this simple exercise until he learns that ‘sit’ means sit and ‘get-it’ means he can play without you needing to repeat the commands, or encourage him to play. (If you do not have this basic control when your dog is right in front of you, you will not have much hope of gaining control at a distance!)

If you are using food instead of a toy use the same principle as above to gain control. If your dog has to sit while you put his dinner on the floor and wait for the word from you before he can eat, this exercise will be easy for him. If not, ask your dog to sit and cover the ladle with your hand until the dog sits. After saying ‘Get-it’ uncover the food and if necessary put your finger in the ladle to encourage your dog to take it. Continue as above until you have the sit and take it on verbal command.

Once you have taught these basic control exercises, teaching the send away will be much easier as you will not cause conflict and confusion when training your dog to run away in a straight line.

More next month.

ANNE BUSSEY

TRIAL REPORTS

THE SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

Jedburgh Deer and Farm Park, Mervinslaw
28 November - 2 December 2012

STAKE: TD

Judge: NIGEL HINES
Tracklayers: Brian Glasgow, Lorraine Wilson, Derek McAuley
Steward: June Hines

Many thanks to the Scottish Kennel Club for the invitation to judge the TD stake at Jedburgh. Big thanks must go to Sheila Shearer for her organisation of the trial, ably assisted by Doug. Leading up to the trial, the whole country seemed to be having problems with flooding and even travelling up to Scotland via the A1 was no different, with lanes closed because of the water and queues of traffic.

Having been given directions to Sheila's home, we wondered where we were going as we left the A68 to go down a single track road for miles across the hills in the dark when, after about 20 minutes, we saw a light in the distance, which was our destination. Thanks again to Sheila and Doug for allowing June and myself, as well as many of the helpers, to stay at their house. It must be nice to wake up every morning to that scenery, with the hill practically in their back garden. Doug assured me that on a clear day from the top you can see the coast 40 miles away.

The base was at the Deer Park, which was quite a challenge to get to on the frosty mornings, with the lane and car park like

an ice rink, and judges, helpers and competitors trying desperately to keep on their feet as they inched their way between vehicles and the base!

The tracking ground was quite a distance from the base but well worth the ride just for the scenery. The directions were excellent so no-one got lost or was late for their track. The grass fields were actually not as wet as I expected and despite overnight snow flurries, the tracking was generally of a very good standard. Most dogs coped well with the test although there were a few handler errors. One competitor achieved a full mark track and search with several others not far behind. Tracking conditions were good on all days with cold frosty mornings and bright sunshine, the early tracks producing the higher mark tracks.

The search squares were on the whole well done with most teams retrieving all the articles. Going into control, we had 14 competitors. It was a bright, sunny day in a flat grass field. We started with the speak, with 5 teams achieving full marks. Heel-work next to the sendaway point; there was a straight outrun followed by a left and right redirect to given markers. Depending on where the dogs stopped for the outrun, the handlers were then instructed which redirection to do first. Again, most teams coped well with this exercise. We lost two contenders in the agility section but overall the control was very good. Thanks to all the competitors for accepting my decisions in good spirit.

Finally, thanks to the ladies and gentleman in the kitchen for the pack ups and the lovely hot evening meals to come back to - we certainly never went hungry. Also, to my tracklayers, Brian, Derek and Lorraine, not

just for their professionalism in tracklaying but for being such good company throughout the trial. And lastly, to June for stewarding the searches and the control. All round, a brilliant trial to judge at.

1st Sheila Tannert, WTCh STYPERSON CLEO, Lab, 211, Q. A good nose-work mark and a competent control round, with nine marks for the sendaway and full point jumps, assured Sheila and Teal of the Ticket. The speak was the only weakness, so very well done.

2nd Jill Carruthers, WTCh VOMKYNA DARCA, GSD, 209.5, Q. Another high nose-work mark for Jill and Darcy, followed by a good control round. Well done.

3rd Sheila Tannert, STYPERSON EBONY, Lab, 206, Q. Ebony missed out on the long jump – if only – Sheila could have had a run-off with herself! A good weekend for Sheila nevertheless.

4th Glenys Page, BRIGLEN JOSS, BC, 205.5, Q. Ozzie had a very good control round with 9.5 for the sendaway - such a shame about the long jump. Well done again.

Also qualifying TDEx:

Mike Williams, MARINA BEN'S PAL, XB, 202.5

Pat Williams, SUNSHINE PIP, XB, 201

Caroline Wright, CARISHILL ODIN, G Ret, 200

Helen Kelly, LAETARE DYAMI, BC, 196
Yvonne Carpenter, HEX AT CARFELD, BC, 184

Glenys Page, WTCh BILKO'S GLORY, WSD, 182

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ESSEX WTS 2000 OPEN TRIAL

15 – 17 March 2013

Danbury, Essex

STAKES: UD, WD AND TD CONTROL

Judge: LE NEWMAN

Scribe: Doreen Hook

Len and I would like to thank the Society for the invitation to judge. The organisation, facilities and tracking land is always excellent and this year was no exception. Under new management, Dave Self, while Penny was judging the trial, it went very well. I hope it did not put you off, Dave, as we need more people to get the knowledge of managing a trial. Thanks also to Jan Val-lack, Base steward, Gwen and Helen in the kitchen.

UD AND WD STAKES:

A lot of inexperienced handlers in both stakes, but everyone had a good crack at the round so don't be disappointed at not qualifying, because all the dogs have the capability. Some of you just need a bit more control over your dogs so you're communicating! Also, read the I Regulations rule book! You must know what to expect of the exercises and nature of the test set by the judge when competing. They say its character building!

UD, 11 entries

1st A Ketteringham, PADDYDEPAWS AT COALWAY, X-Breed, 175, Q. Lovely dog, just a bit more work on that S/A. Nice round.

2nd M McLellan, GARTONHAUS BORA OF ASHLINDT, GSD, 177, NQ

3rd B Spensley, CARISHILL EMERALD, GR, 115.5, NQ

4th W Wright, WHISPER IN THE

GLEN, WSD, 113, NQ

WD, 10 entries

1st H Brown, MANPOL SAPPIRE, GSD, 187, Q. Well done! You held it all together!

2nd S Simpson, WESTMIDS KYRE, GSD, 180, Q. A difficult dog, well handled by Shirley, the only one to get full mark S/A in all stakes!

