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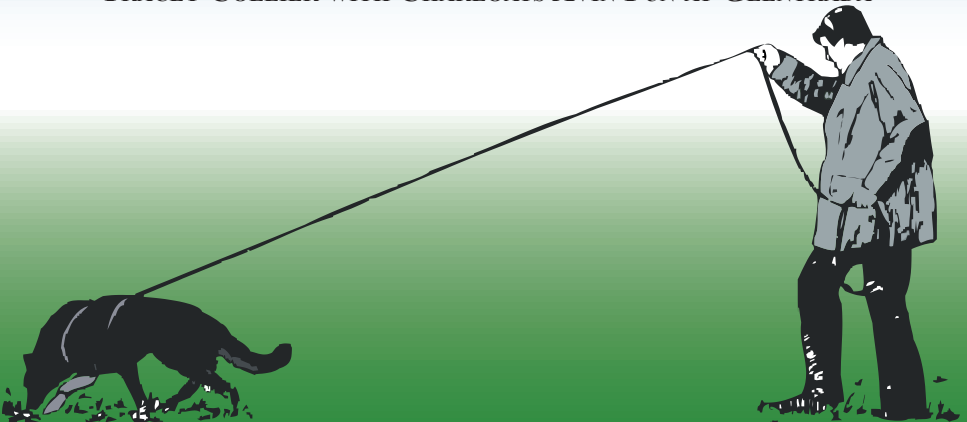
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## EDITORIAL

There has only been one championship trial this month, congratulations go to Liz de'Unger and WT.Ch. Styperson Royce for winning the TD Ticket at Surrey DTS under judge Julie Atkins.

When I took WTM over from Jenny Harvey back in 2002 I quickly realised that a dedicated magazine for such a small sport was never going to be a particularly profitable business venture. I tried to include articles from different sports to increase readership, but it was made clear that they were not wanted by the current subscribers. So for the past 10 years we have tried to give you what you wanted.

The reason I bring this up is that over the past few months we have noticed a large reduction in the number of readers who are re-subscribing. Whilst the reason for this is unclear - poor content, current economic climate, lower numbers competing, the Working Trials World website, or a combination of them all, the simple truth is that making ends meet is becoming very difficult.

I suppose the question is, "Has WTM had its day?" After 28 years have we become stale and surplus to requirements, especially as all the information to compete can now be freely downloaded from the internet?

I don't profess to have the answers, I only know that I have to try to keep this magazine viable until you, the readers tell me that you no longer want it.

Somehow WTM has to raise more revenue. I can only think of two ways of achieving this:

- 1 Attract more subscribers
- 2 Increase the price

The first option is the more preferable route but it is a long term option and unless the number of people in trials magically increase's the only way for that to happen

is to open the magazine up to other sports, i.e. Schutzhund, Bloodhounds, Search and Rescue, Security Dogs, etc.

The second option whilst never popular is unfortunately necessary. In my defence, I have held this off for as long as possible, with the last price increase being made in May 2008. Unfortunately the Post Office and printers have not had the same policy. Therefore as of the 1st June WTM will cost £60 per year. I realise that it is a large increase and it might come across as a kill or cure measure (I hope not the former) but it is necessary especially if I am correct with my suspicions of your reaction to opening the magazine up to other sports.

As I stated in my editorial back in April 2011, paper based magazines cannot compete with the internet. I initially thought that the best way to counter the Working Trials World website was to compete with them. I have researched this extensively over the past two years and have even spent many hours building an updated website only to come to the realisation that to do the job properly the time commitment is enormous, both in building the site and

on-going updates. To implement any form of direct user interaction (results/report submission) it would also require policing. To add useful features like online completion of entry forms, a searchable database of Trial reports and possibly online entries very quickly leads into the territory of the Data Protection Act.

Most professionally run Internet sites rely on the numbers game to keep themselves viable but unfortunately Working Trials is not big enough to justify the commitment necessary. With so few potential subscribers I would have to charge a website subscription fee similar in amount to the magazine. I do not think that this is an acceptable achievement and it would ultimately affect the magazine.

As always your reaction and thoughts on these matters will be appreciated.

**MARK SKILLIN**  
EDITOR

### READERS LETTERS

Dear Ed.  
Marney Wells' comment that, "no sane

## **DON'T FORGET . . . . ENTRIES CLOSING**

### **June**

17th	Surrey DTS (Oakwood hill,. Ends 14th July)	CH	Intro CD WD PD
19th	North East Counties WTS (Alnwick, ends 14th July)	OP	CD UD WD PD
19th	ASPADS (Scarborough, ends 5th August)	CH	CD UD WD TD
20th	Benfleet WTS (Hockley, Essex. 20th July)	OP	Intro

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THESE DATES**

person would have wanted to be in all that mud and rain!” reminds me that years ago we were standing in a muddy field with rain trickling down our necks watching a dog work, when a couple of joggers plodded by. Someone said “Look at those idiots, out in this weather!” Then we looked at each other.....

**Trisha Harding**

## CLUB FOCUS

### WESSEX WORKING TRIALS CLUB

Following a meeting in 1997 of a few locally based trials enthusiasts it was decided that we should form a club. This initial get together took place in a roadside layby at Upton. A committee was formed who in turn elected Ray Hallett as Chairman. In this very early stage of development, we were, and still are very lucky to have the full support of Malcolm and Jenny Lawrence for allowing us the use of their farmland as our training base. After much deliberation as to what we should be known as, the name of Wessex was chosen. We subsequently sent this to the Kennel Club with our application to become a registered Working Trials Club. This was accepted and we became official in July 1998. We gradually grew in numbers as more and more enthusiasts gave us their support by joining. In these early years membership reached just short of one hundred. One of the most influential events that put us on our feet financially, was an indoor seminar hosted by John Rogerson, who kindly donated all of the proceeds from the weekend, plus his own out of pocket expenses, for which we are eternally grateful.

Our first Open Trial took place at Aller

Court Farm, Aller, Somerset in November 1999. Now club Chairman, I took on the onerous job of Trials Manager with a lot of help from several friends. This was the only trial that we held at this venue because, as most of you will know, the Somerset levels are notorious for flooding and 1999 was no exception. Despite the extremely wet conditions the trial was a complete success. This inspired us to think of greater things and look to the future. At the next committee meeting it was decided to hold all future trials at Upton, our present venue.

The next significant milestone in our evolution came in the year 2001, when we sent our application for championship status to the Kennel Club, which was subsequently granted. This led to our first Championship Trial in July 2002. Since then we have gone from strength to strength. During the next few years we held numerous fund raising events and training weekends to bolster our bank balance in order for us to host the Kennel Club Championships. This we did in 2008. The nose work and C&A took place on the nearby disused American wartime airfield at Smeathharp and the evening functions took place at the Lordzlease Hotel in Chard. Both venues turned out to be a huge success, or so we were told by all the competitors and guests who attended. I would like to say thank you to our sponsors, committee members and everyone who helped to make this such a memorable and enjoyable weekend.

Now here we are, some five years later, preparing to do the same thing over again. Why so soon we have been asked? Our reply is that we are doing it again while we are still young enough to be able. We hope that 2014 will be another great year for us all at Wessex as we look forward to hosting the most prestigious event in the Work-

ing Trials Calendar. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our judges, Tony Lockyer and Paul Morling, together with competitors, spectators and friends to which I am sure will be another unforgettable KCCs.

This brings us more or less up to date; the club is in a comfortable position financially, membership still remains steady, although somewhat down on those early years and new blood continues to be drawn into the club, hopefully securing its future for many years to come

Brian Riste  
Chairman

### **WORKING TRIALS TRAINING DAY (C&A & SQUARES)**

Saturday 20th July  
Held at  
Hatton Country World, Dark Lane, Hatton,  
Warwick, Warwickshire, CV35 8XA  
From 10.00 – 17.00

Come and spend the day at Hatton with Leamington members who will call control and agility rounds and lay squares with “judges, stewards and spectators”. The aim is to reproduce what you would encounter at a trial. We can also discuss rounds and offer advice.

Please bring your own refreshments.

All levels are welcome, if you wish to attend please email me at:  
tarnforce@sky.com

The cost for the day is £10.00 payable in advance. Please make cheques payable to

Leamington Dog Training Club and send to Mrs Kate Wykes, 17 Malt Mill Close, Kilsby, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8XN

For further information please phone John or Kate on 01788 823717

## **NEWS FROM THE KENNEL CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE KENNEL CLUB WORKING TRIALS LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2013**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mrs F Ball	Iceni Dog Training Club
Mr E Carpenter	Yorkshire Working Trials Society
Miss J Carruthers	North East Counties WTS
Mr B Gilbert	ASPADS Working Trials Society
Mr N Hines	Lincolnshire German Shepherd Dog And All Breeds Training Society
Mrs J Holt	North West Working Trials Society
Mrs J Howells	Hampshire Working Trials Society
Mr B James	Midlands Border Collie Club
Mr M Lewindon	Surrey Dog Training Society
Mr K Long	The Bloodhound Club
Mr G Martin	East Anglian Working Trials Training Society
Mrs G Matear	Scottish Working Trials Society
Mr B Riste	Wessex Working Trials Club

Mrs S Shearer	The Scottish Kennel Club
Mrs B Spensley	Essex Working Trials Society
Mr N Sutcliffe	Association of Bloodhound Breeders
Mr G Talbot	Midland Counties German Shepherd Dog Ass
Mrs F Webb	Southern Alsatian Training Society
Mrs M Wells	The Welsh Kennel Club
Mr J Wykes	Leamington Dog Training Club

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Miss D Deuchar Manager – Working Dog Activities Team  
 Miss J Nosalik Specialist – Working Trials, Obedience & Agility

**ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL (JANUARY 2013 – DECEMBER 2015)**

1. Following a ballot, Mr Wykes was elected as Chairman for the new term of the Council. Mr Wykes introduced himself and welcomed the newly appointed representatives.

