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EDITORIAL

There has only been one championship trial this month. Congratulations go to Glenys Page WTCh Bilko's Glory for winning the TD ticket at ASPADS Scarborough trial under judge Anne Bedford.

Wow! It appears my reply to John Wykes letter in last month's issue caused a reaction, I have never had so many emails and phone calls in response to one letter. Sadly, they all have one thing in common – they are unwilling to put their name to their comments for fear of upsetting others. One person who phoned in, wouldn't even give me her first name for fear of it getting back to the club she trains at. She explained that the newer competitors need all the help they can get and upsetting the more experienced handlers by being outspoken is probably not the best way forward – I can see her point but if this the norm then how are the committees going to find out what the members want? Somewhere something is failing, as someone once said to me "everyone is entitled to an opinion, and that opinion is valid to at least one person. Whether it can stand up to debate is another matter". I personally have always found trials folk to be open and receptive to suggestions and always willing to get into a debate. and I think that we will all agree that it is a sad state of affairs when less established handlers won't voice their opinions because they feel that they will penalised. Maybe this is something that could be discussed at committee level?

I do need to set one thing straight: neither WTM or myself are championing the small dog debate. As I said last month I have no strong opinion either way on this subject, neither are we advocating change for the sake of change. We are advocating that

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Working Trials moves with the times for the betterment of the sport.

Just a note to all the competitors who phoned and emailed me last month; whilst I appreciate hearing your comments if they had been made to your local committee representative they would have carried much more weight.

For the first time in the 10 years that I have been running this magazine we have a situation that all trial reports that have been submitted have been printed. This is probably due to the amount of trials we lost earlier in the year. Could I please ask all judges and trial managers, if you have an

outstanding trial report could you please submit it as soon as possible otherwise next month's magazine might be a bit light.

MARK SKILLIN
EDITOR

DON'T FORGET ENTRIES CLOSING

September

2nd	East Anglia WTS (Kings Lynn, ends 29th September)	OP	CD UD PD
3rd	Scottish WTS (Macmerry, ends 6th October)	OP	CD UD WD TD PD
9th	Surrey WTS (Oakwood Hill, ends 6th October)	OP	CD UD PD
9th	Avon WTTS (St. Briavels, ends 6th October)	OP	Intro CD
11th	Scottish Kennel Club (Muthill, ends 13th October)	OP	CD TD
14th	Midland Counties GSDA (Walesby, ends 13th October)	CH	CU UD WD PD
18th	North East Counties WTS (Satley, ends 27th October)	CH	CD UD WD TD Vet
20th	BADSD (Long Compton, ends 27th October)	OP	CD UD TD
26th	ICENI (Tollesbury, ends 3rd November)	CH	CD UD WD TD

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BILL HARDAWAY

1935 – 2013

As reported last month, Bill Hardaway passed away on the 18th July 2013 at St Michael's Hospice, Hastings. Bill's contribution to working trials and dog training in general cannot be overstated he will be greatly missed. Below are a few comments from those who knew him well.

The Kennel Club

The Kennel Club has paid tribute to Bill Hardaway, Vice President and former Vice Chairman of the Kennel Club, who sadly passed away recently.

Bill was elected as a member of the Kennel Club in May 1986, having already previously become Chairman of the Kennel Club's Working Trials and Obedience Sub Committee (now the Activities Sub Committee).

During his time at the Kennel Club he served on the General Committee from 1991 and served as Vice Chairman from 2002 until his retirement in 2010. He was also a well-respected member of the Finance and General Purposes Sub Committee, Crufts Sub Committee and was elected as a Vice President of the Kennel Club at its AGM in 2010.

He was a driving force behind the introduction of the Good Citizen Dog Scheme, becoming chairman of the first GCDS Working Party in the early 1990s and then chairing the scheme itself for 18 years. Under his tutelage, the first bronze GCDS award was given in 1992, and he oversaw the introduction of the silver, gold and puppy foundation assessments as it became the largest and most respected dog training scheme in the UK.

He was also Chairman of the Young Kennel Club, formerly the Kennel Club Junior

Organisation, from 1993 - 2001.

Latterly, he was instrumental in the creation of the Accredited Instructor Scheme in Dog Training and Canine Behaviour.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary, said: "The Kennel Club would like to pay tribute to Bill Hardaway; an extraordinary individual who was utterly dedicated to the various important roles that he played at the Kennel Club.

"He made a significant difference to the world of dogs, particular through his passion for and commitment to improving dog training. Thanks to his ideas and initiative, the Kennel Club now has the largest and most respected dog training scheme in the UK, through the Good Citizen Dog Training Scheme, and the only scheme in the UK for dog trainers and behaviourists to have City and Guilds recognition, in the KCAI scheme.

"Bill put an incredible amount of time, passion and expertise into his work and represented the Kennel Club at events in the UK and abroad. He will always be remembered for his calm and supportive approach and our most sincere condolences go to Heather and the rest of his family."

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BILL HARDAWAY

Edited by C.C. Guard

The sad loss of Bill Hardaway led to several "old" Working Trialists meeting up at his funeral. The stories flowed so I asked some people to contribute to his memory with happy stories of his first years Working Trials dogs.

Wendy Stephens and her family, first met Bill in 1970, when Graham was tracklaying for Brian Hall at a Working

Trial in Wiltshire. She writes:

Our paths often crossed at the four Working Trials and Tracking Rally held by SATS each year. As many of you may remember, S.A.T.S. used the Anchor Inn at Hartfield as our accommodation base and mine host also provided evening meals for the judges, helpers etc. To this day, whenever anyone says Grace before a meal I always think of Bill saying Grace at The Anchor: "We thank the Lord for what we've got, a little bit more and we'd have a lot".

We regularly danced to the Juke Box - Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree springs to mind! We played crazy pub games and drank copious amounts of alcohol until at least 2.00 or 3.00a.m. We always knew when Bill was thinking about slowing down as he asked Mike to pass the large jar of pickled eggs and he downed two or three, much to my disgust.

Even though Bill may not have put his head on his pillow until the early hours (or in some cases when it was daylight outside) he would always be up early singing loudly whilst everyone else was holding their heads. On only one occasion did he miss his 'Full English' as he had to rush down to the Obedience Field at the end of the village where he was judging the Championship C.D.Stake. We couldn't let that happen so I arranged for Mike -pub landlord - to take a breakfast tray down to Bill at the field, much to his enjoyment. Somewhere there is a photo that I took to mark the occasion.

Aside from meeting up at Trials, we would often spend Boxing Day or New Year's Eve at one or another's house, or meet up at Concerts.

A couple of times Bill and Sonia joined Graham and I on our annual trip to the German Sieger Show.

Once, after the Show, Bill and Sonia had dinner with us at the home of our German friends and something must have disagreed with Bill's digestion as, after we left them at Frankfurt Airport, we later heard that Bill felt seriously unwell and locked himself in the restroom for about 30 minutes. The police started hammering on the door as there was a problem with the Baader-Meinhof group at that time and they were suspicious of 'the person' in the restroom. Bill was shocked to see police with machine guns outside the door and he and Sonia only just managed to catch their flight out of Germany.

We shared some great times until in 1985, when for business reasons, I had to resign as secretary of S.A.T.S. and our paths only crossed a few times each year - at Crufts, the Kennel Club Championships and maybe another couple of local Trials. We were saddened for Bill and his family, Billy, Karen and Roger when we attended Sonia's funeral.

Another phase of Bill's life opened up when he married Heather a few years later and they seemed so very happy together. We would often see them when they brought their dogs into our kennels to board.

Bill was the last person, apart from family, to visit Graham at the hospital on the day that he died and he kindly agreed to read a poem at Graham's funeral.

My son, Jonno, and I visited Bill in his room in the Hospice about a week before his passing, and we both commented on how stoical he was even then.

We send hugs and sincere condolences to Heather, Billy, Karen and Roger as we say goodbye to our friend Bill.