3rd J Le Mesurier, AFON ANDYP-ANDY AT BRYNFFRWD, HWHV, 87.5, NQ

4th D Whiting, SHELTYSHAM SO ESOTERIC, BC, 76.5, NQ

TD STAKE:

It was nice to see some new handlers working their dogs in open TD. Most dogs did a good tied up speak with the handler sitting in a chair facing them. Heelwork for all stakes was “do your own thing”, lovely when the ground is a bit boggy allowing the handler to choose how best to do the round. Those who are ready for “Ticket” negotiated the sendaway and redirect well and qualified the control section. One or two handlers felt it was hard but it just showed that they were not quite ready. Agility section was good considering the lousy weather we have had when it has not been suitable to use jumps. A special thanks to Doreen Hook who scribed for me thought out the trial.

There were 21 entries

1st J Sewell, STARDELL TYL, BC, 198, Q. Well done Jim. Good luck in Ticket.

2nd A Porter, TILLIE BY MOONLIGHT, Mal, best track, 197, Q. Sendaway almost cost you but great heelwork and speak.

3rd J Wood. LUDGATE POWER ‘N’ GLORY, BC, 196, Q. Beautiful control.

4th M Loughran, GARRETHALL QUADRILLE, Lab, 183.5, Q. You have worked hard since Poole - well done.

Also qualified;

G Martin, MAGIC DARK SHADOW, Lab, 183

C Theobald, XANDOA ABBYLON, BC, 183

What a lovely bunch of competitors! Thank you for making my job such a pleasure and for accepting my decisions.

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK.

Judge: LEN NEWMAN

Tracklayers: Penny Bann, Nicky Boyce, Belinda Spensley, and Andy Baker, one day; Jane Gray, two days

Steward: Angela Clarke

The tracking ground was brilliant, lush crop a good 4 inches; in fact, on the first day only one failed. The weather changed on the second day, but we still had qualifiers.

My tracklayers were Penny Bann, Nicky Boyce, Belinda Spensley, and Andy Baker, one day, with Jane Gray, two days. My search steward for the whole trial was Angela Clarke. It was a pleasure to have such a good team - made my judging very easy. Anybody can judge, but without good tracklayers and search stewards we would not have trials - thank you all. My track pattern was set to test the tracking of the dogs with articles evenly distributed on the track and of sensible size to reward the dogs each time. The search articles varied in size and texture, which all dogs qualified with ease. The experienced handlers

showed their true colours helping and line handling their dogs; it is a shame that the new people to our sport could not see it. Thanks to the competitors and I hope you enjoyed the challenge.

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SWTS OPEN TRIAL

16 March 2013
Gateside

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

This was a new trial and venue, in an effort to maintain as many trial dates in Scotland as possible – we need to add to the current list as there are already so few for people to compete at north of the border. I would like to start by thanking John and Alan McGregor of Balvaird Farm for allowing us to use their land. The base was at The Gateside Memorial Hall; it was excellent and provided a warm place for both competitors and helpers to defrost!

Now for all the people who helped in various ways in this trial. Thank you to Pam Cuthbert for judging both the stakes (Intro and CD) and Jackie Hilton for stewarding for Pam – they did not have an easy day due to the weather; as soon as we started the snow came on - the joys of judging in Scotland. Thanks to Bill Mackie and Roy Drummer for their help on the Friday for putting the jumps up, Jim Jeffrey and Bill Mackie for doing the search squares. And thanks to Lesley Drummer for turning up on the Friday despite not being very well and delivering paperwork etc for the base and then staying to make sure that I understood all the relevant procedures (pa-

perwork) before finally giving in and going home to bed – get well soon, Lesley. I must also thank Karen (my wife) for doing the catering and helping out with the base, and Shirley Windsor for drawing the raffle and entertaining us.

I would like to thank all the competitors who turned up; it turned out to be a very small trial (a good introduction for me being Trials Manager) but thoroughly enjoyable and it was such a shame that due to the snow we had to cancel the training that was to start after the end of the trial. I hope you all enjoyed it and will encourage others to participate next year, and good luck for your future trials.

GARY TAIT

STAKES: INTRO AND CD

Judge: PAM CUTHBERT
Search Stewards: Jim and Bill
C/A Steward: Jackie

Thanks to SWTS for the judging appointment. This is a new venue and a new job for Gary as Trials Manager - well done to the team who pulled everything together for a fab new trial. Karen in the kitchen and base – Lesley, I hope you're feeling better soon, you were missed. Jim and Bill for putting up the jumps and laying the search squares, and to Jackie who was my steward.

Have a look on the SWTS website to see the pictures from today. It was like Narnia! No snow at base but total white-out at the control field!

A special mention to Maggie McPhee, who came down from Skye to compete, and although did not qualify did really well in the conditions and with 1st time nerves. I had to position the dogs in the stays so that the

snow didn't blow into all those GSD ears, poor souls - 10 minutes in a blizzard. Thank you everyone who competed for helping take down the jumps when we were finished without needing to be asked - everyone just mucked in. Real trials spirit.

INTRO STAKE:

1st Louise Saunders and Murphy, Sheltie, 96, Q. This little dog hardly put a foot wrong. Louise was worried about his jumps but not a worry today!
2nd Maggie McPhee and Luther, GSD, 56.5, NQ. Maggie and Luther have just started in trials but there's more right than wrong here, Maggie. Jumps and stays to be sorted but after that you'll get there.

CD STAKE:

1st Jim McKay, Midge, GSD, 94, Q. Full mark square, only lost 1 mark in control and no return over the scale.
2nd Jenny Wood, Marv, GSD, 93.5, Q. Some mouthing of articles in the square for 18; good control round and a second attempt on the clear
3rd Shirley Windsor, Flash, AS, 88.5, Q. Remembered to slow down and relax! Flash did not like the metal spoon but you kept with it for 17 - well done. Again, good control but didn't do the long today (conditions?)
4th Maggie McPhee, Luther, GSD 52, NQ. Well done, Maggie - keep training.

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**HAMPSHIRE WTS
OPEN TRIAL**

21 – 23 March 2013
North Boarhunt Village Hall

STAKE: UD

Judge: MARGERY LEE
Tracklayers: Yvonne Carpenter, Judith Owen
Search and C/A Stewards: Tim Cooper, Claire Falla, Judith Owen

My thanks to Hampshire for inviting me to judge this stake and to Jean for her hospitality, not just opening her home to us but cooking breakfast and providing an evening meal as well as juggling Trials Manager problems!!
So many people to thank:- Yvonne who laid

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most of the tracks, Judith who helped out on the Friday (the tracking was on grass, somewhat wet and heavy going), Tim who laid squares and scribed the C/A for 2 days, Claire who laid squares on Friday, Judith again, who scribed for me on the Friday for a very cold wet C/A, the ladies in the kitchen whose cake making must be without peer – thank you all, every track and square was laid exactly as I asked and you were all great company.