**MR WYKES IN THE CHAIR**

**ITEM 2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL (JANUARY 2013 – DECEMBER 2015)**

2. In the absence of any further

nominations, Mr Carpenter was elected as Vice Chairman for the term of the Council.  
**ITEM 3. TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE ONTO THE ACTIVITIES SUB-COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 2013 – MAY 2016**

3. Following a ballot, Mr Carpenter was elected as the Council’s representative for the Activities Sub-Committee.

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

4. The Council noted the presentation which explained Kennel Club and Liaison Council’s structure and procedures. New representatives were welcomed to the meeting and the role of Council representatives was clarified.

**ITEM 5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

5. Apologies had been received from Mrs S Tannert – British Association for German Shepherd Dogs.

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

6. The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2012 were signed by the Chairman as an accurate record with the following amendments:

Working Trials Liaison Council Representatives 2009-2012 (Paragraph 10.a.) The minute was amended to read ‘Scottish Kennel Club – Mrs S Shearer.’

Jump Heights (Paragraph 27 and 28)



The first sentence of paragraph 27 of the minute was amended to read; ‘The council was requested to discuss the possibility of addressing the size of agility equipment used in the Agility and Control round in WD and TD and whether some....’

The second sentence of paragraph 27 of the minute was amended to read; ‘It was stated that many competitors were keen to become involved in the discipline...’

The last sentence of paragraph 28 of the minute was amended to read; ‘The Chairman (delete ‘*Council*’) suggested proposals be submitted to its next meeting so that the matter could be formally addressed and considered.’

## **ITEM 7. MATTERS ARISING/ RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7. Regulation Changes**

The Council noted that at its meeting on 17 July 2012 the General Committee approved the following regulation amendments (effective from 1 January 2013):

- i. Amendment of Regulation I.17.c. Introductory Stake Certificates
- ii. Amendment of Regulation I(C)13. Quartering the Ground
- iii. Amendment of Regulation I(C)14. Test of Courage

### **8. Criteria for Approval of Championship Working Trial Judges**

It was noted that the General Committee approved the proposed amendments to Regulation I24.a. and I(D)7.a. respectively (Approval of Judges).

### **9. Policy Regarding Existing**

### **Championship Judges**

The Council noted that the Activities Sub-Committee considered the suggestion of extending its policy to request information on a Bloodhound judge’s active involvement in the discipline, if they had not awarded Championship Certificates in the preceding five years. It was agreed that it was a club’s responsibility to encourage its judges to remain actively involved in the discipline and it was considered that five years was a sufficient length of time. Consequently, the Sub-Committee did not support the proposal. Concern was expressed that this was only applicable to Senior Stake Championship judges. The office clarified that the policy, which had been in place for many years, applied to all the disciplines under the Sub-Committee’s umbrella. Championship judges who had not awarded Championship Certificates in the preceding five years were requested to provide information on their active involvement in their respective discipline in order for the Sub-Committee to consider prior to further approval. Furthermore, that “active involvement” referred specifically to open level judging appointments in the preceding five years as well as relevant information on show/trial management and/or personal competition involvement.

### **10. Judges at Kennel Club Working Trial Championships 2015**

The Council noted that its recommendations on judges for the 2015 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships, due to be hosted by the Welsh Kennel Club, had been approved.

### **11. Open Working Trials**

As requested by the previous Chairman Mr Gilbert, from the Council’s meeting in May 2012, Mrs Holt, on behalf of North



West Working Trials Society proposed two regulation amendments to bring the Tracking Dog (TD) and Patrol Dog (PD) stakes in line with other stakes. It was proposed to remove the restrictions in Regulation I(A)5.(e) and I(A)5.(f) that prevented dogs with TD Excellent and PD Excellent from competing in the open trial equivalents. Mr Lewindon seconded the proposal. It was explained that by removing the restrictions, it would remove the pressure from TDEX and PDEX dogs and would allow them to continue competing.

12. A discussion followed which included concerns that dogs which had qualified Excellent in TD or PD could prevent dogs at open level progressing to Championship level in the event of a ballot being implemented. Alternatively, it was suggested that handlers would use open level stakes as training rounds for their dogs which the Council did not want to encourage. Furthermore, it could become more difficult for the trial organisers to accommodate a rise in the number of entries; additional support would be needed and land requirements would also need to be taken into consideration.

13. Mr Lewindon proposed an amendment in principle that in order to ensure the progression of open level dogs, Championship level dogs should be permitted to compete and qualify, but that they should not be placed. Mrs Webb seconded the amendment. A concern was raised that withholding awards would penalise those who had won fairly and it would devalue the placing's that were reallocated. The office also confirmed that it was not the custom and practice of the Kennel Club to withhold awards and that no other discipline disallowed Championship level dogs to re-enter at open level.

14. Having taken all views into consideration, the majority of the Council did not support the amendment in principle. Furthermore, by a majority vote, the two original proposals were not supported. No further action was taken.

#### 15. Helpers in Patrol Dog Stake - Patrol Rounds

At its meeting in May 2012, the Council noted an amended version of the Guide for Judges and Stewards booklet, prepared by Mr Lewindon, which included guidance and advice to societies on helpers at PD stakes. Mr Lewindon reminded the Council of the background of the item and discussions from the previous meeting. It was stated that through consultation, the additional guidance was created to provide structured advice for those involved with PD management. The view was that it would also reduce the levels of risk involved and also protect the discipline in the public domain. It was stated that the guidance was common sense. It was acknowledged that it should still be highlighted and that it would be useful to have the information documented and readily available. The Council considered the areas highlighted and approved them for inclusion to be implemented in the booklet which would also be available to download from the Kennel Club website.

#### 16. Kennel Club Working Trial Championships

The Council noted that the Kennel Club would consider, in principle, hosting the Working Trial Championships should it become difficult for societies to host the event in the future. It was agreed that the Championships were relatively straightforward to manage, but that it was difficult for the host society to raise the necessary funds. It was noted that

some societies paid for the competitors' accommodation although this was not a necessary requirement. Suggestions were discussed including the possibility of all Championship societies providing a minimal amount of money each year to the host society to assist with the expenses. It also considered whether it would be possible to invite a different host society to hold the Championships at the Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh annually.

17. A further suggestion was raised whether the Kennel Club would consider increasing the current grant that was given to the host society towards the cost of running the Championships. Although the Council was reminded that the grant had been increased in recent years, it favoured this suggestion and agreed to **refer** the matter to the relevant Sub-Committee for further consideration.

18. Dog Health Group Activities Working Party  
The Council noted the report on the developments of the Dog Health Group Activities Working Party and was satisfied with its progress.

#### **ITEM 8. FIVE YEAR STRATEGY**

19. The Council noted that no new items had been submitted for its five year strategic plan, but agreed that it had enough matters to resolve at the present time.

#### **ITEM 9. KENNEL CLUB WORKING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

20. Host for 2016 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships  
The Council noted that, at its meeting on

8 January 2013, the General Committee approved Icení Dog Training Club to host the 2016 Championships. [AFTERNOTE: It was confirmed that the date of these Championships would be week 42 which would be 20-22 October 2016.]

21. Ballot for Judges for the 2016 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships  
A ballot was conducted for the Council's nomination of judges for the 2016 Kennel Club Working Trials Championships.

22. Host for 2017 Kennel Club Working Trial Championships  
The Council noted that as yet no societies had offered to host the Kennel Club Working Trials Championships in 2017 and, therefore, the Chairman requested the representatives to consult their societies to consider hosting the event. Representatives were reminded that although the dates appeared quite far ahead, the aim was to be in a position to invite the judges, selected by ballot, before they were likely to have accepted conflicting judging appointments.

#### **ITEM 10. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

23. Proposed Amendment to the headings of Regulation I(C)10.g.(2) and Regulation I(C)10.g.(3) (Jumping heights and lengths)  
Mrs Wells, on behalf of the Welsh Kennel Club, proposed an amendment to permit different heights and lengths of agility obstacles for the Working Dog (WD) and TD stakes, to be in line with those dimensions currently permitted for Companion Dog (CD) and Utility Dog (UD) stakes. Miss Carruthers seconded the proposal. Mrs Wells stated that although the matter had caused debate in the working trials community prior to the meeting,

it was encouraging that competitors were passionate about the future of their discipline.