Yvonne Fisk, returning from Menorca for Bill's funeral, joined forces with Brian and Shirley Hall, to contribute:

Our first meeting was in 1970 on a trip to Germany, organised by Brian Hall to see the Sch Sieger "Fang von Stalhammer at the Lanas Groupen Sar Club, Saarbruchen, South Germany. I had arranged free flights by TWA to Frankfurt, when John Francis phoned to ask if Bill could come, "Bill who?", "he'll mix with us" was the reply, so we met for the first time at Heathrow Airport. The hotel I had booked through the Tourist Board was a Temperance Hotel (for Working Trials folk?). So after purchasing food and drink, we congregated in Bill Reid's room which became the bar and kitchen. Bedtime came, but John and Bill stayed up playing poker with the hotel owner. Next morning there was no hotel bill to pay. How much John and Bill pocketed was their secret! We hired a Volkswagon and set off for Saarbrucken. The hotel there was superb, guarded by a large black GSD who lay in the corridor, unmoving, and had to be stepped over. At night Brian and Shirley's bedroom door opened, the GSD entered and cuddled up to them for the night on their bed!

The next day at the Club, a proper Club house with wood burning stove, a good bar and even kennels for members to use before and after working their dogs. It was essential, as in those days most dogs travelled in the boot of the car. Everything was beautifully organised. Fang had travelled from North Germany, through appalling snow and ice. He worked perfectly, a super dog and a joy to watch. The club members all worked their dogs, including Dobermans, Rottweilers, and Boxers – all with cropped ears and docked tails and not a Collie in sight. We watched

a dog work, then rushed into the Club house for a glass of schnapps, then out again to watch the next dog. This continued all day! By now Bill was one of our group already like an old friend.

We were joined by Miss Von Stephanitz whose father was responsible for creating the breed of the GSD and of its use in the German forces, before World War 1..

Stalhammer Kennels invited us for a visit, again the quality of the place and the superb dogs were a joy to see.

We returned to Frankfurt Airport and to chaos. Unknown to us the first ever hijacking of planes had happened, it was flown to Dawson's Field, emptied and then blown up. We had never seen to many armed forces and police – if you moved in the wrong direction a gun was in your back. The planes of course were hopelessly delayed, entailing a wait of ten hours. When called we suffered the first ever body searches – very physical too! Arriving safely at Heathrow Bill must have wondered what sort of crazy gang he had joined, but said he had had a very enjoyable time.

Bill appeared shortly afterwards at Trials starting a long and successful working trials career and becoming a stalwart friend to us all.

Janet Jones, whose husband Mike appears tracking his GSD dog Jasper on every copy of Working Trials Monthly, wrote the following:

My early memories of Bill go back over forty years when Mike and I both worked our dogs in Working Trials. On one occasion I remember Bill was tracking his

dog on Ashdown Forest when he suddenly saw smoke coming from the Obedience base. He immediately said “that’s Roger” - his son and it was.

My most recent memory was in 2011. I rang Bill and asked him if he would find me a good litter of GSD puppies. He went to a lot of trouble and found a litter in Suffolk. Bill and Heather came with me when I chose an all black bitch aged four weeks. Inka has turned out to be a lovely dog with a great temperament. She will always remind me of Bill and all his help.

Susan Wood, who as Susan Hodson, won the first two KC Championships with her black Lab Maggi, says:

My first memory of Bill was on Hankley Common in Surrey. I was tracklaying and Bill was competing with his dog Quanto, very large G.S.D. Hankley, a mixture of heather and sand, could be quite difficult for tracking at times. Bill had failed his track was putting his dog back in the car, I asked how he had got on, he said it reminded him of a tracking camel! I’m not sure if he had ever seen one, but what a dry sense of humour.

Over the years I competed alongside Bill many times. He was a good competitor (quite nervous at times), his judging was always very fair he didn’t give marks away easily and you had to earn the marks as you should. Bill competed in Obedience, Working Trials, and Breed. He helped his late wife Sonia run S.A.T.S Breed Show for several years and tracklaid for many Working Trial Clubs.

One memory that I will always remember was at the Welsh Kennel Club Trial Championship, T.D. Stake. I was in the

lead after the nosework, but I was not going to jump my Labrador bitch Maggi as she had just got over an injury and this was to be her last Trial. So on the Saturday morning I quietly went up to Bill, who was a few marks behind me and told him that if he won this stake he would make his GSD Ike into a Working Trial Champion. After the trial he sent me an enormous box of chocolates for helping to calm his nerves - a lovely memory. How the Dog World and all your friends will miss you.

Jane Gray is the newest contributor:

I first met Bill properly in the early 1980’s when he asked me to join SATS committee. As Ronnie Irving has said Bill was calm and never made a rash decision. He stopped me making many, especially when I was secretary of SATS. From then we became good friends. Both he and his late wife Sonia were a great help in training my Labradors for Working Trials.

When Bill and I were at Benfleet KC CH, he helped me calm my nerves, even though he was competing himself.

He had a lovely sense of humour and we had great times together, especially after a trial - usually in a pub.

Bill had great knowledge of many things especially dog related. I remember when we met up at a Bloodhound Trial in Devon. Exhausted after walking miles following the Bloodhounds we ended up in a pub, trying to explain Working Trials to Bloodhound owners.

One memory was coming home from work, being met by my Dolly (my husband) who said “go to Bill and Sonia’s Diamonds

puppies are coming”. I rushed off to witness the birth of my Ziggy being born.

After losing his first wife Sonia, it was wonderful seeing Bill so happy again with Heather.

Bill’s death will be a great loss to the dog world. I’ve lost a good friend, but the world has lost a lovely man and a ‘true gentleman’. Goodbye my friend, thank you for all the fun times together and for my lovely Ziggy.

C.C.’s turn now: I too sat on SATS committee for several years with the people who have remembered Bill in this article. They were very happy times and we often used to meet in Albert, a ten foot caravan, to partake of “Failing Sherry”. Fourteen of us squeezed inside, with Yvonne regaling us with tales of her dearest Woody. Tears poured down Wendy’s cheeks - once wound up you couldn’t stop Yvonne.

Bill used to come to Haslemere Open Trial to tracklay for many years. I supplied cooked breakfast for twelve people at 5.00 am before everyone moved on to Hankley Common to start laying tracks at 7.00 am. Susan supplied 50 buns at 11.00 to tide everyone over until lunchtime and of course cakes for tea.

When Bill joined the KC our paths crossed at the WT Liaison Council and the then WT & Obedience Sub Committee. We also worked together in the early days of the KCJO (now the YKC) and Bill joined us at the Cobham camps.

It is left to me to tell the tale of the daffodil. At the Blunsdon Hotel, we all gathered before the C & A at the old BAA Swindon trial the next day. There was a large bowl

of daffodils on the table. “Someone said “what lovely daffodils”. “Are they?” said Bill and promptly ate one, then jumped out of the open window. “My Bill, My Bill” where is he?” said Sonia. We all searched the hotel grounds for Bill, who was eventually found asleep in his bedroom.

C.C. Guard

TRAINING YOUR DOG FOR TRIALS

Sendaway Part 3

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Now that I can take my dog 20 – 30 paces away from a pole which is pre-loaded with his reward, and let him go in the knowledge that he will run with enthusiasm to the pole and claim his reward, my next two tasks are clear;

1. I need to vary the distance the dog runs, gradually increasing it – but not so quickly that my dog loses confidence or enthusiasm; - which could result in losing speed, looking back over his shoulder, or deviating from his path.
2. I need to teach a set-up that indicates the direction in which I want the dog to go.

The Set-Up

My aim is to sit the dog facing the direction in which I am going to send him. Leaving him in the sit I will walk a few paces towards that destination, call him up to me, and then send him to continue along that line. This is taught in stages.

The Gate

Teaching the set-up can be a bit fiddly to start, but it is worth the hassle as when taught properly it makes it easier to explain to the dog the direction you want him to go

when there is no pole or reward out there. If you remember, we got to the stage that we could peg the ‘ball-on-rope’ to the pole, drag him away and release him to run away from you to get the toy on the command, “Get-it.” (Or if he was not interested in a ball we used food in a ladle.) Here comes the tricky bit: holding on to his collar straddle him and verbally wind him up to look at his reward on the pole, release him to ‘get-it’ when he is straining to get to it. I call this part of my set-up, ‘the gate.’ I find that holding the dog back whilst encouraging him to get the reward increased the drive to get to it, just like horses and greyhounds are restrained in a gate at the beginning of a race.



fig 1 the ‘gate’

The gate is best taught just a few paces from the pole; it saves a whole lot of walking up and back! Your dog will find you less intimidating and be more inclined to look at the pole if you hold him out in front of you, not between your feet, with your body towering over him! Only release him when he is looking at the pole. If he is a little timid you may have to tease him a little or get a friend to wave the toy around to encourage him to lean into the ‘gate.’ See fig. 1

The Sit

Next we need to introduce an element of control without dampening his enthusiasm. I want him to sit on command before allowing him to go. (Note I said ‘allowing him to go,’ not sending or making – but allowing!)



fig 2 Sit

I hang the reward on the pole and drag my dog away as before (just a few paces) I tell him to “sit.” If my dog is a ‘foodie’ type, I will reward him with a treat from my pocket for doing the sit on command. If he is too interested in the ball to eat (as many working dogs are) do not worry. It is easier if they like both (or are conditioned to eat during training See WTM July 2012) but it is not essential. However your dog must do the ‘sit’, before being allowed to run to the pole. This does not mean you can shout at him, or shove him to make him sit: it means you must make it easier for him to get it right- after all you want the dog to want to go and presumably you want to enjoy working together. So keep it fun. If necessary remove the toy from the pole and put it in your pocket. Ask the dog to sit and when he does, reward him with the toy.