Thank you to the competitors who entered under me, a great bunch of handlers and dogs. Well done to those who qualified, and to those who didn't, I'm sure your turn won't be long in coming.

1st Sue Main and JAZZ THE JOKER (Jazz), WSD, D, 192.5, Q. A worthy winner. Sue and Jazz have a lovely rapport. Nice handling, Sue.

2nd Brenda Nevard and I SPYDA SPIDER (Spider), WSD, B, 184.5, Q. Another good partnership with nice handling.

3rd Rosemary Turner with KHAMYSKER KALAMITY KATE (Katie) GSD, B, 177.5, Q. A lively girl well handled by Rosemary.

4th Nicky Prescott and WAGGERLAND TWINKLE (Twinkle), WSD, B, 167, Q. A keen lass who just wants to do something - keeps Nicky on her toes.

Good luck to you all in your future trialing.

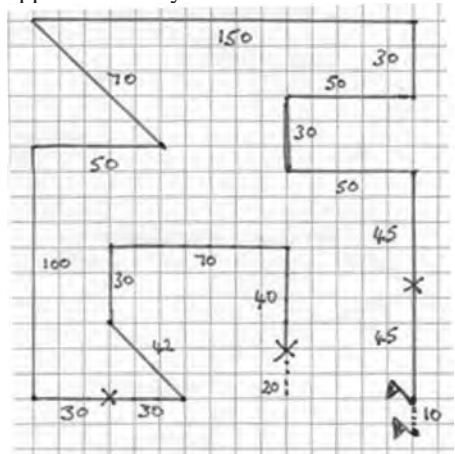
STAKE: TD

Judge: GARY HAIM

Tracklayers: Anne Thorpe, Eric Carpenter and Yvonne Carpenter
Square Steward: Sandra Haim

Many thanks to Hampshire Working Trials

Society for the invitation to judge the TD stake, to Jean Howells who had her stress levels tested to the full when one week before the trial was informed that their base had closed down and was no longer available. Then the afternoon before the trial, she was told that her control field could not be used. Jean also decided to tighten the thumb screws on herself a little bit more by inviting the judges, tracklayers and stewards to stay at her home during the trial where she then proceed to cook us all evening meals and breakfasts. I'm not sure how you do it all, Jean, but Sandra and I appreciate that you do.



Thanks also to my tracklayers, Anne Thorpe who laid all 3 days, Eric and Yvonne who did 1 day each - you all did a great job, thank you. Sandra laid all the squares for me over the 3 days and every dog qualified the square - many thanks. The ladies in the kitchen did a great job keeping us fed and watered. A special mention to the farmers who were brave enough to let us on their land despite all the bad weather we've had. We had 16 entries but only 9 managed to work mainly due to being snowed in on the Saturday.

1st Tony Lockyer with TRIPLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, WSD, 211.5, Q. Good solid track and square, only lost 3.5 on control, full mark jumps. Well done, Tony.

2nd Ruth Payton with CORIES BLAZING STAR AT KALIAZAR, BC, 192, Q. Good track, left one article in the square, lost a few marks on the sendaway other than that a good all round performance. Well done, Ruth.

3rd Angela Sanders with MR MICK-EY MARVEL TO SZIKRAS, WSD, 192, Q. Steady track but missed out a small part of the track; got 4 out of the square and good control round, full mark jumps. Well done, Angela.

4th Carole Brooke with TADMARTON DARK REMY, Lab, 185.5, NQ. After a good track and square Remy decided the sendaway and jumps weren't to his liking today. Good attempt, Carole.

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HUCKNALL AND DISTRICT CTS OPEN WORKING TRIAL

Fri 22 March 2013
Hucknall, Notts

STAKE: UD

Judge: KATH WOOLLEY
Steward: Andrea Clarke
Tracklayers: Joan Snowdon and June Hines

Thank you to the society for asking me to judge and to Cyril and Gill, who run the trial from the Butcher's Arms. I judged this trial in 2011 when the weather was warm and sunny - not so this year! Only two competitors braved the snow to arrive on Friday and then unfortunately the trial

had to be cancelled as it just snowed and snowed.

Thank you to Andrea, who stewarded for the first time in Working Trials (hopefully you will have more to do next time) and to Joan and June, who spent ages hanging around in the cold without a vehicle waiting for some action.

The dogs had to work hard on the nose-work, as a combination of the snow and wind had obliterated the track and also covered the articles. Considering the conditions, both made light work of the control and agility.

1st Hilary Wilson and WSD Bronte, HOLLOWAY HOT CHOCOLATE, 171, Q

2nd Carol Grant and BC Robbie, DREAGANTA ROB ROY, 166.5, Q

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ICENI DTC OPEN TRIAL

23 – 24 March 2013
Tollesbury, Maldon, Essex

TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

I should like to thank all the judges and helpers at IcenI for turning out last weekend in the most dreadful cold and snow to help at our Open trial. I was able to get through to several helpers to prevent them from travelling, but many still had to come and did so without complaint.

Thank you judges Len Newman, Sandra Lewindon and Colin Ball (thrown out in a blizzard to judge TD Nosework when Sheila Tannert couldn't make it from Derbyshire) and all at TEAM ICENI! You are the best!!

FRANCES BALL

STAKES: CD AND UD, WD, TD CONTROL AND AGILITY

Judge: LEN NEWMAN

Scribe: Lé Newman

Thanks to Icení for the invitation to judge, but I was not aware of the survival test which took place with the weather!! With an experienced team, problems are only challenges, with this time Frances Ball at the head. Thanks to the ladies and Les in the kitchen for our warming food, Lé for scribing (just thawing out) and Sandra for the certificate. The heavy gang who completed the erection and dismantling of the jumps should enter the Royal Tattoo competition, also off road tests. The conditions on the control field were challenging but quite workable. Lastly, thank you to the competitors who worked their dogs in the adverse weather, all of you deserve an outward bound badge, also accepting my interpretation of the "I" Regs.

CD STAKE:

1st Jill Kevis, MEADOWDALE SPIDER, ESS, 95, Q

2nd Barry Sheppard, MEGAN SHERINGHAM, XB, NQ

3rd Elaine Mills, WILLOWRISE HONEY, Lab, NQ

4th Henrietta Chidgey, BLACK KNIGHT OF ARDLEIGH, XB, NQ

5th Julie Saunders, JEOLD RUBY ROYAL, Weim, NQ

I have placed all dogs that worked, as we had so many scratches, five due mainly to the adverse weather. I was so impressed with all the dogs working in three inches of snow. The searches were very good the way the handlers worked their dogs. The down stay was the worst exercise with only 1 dog completing the down, the rest com-

pleting two sit stays.