24. It was explained that the proposed amendment would encourage those with smaller dog breeds to become involved in Working Trials without changing their preferred breed of dog. It was suggested that many newcomers would welcome the change since it appeared illogical and unfair that small dogs were penalised from the higher stakes. A lengthy discussion followed; it was stressed that a concession had already been made several years ago to permit small dogs to compete in CD and UD stakes, and that the sport should not be amended for the sake of the minority. The issue of the tests was called into question for example; the six foot scale was considered a test of confidence aside from the actual negotiation because the dog should not be able to see the handler. It was suggested that there were training methods to ensure smaller dogs would be able to see the handler or alternatively, the judge could reposition the handler to suit the test. However, it was contested that this was not guaranteed and could lead to an unfair advantage if the dog was able to see its handler. Furthermore, it was queried whether the track length would also be shortened in the future to accommodate smaller dogs, but it was emphasised that the proposal would only affect the agility section of a stake. Concerns were raised on the management of the agility section, whether the obstacles would have to alter depending on the running order which would consequently alter the original test set, but it was clarified that measures would be taken to prevent this.

24. It was suggested that it would be better to introduce separate stakes

for smaller dogs as was the case for the agility discipline which had three height categories. However, it was claimed that the agility section was a small section of a full stake and did not justify a separate stake. Others agreed that two different height categories of dogs should not compete against each other within the same stake because one section had different dimensions of equipment and that it should be the same for all the dogs entered. However it was acknowledged that there was currently a lack of small dogs to warrant a separate stake.

25. It was reiterated that the objective of the amendment was to challenge those smaller dogs over tougher tests and that only the size of the obstacles prevented them from progressing. Therefore, Mrs Wells proposed an amendment to state that smaller dogs should be able to achieve a Certificate of Merit in Open level WD and TD stakes and qualification in Championship level WD and TD stakes with a suitable endorsement to indicate that they were small dogs since they would not be completing the full length dimensions of the agility obstacles. Mrs Spensley seconded the amendment. The Council considered the amendment, but felt that the proposal required further consultation with the clubs that it represented. Therefore, Mrs. Wells agreed to withdraw the amendment. Overall, the Council was not in support of the original proposed amendment and no further action was taken.

26. Proposed Amendment of Regulation I(C)10.g.(2) (Jumping heights and lengths)

Miss Carruthers, on behalf of North East Working Trials Society, proposed the above amendment to increase the dogs' measurement to 17 inches at the shoulder,

to bring it in line with the agility discipline regulation on the height classification of large dogs and be fairer to those dogs just over 15 inches in height at the shoulder. Mrs Webb seconded the proposed amendment. The Council discussed the proposal reiterating similar points raised from the previous item. It also considered the possibility of introducing an official record book to state a dog's correct height category, however it was acknowledged that the agility measuring system was quite complex and, therefore, if the current system based on trust already worked, then there was no requirement to amend it. The majority of the Council did not support the proposed amendment for the similar reasons stated in the previous item. No further action was taken.

27. Proposed New Regulation I28.d.  
Mr Lewindon, on behalf of Surrey Dog Training Society, proposed a new regulation that would allow handlers to afford some protection to their dogs by permitting collars to be worn. Mr Riste seconded the proposal. Mr Lewindon gave a background to the proposal, stating that the onus should be on the competitor to decide whether their dog should wear a collar and not the judge. It was reiterated that the wearing of collars was covered by the Control of Dogs Order 1992. Application of the act to dogs competing in working trials was dependent upon whether they were in a public place and/or whether working trials dogs were considered 'sporting dogs' and, therefore, exempt. It was considered that neither was completely clear, yet it was perceived that the majority of judges allowed handlers to work their dogs wearing collars. It was agreed that the wearing of a collar did not adversely affect a dog's ability to undertake working trials exercises, but was considered a matter of safety in the event of

any situation arising.

28. A discussion followed and it was stated that the background to the proposal did not reflect the proposed wording since if it was a matter of safety for the dog, the proposal would have been compulsory and not optional. It was explained that the principle of permitting collars to be worn was of importance. Concerns were raised that although the proposal would be optional at present, it would be amended to become compulsory in the future which was not favourable. It was suggested that in the event of a dog running away, it would not be caught. Some representatives were of the view that the discipline had worked well for years so questioned the need for a change now. Many were keen to keep judges' discretion however; others stated that the onus should be on the handlers because they were ultimately responsible for the control of their dog, as stipulated in the regulations.

29. Mrs Ball proposed an amendment to state that it should only be applicable for the lower stakes, to ensure judges retained their discretion for the higher stakes as follows, "Handlers may work their dogs wearing a plain, close fitting collar of leather or webbing material in CD, UD and WD stakes". Mrs Spensley seconded the amendment. A vote was taken, but the majority was not in favour. Mr Lewindon withdrew his original proposal and replaced it with an amendment to state, "Handlers may work their dogs wearing a plain, close fitting collar of leather or webbing material" in order to permit dogs to wear an identification tag. Mr Gilbert seconded the amendment. A slight majority was against the second proposed amendment and, therefore, no further action was taken on the matter.

## **ITEM 11. JUDGES' WORKING PARTY**

30. Mr Gilbert reported that the judges' seminar statistics for Working Trials had fallen, which suggested that most people interested in judging would have already attended the relevant seminars and, therefore, fewer numbers were to be expected. The Council noted that it had also led to a couple of seminar cancellations due to a lack of delegates.

## **ITEM 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### 31. Electric / Pinch Collars

Mr Martin requested an update on the above matter since it was apparent that some people in working trials still used these collars as training aids. The office stated that the Kennel Club was continuously lobbying against the use of such collars which were deemed cruel and unnecessary. A report on electric shock collars was provided for the meeting including progress in all the home nations. It was noted that information relating to the matter could be located on the following link on the Kennel Club website:

*<http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/banshockcollars>*

32. The office stated that if electric / pinch style collars were being used at a trial, competitors should report the matter in the incident book under a breach of Regulation I28.c, "No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the precincts of the Trial". It was stressed that it was the responsibility of the competitors and the trial management to ensure that such collars

were not used in the discipline. The Kennel Club only promoted the use of positive aids when training a dog and did not advocate the use of any type of negative method or device.

### 33. Bloodhound Trials - Amendments to Regulations I(D).8.d, I(D).9, I(D).10.c, I(D).10.d, I(D).11.a, I(D).11.(b), I(D).11.c, I(D).11.d

Mr Long requested the Council to discuss the above regulation amendments, which took effect from 1 January 2009, to reflect the changes agreed after discussions with the two registered breed clubs. The changes related to the qualifications required to progress through Stakes, discontinuation of the nominations procedure, and clarification of a judge's right to withhold awards where there was a lack of sufficient merit. Mr Long reminded the Council that it was agreed at its meeting of 22 January 2009 that the amendments were to be reviewed three years after their introduction. It was therefore agreed to **refer** the matter to the Council's following meeting.

### 34. Bloodhound Trials – Criteria for Assessors of First Time Championship Judges

The criteria for an assessor within Bloodhound Trials were queried since it was felt that there were not enough assessors to cover the discipline. The office clarified that assessors for all first time Championship judges in all the disciplines was the same; the candidate had to either be an Accredited Trainer or a member of the Activities Sub-Committee, as well as a Championship judge themselves. It was also stated that there were not large numbers of assessors in the larger disciplines yet the system worked well. However, it was agreed to refer the matter to the Sub-Committee for further consideration.

35. Policy Regarding Existing Championship Judges

Mr Long raised concerns that five years was too small a timeframe for the Bloodhound clubs to nominate existing judges as well as nominating potential first time judges since they only held four Championship Stakes per calendar year. It was considered unfair that there had been a lack of consultation with the two breed clubs. There was also confusion regarding the approval process of Bloodhound Trial Championship Judges who had not awarded a Championship Certificate in the previous five years and whether they were required to attend the relevant Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar and pass the examination. The office clarified that from January 2014, existing Championship Working Trials judges who had not awarded a Championship Certificate in the previous five years would be required to attend a Working Trial Regulations and Judging Procedure seminar and pass the examination. This was only applicable to Championship Working Trial judges at this time, not Championship Bloodhound judges.

36. It was further clarified that the Activities Sub-Committee had a policy, for all its disciplines, which enabled it to request information on a judge's active involvement in a given discipline if they had not awarded Championship Certificates in the preceding five years. This policy had been in place for many years. It would make its decision based on the information provided to ensure judges had an up to date knowledge of the relevant regulations and could if required, make recommendations for the judge to fulfil prior to further approval. It was queried whether overseas judging experience in the preceding five

years could be considered, but it was confirmed that it could only be experience gained from Kennel Club licensed events.

37. Introductory Stake

Mr Hines requested the Council discuss the matter of the Introductory Stake. Concerns had arisen since it had become apparent that experienced handlers were taking advantage of the stake whereas its purpose was to encourage newcomers into the discipline. As a result, the Chairman requested Mr Hines to create a proposal for the following meeting to reflect the purpose of the stake.