It is so much easier if your dog enjoys a food reward because he can take the reward and remain sitting, whereas he will break the ‘sit’ to play with a toy, and then

you have to start over again. If your dog is not too keen on treats it might be worth cooking some liver, or something really tasty just to make your training easier.

Repeat this until you can leave the reward on the pole, take your dog a few paces away, ask him to sit, reward him for sitting (verbally or with a titbit) and then verbally release him to run and grab his (second) reward from the pole (without the need for physical restraint). Dogs are great gamblers, so after a few of these you will not have to reward the dog for sitting every time. He will sit expecting a reward and you will just skip that and progress to send the dog to the pole for his reward.

Setting the Direction

Next we need to teach him to sit and wait, while you walk the line (setting the direction) and then call him up into the gate, before sending him on to the pole to get his reward.



Fig 3 sit wait before gate – pole in sight

I find that teaching the dog to come into the gate from the ‘sit’ is best taught separately (when there is no ball and no pole to distract). Simply ask your dog to sit and stand right in front of him – but with your back to him. Like a present in a novice recall, except you are facing the wrong way! You

may find at this stage that your ‘wait’ needs a little work!!! Bend forward and show your dog a treat between your knees, pop it on his nose and call him though your legs (into the gate) to get his treat. Repeat this exercise until he is au fait with it and then proceed to increase the number of steps you take before calling him up. Now you are ready to put the bits together and set the line of the sendaway.

Putting it all together

This might seem a whole lot of training, but you do not need to go more than 10 – 20 paces from the pole to teach these ‘set-up’ exercises.

Now you are ready to begin training your sendaway complete with the set-up. Hang your reward on the pole as usual and take your dog a short way from it (he will probably not need to be dragged now he is beginning to get the idea). Turn to face the pole and ask him to sit beside you (on your left). Take a few steps towards the pole, and then make the gate by stepping aside with your left leg (you will then be directly in the path of your dog as he moves forward towards the pole). Call your dog into the gate, hold him back, and encourage him to strain towards the pole. Give his ‘get-it’ command and allow him to go and reward himself at the pole.



Fig 4 dog self rewarding

BOOK REVIEW

COMPONENT TRAINING FOR TDx



By Ed Presnall

You may have noticed that I have not mentioned a sendaway command: all I have used until now is the release word, “Get-it.” This is done deliberately because I do not want any apprehension, or misunderstanding associated with my all important sendaway command.

You will also have noticed that at the beginning of this month’s lesson I said, “I need to vary the distance the dog runs, gradually increasing it – but not so quickly that my dog loses confidence or enthusiasm, which could result in losing speed, looking back over his shoulder, or deviating from his path.” If you remember; to do this we were simply hanging the reward on the pole, taking the dog away and then releasing him to run straight to the pole. This training should be continuing alongside the set-up training, so that when the set-up is taught the dog can confidently run quite a way to get his reward. It is while building up this fun part of the exercise, with no control, that I introduce my sendaway command. I simply say my command, just as I release the dog.

Now when putting it all together I hang the reward, take the dog away and turn to face the pole: Tell him to sit, take a few paces towards the pole, call the dog into the gate: Tease and check he is looking in the right direction, and then give my sendaway command just as I release him.

Once he understands this whole process I can combine my set-up with the distance building and I have a complete exercise. It is still only a ‘go to,’ but we now have good communication and a good basis on which to build.

Anne Bussey

Although this book has been written with the American tracking qualification of TDx in mind this should not deter potential readers considering this test consists of a track 800 – 1000 yards in length with 5 – 7 corners aged from 3 – 5 hours old and four articles with a couple of cross tracks.

This is not necessarily a book for the complete beginner as an understanding of the basic principles of tracking is required to get the best out of it.

Ed starts by reminding readers that we require our dogs to modify their natural hunting and tracking skills to comply with a man made set of regulations; that a dog’s nose is capable of identifying the location of the articles on a ticket track whilst standing at the start however in order to qualify he needs to negotiate the track pattern and that tracking is a team sport.

He then gives a brief outline of the various tracking tests around the world (not exhaustive).

An explanation follow on how the basic training elements are the building blocks

required to successfully complete a TDx track eg starts, corners, transitions and obstacles; longer v shorter tracks, complexity over distance as well as looking at blended and displaced scent, mistakes, handler positioning, tracking pace, why dogs fail, article indications and lead handling.

Playing games on the track, using baby steps, dragging toys using hand prints are all strategies he recommends to improve motivation.

The importance of tracklaying skills and using landmarks, markers, maps and tracking logs is not overlooked as well as the routines that should be followed on starts, article indication, restarts and end of track.

However for me the detailed section on how to deal with transitions between surfaces such as paths, roads short grass, earth, gravel, standing water, marsh as well as obstacles such as hay bales, snow, desert, leaves, crop, burned ground, logs, fences, crossings, woods was the most interesting; particularly if you train alone.

I really enjoyed this book and although there are no startling revelations for the experienced I believe it would be a useful addition to the tracking enthusiast's library as it contains reminders of what we may forget to do when preparing dogs for the rigours of competition.

Allyson Tohme

TRIAL REPORTS

SURREY DTS CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

16-20 April 2013
Oakwood Hill Village Hall, Nr Ockley,
Surrey

STAKE: CD

Judge: DAVE CLARK
Steward: Don Laskey

I would like to thank Surrey DTS for the invitation to judge their CD, to Stan Ford, trials manager, who runs the trial so efficiently. But for this to run well we need our band of helpers, so a big thank you to all the ladies in the kitchen, and a big thank you to my steward, Don Laskey, who kept me in my place. I found Don very easy

to work with - you don't have to ask Don, he knows what he is doing. Don, thanks again for your help.

1st Lauren Marlow with JOTUNHEIM ELI, 98, Q CDEx. This lady knows how to get the best out of her dogs. Very well done, Lauren, and good luck in the higher stakes - not that you need it.

2nd Lee Payne with ASHLINDT ME-TEOR, 94, Q CDEx. Yet another good handler with a keen young dog. Lee gets the best out of his dogs. He always stays calm.

3rd Betty Briley with JETRIL JIG, 84, Q CDEx. Betty works hard on her dogs. Just a nibble on your jumper but I noticed it; if she had done the sit stay she would be on the same marks as Lee. Very well done.

4th Lee Lampert with HUXTABLE

IZZY, 80, NQ. Nice dog, only bits here and there.

STAKE: TD

Judge: JULIE ATKINS

Tracklayers: Tess Shoolbred, Joyce Tibbetts, Judith Owen, Ruth Payton and Mick Tustain

**Square and C/A Steward: Gary Atkins
Trials Manager/Asst. Trials Manager:
Stan Ford and Christine Brooks**

I have to start with a big thank you to Surrey DTS for the invitation to judge, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Stan and Christine are just super, organisation at this trial is spot on and we all worked together so well. Thanks very much to you both and your willing and hardworking band of helpers at the base.

A special thanks from Gary, me and our boys to Val Upton, who put up with us for a week at her lovely home, supplied us with lunch bags, cooked fab evening meals, made our bacon rolls most mornings at the base, took us on lovely walks and even allowed our dogs in the garden of an evening to socialise with her boys and we had a few laughs as usual. It was really great and made a great difference to our week.