UD STAKE:

1st Alan Wright, WHISPER IN THE GLEN, handled by Sandra Greenwood, WSD, 168.5, NQ. Sadly, the only dog to work. It is very hard to work somebody else's dog, still the sendaway was good.

WD STAKE:

Due to all the scratches no dogs worked. The Nosework judge's presentation at the prize giving was excellent!!

TD STAKE:

1st Chris Theobald, XANDOA ABBYLON AT TYTRI, BC, 180.5, NQ, Best Track.

2nd Les Theobald, TYTRI ROMAN JACK, BC, 178.5, NQ

3rd Mike Loughran, GARRETHALL QUADRILLE, Lab, 174, NQ

4th Alan Sword, MANPOL SPECIAL EDITION, GSD, NQ

We only worked four dogs, again due to the scratches. Up to stays we had two dogs qualifying but then the two then sat, the other two went clear! In the challenging conditions all dogs qualified the agility section - well done.

STAKE: WD AND UD NOSEWORK

Judge: SANDRA LEWINDON

Tracklayer: Nick Brunner

Steward: Chris Theobald

I was more than surprised to receive a call from Frances Ball, on behalf of Icení, inviting me to judge the UD and WD nosework at their March Open Trial. I know that Icení are very particular about their judges, so to be asked was an honour. Thank you.

Iceni always encourage their members to become involved helping at trials, indeed, they got me involved, out of the kitchen and into the field, something for which I shall be eternally grateful. My thanks to Frances and Colin Ball, Chrissie and Les Theobald for all having faith in me and Colin who gave me my initial tracklaying training.

Frances managed this trial with her usual proficiency, despite the many challenges that the poor weather conditions threw at her; I know that she worked hard before the trial and will still be working hard after, no doubt assisted by Colin. Thanks must also go to the many helpers that make this trial possible, preparing jumps, escorting competitors, Elaine in the kitchen on Saturday and Les and Chris in the kitchen on Sunday.

UD STAKE:

Unhappily, the weather was too much for the competitors and all scratched bar one. My thanks to the team field, Chrissie Theobald for stewarding as well as running the kitchen on Sunday and Nick Brunner for laying the only track. Mark Lewindon was due to be the second track layer, but was not needed. I had previously offered him the pattern to practice, he declined and muttered something about laying ticket tracks and my little UD wouldn't be a problem. Ok, he didn't mutter, he swore!

Tracking was on sparse winter wheat with growth of approximately 8", with some snow. Weather was a strong, harsh, cold wind with frozen ice particles. Track articles were green ground sheet mesh approximately 3.5" x 2.5" and a small pink hippo soft toy approximately 3" square for the end article. Square articles were a dolly peg, a 7" length of thick orange flex, carpet 4" x 3" and a 7" length of yellow rope.

1st WHISPER IN THE GLEN, WSD, 168.5, NQ, owned by Alan Wright and handled by Sandra Greenwood. Glen made the conditions look very easy, losing only half a mark on the track. This was followed by a very competent square. This dog was also awarded the best nosework trophy by default. However, it was a very good nosework round and I am sure that even with other competitors this dog would have obtained this trophy. Well done. I know that Glen failed the jumps today, better luck next time Sandra and Alan.

WD STAKE:

Unhappily all entries scratched, the extreme weather making a big impact on this trial. Thanks must go to the team who were prepared to help, Kathrine for being prepared to steward, Jane Clark and Dave Self for being prepared to track lay.

STAKE: TD NOSEWORK

Judge: COLIN BALL

Tracklayers: Nick Brunner and Mark Lewindon

Steward: Henrietta Chidgey

Thank you to Iceni for the invitation to judge the TD nosework. I went to the trial as odd-job man but was asked to stand in for Sheila when she was unable to travel down from Derbyshire, due to the state of the weather up north.

The tracklayers, Nick and Mark, (who laid all the tracks in driving snow and bitter wind), already had Sheila's track pattern and articles and I had brought some search articles – just in case (Frances had seen the weather forecast)!! Thank you, Nick and Mark, for laying the tracks, not an easy job in these conditions and also to Henrietta for laying the search squares, still in the wind

BAGSD CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

and snow. Quite an initiation to helping at a trial!

Of the four tracks worked, three were done really well. Chris went first and Abbie really enjoyed working in the snow, just missing the first article on the track and recovering three from the search. Les then followed with Jack who dragged him through the snow and wind but missed the second article on the track, then recovered two from the square.

Alan followed on but Ziggy didn't like the conditions, having a bit of an 'off day' then Mick and his lab Meri managed to complete the track, although finding it quite hard, recovering, between them, all the track articles (one for Meri and two for Mick) and three search articles.

1st Mrs Chris Theobald's BC, XAN-DOA ABBYLON AT TYTRI, CDEx-WDEx, 180.5/220, NQ. Well done, looking forward to seeing you in Ticket.

2nd Mr Les Theobald's BC, TYTRI ROMAN JACK, 178.5/220, NQ. Lovely track, good to watch. You'll soon be in Ticket.

3rd Mr Michael Loughran's Labrador Retriever, GARRETHALL QUADRILLE, 174/220, NQ. Meri worked well in difficult conditions.

4th Alan Sword's GSD MANPOL SPECIAL EDITION. Conditions were just too much for Ziggy today, but I'm sure all will come right at the next trial.

Thank you to Elaine in the kitchen supplying everyone with hot food, just what we needed after a cold time out in the field. Thank you, Frances, for all your work prior to, during and after the trials. Although the roads were clear our end of the country, after reading and seeing the news, Sheila made a wise decision. Hope you have cleared the snow away now.

25th – 30th March 2013
Tewkesbury

STAKE: CD

Judge: GARY HAIM
Steward: Sandra Haim

23 entered, 17 ran.

My thanks to BAGSD for the invitation to judge the CD stake. Also to Trials Manager, John West, and his team who made sure we were well looked after. Special thanks to Sandra, who laid all the squares and scribed the control round. Jan Darby looked after the base and did all the scores; Julie Skipp kept us fed using an awning as her kitchen in bitterly cold conditions - many thanks to both of you.

The farmers at Tewkesbury allowed us to use a field at the back of their yard where we could do all the nosework and control without having to move. The field was in lovely condition and considering the problems the farmers have had this year we were lucky to be allowed on there - many thanks to them.