38. Kennel Club Working Trial Championships – TD Stake Judge

It was queried why a TD Championship judge could only judge the above event once. It was clarified that since the PD Championship judging pool was smaller, a judge could be nominated again whereas the TD Championship judging pool was larger and, therefore, it would give more judges the opportunity to fulfil the appointment. The Council requested the office to provide clarification when this rule was created and it was agreed to refer the matter for review to its following meeting.

[**AFTERNOTE:** It was confirmed that at its meeting of 5 May 2005, the Council agreed that a judge should only judge the TD Championships once.]

39. Before the end of the meeting, the Council expressed its thanks to Mr Gilbert for all his hard work and commitment in his tenure as Chairman.

**ITEM 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

40. It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be confirmed in



September  
2013.

41. There being no further matters  
to discuss the meeting closed at 15:40pm.  
Signed

J WYKES Chairman

## TRAINING YOUR DOG FOR TRIALS

### TEACHING THE RETRIEVE

In WTM issues May and June last year, I wrote about ways of encouraging the dogs' natural retrieving instincts. The retrieve instinct is so important for a trials dog even when he is not retrieving – it is the desire to get the ball, article, or toy that motivates the dog to track. I know we can teach the exercises using food, but we can usually get more drive, more 'oomph' by using a ball or toy. I always say that good working dogs prefer a ball over food and often have to be taught to eat when out as they are too busy to stop to eat! I think that food is better for getting accuracy and games are better for speed and drive.

When teaching the dog a formal retrieve for competition I use food to train him. With food I can work on refining different aspects of the retrieve. If I were to use the retrieve game itself how can I point out the bits I am not happy with such as mouthing, dropping, or not releasing? Once the dog has possession of the ball (or dumbbell, or whatever) he is self-rewarding and I am not important to him. I guess there are many ways in which I could reprimand him for his misdemeanours, but that could either dampen his enthusiasm or reduce cooperation, and this could make his reluctance to return and to release the article even worse.

The chances are I would damage our relationship and cause confusion over my requirements for the retrieve. In order to avoid these potential pitfalls my dog has a play retrieve in which he can mouth or drop the ball/article if he wants without criticism from me. I work on improving this exercise over a period of months simply by encouraging the dog to place the ball/article in my hand for me to throw it again, by pretending not to encourage him! If he wants to keep it that's fine – but if he wants me to throw it he will have to make a point of giving it to me. If we are not 'having words' over this exercise the dog will relax and work out how to get the best out of us – and this is usually just what we want from them.

### Using food to teach a retrieve

You may be familiar with the 'paradox of reward'. The paradox of reward tells us that 'if you reward a self-rewarding behaviour, you reduce the frequency.' Say, for example, you enjoy ironing (I actually have a friend who does! – sad but as they say; 'there's none so weird as folk') if you start getting paid for ironing, the natural pleasure will decrease as the payment becomes more important. You could end up only doing the paid ironing and walking around in creased clothes because you cannot be bothered to do your own 'unpaid' ironing. Shock horror, am I saying that if I reward my dog with food for fetching something to me, that he will be less likely to want to fetch things in future? Well yes actually, but this would be an extreme case and with sensible training it is unlikely that you would ever get to that stage with a dog that had a reasonable retrieve instinct in the first place. With a dog that had no retrieve drive anyway, at least you would get an accurate, reliable retrieve if you train it properly. To maintain balance then, I would use food



to train my formal retrieve but also continue my play retrieves with no similarity between the two. So the command for my play retrieve would be “Fetch” and the command for my formal retrieve would be “Hold”. If he messes around in the play retrieve I just ignore it, after it is a ‘play retrieve’ so I just let him get on with it and walk off.

To train a formal retrieve I start with an article that is easy to pick up and a pot of ready prepared tasty titbits and a clicker. The article might be an old walking sock folded into itself and stitched to prevent it unravelling, or the centre of a roll of toilet paper stuffed with rolled newspaper to stop it collapsing, or a suitable soft toy without dangerous eyes, or limbs and a tail that might encourage the dog to pick it up with his teeth by an addendum rather than developing a nice opened mouth pick-up.

I am not going to labour the points of clicker training as I have already covered those (WTM March 2012), but essentially I would show the dog the pot of food and ask if he wants it. When I have his attention on the pot of food, I would then draw his focus to the article and click as soon as he picks it up. He should immediately drop the article to claim his reward from the pot. If he does not drop the article it could be that he is self-rewarding (playing with the article) and therefore you are losing control. To overcome this problem, make no attempt to grab him or the article, but instead tease him with the pot of food right under his nose, lower the pot towards the floor and as his head lowers and his mouth opens to get the food, the article will fall out. Allow him to have some of the food and then take a larger piece from the pot, teasing him with it, throw it across the floor. You are now replacing the chase of the article with a chase for the food. The food should become more

fun than the article. Remember it is easier to control the food than the article (once he has swallowed it, it is gone and you still have the rest of the pot of food in your hand). The article should remain boringly lifeless on the floor near you throughout. After he has eaten the thrown treat, draw his attention back to the article and click as soon as he picks it up and repeat as above.

If your dog is a ‘foody’ type you may have difficulty in getting him to move away from the food to pick up the article in the first place. Ensure he is; a) charged on a clicker, and; b) knows to move away from the reward to a hand target in order to earn the click and reward. Now all you have to do is to make the reward less inviting or less obvious (maybe behind your back) and the article more exciting by animating it and playing cat and mouse. Remember to look at the article not your dog, or he will get locked into you and miss the point altogether. Click the instant your dog pounces to grab the article and proceed as above.

You are essentially playing a balancing game: if the dog wants the food – make the article more fun: if he wants the article – make the food more tempting.

By keeping the desire to earn a click and get the food greater than the desire to retrieve, you will be able to keep control of the exercise. If you click as soon as the dog picks the article up he will not have time to mouth it. If you repeat this dozens of times the dog will grow to like the game and you can begin to ask for a little more. Aim to get the dog to lift the article up towards the pot. Using the pot of food as a focus and feeding the dog from the pot, close to the pot will encourage the dog to turn towards the pot as soon as he has the article in his mouth. (He does this in anticipation

of gaining the treat from the pot.) You are now shaping the return with the article. To move this on to the next stage, after clicking allow the dog to drop the article feed at the pot and then throw a piece of food away (as above) and, leaving the article on the floor where it landed follow your dog towards the treat you have just thrown (just a couple of paces to start) and turn back to face the article. The dog will now have to go past you to pick up the article and turn back to you with the article. This is now beginning to look a little bit like a retrieve except that you are throwing the food for the dog to chase, not the article: the article stays where the dog has dropped it every time. As you both gain experience with this exercise and grow to enjoy it you will soon be in a position that you will be able to 'punish' the dog for mouthing or dropping without causing stress. If your dog really enjoys the exercise (and if taught as described above he will do) the punishment for the misdemeanour would be to discontinue the exercise. So the instant you dog mouths mark the moment – "oops!" and lift the food pot up to signal 'game over' and pick up the article. Do not look at your dog, give him 'time out' for half a minute or so and then invite him to start again. If your timing is good, he will soon work out what the problem is and correct himself if he wants the fun to continue.

Hand delivery of small articles and the present of the dumbbell are taught separately so as not to cause confusion in the early learning. For example, if the dog did a lovely pick-up and return with the article but started to mouth when sitting, or sat crookedly would we criticise the dog for the last bit? Doing so would of course reduce the chances of him being keen to repeat the exercise. However if he knows both bits and enjoys doing them as individual exercises, it will be easier to pull the

two together at a later stage when the dog is more familiar with his job.

Allowing the dog to work out for himself what it is that you want, simply by verbally marking the instant the problem occurs and taking a short break in the procedure is sufficient for most dogs to learn how to get it right. (Please note: a verbal marker is not a verbal correction!) If your dog really enjoys his work he will want to please you and he will want the training to continue. Remember, after every session to ask yourself, "What was it like to be trained by me today? Did we have fun?" The chances are if you thought about your training and you both had fun, then probably either you or your dog will have learnt something.

**Anne Bussey**

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# TRIAL REPORTS

## EAST ANGLIA WTTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

17 - 20 January 2013

### TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT

The decision to cancel our trial was made the morning before it was to run. Temperatures as low as minus 13 had frozen the rape we were tracking on, to the extent that it turned to dust when you trod on it. That, and the control field ground being like concrete, meant that we had no alternative.

I would like to thank the judges for all the work they put in preparing their tests prior to the trial, also to everyone who had taken time off work to help, or had started preparing food for the trial. It is greatly appreciated. Let's hope for better weather next time.

Best of luck in future trials.

### PAUL MORLING

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## SURREY DTS OPEN TRIAL

22 - 24 February 2013  
Newdigate, Surrey

### STAKE: INTRODUCTORY

**Judge: DOROTHY BOWEN**  
**Steward: Judith Owen**

Thank you to SDTS to come out of retirement and judge the Introductory Stake. Thank you to Judith for being my steward and helping me set up the round, laying the squares and altering the jumps when necessary. A big thank you to the 'girls' in the kitchen for the lunch. Also thank you to Christine Brooks, Trials Manager, for her help.

Nine dogs entered, six were GSD's.