I was very lucky to have 6 super tracklayers, 5 experienced and one new to it; all were conscientious and meticulous in their track laying. Thank you so much, Tess, Joyce and Judith for 4 days and Ruth and Mick for two days; Gary and I enjoyed your company very much and would be happy to see any of you on the field when we work our dogs.

I was also lucky to have Gary steward for me, as were the competitors, who not only had a smelly square steward but also a superb steward for C/A, who gave everyone

exactly the same instructions, even if some didn't listen! Thanks so much, I would not want to do it without you by my side even if you thought my sendaway was a gift - the marks varied from 0 to 10.....I will say no more.

The land was good, the test brilliant, (well I thought so!) the weather was pretty good too, with Thursday's wind being the worst we had. The competitors were a credit to working trials and this also made for a good week, thanks for that. 64 entered, 54 worked, 33 qualified nose work, 30 worked C/A, 20 TDEX's and 1 TD. The test was set for TDEX and the winner and the CC, as ever, took care of itself. I was very pleased with my test.

1st Liz De Unger, WTCh STYPERSON ROYCE, Lab, D, 208. Liz and Sohrab, the winning team! You worked a fabulous round and well deserved the CC, congratulations.

2nd Gary Haim, WTCh WAGGERLAND DILEMMA, WSD, D, 207.5. So close, Gary and Flynn. Super round, I always like to watch you work your dogs, controlled exuberance. Very well done.

3rd Jane Wood, LUDGATE POWER 'N' GLORY, BC, D, 205. A very well deserved first TDEX for this team, worked well throughout. Well done, Jane and Len-ny.

4th Barry Gilbert, GLENALPINE COSWORTH, BC, D, 204.5. In the lead after brilliant nosework, young dog with a super future in Barry's very experienced hands, congratulations. Fourth place after run off square.

Also qualified TDEX:

Sue Ashby, WTCh THE TITAN, WSD, D, 204.5. What a fabulous and consistent team, really good to watch throughout but a particularly impressive track from Sue and

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Maureen Regan, WILLOWMEG FRA-
TEAS AT KIRLIZEGA, GSD, B, 204

Tony Lockyer, WTCh LAWINICK COME
'N' GET IT AT HARTSHILL, GSD, B,
203.5

Paul Beasley, STARDELL SPICA, BC, D,
202.5

Ken Coleman, SHERINGEM MAC, BC,
D, 202

Manda McLellan, LITTLE TIGER, BC x
GSD, D, 196

Anne Thorpe, GLENALPINE MISS
MOLL AT DALEMALN, BC, B, 196

Gary Haim, LAWINICK STILL OF THE
NIGHT, GSD, D, 195

Tony Lockyer, WTCh DOUBLE TOP AT
HARTSHILL, WSD, D, 193

Lee Payne, WTCh LITTLE ROUGH
RHINESTONE, BC x GSD, D, 191.5

Mike Williams, MARINA BEN'S PAL, X-
Breed, B, 191

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D, 190

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BC, D, 190

John Wykes, KIPCROFT RED KYLE OF
TARNFORCE, BC, D, 183.5

Rita Banfather, NICOLEE TRUE GRIT
OF BANNERSWAY, GSD, D, 178.5

Margo Brothwell, WTCh TANGHAM
LITTLE RYAN, BC x GSD, D, 178.5

Qualified TD:

Ian Brown, TRI ONE JETRIL, WSD, B,
164

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ASPADS OPEN TRIAL

9 – 12 May 2013
Staintondale

STAKES: INTRODUCTORY AND UD

Judge: SHEILA MARGREAVES

Thanks go to the committee of ASPADS and Tom Mills (Trials Manager) for asking me to judge the introductory stake, and to the ladies in the kitchen for looking after our catering needs, and to the base stewards, Jan and Mary, for the marks. Weather conditions were very difficult, with severe winds and rain.

INTRODUCTORY STAKE:

Steward: Sandra Lewindon

Thanks go to Sandra Lewindon for stewarding both squares and C/A.

7 entered, 6 Ran

1st PRINCE TYE, WSD, handled by Mr G Fozzard, 79, NQ

2nd DUVESSA VIOLET QUEEN, Min Bull Terrier, handled by Mr D Gumm, 72, NQ

3rd DIANDIE SUMMER ROSE, GSD, handled by Mrs F Pinder, 84, NQ

4th COCAINE Z KOVARNY, BSD, handled by Angela Moslin, 72, NQ

I hope this gives the newcomers an insight into what working trials are all about; all the best for the future in this dog sport.

UD STAKE:

Tracklayers: Ann Bedford and Lorraine Wilson

Steward: Suzanne Plumb

Thanks go to Suzanne Plumb for stewarding both nosework and control, and to Ann Bedford and Lorraine Wilson for laying the tracks.

1st DAINDIE SUMMER STORM, GSD, handled by Mrs J A Paul, 182.5, Q

2nd CLEYNEHAGE ON THE TILES, Golden Retriever, handled by Mrs T Eaton, 175, NQ

3rd CHASING A DREAM, WSD, handled by Kim Astbury, 173, NQ

4th TESSA THE MESSA, ESS, handled by Chris Greenhalgh, 166, NQ

All the best for the future

STAKE: WD

Judge: DAVE OLLEY

Tracklayers: Mark Lewindon, Steve Banfather, Richard Musgrave and Ann Bedford

Search and Control Steward: Kate Peyton

Thanks to ASPADS for the invitation, and to Tom Mills for doing a super job as trials manager, with the support of his great team. Thanks also to the farmers for being so generous with land after such a harsh period of bad weather.

There were twenty one entries; judging was made easier by my steward and tracklayers and a great bunch of competitor, so a big thank you to you all.

1st Miss S Rawson, RYANS DAUGHTER, X-Breed, 195.5, Q. A super dog, well handled, with a fantastic nose.

2nd Miss J Hall, LITTLE ASHAN, X-Breed, 192.5, Q. Another good team working well in tough conditions.

3rd Mrs E Arch, JASPER THE

COWPE CRUSADER, WSD, 190, Q.
Nice team to watch. Well done.

4th Ms S A Toynbee, HUNDWITH
DUTIFUL, Weim, 185, Q. A good work-
ing team.

Also qualifying.

Mr M Snowden, STARDELL SIRIUS, BC,
183.5

Mr M Willcock, MURPHY MAGNUS
LUMMOX, WSD, 179.

Mr N Smith, THREENINES ALEX, Mali,
173.

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**SWTS
CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL**

17 - 19 May 2013
Lauder

STAKE: INTRODUCTORY

Judge: LORNA COTTIER

**Stewards: Linda MacDonald (Friday),
Jackie Hilton (Saturday), John Atkins
(both days)**

This is the first time I have had any in-
volvement in Intro Stake and it was nice
to be involved with such enthusiastic com-
petitors.

Thanks first to my very helpful and capable
stewards; you were all great company, very
efficient and had a lovely relaxed manner
with the competitors. Thanks also to Ann
Bedford for organising the trial and every-
one involved at the Base, especially Cath
Gordon for taking on the catering, and all
her helpers.

9 entered, 7 worked and we managed to
dodge the rain and wind on each day.
All 7 were well ready for Intro Stake and

more. I hope you all enjoyed the experi-
ence of the day as much as I did judging
you; it was good fun and we saw lots of
great work and lovely dogs. The first two
places went to more experienced handlers,
the other “qualifiers” were all very new to
trials and should be proud of their early
achievements.

1st Kim Astbury and CHASING A
DREAM, WSD. A very gentle dog that
Kim handled well to get the very best out
of her. Solid throughout the stake and nice-
ly confident with each exercise. Well done.
96.5/100

2nd Louise Saunders and TORRI-
GLEN TRAILBLAZER, Sheltie. Good to
see Louise again - she was in trials when I
started and hasn't changed a bit! Always
with a Sheltie and as always, excelled
throughout the stake, especially in the con-
trol section. 95.5

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3rd Derrick Gumm and DUVESSA VIOLET QUEEN, Min Bull Terrier. And what a little star Meg is! Kept Derrick on his toes, she was a determined and very driven smart dog. Knew what she was to do, sometimes did it on her own terms but then that energy has to go somewhere! Work on the heel free around distractions; she'll sail through the stakes. 90.5

4th Christine Chilton, SMARTIE PRIDE OF ARRAN, Cocker Spaniel. A fine performance by Smartie with the only full point search and a solid round, bar a hiccup at the down stay. Enjoy working her; she's fab, don't let the nerves get the better of you. Like Derrick, work on your heel free anywhere and everywhere; progress is there for the taking. 83.5

Fiona Davidson and SUNNY FIRE-CRACKER, SBT. First time at a trial for both and they handled it really well. Nicely handled by Fiona, very good control and jumps by Ollie; he is another highly driven small dog with loads of potential. Channel his energy to what you want and he'll continue to improve. 80

Last thing – in the current climate of small dogs in trials being discussed, I do find it sad in this day and age that a fair way can't be worked out to allow them to progress through to TD. If they are prepared to do exactly the same test as the other competitors, with the jumps set up according to the dog's size, and they work their dogs at the scale from a non-visible position, then I struggle to see a case for refusing them the opportunity to progress to TD.