I would like to thank all the competitors, who had clearly put a lot of effort into their training, especially the jumps. Out of seventeen competitors fifteen qualified the jumps, four of those on full marks, and one of those was only 17.5 inches high, and made it look so easy. It just goes to show the solution is not always about lowering the standard in trials, it's about getting dogs fit and training the exercise properly, as competitors clearly had, and a lot of those were new to trials. It was a pleasure to judge your dogs.

1st Ann Ketteringham with PAD-DYDEPAWS AT COALWAY, X-Breed, 95.5, Q. 17.5 inches of pure power, beautifully trained; Ash could not wait to show us how good he was. Lovely calm handling from Anne. I look forward to seeing him progress up the stakes. Very well done, Ann, he's a credit to you. C/A 47.5, Agility 20, N/W 28.

2nd Neil Green-Morris with EY-LAVERHOF WICKED AT DANOKA, Rottweiler, 92.5, Q. Kai has a more laid back attitude to his work; he works in a steady and precise manor and made a good job of all the exercises. Well done, Neil. 46.5, 20, 26

3rd Sue Main with JAZZ THE JOKER, WSD, 89.5, Q. Another good all round performance from Jazz and Sue. Heelwork needs a bit more work, other than that a good attempt. Well done. 43.5, 17.5, 28.5

4th Meg O'Kelly with STARDELL NAOS, BC, 87.5, Q. Heelwork and long jump cost you a better place today, all the other exercises Taos carried out to a very good standard. Well done, Meg. 45.5, 14, 28

Also qualifying CDEx:

Shirley Simpson with WESTMIDS KYRE, GSD, 87.5

Felicity Veazey with JANALLEN BAKARRI, Groen, 87

Catherine Manfield with GLENALPINE OZZY ZIG, BC, 86.5

Pete Jones with DURSTONE BRYN, WSD, 82.5

Elinor Anderson with LITTLE TONIC FOR MYRTILLAS, X-Breed, 82

John Fitzpatrick with THREENINES ACE OF CLUBS, Malinois, 81.5

Margaret Sterry with DAISTANS RE-CARDO, X-Breed, 81

Qualifying CD:

Hilary Wilson with HOLLOWAY HOT

CHOCOLATE, WSD, 79.5

Nicky Prescott with WAGGERLAND TWINKLE, WSD, 71

STAKE: UD

Judge: MARNEY WELLS

Tracklayers: Val Upton and Sue Ashby

Steward: Lindsey Poole

Thanks to BAGSD for asking me to judge the UD Stake at Tewkesbury, and many thanks to John West for taking on the onerous task of Trial Manager – brave boy and well done! Jan Darby did her usual brilliant job in the base and Julie Skipp provided exactly the right food. Thanks to both ladies!! Many thanks to Val and Sue for laying the tracks with their usual skill, which gave all of the dogs the best chance possible, and huge thanks to Lindsey who has to be the most efficient steward I could have had. You were all brilliant and great company. With those three, I had the best team I could have asked for out in the fields: all of them so experienced, it made my job easy – all I had to do was watch the dogs and they really did have to work hard; it was very cold, dry and windy for the nosework. All of the handlers should be very proud of their dogs for doing any tracking in those conditions, they were most impressive. Not surprisingly with it that difficult, we only had three out of eight qualifying the nosework, and, sadly, none of those managed to qualify the C/A, but the three who attempted all of the exercises were placed as follows:

1st Pete Jones handling DURSTONE BRYN for Sue, WSD, D. Bryn worked very well on the track, gaining the best track mark but with only one article – I think Pete may have been standing on the

first one! (Bryn did try to tell him!) Bryn has such a lovely attitude to his work and followed the track with a good square. His agility was near perfect and his control round was good apart from the sendaway and that was such a shame! He is a lovely dog, and I am sure he will continue to have a very successful career in trials.

2nd and Best Nosework Pippa Bentham with MY BILLIE, WSD, B. Billie worked her socks off on the track with just a few moments where she appeared to think it was all too much but Pippa kept her going really well. At the end of the track they certainly kept us in suspense as to whether or not they would get the last article, but Pippa kept her head and let Billie work it out eventually. Very good team work. With all four out of the square their performance gained them the Best Nosework rosette. One of only two dogs to manage the 88 pace sendaway during a good control round. Unfortunately, the jumps were her downfall today but overall, she shows great potential.

3rd Felicity Veazey with JANALLEN BAKARI, Groen, D. Jet's track was very good – he really applied himself even when the going got very tough on one particular corner. His search square was good with all four articles out. But for the sendaway, his control round was excellent (even a full mark retrieve, Flis!) and near perfect jumps. All together a very good, solid performance.

Thanks to all of the competitors who entered your lovely dogs under me; they were a pleasure to judge and good luck in your future trials. To finish off, special congratulations to Lindsey, who not only managed to steward all week, but found time to work Remy so well that she qualified TDEX and came third! Brilliant!

STAKE: WD

Judge: RUTH CAHILL

**Tracklayers: Sue Ashby and Val Upton.
Square and C/A Steward: Lindsey Poole**

Thanks to BAGSD for the invitation to judge. Thanks to John West for his part of the Trials management, and to Ann Clarke for her pre Trial work. Thanks to Jan Derby in the base and chef Julie Skipp, who coped very well in difficult and cold conditions – still reckon my hot cross buns were cold though! My tracklayers Sue and Val were so experienced that I knew I could just point out the fields and turn up to find everything organised for me, wonderful! Thanks to Lindsey for bringing the jumps, putting them up, being great company and an expert steward throughout the test. Thanks to farmers Tim Morris and Richard Harvey for the tracking land and lastly the Warners for C/A fields. I sourced the land for this trial and although I found stubble with underlying green growth for TD, the only land available for WD and UD was bare earth, sown two weeks earlier and drying out rapidly in the very windy conditions. The winner did an amazing track but the all the others struggled against the conditions, and any combination who got away from the pole achieved something and should be proud of their dogs. The damned wind blew all week and greatly affected all the tracking stakes.

1st. Joyce Tibbetts and VONHAUS-WOLF MAUD, GSD, B, WDEX, 195.75. Could have been tracking at Brook Farm in Surrey on beautiful grass (remember that base folks?) the way she stormed round on the dirt track surface, only losing half a mark for a slight wobble into the strong wind. All the rest of her work was equally good, a superb dog who should go far. I

will remember seeing that track for a long time!

2nd. Sarah Burroughes and TARNEDGE VELVET, Lab, B, WDEx, 189. Also a good track (86) and square, full mark jumps and sendaway but just silly mistakes in heelwork and retrieve costing a few marks. Well done.