**1st** Rosemary Turner with KHAMYSKER KALAMITY KATE, GSD, B, 99, Q. A worthy winner. Full mark control and agility and only lost 0.5 on the retrieve and search. Excellent.

**2nd** Lee Payne with ASHLINDT ME-TEOR, GSD, D, 97.5, Q. Another full mark control round. Well done.

**3rd** Stella Richards with GLENAL-PINE KASHEL, BC, D, 92, Q. Another good round; well done.

**4th** Manda McLellan with GARTON-HAUS BORA OF ASHLINDT, GSD, B, 88.5, Q. Full mark control and agility. Well done.

Also qualified CoM:

George Davis with JESROX ARROW, GSD, D, 88

All the above dogs are ready to enter CDEx.

## **STAKE: WD NOSEWORK**

**Judge: ELIZABETH DE UNGER**

**Tracklayers: Val Upton, Les Allen, Mark Lewindon, Sandra Lewindon**

**Square Stewards: Val Upton (Fri), Sue Hay (Sat and Sun)**

My thanks to Surrey for their invitation to judge the WD Nosework, and to Chris Brooks for all her hard work as Trials Manager. Thank you to a great team in the kitchen, led by Joyce Tibbetts and assisted by Judith, Sandra, Sally, Stella and Beryl. A big thank you to my tracklayers. The success of the tracks says it all (17 out of 19 dogs completed the track). Val kindly stepped in as square steward on Friday; she and Sue laid accurate squares, giving the competitors the best chance.

Tracking was on short grass in bitterly cold weather. 22 entered, 19 competed and 15 qualified the nosework. We saw some beautifully accurate tracking and some excellent squares, the latter only spoiled by mouthing.

**1st** After the judges' decision, Tobie James and BOSCKOPH DYNAMIC, Boxer, D, 180.5, Q. It was lovely to see a Boxer work, and Tobie handled him very sympathetically. Fred did an excellent track, finding both articles, and retrieved four from the square. Well done.

**2nd** Don Laskey and SHARDEE'S KOS, GSD, D, 180.5, Q. Kos did a superb track, only losing two marks, and then four articles from the square in record time, only spoilt by mouthing. What a lovely attitude! Well done.

**3rd** Tony Baverstock and KING-SPRIDE AURORA, GSD, B, 176.5, Q. May did a lovely steady track, only losing two marks, but sadly missed one article. Another fast square, but again spoilt by

mouthing. A lovely attitude – well done.  
**4th** Shirley Simpson and WEST-MIDS KYRE, GSD, B, 170.5, Q. Another excellent track from this lovely GSD bitch; Linx only lost two marks and found both track articles. Unfortunately Linx lost confidence in the square, but still managed to find three articles. I understand she has had a chequered history and, Shirley, you have done wonders with her. Well done.

### **Also qualified:**

Betty Briley and WAGGERLAND THIS IS IT, WSD, D, 169

Jenefer Le Mesurier and AFON ANDY PANDY AT BRYFFRWD, HWHV, B, 166.5

Judy Meekings and LAURINCO RED SKYE AT WINDLEBROOK, Lab, D, 166.5

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## **POOLE AND DISTRICT DTC OPEN TRIAL**

5 – 6 March 2013

### **STAKE: WD**

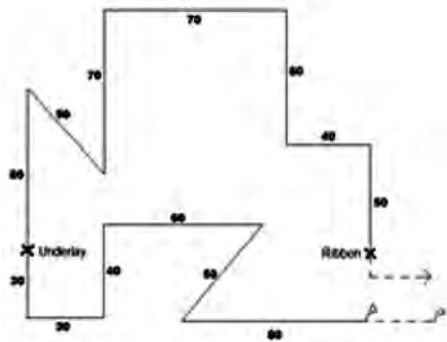
**Judge: GAVIN THOMSON**

**Tracklayers: Jo Magness, Mary Drewitt  
Steward: Val Thomson**

Thank you to Poole Club and Trials Manager, Melvin Drewitt, for the invitation to play in the New Forest. Thanks also to Mary for her indefatigable efforts in arranging the logistical nightmare of no base for the first hours of day one, but 13 competitors having to go somewhere at 8.30 in the morning (no, Bournemouth is not an option, Melvin).

Mary and Jo Magness laid my tracks

around the wet bits to give the competitors the best chance of getting round. Every competitor should at least shadow a judge once, as they will then discover how much the tracklayers are rooting for them; they're generally more pleased than the handler! Val stewarded for me throughout the day and was a great help in relaxing the competitors in the Control round - and didn't say "Yes, dear" even once.



Conditions were dry with the 12" high heather and dry grass mixture only lightly scattered with ponds. My track pattern was designed for easy manipulation by the tracklayers, as precision is impossible in the forest with no boundaries or landmarks. Articles were 1) 3" x 2" underlay for the dog to find and 2) 8" piece of bright green ribbon for dog/handler to find.

Square articles were a cigarette packet (empty!), a 1" plant pot, a 2" piece of artificial Xmas tree and a 1.5" x 1.5" red glass tile. As I'd hoped all the dogs got some articles and the best had no problems finding them all.

Going to the Control 2 dogs had qualifying marks but sadly the best did not endure. Lynn Bricknell's excellent WSD, Moss, had dropped only 4.5 marks in total coming to the jumps, but a muscle strain at the scale meant withdrawal. Hope he's recovered, Lynn, and getting the qualifications your training deserves. Angie Fields'

Storm took the honours as my only qualifier after a competent Control and Agility round. However she was one of several handlers I had to warn about infringing the 'approach to scale' rule - i.e. stop before you send your dog. Can I make a plea to all novice handlers - read the rules! The "I" Regulations cost only £1.50 from the Kennel Club and knowing them could save you a qualification.

**1st.** JUST RED ROBIN, CDEx - UDEx, Lab, D, handled by Angela Fields, 183, Q. Storm is well-named as he was a whirlwind on the track corners. Angie clung on and deserved her qualification with this strong dog. Well done.

**2nd.** MY BILLIE, WSD, B, handled by Pippa Bentham, 133, NQ. Eagle-eyed Pippa had not long spotted the first article before Billie took a wrong turning and headed for the A31. Bad luck, Pippa - my way and the highway, eh?

**3rd.** GILDA EDGED WITH GOLD, CDEx - UDEx, WSD, B, handled by Barbara Brown, 97, NQ. Another one to go astray halfway around the track - we must give you a different piece of land next time Barbara! Neither of you gave up, a valuable quality.

**4th.** WOLFHART AVA, CDEx - UDEx, GSD, B, handled by Jill King, 77, NQ. A bit unlucky on the track with ponies recently crossing but needs work on the square. Better luck next time.

Thanks to all the competitors for entering Poole Trial and accepting what befell them with true Trials' spirit.

## **STAKE: TD**

**Judge: IRENE NICHOLL**

**Track Layers: Len Newman, Lindsey Poole, Melvin Drewitt**

**Steward: Le Newman**

A big thank you to Poole and District DTC for the invitation to judge their TD Stake. As always this was a very friendly and well run trial: well done Melvin, Mary and co. The ladies and gent in the kitchen kept us fed and watered. The weather was good both days, with a bit more sun on the Tuesday.

There were 24 entries of which 16 worked. The days started with C/A. The round was kept simple and flowing; heelwork was followed by the sendaway, a diagonal, then a right re-direct along the hedge line. Unfortunately, only 8 dogs completed this exercise. There was a similar split when it came to the jumps and only 10 dogs gained sufficient marks across the exercise.

On both days I owed a big thank you to Le; her instructions for all exercises were clear and concise. Perhaps it was down to nerves on the day, but not all competitors followed her instructions.

The Track articles were a piece of foam rubber, a spoon and half a dolly peg. The track really narrowed the field, with only two competitors completing the track on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. The search square articles were a cartridge case, part of a hair roller, a short length of chain and a rectangle of mat. Most of the dogs did better in the square than on the track.

**1st** Margery Lee and SYN MISCHIEF'S PARTNER, CDE<sub>x</sub> – WDE<sub>x</sub>, (Syn), WSD, 195.25, Q. A very competent track and square and a nice and tidy C/A round. Well done, Margery and Syn.

**2nd** Rosemary Turner and MALTES-

ER MARY, CDE<sub>x</sub> – WDE<sub>x</sub>, (Nyla), Lab, 169.5, NQ. A good track and square. It was the sendaway and the jumps where the marks were really lost.

**3rd** Angela Sanders and STARSHOT BUCCANEER AT SZIKRAS, CDE<sub>x</sub>, - WDE<sub>x</sub>, (Tyler), HWHV, 168, NQ. Both the speak and the sendaway were major problems in the C/A. A very nice performance in the nosework.

**4th** Carole Brooke and TADMAR-TON DARK REMY, CDE<sub>x</sub> – WDE<sub>x</sub>, (Remy), Lab, 162, NQ. Again both the speak and the sendaway were major problems in the C/A. On the track Remy was highly track motivated, so much so that he did not stop for any of the articles; a shame.