STAKE: CD

Judge: ROY DRUMMER

Steward: Lesley Drummer

Gate: Jackie Hilton

**Gate and keep the whole thing running (especially in fog so thick judge and competitors could not see each other!!!):
John Atkin**

I should like to start by thanking SWTS for the invitation to judge this stake and I would also like to thank sincerely Ann Bedford for her usual smooth running trial, Cath and all the ladies in the kitchen, all the base staff and their help, John Atkin, who worked tirelessly to keep it all going in arctic conditions with rain and fog in abundance, Jackie who helped John on Saturday and finally my steward, Lesley Drummer. We had 15 competitors. 4 had nice weather on Friday and 11 had dreadful weather just getting worse all day Saturday. But, they stuck with it and all completed the stake, which was such evidence of their commitment and their dogs rewarded them with some lovely work. Not everyone qualified but every dog and competitor went away with a good deal of achievement under their belts. One of the nicest CD stakes I have judged. Thank you everyone and for those who did not quite make it – you will. Good luck everyone for your forthcoming trials

1st Suzanne Plumb with DREAGANTA TRAFFID TANZI, 99.75, Q. What can I say? An inspirational round. This team is on its way!

2nd Lorraine Porteous with DARK-ISS SCARLET TABOO, 96.5, Q. A lovely round and very good handling of a lively wee lass!

3rd Jenny Wood with FORGUE-CROFT TOP GUN, 95, Q. Very nice per-

formance, Jenny.

4th Shirley Windsor with HEILAN LADDIE OF AVAWAGA, 88, Q. What a down stay, Shirley!!! Well done.

Also qualified CDEx:

84.5, Caroline Middleton with RAYCRIS QUITE AMAZING – and he was! Lovely round

84, Judith Stamp with LITTLE MADAM MABELINE. Another very competent round

83, Andrew Rintoul with SILBERSTERN BLUE BLAZER. Wonderful to watch the reward for all the hard work and commitment.

Qualified CD:

79, Kim Astbury with CHASING A DREAM – and she is!

STAKE: WD

Judge: JILL CARRUTHERS

Tracklayers: Jimmy Scott, 2 days, David McPhillips, 1 day and Tom Mills, 1 day Square and C/A steward: Fran Atkin, 2 days

Friday was a glorious day to travel, blue sky and lots of warm sunshine; it was hard to believe the bad weather warning signs that were displayed along the road side. Alas, they were “Oh, so accurate” on Saturday; the tracklayers, handlers and dogs had to work in strong winds, heavy rain and thick fog! Sunday was a much better day weather wise, but no more successful for the dogs tracking.

Thank you to SWTS for the judging appointment and a big thank you to all the helpers in the catering; Cath Gordon, Lorna, Alison Robertson, Pam Wadsworth, Jackie Hilton and daughter Mari, Shirley,

Caroline and Pat Nelson. Sorry if I have missed anyone, as ever the team works wonders providing beautiful meals, bacon buns, fantastic cakes etc, etc.

Also at the base thanks to Lorraine Wilson, Liz Mills, Gwen Matear and June McPhillips, sorting out the scores and keeping the competitors happy over the weekend.

The WD tracklayers, Jimmy, David and Tom, were fantastic out on the common in such horrible weather - true professionals. I certainly appreciated all your hard work; the common can be a bit tricky when you can see where you're going but in that fog it must have been a challenge! Thank you. To Fran, my right hand lady, many thanks for your help with the searches - all dogs qualified in the square. The C/A was rather awkward at times due to the fog, but the dogs managed very well.

1st BANDAITCH DIRTY HARRY, Cross dog with Julz Findeisen, 183.5, Q. Harry worked on Saturday in such nasty weather. He sorted out the track, even if Julz was to start with a tiny bit apprehensive to go with him, a very committed boy. **Lovely** control, 32.5, and jumps, 19 - I would keep him at least another week! Congratulations on his WDEx and win.

2nd WAGGERLAND WELLS, WSD dog with John Gray, 181, Q. George worked on Sunday. The weather was rather muggy; he didn't find the tracking easy but worked through to recover both articles and three from the search, with another lovely control round, 32 and jumps, 18. Congratulations John and George, WDEx.

3rd INKA AT BENAIRE, WSD bitch with Maureen Valks, 153.5, NQ. Inka was the first dog to compete on Saturday and to complete the track; she recovered both articles and three from the search, and we thought this was a good omen. Inka worked a good control round but sadly

she failed the jumps. Hopefully, in better weather conditions she will qualify, Maureen.

4th SNOOP DOG XIMENA V CAYA1S HOME DOGANODOGS, Bouvier dog with Pam Wadsworth, 92.5, NQ. Snoop set off on the track like a good one, two beautiful legs and then lost it; worked a super square, 4 out for 32 marks. Another very good control round, 32.5, and full jumps for 20. Pam was shocked by Snoop gaining 4th place but he deserved it.

Thank you to all competitors who took the conditions on the chin! It was very tough going; I feel it was the weather that beat the dogs this time. One lady that said we all take the best dog home, whether if you qualify or not - how true.

STAKE: VETERAN

Judge: ROY DRUMMER

Tracklayers: David McPhillips, Jimmy Scott, Shirley Windsor, Caroline Wright and Lorna Cottier

I should like to start by thanking SWTS for the invitation to judge this stake, which is always a pleasure. Thank you to my tracklayers, David, Jimmy, Shirley, Caroline and Lorna.

All the dogs seemed to be enjoying their outings and they all showed they have not forgotten what to do – despite some challenging weather on Sunday. Well done to all dogs and their handlers

1st Kim Astbury, BIG TROUBLE LITTLE CHINA, BC, B, 150/150. Wonderful work from a dog who has never qualified because she cannot jump. There you go!!

2nd Jenny Dykes, DAISY DOO,

CDEx – WDEx, Cross, B, 149.5/150. Super track – well done.

3rd Lorraine Wilson, AULD CASTRUM JESS, BC, B, 148/150. Still going strong, Jess. Lovely track

4th Judith Stamp, SPROLLIE DOLLIE, CDEx - WDEx, Cross, B, 145.5/150. Nice work, well done

STAKE: PD

Judge: JOHN WYKES

Tracklayers: Derek McAulay and Tom Mills

Square Steward and Scribe: Kate Wykes

PD Steward: Doug Shearer

Criminals: Tom Davis, Steve Lancashire, Sheila Shearer, Vic Snook, Anthony Snook and Chris Trevor

Thank you to the Society for asking me to judge the PD ticket; Kate and I were well fed and watered by the ladies in the kitchen. Thank you to Ann Bedford and her team for running the trial, and also to Doug and Sheila Shearer for having us to stay for the weekend. To my tracklayers, stewards and criminals, a big thank you for doing everything exactly as required - you made my job so much easier.

9 entered, 6 ran.

We started with the C/A, where we lost 2, then we went on to the nosework, where we lost 2 more, leaving us with only 2 possible qualifiers going into the patrol round on Sunday; 5 came back to do the patrol round.

We started with the quarter: the competitors were all told that there was an innocent person lost in the field who had been attacked and to locate that person; on finding that person they were then told by her that the attackers had made off with her

handbag. They then had to quarter the rest of the field in order to find them. Having located one of them they then had to search him and the hide, having done that they then escorted him down the field. As they were doing this another person walked across behind them and challenged them, and as soon as the competitors had responded they then ran off, at which point they were told to send their dogs. The dog having detained the runner the handler then re-joined their dog, remembering to take the other person with them; they then had to search the runner and escort both people back across the field. At some point on this escort one of the 'criminals' then attacked the handler with the dog having to defend; as soon as they had everything under control they continued on their way. When they had got to a certain distance across the field they were challenged by another person who, when they sent their dog, ducked out of sight and was backed up by other people for the test of courage, with loads of noise and weapons; they then had to deal with those people, again remembering to take the others with them. Having dealt with that situation they then escorted all the 'criminals' down the field; as they were doing this the recall person walked across behind them and challenged them; they were told that they were finished with their escort and to challenge the runner, at which point he ran off and they were told to send their dog, at approximately half way I signalled for them to recall their dog. The test was executed with varying degrees of success, but unfortunately we lost the only 2 qualifiers at this stage, so no Ticket was awarded.