3rd. Judith Owens-Poole's FIRCROFT DOMINI, BC, B, extremely well handled by Jeff Poole, WDEx, 171.75. Ziva worked hard in the more difficult field of the two. Jeff's quiet handling brought out the best in all her work. You were both so impressive I even forgot to tease you about working a small dog.

4th. Deb Williams and ASTRA TZI-AKA, BC, D, WD, 159.75. Going wrong at the end of the track and only two articles from the square meant you were struggling even before the dog misread the sendaway. But I hope you were pleased with his nose-work in such difficult conditions.

I felt very sorry for Maurice Millington whose Jud worked hard on the track only to fail the down stay in the last minute. I have never seen him work so well before; all your work was so good today you deserved better luck.

STAKE: TD

Judge: PAUL ADAMS

Search Steward: Sue Jones, 4 days starting Tuesday

C/A Scribe: Sue Jones

Track Layers: Tom Darby, earlies for 5 days + Run Off tracks; David Barker, 2nd set for 5 days; Ruth Cahill, last set on Mon, Tues and Fri; Chris Gregory, last set on Thurs.

Stay Stewards: Sue Jones and Jan Darby, plus John West was there if we had

any trouble with any dog during the stays (fortunately we didn't)

Sue and Pete were unable to get out of their road because of the snow on Sunday, which meant they were not at the trial until the Monday afternoon, so the track layers kindly laid all the search squares on the Monday.

Ground: 10" Stubble on very wet mud.
Weather: Dry but very cold all week

57 Entries, 47 Competing, 10 Scratched.
10 Nosework Qualifiers, 2 Unable to return on Saturday, 7 Qualified TDEx.

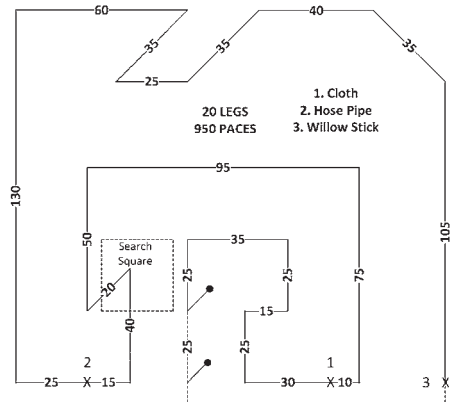
Search articles: 1, 4" green earth cable; 2, 4" sash cord; 3, 6" plastic spoon; 4, 2" x 5/8" leather

I would like to thank Sheila Tannert and the BAGSD committee for the invitation to judge the TD Ticket at Tewkesbury 2013. Thank you to John West, Trials Manager, for his hard work; thank you to Jan Darby who ran the base, was stay steward and also sat in John's van on Saturday filling in the control sheets and letting me know the final scores. Thanks to Julia Skipp for keeping us fed and watered every day (not an easy job in a tent in the freezing cold). Thanks to whoever wrote the certificates at the end (I think it might have been Lindsey, if not, sorry). Thank you to my track layers; without their hard work this or any trial wouldn't run. I was privileged to have probably the best ever track layer, Tom Darby; thank you, Tom, also David Barker, who laid every track brilliantly and if necessary used track layers licence to avoid the worst parts of the fields. David has laid tracks for me before, and he is good – thanks, David. Chris Gregory made the journey down on Thursday to stand in for Ruth, who was judging WD; she only laid 3 tracks but in the conditions worked very hard - thank you, Chris. And finally, Ruth Cahill - what a star! Not only did she

organise all the tracking land (the week before she took David and me to see all of the ground so I knew exactly what it was like), she organised B&B for me and the other judges, the base and a lot of the help needed, and then she judged WD over 2 days; oh, and for 3 days laid the last set of tracks – thanks, Ruth.

What can I say about this next person, Sue Jones? Apart from being a good friend for many years she is an excellent search steward and C/A scribe. At Oxford last year she stewarded for me and this year was there again. Sue knows how I work and I think we work well together; she is also good company, so thank you, Sue (and Pete for bringing you to the trial).

Tracking was on stubble and mud. It wasn't easy, there was only the odd footprint which was no help to anyone. It was freezing cold and to be honest the 10 nosework qualifiers can be proud of their dogs - they worked really hard. I designed the start of the track so the handler would have to trust their dog because as soon as they got to the end of the first leg the track layer, search steward and myself stood by the start pole which meant that they were tracking back towards us; a lot of handlers didn't believe their dog and really struggled with that part, especially Lindsey Poole. Her dog was desperate to follow the leg but she wasn't having any of it, insisting that it couldn't possibly go that way. This went on for quite a while and I almost said to her, "It does go that way, shut up and follow your dog", but fortunately I didn't have to, as finally she said, "Go on then", and off she went to do a beautiful track.



The track articles were big; the first was a piece of green cloth 4" x 2", the second was a 3" piece of green hosepipe and the third was a 7" piece of willow stick. The first and last were not easy to see, so the dog had to find them. Conditions beat all the dogs that didn't get round; it was pretty awful. However, the nicest day was Friday and we thought this was going to be good. How wrong can you be? Out of eleven dogs not one qualified.

On control day the weather was nice although a bit cold. We had a fabulous control field and I set what I thought would be a straight forward test - if your dog could do it, you qualified. Not a lot of heelwork, sendaway was straight out to a boundary 160 paces away for 5 marks, recall half-way and stop them for 1 mark and redirect 100 paces left to a boundary for 4 marks. Then we had the jumps; it was heelwork up to the clear and then more heelwork up to the long and then a bit more up to the scale; none of this heelwork was marked, I just wanted the dog to be under control. After the scale it was the speak; on this all I wanted, was to see if your dog could speak after doing all the other exercises. Leave your dog with me at a pole, not tied up, walk to a second pole 12 paces away, stand with your back to your dog; if your dog stayed in position and barked 10 times

you got 5 marks, if it moved half way you lost half a mark, if it joined you at the other pole and barked, you only lost 1 mark; as I said all I wanted was to hear your dog bark. We had 7 dogs with 5, 2 dogs with 4.5, 1 dog with 4 and 1 dog with 0. So I think that my overall test was a nosework test with a fair for everyone C/A test. Val Upton failed the nosework so offered to do a run through of the control test on the Friday and then also go on first on the Saturday. It was a great help, so thank you, Val. After the control had finished we did the stays. Unfortunately, after the stays had finished there was a bit of confusion and I was told that Tony and Isla had won the ticket, so I told him. However, after we got back to base we discovered that in fact there was a tie with both Isla and Gyp on the same marks and so there would be a run off track between his 2 dogs. Tom had laid 3 run off tracks earlier and so off we went. Gyp completed his track with 2.5 articles and then Isla went on but missed the second article, so I called Tony off as he couldn't beat Gyp's score. So to the results:

1st Tony Lockyer with WTCH DOUBLE TOP AT HARTSHILL, CDEx – TDEx, WSD, D, 211.5, winning the TD Ticket and Q TDEx after a run off. A nice steady track only losing 7.5, which considering conditions is good; he got 3 and 4 with a full mark square. On his control he only lost 1 mark on the sendaway and got full mark jumps, which he was pleased about. I think this was Gyp's 16th Ticket - what an honour and a privilege to be able to judge probably the best TD dog ever and certainly the best handler ever. Good luck at this year's KCC's, Tony.