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## **LINCOLNSHIRE GSD AND ABTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

6 – 10 March 2013

Dunholme, Lincoln

## **STAKE: UD**

**Judge: LAURA BARDWELL**

**Tracklayers: Andrea Lynd and Janette Sayer**

**Search Steward: Jenny Henton**

**C/A Steward: Andrea Lynd**

First I would like to wish a speedy recovery and best wishes to Barrie James. I would also like to thank the society for asking me to judge and Chris Bell for doing a great job keeping everything running so smoothly. A very big thank you to Pat Quinn for putting me up in her beautiful home for the night, and thank you to the lovely ladies in the kitchen for all their hard work.

A huge thank you to Andrea Lynd and Jan-



ette Sayer for laying my tracks perfectly; a special thanks to Andrea for jumping in at the last minute, even with a bad leg, to steward my control round. Thank you also to Jenny Henton for laying my squares just as I asked.

Last, but not least, thanks to the competitors who made it a great couple of days.

**1st** Malc Snowden and STARDELL SIRIUS, 180.5, Q. Also won the trophies for the best track and best member. Lovely track to watch on the worst day, together with a tidy control round, getting a well-deserved first place.

**2nd** W J Pearce and WOOLSHAN JONKA, 175. What a lovely round - a pleasure to judge. This dog worked his socks off, you should be very proud of him.

**3rd** Mary Braybrook and GAMEHEART ABERAHAMA, 150.5, NQ. What a cracking little dog; unfortunately missed out the last leg of the track but what a little star. Well done.

**4th** Graham Taylor and GERONIMO BATES, NQ. An absolutely beautiful track but today he found the jumps a bit much for him. I'm sure it will all come together soon - good luck in the future.

## **STAKE: WD**

**Judge: MARK LEWINDON**

**Track-layers: Joe Craft, Steve Smith, John Philips and Chris Bell (one spare on Friday)**

**Square Steward: Glenys Page**

**Control Steward: Steve Smith**

Sandra and I accepted the invitation to judge the CD and WD stakes at Lincoln some time ago and were looking forward to the challenge. We had both prepared our tests when, unfortunately, a week and

a half before the trial, Sandra's Border Collie, Kyte, was struck with epilepsy. Having spent a week with the local vets and Royal Veterinary College, we considered it unfair for him to face the upheaval of immediately going away in the caravan. Sandra, therefore, in Kyte's best interests, reluctantly withdrew from the judging commitment and stayed at home. That was it - I was on my own!! Whilst I often muse about Sandra constantly reassuring me that I haven't been struck with deafness - I felt that I had lost my right arm and was apprehensive about the prospect of not having her to bounce thoughts off. I needn't have worried though - Chris Bell has put a very good team around himself to run the trial. As soon as I arrived, I realised that I had the support of Richard and Theresa Musgrave, Glenys and Brian Page, and the others involved who immediately put me at ease.

The tracking land was fairly immature rape on soft ground that was not sticky but left a good footprint. I set a track pattern consisting of fifteen legs that was, in total, a few paces short of 900 yards. The articles were a green plastic milk bottle top and a 2" square piece of grey/green carpet at the end. Joe laid the early tracks on all three days and Steve the second set. John laid the end tracks and spares on Thursday and Saturday with Chris laying the spare on the Friday. All of the tracks were laid perfectly and in a way that gave the competitors the best chance of getting round.

The first day was quite dry but very cold. The ground was still soft but did not pick up on the boot. On the Friday, it had rained heavily and the ground was quite a lot wetter but still did not get sticky. On Saturday it rained for most of the day and the farmer had moved a bird scarer into the middle of the first tracking field to reduce some of the awful damage being caused by the



pigeons. We managed to work around it with one track lost because I thought that it would have been unfair due to the timing of the reports and proximity to the machine. Most of the dogs either completed the track or a fair proportion of it. Only three dogs appeared to experience real difficulty tracking on the rape.

The square articles were a 150mm long metal pin approximately 10 mm in diameter, a piece of grey electric flex approximately 80mm long, a 50mm cube of wood and 60mm square piece of green cloth. Glenys laid the squares on all three days and was great company. The squares were so well laid that I knew exactly when the dogs had detected and homed in onto articles. I was surprised that only six teams recovered all four articles with only two achieving full marks. Most teams recovered the wood and cloth, but the metal appeared to be difficult on the first day and the cable appeared less easy to locate on the other two days. Twelve of the teams qualified overall on the nosework.

The control was on the showground and Steve Smith stewarded and stay stewarded. Chris describes Steve as his right hand man and I fully understand why. He was very easy to get on with, gave clear instructions, made sure that the rounds flowed - as well as doing a whole range of tasks necessary to make things work. The teams started with the retrieve exercise. I arranged a fairly simple heelwork pattern that moved the handlers in normal and slow pace from the start to a pole from where they executed the sendaway. This was to a large tree approximately 120 yards across open ground. After the sendaway, handlers returned to the start point in fast pace heelwork before completing the agility.

Fifteen teams completed the control and agility and I was very impressed with the standard. Five of the teams achieved full

marks for the heelwork, including Joyce and Heather who came 1st and 2nd respectively. Eight of the dogs scored full mark sendaways with only a few being drawn by a line of orange poles approximately 75 yards off to the right. Heather was also one of three teams, with Jan Baker and Joan Snowden, who scored full marks for the control. Unfortunately Joan's Jess did not achieve sufficient marks for the agility section to qualify.

Thank you to the committee of Lincolnshire German Shepherd Dog and All Breeds Training Society for the invitation to judge, and Chris Bell and his team for their hard work in running the trial. I would also like to thank Sharon Brown and Judy Meekings for running the base, making sure competitors were in the right places at the right times, recording scores and generally ensuring that everything worked well. My thanks also go out to Vicky Gurnhill, Carol Grant, Pat Quinn, Jackie Withers, Jayne Lewis and Theresa Musgrave for keeping me supplied with sausage and egg rolls and other goodies - no mean task. It is important to remember that our sport could not go on without the cooperation of farmers and other landowners and I would like to thank Charles Hood for allowing us to use Grange Farm's land and George Taylor for the use of the showground for the control and agility. Finally, I would like to thank the competitors for entering, attempting the test and accepting my decisions with good grace. Of the 18 teams that attempted the test, eight qualified WDEx and one WD.

21 Entered, 18 ran

**1st** Joyce Tibbetts with Kari, VON-HAUSWOLF MAUD, GSD, 195.5, Q WDEx. Joyce worked on the third day in the rain. Her track was a pleasure to watch - business-like, and the way that the dog identified articles on the track and laid

down was very impressive. Track 88.5 + 20 for the articles and Square 33 - overall the most polished nosework round and well deserving of the award for best track.

**2nd** Heather Patrick with Chuck, SHEREBRIDGE KHAOS, CDEx – UDEx, BC, 189.5, Q WDEx. Heather also worked on the Saturday and we had a chance to chat between the track and square as we waited for the bird scarer to go off. A very good track – 86.5 + 20 for the articles. Chuck achieved one of the two full mark squares in a very quick time. Well done, Heather.

**3rd** Steph Gordon with Tilly, TADMARTON DAYDREAMER TILLY, Lab, 185.5, Q WDEx. Worked on Friday; unfortunately missed two short legs on the track, scoring 78.5 + 20 for the articles, then achieved the second full mark square and only dropped three marks on the control field. Congratulations, Steph.

**4th** Penny Bellis with Jasmine, SHILLINGTON JASMINE, CDEx – UDEx, X-Breed, 183.5, Q WDEx. Penny also worked on the Friday and I have always been impressed how she keeps this very lively GSD/Mali cross focused. They achieved a very competent 86.5 track + 20 for the articles. Unfortunately Jazz couldn't recover the cable from the square and ended with 25. Her control round was very impressive - a real master class in controlling a dog 'on the edge'. The exercises were well executed with a couple of marks lost to barking. I know that you were delighted to have qualified.

#### **Also qualifying WDEx:**

Eleanor Mestraud with Purdy, WOLF-HART CRY HAVOC, CDEx – WDEx, GSD, 179.5. Worked on the first day achieving 83.5 + 20 for the articles. Purdy couldn't recover the metal article and achieved 26 for the square. Well done, Eleanor.

Liz Price with Oliver, LIZLINE OLIVER CROMWELL, GSD, 169.5. Also worked on the first day, negotiating the track very competently but missing the first article. Our hearts were in our mouths as Liz got to the end of the track where, fortunately, her eyesight didn't fail her as she recovered the end article. Track 83.5 with 5 marks for one article. Oliver went on to do a very good search square achieving 33.5 marks and qualifying overall. Well done, Liz.

Kathleen McGuckin with Charlie, CHARLIE DANCER OF COURT, CDEx - WDEx, BC, 169. Kathleen worked on the Friday achieving 81.5 for the track + 20 for the articles. Charlie couldn't locate the cable in the square and ended with 27 marks for that exercise. Congratulations, Kathleen, for qualifying.

Jan Baker with Hazel, MERRYWAY PEBBLE OF JABY, CDEx – UDEx, Golden Retriever, 167. Hazel reached the second from last leg on the track having retrieved the first article but unfortunately went the wrong way, still scoring 72.5. She did retrieve the four articles from the square for 30 points and only dropped a half mark on the control field on the clear jump - an excellent control round! Well done, Jan, for qualifying.