Those people who turned up to watch the patrol round witnessed the retirement of a great dog, as Dave Marchant has retired Murphy - and didn't he do well, best nose-work and best patrol round. We wish him

a long and happy retirement.

1st Lee Payne with WTCh LITTLE ROUGH RHINESTONE, Cross, D, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, PDEx, 240, NQ.

2nd Alan Bexon with FLY BY NIGHT LAD, WSD, D, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, 226, NQ

3rd David Waite with EYLAUERHOF RULA, Rott, B, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, 208.5, NQ

4th Diane Ling with WTCh DEBEN LITTLE TOM, Cross, D, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, PDEx, 181.5, NQ

Best Nosework Trophy – Dave Marchant with WTCh Waggerland Murphy, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, PDEx

Best Patrol Work Trophy – Dave Marchant with WTCh Waggerland Murphy, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, TDEx, PDEx

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Thank you to all the competitors for entering under me and for accepting all my decisions.

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SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY OPEN TRIAL

W/E 23 June 2013
Inchnabobart

STAKE: TD

Judge: TERRY AUSTIN
Tracklayers: Bill Mackie, Gary Tait and Steve Hirst
Square Steward: Sylvia Austin

My thanks to SWTS for the invitation to judge the TD stake. Thanks also to the ladies in the kitchen for keeping us well fed and watered. Special thanks go to my tracklayers, who did a wonderful job laying the tracks just as I had asked - Bill Mackie and Gary Tait on Saturday and Steve Hirst on Sunday. Because of the interesting tracking ground I had decided on a straight forward track pattern with just eleven legs.

1st SHEREBRIDGE KHAOS, WSD, IPO2, CDEx, UDEx, WDEx, 215.5, Q, with Mrs Heather Patrick. All I can say is "Superb", with 3 and 4, losing only 3 marks in the nosework. Then an excellent control round – 33.5 and full agility. A very well deserved qualification and win.

2nd TADMARTON DARK REMY, Lab, CDEx, WDEx, 202.5, NQ, and Mrs Carole Brooke. Another excellent track with full mark square. Just missed out on the control, no speak or redirect today.

Get those nerves under control Carole and Remy will do it for you. Good luck with future trials.

3rd SNOOP DOG XIMENA V CAYA'S HOME DOGANODOGS (IMP), Bouvier des Flandres, CDEx, UDEx, 147.5, NQ, and Mrs P Wadsworth. Snoop tracked beautifully for 2/3 of the track than lost concentration; 3 from the square, though 1 was just out of time. Very impressive control and agility. This team were having their first go at TD - well done and good luck.

4th WAGGERLAND WELLS, WSD, 111, NQ, with John Grey. This dog hadn't lost a mark on the track until inexplicably he turned the wrong way. Very good control round – though decided not to speak, full agility.

The tracking ground here is for the adventurous so thank you competitors for entering and accepting my decisions. Good luck to you all for your future trials.

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WESSEX WTC CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

24 – 30 June 2013
Aller Farm, Upton, Devon

STAKE CD

Judge: JOHN WEST
Steward: Gill Lawrence

I would like to thank Wessex WTC for the invitation to judge; it was the second time this year that I have judged this stake and I always appreciate seeing the newer dogs going through their paces. We had excel-

lent trialling weather - dry, but quite cool, in a fresh wind.

We were on grass that was 6" to 12" deep, which was very suitable for my articles of a dolly peg, a 2" square piece of thick rubber and a piece of carpet 3" x 2". The control in general was good and all but one had a reasonable sendaway, which was set at 55 yards. However, as in most CD's, the jumps were the stumbling block for some. Standing back, I would suggest that some competitors were more concerned than the dogs; it was very noticeable that the competitors with more confidence that their dogs would do the jumps were the qualifiers in this stake.

A big thank you to Gill Lawrence for stewarding the control round and for laying all the squares; it is always great to have good company and a competent steward so all your concentration can be on the competitors. Also Gill is very good at calming everyone down so as to achieve their best.

1st Jane Clarke, SKYE'S OVER THE TOP, WSD, 92.5, Q. The marks that were lost were due to Jane rushing and not giving Skye time to settle, but with Skye's ability this team turned out to be worthy winners. If your tracking is good and you keep the quality of your control round then UD will be your next success.

2nd Catherine Manfield, GLENALPINE OZZY ZIG, CDEx, BC, 88, Q. Would have pushed 1st all the way if Ozzy had found the third article in the square; however another excellent control round and was the only other dog to gain 10 for their sendaway.

3rd Martine Taylor, LAWINICK READY 'N' WILLIN, GSD, 84, Q. Another worthy qualification and if not for the send-away would have taken 1st place; I'm sure with Martine's experience Maggie will be better next time. Even with this one

hiccup Maggie still deserved her place.

4th Carol Burgess, STARDELL CHARA, BC, 83.5, Q. Another competent round with only the agility to polish up. Gaining enough marks after second attempts proved that Typcee can do them - maybe more confidence by Carole will help. However qualifying and being 4th out of 16 is no mean feat.

Also qualified CDEx:

5th Nikki Prescott, WAGGERLAND TWINKLE, WSD, 82.5. A little more polish on the nosework and the placings would have been different.

6th Gwen Robinson, FRANCILIAM BARNEY, GSD, 80. If Gwen ever calms Ruben down, in my book he will be a winner.

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SURREY DOG TRAINING SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

11 – 13 July 2013
Oakwood Hill, Surrey

STAKE: INTRODUCTORY

Judge: MARNEY WELLS
Steward: Sally Baker

Thanks to Stan and the rest of the Surrey Society for asking me to judge at their trial. Thanks to Chris for organising the base and to the ladies in the kitchen for the delicious lunch. Sally was a lovely steward, though I felt our talents were not really tested as we only had two competitors on the day. It certainly made for a very relaxing morning's work.

1st Rosemary Turner with KHAMYSKER KOSMOPOLITAN, GSD, D. It was good to see the Introductory Stake giving this experienced handler the opportunity to work her inexperienced dog in a less challenging stake for his introduction to working at a trial. Rosemary made good use of being able to use more encouragement and it certainly helped Buster to put together a good round. He did a lovely full mark sendaway and super article location in his square – just tidy up the retrieves and he will do very well. Well done on gaining qualifying marks.

2nd Angelica Wicker with CHICERON CAPTAIN DUNWELL, Beauceron, D. This was Clive's first trial and he and Angelica were very impressive. On this showing they will be more than capable of going on up the stakes. Excellent retrieve and search square with no mouthing. With a bit more confidence on his sendaway and for the out of sight stay, I am sure he will do well in working trials.

Both dogs did well in the agility section.

STAKE: CD

Judge: CAROLE BROOKE

Steward: Caroline Ashford

I would like to thank Surrey DTS for inviting me to judge the CD Stake. My Steward, Caroline, did a wonderful job, very competent, putting all competitors at ease – thanks for your company and sense of humour. Stan Ford and Chris Brooks ran a well organised trial, thank you both. The ladies in the kitchen kept us well fed - scrumptious lunches.

We had 14 entries and 11 ran. Both Friday and Saturday were exceptionally hot, but most dogs were very keen and didn't seem

too affected by the heat. The dogs who worked on Saturday had to contend with a great deal of noise and barking from the PD dogs behind them whilst they did their down stay (only 1 dog sat up).

I'd like to thank all CD competitors for giving me the chance to judge them; I hope they enjoyed the test. The standard of control was excellent. For those who did not qualify this time, good luck - it will not be long before you do.

1st Pam Davies' MEADLE BLACK-THORN JACK, GSD, D, handled by Pete Ross, 94.5, Q. Very nice to see you back in trials again, Pete. A very well handled round - Jack is a really superb dog, well done both of you.