2nd Tony Lockyer with WTCH LAWINICK COME N GET IT AT HARTSHILL, CDEx – TDEx, GSD, B, 211.5, winning the reserve Ticket and Q TDEx.

Another excellent performance from Tony and Isla, missing that 2nd article on the run off track being the only thing to separate these 2 dogs. Tony is the man to beat; it's up to us all to improve and give him a run for his money. Well done, Tony.

3rd Lindsey Poole with VOMKYNA DIAZ, CDEx – WDEx, GSD, B, 204, Q TDEx. And also winning the Best Nosework Award with 160.5/165. I have never seen a dog drag someone around a track the way Remy did - she was brilliant. Lindsey didn't want to track back towards us at the pole but Remy did and eventually Lindsey went with her. As she passed us she said, "Perhaps I should follow my dog." I think we should all do that sometimes. She did a nice control round but no redirect and no clear jump cost a lot. Lindsey was really tearful at the end when she realised she had got TDEx; it was well-deserved and a pleasure to award her with her certificate. Well done, Lindsey.

4th Len Newman with SALLY BELL, CDEx – TDEx, WSD, B, 200, Q TDEx. Did a nice track, only losing marks at the start of the track. Control was not too bad but no speak was costly; full mark jumps. Well done, Len.

5th Mike Williams with MARINA BEN'S PAL, CDEx – TDEx, Cross, B, 196.5, Q TDEx. As always, nice nosework and a steady control round. Well done, Mike.

6th Mark Lewindon with MANPOL SPIRIT AT BRACOKELI, CDEx – WDEx, GSD, D, 190, Q TDEx. This dog seemed to be a bit of a handful but was controlled well by Mark. To be honest, I was a bit worried how he would be in the stays, but he was left in a flat position and never moved a muscle. Mark, I am glad you did not give up with him. Well done, Mark.

7th Julie Skipp with ZAK OF SKIPAWAY, CDEx – TDEx, WSD, D, 177,

Q TDEx. Julie had the first track of the trial and conditions were hard, but her dog worked his socks off. She didn't think she would qualify but Zak had other ideas and only lost 3 marks on the control, and with full mark jumps she was OK. Well done, Julie.

Because of the bad weather conditions before the trial started it wasn't until the Saturday that a final decision was made to run the trial. I would like to thank my team for not letting a bit of snow stop them helping all week and making a big effort and turning up to work in horrendous conditions, so thank you Ruth, David, Tom, Chris and Sue. Thank you to the farmers for letting us use their land - without you there would be no trials.

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

5th – 6th OCTOBER 2013

At: Village Hall, Felday Glade, Holmbury St.Mary, Surrey.RH5 6PG

Judges:	PD Stake	Lee Payne
	UD Nosework	Sandra Lewindon
	UD C&A & CD Stake	Les Allen

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £20.00. Members £18.00 CD Stake £12.00
Senior Citizens £1.00 reduction
Cheques payable to SurreyDTS Working Trials

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Schedules from/Entries with fees to the Trials Secretary:
Mrs. Christine Brooks
Cobleigh, Brookwood, Surrey. GU24 0EL.
Please enclose SAE for report time – Thank You.

**SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

Lauder, Berwickshire,
Tuesday 27th August to Sunday 1st September 2013

Judges:	TD Stake:	Linda Newbold
	WD Stake:	Jacqui Hall
	UD Stake:	Gary Tait
	CD Stake/Veteran:	Gwen Matear
	Introductory Stake -	Gwen Matear

TRIALS MANAGER: David McPhillips 01578 718861

ENTRY FEES	Tracking Stakes	£16.00 (Members)	£18.00 (Non Members)
	CD Stake	£12.00 (Members)	£14.00 (Non Members)
	Introductory Stake	£10	Veteran £5.00 (Open to all dogs which have attained age of 7 yrs on closing date for entries)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2013

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

**EAST ANGLIA WTS
OPEN TRIAL**

Sept 26th-29th 2013
Waterlow Farm Kennels, Kings Lynn

Judges:	PD Stake	Paul Morling
	UD Stake	Diane Ling
	CD Stake	Margo Brothwell
	Intro Stake	Margo Brothwell
	UD Thurs - Fri,	

Entry Fees PD £18.00 UD £17 CD and Intro £13
£2.00 reduction for members

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2013

Entries with fees and s a e to Sandra Dearing Waterlow Farm Kennels
Waterlow Road, Terrington St Clement, Kings Lynn, PE34 4PS
Tel: 01553 828243 or 827322

**THE WELSH KENNEL CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

15th August to 18th August 2013
(Prior days may be used if needed)

At: Laleston, Bridgend

Judges: TD stake - Gary Haim
WD stake - Janette Hickson
UD stake - Janette Hickson
CD stake - Dean Woodcock
Intro stake - Dean Woodcock
[UD/WD alternating days]. (Intro & CD Saturday only)

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes - £18 CD / Intro - £12.
(£5 reduction for paid-up members of WKC)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 19th JULY 2013

Schedules from / Entries with fees (made payable to The Welsh Kennel Club)
To: Ms Lindsey Poole, Woodlands Cottage, Isle Abbots, TA3 6RT
Please enclose a S.A.E. Schedules available from internet

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

On 5th & 6th October 2013

At: The Assembly Rooms, St. Briavels, Glos GL15 6TG

Judge Introductory Stake Linda Reynolds
CD Stake Linda Reynolds

Entry Fees: CD & Intro £12 (£1 reduction if both stakes entered)
£1 reduction each stake for AWTTTS Members

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Schedules from/Entries (with Fees & SAE) to the Trial Secretary
Mrs Janette Hickson, Clifton Cottage, The Common, St. Briavels, Lydney, Glos, GL15
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**LINCOLNSHIRE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
AND ALL BREEDS TRAINING SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

To be held at Dunholme Old School, 8 Market Rasen Lane, Dunholme, Lincs LN2 3QR
Ends 10 November 2013

Judges	PD	Bill Richardson
	TD	Glenys Page
	WD	Janette Sayer
	UD	Steve Smith
	CD	Jenny Olley
	C/A	Dave Olley

Entry Fees: PD, £20, TD WD, UD £18. CD Stake £15 (£1 reduction for members)
all work in one day.