#### **Qualifying WD:**

Eva Robards with Caya, TARNEDGE COLUMBINE, Lab, 157. Eva and Caya also got as far as the second from last leg of the track before going the wrong way, scoring 71. Caya then recovered three articles from the square for 23 marks and scored 33 points for the control and agility.

## STAKE: TD

**Judge: BARRY GILBERT**

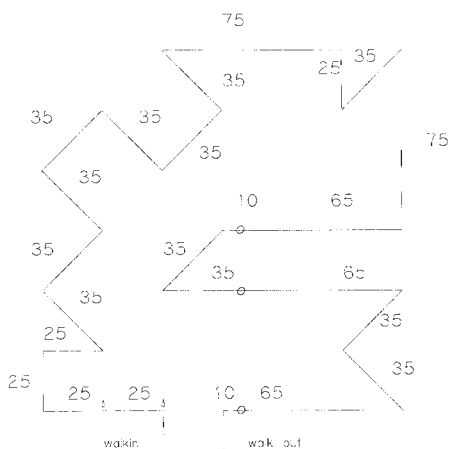
**Tracklayers, Richard Musgrave, Liz Warrior, Brian Page, John Phillips.**

**Search Stewards, Tricia Harding, Barbara Wesley.**

**C and A Steward, Steve Smith.**

Chris Bell and his team ran a very efficient and friendly trial which made judging a pleasure. There were 50 entries with 41 runners.

Nosework was all carried out in one large winter wheat field. The growth was consistent but a little bit less than normal at this time of year. The weather was cold and misty with overnight rain most days except for Saturday which was rainy all day. Sunday was cold with the odd flurry of snow.



The track was designed to give the dogs a straightforward start and then test their ability to work a series of legs laid at an angle across the line of the drill. Next was a section to put some length into the track and test the handlers' confidence that their dog hadn't missed an article yet. The articles, (4" x 1" woven rush, orange bristles, 9" long plant stem) were all in the last third

of the pattern, laid well away from corners in the direction the dog approached them and in a position which made recovery easy for the tracklayers if necessary.

The search was laid in a way which foiled the central area with three articles near the edge and one large article in the centre. The articles were a foil ashtray, drinking straw, pipe cleaner and a 4"x1" piece of a pullover.

There were 29 qualifiers after the nosework.

The control round started with heelwork followed by the jumps. Speak was at heel whilst walking round a horse jump and then the sendaway which was 80 paces out to a wooden marker in line with the finishing point, 120 paces right to the boundary and then 150 paces left to another horse jump. There were 18 qualifiers overall. Best track went to Kath Woolley.

**1st** Sheila Tannert with STYPERSON EBONY, 205.5. Ebony's first ticket and well worked by Sheila.

**2nd** Glenys Page with WTCh BILKO'S GLORY, 203. Also won the trophy for Best Member.

**3rd** Sue Ashby with WTCh THE TITAN, 201. Won the runoff for 3rd.

**4th** Margaret Robinson with JUST FRANKIE AT TRENTVALLEY, 201.

### Also qualifying TDEx:

S Boyall, VANQUISH ULTIMATE EDITION

P Bryan, KIPCROFT ETERNAL FLAME AT BRYNBOURNE.

E De Unger, WTCh STYPERSON ROYCE  
G Haim, LAWINICK STILL OF THE NIGHT

G Haim, WTCh WAGGERLAND DILEMMA

J Lewis, R U S H B O T T O M

RHYNESTONE BROWS  
D Ling, WTCh DEBEN LITTLE TOM  
T Lockyer, WTCh LAWINICK COME N  
GET IT AT HARTSHILL  
D Olley, WTCh LITTLE RAYMOND  
G Page, BRIGLEN JOSS  
J Skipp, ZAK OF SKIPAWAY  
M Williams, MARINA BEN'S PAL  
N Williams, SUNSHINE ANTIC  
P Williams, SUNSHINE PIP

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## SATS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

13 -16 March 2013  
Black Robin Farm, Eastbourne.

### STAKE: CD

**Judge: JOHN WEST**

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I would like to thank SATS for the invitation to judge, especially as it was the first time on these grounds. However, I was not best pleased with the power above on the weather that was placed upon us - bitter cold of minus degrees, gale force winds mixed with sleet and hail; with that in mind I'm completely dumbfounded that any dog could qualify but qualify they did.

With all this bad weather the one man band kitchen and base organiser was Linda Allen, who needs a medal for keeping us all well fed, making us warm on the inside - thanks a million for your great work. A big thank you to Sue Redshaw for her excellent accommodation, evening meal and the ample wine - sorry you don't drink!

Finally a big thank you to Francis Webb for an excellent run trial. With all the newness of the grounds and farmer it is never easy

the first time to get it right, but get it right you did - very well done.

As I said above the weather was appalling, so to see the four below all coping was brilliant and the only comment I can add is that they were all GSD's; maybe you could suggest that in the gale force winds the rest were simply blown away! Well done to you all and I look forward to seeing you all in the future.

**1st** Manda McLellan and GARTON-HAUS BORA OF ASHLINDT, GSD, B, 90.5, Q CDEx. Although losing a few marks here and there it was a good performance in the weather conditions. It also proves beneficial to have both stays in CD.

**2nd** Betty Briley and JETRIIL JIG, GSD, B, 84, Q CDEx. As the first, another excellent round in these conditions with the best marks for the square; will do well in the future as she made the jumps look easy!

**3rd** Rosemary Turner and KHAMYSKER KALAMITY KATE, GSD, B, 80 Q CDEx. Some mouthing in the square but in general a good effort gaining third place after a run off with fourth.

**4th** Bill Hardaway and VIKKAS CRUISE OF BURNAWAY, GSD, D, 80, Q CDEx. A very excitable boy; if he ever calms down he's another dog that Bill could take to the top. He was narrowly beaten in the run off with third.

### STAKE: WD

**Judge: MICK TUSTAIN**

**Tracklayers: Ruth Payton, Les Allen**

**Square steward: David Green**

**C/A Steward: Lynn Watkins**

**Thank you all.**

Thank you to SATS for the invitation to judge. A big thank you to Frances Webb,

who managed to secure a new venue at short notice, when difficult weather conditions meant a number of trials were being cancelled. Thank you to Dennis Webb for general help, to Linda Allen for keeping us very well fed, and anyone else who helped in the background.

Although on grass, conditions were quite difficult for tracking, it being very windy on Beachy Head!

**1st** Mrs Val Thomson's TRACE-LYN DANCING IN THE DARK, CDEx – UDEx, GSD, B, 177.5, Q. A very nice young dog, worked well throughout in difficult conditions.

**2nd** Judith Owen with BRENTMOOR JAY, BC, D, 160.5, Q. A close shave - the wind didn't help, well done.

**3rd** Jane Wood with LUDGATE POWER N GLORY, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, BC, D, 172.5, NQ. Enjoyed eating the snow, worked well but was a mark short on the agility.

**4th** Ms Sylvia Cook with MR MOSS AT GOLDOAK, WSD, CDEx, UDEx, WSD, D, NQ.

**STAKE: TD**

**Judge: ANNE COLLEN**

**Tracklayers: Denis Webb, Richard Cornwell and Linda Bowden.**

**Search/Control Steward: Vickie Dixon.**

Thank you very much indeed to SATS Committee for inviting me to judge the 'ticket'. I'm just sorry I didn't manage to bring some good weather over with me! Sincere thanks to trials manager extraordinaire, Frances Webb, without whom the trial could easily have been abandoned. Frances had the unenviable task of cold calling on farmers to find more land at the

last minute when the original venue had been lost. She came up trumps and found a 1,000 acre sheep farm, high up on the South Downs, overlooking Beachy Head. As well as running the trial, Frances also had us to stay. So a big thank you to her and Denis for all the hospitality we received; nothing was too much trouble, including being chauffeured every evening by Denis .... a luxury!

Thank you to Linda Allen, who was looking after the catering singlehanded at the Base. Your hot food was so welcome when we got back in each day after the tracking. A huge thank you to my tracklayers, Denis, Richard and Linda, you all deserve a medal! It's not much fun laying when the weather is bad, and then to have to stand there and see dog after dog being defeated by the conditions is soul destroying. A special thank you to Vickie, who travelled over with me, laid all the squares and stewarded the control - much appreciated.

The tracking was on sheep grazed pasture, all in one undulating 100 acre field. It varied slightly from very bare at the top of the field, getting longer as you went down the field. It was perfectly nice land if the weather had been kinder. I had revised my track pattern and made it simpler and shorter when I was advised of the change of land and also the weather forecast for the week. My track articles were: 3" x 2" green plastic mesh, 3" long piece of knotted hessian cord, 3" long twig.

Search articles were: 5.5" long doubled up and knotted piece of green wool, 3.5" long piece of hessian cord, 3" long piece of brown plastic wire and 3"x 2.5" flat stone. The weather - freezing cold with strong to gale force winds were the main factors. Other factors came into play on various days.... snow, melting snow, frozen ground which was thawing out, driving rain/hail/sleet..... and some sunshine too!