2nd Irene Seymour, HAUSBAILEY KALAB, GSD, D, 92, Q. Also nice to see you back in trials, Irene. Again, Xamm worked really hard for you and did a really nice controlled round. Well done.

3rd Rosemary Turner, KHAMYSKER KALAMITY KATE, GSD, B, 91, Q. Kati worked a very nice round, Rosemary, just a slight hiccup with the long jump and, in spite of the photographer, a lovely sendaway.

4th Julie Paul, DIANDIE SUMMER STORM, GSD, D, 90.5, Q. Percy worked a very good control round, you must be very proud of him, Julie; very well worked search square.

Also qualifying CDEx:

Peter Dyer, CARMELITA ELITE OF KIRKVIEW, GSD, B, 88. Well done, Peter and Jez. Get the long jump sorted and there will be no stopping you.

Jane Clarke, SKYE'S OVER THE TOP, WSD, B, 80. Very nice round, Jane, just lose the bark. Skye was enjoying herself – her name suits her! Good luck in the future.

STAKE: WD

Judge: CAROLINE MARTIN

Steward: Gary Martin

Tracklayers: Tessa Shoolbred, Joyce Tibbetts, Liz De Unger, Val Upton

I would like to thank Surrey Dog Training Society for inviting me to judge their WD Championship this year. Trials Manager's work seems to be never ending and Stan Ford and his helpers did a fantastic job in organising the trial. Gary and I are particularly grateful for the cool shady barn to park our vehicle in.

I would like to thank tracklayers Tessa, Joyce, Liz and Val for giving up their time and for their company which is always so enjoyable. It was extremely hot and we all frazzled happily together. A huge thank you to Gary for search squares and stewarding the C/A and being there with and for me.

It all seemed to flow so easily with Chris on the scoreboard. Thank you Chris. Thank you Beryl, Judy, Mary, Jane, Sandra and Liz for all their hard work in the kitchen to keep us all going. The lunches were superb. P.S. Think there are multi-taskers in that list – I see a tracklayer and an escort too!

We had wonderful land to track on and we very grateful to the landowners for allowing us access to it. Tracking was on grass which was bone dry and very hot. There were 26 entries in WD, 22 worked and 11 teams qualified. Track articles were a quarter of a tennis ball and a piece of green carpet on the end. Square articles were a circle of green rubber coated garden wire, green felt, brown leather and a wooden peg.

1st GLENALPINE PETE, handled by Gary Atkins, BC, 198.5, Q. A superb track and faultless square on day 3, which was also the hottest day of the year so far,

and the only dog to gain full marks for the C/A. Congratulations on winning the stake.

2nd DURSTONE BRYN, handled by Sue Jones, WSD, 197, Q. Bryn did a fantastic nosework round and only lost 1 mark in the C/A. Really well done.

3rd TRIPLETOP AT HARTSHILL, handled by Tony Lockyer, WSD, 197, Q. Brilliant nosework, losing just half a mark on the track and 1 mark in the square. There was a tie for 2nd and 3rd, so a combination of track and sendaway marks decided the placings. Made the jumps look so easy. Superb.

4th TRACELYN DANCING IN THE DARK, GSD, handled by Gavin Thomson, 194.5, Q. I'm so pleased to have had the opportunity to see this team in action. Full marks for nosework. It was amazing!

Also qualified WDEX:

Sally Baker with CLASOLA DASKA, Weim, 172

Betty Briley with JETRIL JIG, GSD, 189
Helen Brown with MANPOL SAPPHIRE, GSD, 194

C.C. Guard with LENYAM MARAUDER OF PHILKINDY, Lab, 181

Don Laskey with SHARDEE'S KOS, GSD, 177

Sue Redshaw with MEADOWSHOT MACGRAW, Lab, 189

Alan Sword with MANPOL SPECIAL EDITION, GSD, 180

Thank you to all of the competitors for entering and good luck at your next trials.

STAKE: PD

Judge: LAUREN MARLOW

Tracklayers: Mark Lewindon, Joyce Tibbetts, Sandra Lewindon, and Judith Owen

Search Steward: Don Laskey

C/A and patrol Steward: Mark Lewindon

Patrol 'criminals': John Felicien, chase criminal; Dave Clark, recall criminal; Alan Sword, hide criminal; Les Theobald, amateur dramatics and hide criminal; Danny Lindsey, TOC criminal.

Thank you to Surrey DTS for inviting me to judge - my first 'Ticket'.

Many thanks to Trials Manager, Stan Ford - we had excellent tracking land and a great base with adjacent control and Patrol fields - and to Christine Brooks for her efficient work at the base. Beryl Kimberley, Elizabeth De Unger, Joyce Tibbetts, Sandra Lewindon, Jane Wood, Mary Prentice, Judy Meekings and Maxine kept us all fed and rehydrated - thank you all.

Thank you to my tracklayers, Mark, Joyce, Sandra, and Judith, and thank you to Don for being Search steward. Mark also stewarded the control and patrol rounds - brilliantly. Thank you my Patrol 'criminals' for travelling to help on the day, and for giving up time to practice: John, Dave, Alan, Les, and Danny.

Last but not least, thank you to Mick Tustain for the construction of a test I had in my head, and to grandchildren Shannon, Nicky and Jack, for being 'gofers' and helping with the clear up afterwards.

The last time I judged for Surrey (last February) it was bitterly cold and windy, making tracking conditions difficult - this time the afternoon tracks were in hot sunshine, and it was the hottest day of the year (30 C+) for the Patrol rounds on Saturday. This

affected some dogs more than others, but those that were committed to the job in hand carried on working.

12 entered, 11 ran. All qualified on nose-work and control, but 1 dog sat up in the stays, leaving 10 qualifiers for the Patrol round.

Patrol round: this started with Les approaching the team while the dog was on the lead, and having a forthright chat with steward, Mark, before he was sent to watch from a hide, where he donned a sleeve. The quarter was marked with hides or hedgerow, with a hidden criminal in the middle of the field; this person stayed with the judge as the dog was re-started to complete the quarter on finding Les. The two criminals were then used for the escort and defence of handler. The recall and chase were over a 12" tape barrier across the middle of the field - this deterred some dogs which detoured around it. The last exercise was the Test of Courage. For this test the dogs were sent along a passageway made from windbreaks, through a triple plastic-strip fly curtain, to the criminal, who had shown himself to the dog and challenged before retreating through the curtain. As the dog went through the curtain the criminal banged 2 plastic petrol cans together repeatedly. The criminal was wearing a bite jacket rather than a sleeve so that he was protected on both arms and across his chest; the jacket also enabled him to hold the cans. This was a strong test, and I did award marks to dogs that braved the curtain and tried to bite. 7 dogs gained marks for this test.

1st Lee Payne with WTCh LITTLE ROUGH RHINESTONE, CDEx - TDEx, PDEx, BC x GSD, D, 290.5, Q PDEx. Diesel worked well throughout, and the PD round was the perfect blend of commitment and control, with a full mark test of

courage. What a consistent dog, gaining many first places since I judged him in UD open! Congratulations, and good luck in the KCC's.

2nd Kevin Hill with VEKKA LADY, GSD, B, 282, Q PDEx. Vekka worked her track last in hot sunshine, going at a smart pace with amazing accuracy, then worked the square with just as much style and enthusiasm. After an excellent control round Vekka performed well on patrol, a worthy qualification and Reserve Ticket. Congratulations.

3rd Diane Ling with WTCh LITTLE TOM, CDEx - TDEx, PDEx, GSD x BC, D, 265.5, Q PDEx. Another dog that worked with commitment throughout the trial; Tom scored a perfect 45 for the quarter, and lost few other marks apart from the TOC. Professional handling made this a smart team.

4th David Waite with EYLAUER-

HOF RULA, CDEx – TDEx, Rott, B, 244, Q PD. A very nice dog to watch, Rula qualified in all sections, but did not have enough marks for the 'Ex'. Well done - next time!