Please make cheques payable to LGSD&ABTS

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY 2 OCTOBER 2013

Schedules from/entries to Trials Secretary: Mrs Jenny Henton
The Laurels, Middle Street, Dunston, Lincs LN4 2EW tel: 01526 320065
Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope

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

On: 6th – 8th September 2013

At: North Northumberland Canine Centre, Lee Moor Business Park, Rennington,
Alnwick, Northumberland. NE66 7RL

Judges	PD Stake	Tracey Park
	WD Stake	Jill Carruthers
	CD Stake	Pat Parkinson

Trials Manager – Jacquie Hall.
Tel: 01665-720763 Mobile: 07813-912889

ENTRY FEES: Tracking Stakes £17, CD Stake £13
(Paid up members £2 reduction)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WED 7TH AUGUST 2013.

ENTRY FORMS, FEE AND S.A.E. TO:
Miss Jacquie Hall, Meadow Burn, West Fleetham, Chathill,
Northumberland. NE67 5JR.
(Any KC approved entry form will be accepted)

WORKING TRIALS TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JULY

held at

Green Farm, Fair Oak, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6NT

As before, it is envisaged that this will be a “self help” training day. There will be a few experienced handlers available to assist newcomers.

All levels are welcome, if you wish to attend please email me at:

mark@workingtrialsmonthly.co.uk

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

(only needed for first time attendees)

The cost for the day is £10 which includes tea and coffee.

For further information please ring Mark or Anne on 01630 620292

YORKSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN WORKING TRIAL

On: 7th/8th September 2013

(prior days may be used if necessary)

At:

Rufforth Sports Club, Rufforth, North Yorks YO23 3QA.

Judges:	Working Dog (nosework)	Nigel Hines
	Utility Dog (Nosework)	Malcolm Snowdown
	C.D. & C/A	Joan Snowdon

Entry Fees: C.D. Stake £11.00 TD WD UD Stake £16.00.

£1.00 reduction for members

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: 14TH AUGUST 2013

Entry with Fees/SAE to: Trials Manager, Dave Craven, 9 Taylor Drive, Ossett,
West Yorkshire, WF5 0SX Telephone 01924 264899

**POOLE AND DISTRICT.
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

Red Shoot Camping Park, Linwood

24th – 28th September 2013

Days may change according to numbers

Tracking Dog Stake	John West
Working Dog Stake	Ray Lea
Utility Dog Stake	Ray Lea
Companion Dog Stake	Les Allen

Entry Fee

Tracking Stake £20.00 CD Stake £16.00

Members less £1.00

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 26TH 2013

Entries To

Trials Manager, Mr Melvin Drewitt, .35 Glenwood Rd. Verwood Dorset BH31 6HU.
(01202 827247) E-mail melvindrewitt@hotmail.com

**SOUTHERN ALSATIAN TRAINING SOCIETY
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

19th – 22nd September 2013

New Venue

Stalisfield Village Hall Stalisfield Green Faversham Kent ME13 0HY

Judges	TD Stake	Sharon Carter
	WD Stake	Rita Banfather
	Introductory Stake	Rita Banfather

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £19.00 Introductory £10.00
(£2.00 reduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 21ST AUGUST 2013

Entries with fees (Payable to S.A.T.S.) to be sent to Trials Manager,
Les Allen 19 Lapins Lane Kings Hill West Malling
Kent ME19 4LA

Tel: 01732 522388 Mobile: 07880 993407

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

Oxspring, Nr. Penistone, South Yorkshire
To be held on
Sun 25th & Mon 26th August 2013

JUDGES:	PD	Malcolm Snowden
	UD	Joan Snowden
	CD	Steve Smith

ENTRY FEES:- PD - £25.00 UD- £21.00 CD - £15.00

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

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY – FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2013

Schedules from/entries with fees to Trials Manager
Mr Brian Page. Mayfield. 25 Briestfield Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury
West Yorkshire. WF12 0PW
Tel: 01924 462387
Cheques payable to B.A.G.S.D

**HAMPSHIRE WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

On 19th – 24th August 2013
At: Base Venue to be Confirmed

Judges	TD Stake	Shiela Tannert
	WD Stake	Kate Peyton
	UD Stake	Lynne Watkins
	CD Stake	Zoe Finlay

Entry Fees: Tracking Fees £20 / CD Stake £17 (£2 reduction for Members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 10th JULY 2013

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



ASPADS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

At: Ravenscar, Scarborough, ending on Sunday 4 August 2013

Judges

TD	Ann Bedford
WD	Lorraine Wilson
UD	Liz de Unger
CD	Suzanne Plumb

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 3 July 2013

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

Barry Gilbert,

Lindum, Horsegate Field Road, Goxhill, North Lincolnshire, DN19 7NN

Tel: 01469 531301

OPEN WORKING TRIAL

At: Monk Fryston, Yorks, ending on Sunday 22 September 2013

Judges

PD	Dave Olley
TD	Dave Craven
WD	Lol Campbell
UD	Chris Trevor
CD	Eric Carpenter

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 21 August 2013

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

Dave Stewart,

11 Penlands Walk, Colton, Leeds, Yorkshire, LS15 9DL

Tel: 01132 253912

Entry Fees for 2013 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £21.00 – CD, £16.00

Fully paid up members may deduct £2 per entry

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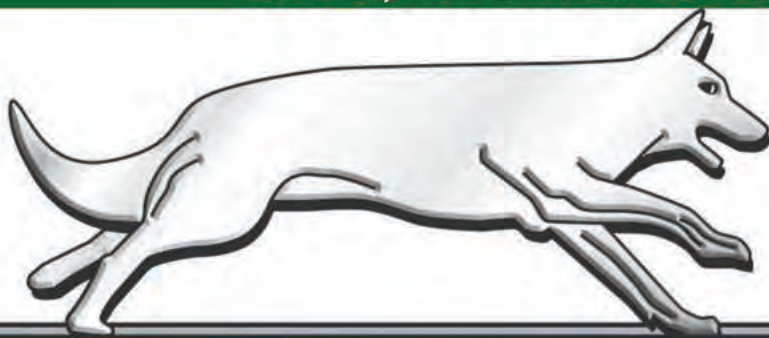


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