The control round was straightforward and started with the speak. Handlers had the option to tie their dogs up or not. They then joined me about 12 paces away and with their backs to their dogs got them to speak, cease, speak, and cease. This was followed by heelwork up to the start of the sendaway. The outrun, for 5 marks, was 220 paces up to a gate in the top of the field. Because of the hill, the dogs couldn't see the boundary at the top of the field until they were most of the way up the hill. This caused a lot of dogs to pull across to the left hand boundary and go up the field along this boundary.

They were then asked to recall their dogs and stop them at a marker about halfway down the hill for 2 marks, and then redirect them across the field 110 paces to an orange pole in the right-hand boundary, for the remaining 3 marks. Another bit of heel work brought competitors back to the jumps to finish.

34 dogs entered, 25 dogs worked and at the end of 4 days it was disappointing to have only 5 qualifiers; 1 on day 1, 3 on day 2, 1 on day 3 and no one on the last day which was the wettest day.

**1st place and CC** W T C h  
LAWNINICK COME N GET IT AT  
HARTSHILL, GSD, B, with Tony Lockyer, 202.5, Q. When the going gets tough, the tough get going! This proved to be the case with Isla. She had to work really hard on the track and then went on to make light work of the square. Congratulations, Tony, you are certainly on a roll at the moment! Nosework: 92, 30, 35, C/A: 27.5, 19.

**2nd and Reserve CC** K I P C R O F T  
ETERNAL FLAME AT BRYNBOURNE,  
BC, B, with Paul Bryan, 192.5, Q. I really enjoyed watching this little dog work. She is super keen but also very responsive and in tune with her handler. Well done!

Onwards and upwards now!! 94, 25, 25.5; 28.5, 19.5, Best Track.

**3rd** WTCh THE TITAN, WSD, D, with Sue Ashby, 187.5, Q. Super consistent partnership...Titan really enjoys his work. He put his all into completing the track under the difficult conditions and then couldn't wait to get on and do his square. Best control round. Well done, Sue. 91.5, 20, 25.5; 31, 19.5.

**4th** WILLOWMEG FRATEAS AT KIRLIZEGAN, GSD, B, with Maureen Regan, 176, Q. Did a really nice track until near the end, just lost concentration and was unable to complete the last 2 legs. Meggie is just new to 'ticket' and showed great promise for the future... best of luck with her. 87, 20, 26; 28, 15.

#### **Qualifying TD:**

STYPERSON BRIG AT WINDLEBROOK, Lab, D, with Judy Meekings, 174. Impressive nosework by this dog, was unlucky not to complete the track, followed by a great square!

Finally, thank you to all who entered and an even bigger thank you to all of you who braved the elements and came out to play.... may you be rewarded by having beautiful weather at your future trials!

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

15 – 17 March 2013  
Danbury, Essex

#### **TRIALS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Thanks to Essex Committee for their sup-



port both before and during the Trial. Many thanks to our judges: Len Newman (TD), Lee Payne (PD), Le Newman (TD, WD and UD C/A), Penny Bann (WD), Vana Moody (UD) and Doreen Hook (Intro) and their tracklayers, helpers and criminals. I'll let the judges name and thank their helpers for each stake.

Big thanks to Jan Vallack, base steward for all three days. It is very comforting to have someone of Jan's experience working alongside you; she's also brilliant in keeping the Trials Manager supplied with cigarettes until he could nip out to buy some green papers!

As Napoleon has been attributed with saying: "An army marches on its stomach" – well, our stomachs would have been empty if it hadn't been for Penny Bann's mum, Gwen, doing a sterling job in the kitchen. On Friday she catered with Helen Brown's help (thanks, Helen, for standing in at such short notice) and on Saturday and Sunday she ran the kitchen single-handed. To say she was a star is an understatement.

Many thanks to our farmers, Richard and Mrs Speakman, who, at every trial, seem to make unlimited land available for our use. Thank you to all the competitors who entered our trial - whether you qualified or not I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Good luck at your future trials.

We had 60 entries: (21 TD, 6 PD, 10 WD, 11 UD and 12 Intro) and ended up with 48 competing over the three days. The weather was "variable" with occasions of driving rain and very strong winds. The tracks for all tracking stakes were on winter wheat with about 3-4 inches of growth, C/A, PD Patrol and the Intro stake were on pasture. A working trial is like a big jigsaw; it only needs one piece missing to fail. So, many thanks to everyone, without ALL your help the trial would not run.

**DAVE SELF**

## **STAKE: WD NOSEWORK**

**Judge: PENNY BANN**

**Tracklayers: Gary Martin, Caroline Martin and Amanda Pollard**

**Square Steward: Ann Wright**

Thank you to the Essex 2000 committee for the invitation to judge the WD nosework. Thank you to my tracklayers, Gary, Caroline and Amanda for laying the tracks and Ann for laying the squares exactly as asked - all your company, as usual, was fun and made the wind and rain bearable!!

10 teams entered and 8 ran. The weather was awful; the wind and rain came at us sideways making it hard work for some of the dogs. Only two dogs completed the track, which were the first two of the day when the weather wasn't "quite as bad". The tracking was on 4 inch winter wheat and tracking articles were half a shotgun cartridge and 2 x 1.5 block of wood as the end article. The square articles were a 2" x 0.5" piece of green fleece, a shotgun cartridge end, a wooden dowel and 1" x 0.5" piece of carpet. Thank you to all the competitors who entered under me and good luck for the future.

**1st** Helen Brown with MANPOL SAPPHIRE, (Freya), GSD, B, 187, Q. Freya worked beautifully, losing only 1 point on the track and 2 in the square. Congratulations on qualifying and a well-deserved win.

**2nd** Shirley Simpson with WESTMIDS KYRE, (Lynx), GSD, B, 180, Q. Lynx started the track slowly, munching her way round the first half of the track, then settled down and finished it with style. Congratulations on your qualification.

**3rd** Jenefer Le Mesurier with AFON



ANDYPANY AT BRYNFFRWD, (Pandy),  
HWHV, B, 87.5, NQ. Pandy found the  
conditions a bit tough for her today, only  
managing two legs – better luck next time.

**4th** Diane Whiting with SHELTYSH-  
AM SO ESOTERIC, (Eric), BC, D, 76.5,  
NQ. Eric also struggled with the wind and  
rain today, only managing the first leg –  
good luck at your next trial.

*cont. next month*

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20th July 2013.  
Hockley Community Centre, Hockley, Essex.

Introductory Stake.  
Judges: Mark and Sandra Lewindon.

The Entry fee is £10.00 / £8.00 members.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2013.**

Schedules from /Entries with fees to  
Simon Bown, 56 Woodfield Road, Hadleigh, Essex, SS7 2EH  
Tel: 01702557382/ 07949646468

**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.  
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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**

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(11th ) 12th – 13th July 2013

Introductory, CD & WD Stakes all work in one day

At; The Village Hall, Oakwood Hill, Nr Ockley, Surrey. RH5 5PU

Judges

PD Stake

Lauren Marlow

WD Stake

Caroline Martin

CD Stake

Carole Brooke

Introductory Stake

Marney Wells

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes - £20.00. Members - £18. £1.00 reduction for Senior Citizens

CD Stake - £12.00 Introductory Stake - £10.00

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY JUNE 17TH 2013**

Schedules from/Entries with Fees to the Trials Secretary: Mrs. Christine Brooks  
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**NORTH EAST COUNTIES WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY  
OPEN TRIAL**

At: North Northumberland Canine Centre, Unit 10, Lee Moor Business Park,  
Rennington, Nr Alnwick. NE66 7RL

From: 19th – 21st July, 2013.

Judges	PD	Jacqui Gibney.
	WD	Lorraine Wilson.
	UD	Pam Cuthbert.
	CD	Sharon Dunn.

TRIALS MANAGER: JACQUIE HALL.  
TEL: 01665 589559 Mobile : 07813 912889

**ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE, 2013.**

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

ENTRY FORMS, FEE AND S.A.E. TO:  
Miss Jacqui Hall, The Bungalow, Tughall Grange, Chathill, Northumberland. NE67 5EN.  
(Any KC approved entry form will be accepted)

**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**

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**For Schedules and/or Membership Information** (*S.A.E. please*)

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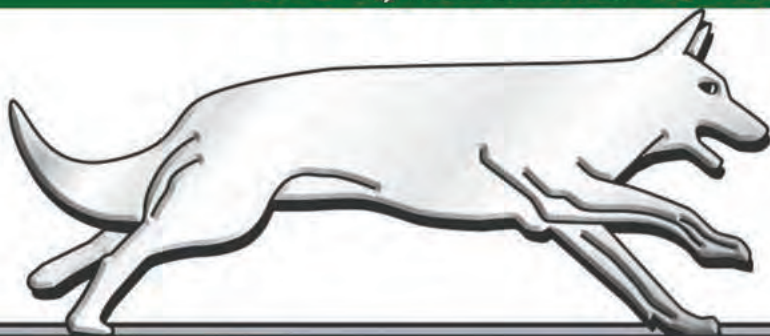
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