Thank you to the competitors for entering under me, and for accepting my decisions with good grace. I hope you all enjoyed working the test.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG ASSOCIATION
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

Ending Sunday 13th October 2013
The Fox Main Street Kirton Newark Notts NG22 9LP

Judges:	PD	Charlie Taylor
	WD	Sheila Tannert
	UD	David Waite
	CD	to be announced

Trials manager: Andy Magyar 01623 871092

Entry Fees: PD Stake £25.00 Tracking stakes £20.00 CD £16.00
(£2.00 reduction for paid up members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Schedules/entry forms :-
Can be down load from : Workingtrialsmonthly or Workingtrialsworld websites

Entries and Fees to :- David Waite
29 Queensway, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 7GG
Please ensure a stamped addressed envelope is included

**RANMORE DOG TRAINING CLUB
OPEN WORKING TRIAL**

Fri 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November 2013

At: Oakwood Hill Village Hall, Oakwood Hill

Nr. Ockley, Surrey. RH5 5PU

Judges:	P.D. Stake	Manda McLellan
	W.D. Stake	Dave Clark
	U.D. Stake	Caroline Ashford
	C&A	Chris Brookes

Entry Fee: All Stakes: Non-members: £ 20.00 ; Members : £ 19.00
OAPs £1 reduction

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2013

Entries, With Fees To: Sue Henderson, 33 Highacre, Dorking, RH4 3BF
(Please enclose a S.A.E. - Thank you)

**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.

**ICENI DOG TRAINING CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

Wednesday 30th October to Sunday 3rd November 2013
At Tollesbury, Maldon Essex.

Judges :	T.D. Stake	Sue Jones
	W.D. Stake	Dave Marchant
	U.D. Stake	Dave Marchant
	C.D. Stake	Sandra Lewindon

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes £21 : C.D. Stake £16
(£2.00 reduction for paid-up members)

ALL ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Trials Manager Les Theobald
Schedules from/entries to Les Theobald 13 Delamere Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 0NH
Tel 01206 845654 & 07771573061
S.A.E. Please

**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

**LEAMINGTON DOG TRAINING CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL**

On: 11th – 17th November 2013

at:

Bretford Village Hall, Bretford, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 0JZ

Judges:	TD	Judith Owens-Poole
	WD (Tues to Sat dep on entries)	Norma Ansell
	CD (Fri & Sat dep on entries)	Zoe Finlay
	Veteran (Sun)	Zoe Finlay
	(CD, UD & WD - All work in one day)	

Entry Fees: Nosework stakes £20.00, CD £15.00, Veteran £10.00
Members:£1.00 reduction

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013

Schedules from / entries with fees to:

Mrs Dot Levin, 9 The Ryelands, Lawford Heath, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 9EN

Tel: 07930 364352

(please enclose an SAE)

**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 AWTTS 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 6SN

**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

**THE SCOTTISH WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

Village Hall, Westbank Rd, Macmerry, East Lothian EH33 1PL
Friday 4th (If necessary), Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October 2013

Judges:	PD Stake	Tracey Park
	TD Stake	Jenny Holt
	WD Stake	Tracey Park
	UD Stake	Tom Mills
	CD Stake	Tom Mills

All work to be completed in one day.

ENTRY FEES

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

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013

ENTRY FORM, FEE (Payable to SWTS) & SAE TO:
Helen Jones, 12 Higginson Loan, Mayfield, Dalkeith, Midlothian EH22 5RE Tel:
01875 820464

**SCOTTISH KENNEL CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

Muthill Public Hall, Muthill, Crieff
Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th October 2013

Judges	TD	Suzanne Plumb
	WD	Pam Cuthbert
	CD	Frank Glancy

Entry fees: - Tracking Stakes £17.00, CD Stake £15.00,
(SKC Members £2.00 reduction)

Trials Manager: - Brian Glasgow, 4 Albert Ave, Grangemouth, Falkirk District, FK3 9AS
Tel. 01324 870660. Mob. 07954376289

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 11TH 2013

(Any KC approved entry form will be accepted)

Entry forms, fee and S.A.E. (cheques payable to The Scottish Kennel Club),
John Westaby, 7 Bramblefield, Crieff, PH7 4IU.
Tel. 01764 653188 Mob.07889400837

**WESSEX WORKING TRIALS CLUB
OPEN TRIAL**

20th November - 24th November 2013
At: Aller Farm, Upottery, Devon.

Judges:	TD Stake	Barbara Riste
	UD Stake	Janette Hickson
	CD Stake	Gill Lawrence

Entry Fees: Tracking Stakes- £16.00. CD Stake £12,00
(£1.00 reduction for paid-up members)

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2013

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

**NORTH WEST WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY
OPEN TRIAL**

On: Week Ending 24th November 2013
At: Lower Withington Parish Hall, Near Knutsford.

Judges	PD Stake	Gary Martin
	WD Stake	Jenny Holt
	UD Stake	Dave Stewart
	CD Stake	Chris Davis

CD Saturday (further day if required)

Entry fees: TD UD £18 / CD £13
(£1 deduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2013

Schedules from and entries with appropriate fees to the Trials Secretary:
J M Stamp,
14 Talbot Grove, Walmersley, Bury. BL9 6PH. Tel: 01617 642649
Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope

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

18th – 24th November 2013
at
Danbury Park Farm, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex

TD Stake	Nigel Hines
WD Stake	Jean Howells
UD Stake	Dave Clark
CD Stake	Dave Self

Tracking Stakes £20.00 (TD over two days) WD/UD (Thursday – Saturday)
CD Stake £15.00 (Friday & Saturday)
(£1 reduction for members)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 14TH OCTOBER 2013

Schedules from / Entries with fees to:
Penny Bann, The Gate House, Crabb's Hill, Hatfield Peverel, Essex CM3 2NZ
01245 382661 / 07979 605966

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

Long Compton. Oxfordshire
To be held
25th – 27th October 2013

Judge:	TD Nosework	Jane Webb
	UD Nosework	Lindsey Poole
	TD/UD C & A and CD Stake	Jenny Orchard
	Intro Stake	TBA

ENTRY FEES:- TD/ UD- £21.00 CD - £15.00 Intro £10.00
(£2.00 reduction to paid-up BAGSD Members – Membership number must be quoted
on entry)

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY – FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Schedules from/entries with fees to Trials Secretary
Mrs J Speake. Ironstone Farmhouse, Milton, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 4HH
CHEQUES PAYABLE TO B.A.G.S.D

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

From 21st -27th October, 2013.
At: Satley Village Hall, Satley, Co. Durham.

Judges	TD Stake	Paul Adams
	WD Stake	Dave Craven
	UD Stake	Dave Olley
	CD & Veteran	Chris Trevor

Trials Manager –Julz Findeisen .Tel. 07824 333 703

ENTRY FEES: Tracking Stakes £17, CD Stake £13.
(Paid-up members £2 reduction)
Veteran Stake £5

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER,2013

ENTRY FORMS, FEE AND S.A.E. TO:
Mrs J. Findeisen, Redmires Farm, Tow Law, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. DL13 4PJ



ASPADS WORKING TRIALS SOCIETY

CHAMPIONSHIP WORKING TRIAL

At: Dundee, ending on Sunday 10 November 2013

Judges	TD	John Grey
	WD and UD	Doug Shearer
	CD	Sheila Shearer

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 16 October 2013

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

Pam Cuthbert,
180 Macalpine Rd, Dundee, DD3 9HP
Tel: 01382 818698

Please note change of Dundee Trials Secretary

OPEN WORKING TRIAL

At: Tillmouth, ending on Sunday 17 November 2013

Judges	UD	Ann Bedford
	CD & Veteran	Alison Pollard
	Intro	tba

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY: WED 16 October 2013

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

Jackie Suckling,
20 Orchard Smallholdings, Hume, Kelso, TD5 7TS
Tel: 01573 470773

Entry Fees for 2013 Trials: Tracking Stakes, £21.00 – CD, £16.00
Fully paid up members may deduct £2 per entry

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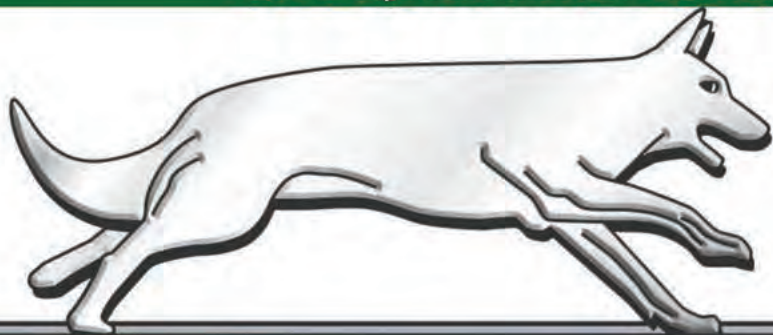
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