

## **OBEDIENCE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES JUDGES WORKING PARTY**

The Judges working party meets twice a year the previous report to the Obedience Council detailed the items discussed and actions taken from the April 2016 meeting. The next meeting is due on 14 November 2016.

Those from Obedience are, Sue Garner, Robert Harlow and Steve Rutter. Roy Page has now retired; Robert Harlow has taken his place as Chairman on the OLC.

The group reports to the Activities Sub Committee and the Kennel Club Training Board. The latter is concerned with the training and development of judges from all disciplines.

Judges trainers, ASC and the respective discipline specific councils and working parties can raise items, so that matters involving judges, judging and judges training are coordinated and all relevant parties properly informed.

This report is an interim update of the work currently being undertaken by the Obedience representatives and their Judges Trainer colleagues.

All Activities Judges trainers meet annually in October to review the judges training syllabus, and to look at any issues and agree any changes required to ensure it is relevant to current practice and the needs of judges at all levels.

Items discussed included.

**On line Learning Platform.** The Kennel Club Academy is has now live for all Breed Judges to register and undertake elements of their continued training using this platform. The judges' trainers are now in the process of looking at what material they need and in what format to build an obedience judges section. This will not replace the judges' seminars or the need to attend them but will give additional information and support plus a wider scope for training modules. It will also provide an opportunity to access existing judges training material for other disciplines that will assist obedience judges in the execution of their role.

This is a substantial piece of work, so will take time to complete. More on this subject will follow as the work continues over the coming year.

**Appointment of Accredited Trainers.** Kay Allen was welcomed to the pool of Obedience Judges Trainers. Kay lives in Plymouth and so provides additional trainer skills and knowledge to those on the South and south West. Nevertheless, like all existing trainers she is willing to travel and will buddy up with Sue Garner whenever the need arises.

**Review of seminar content and format, including exam papers.** The Annual Judges Trainers seminar is also where all the current judges training material is reviewed and amended taking any regulation amendments into account, plus adding anything that it is felt required additional attention.

**Sharing Best Practice.** The October seminar includes activity disciplines of Obedience, Agility, Heelwork to Music, Rally Working Trials and Bloodhound Trials. Thus provides an opportunity to share ideas and practices that other disciplines may well wish to adopt or simply find interesting to for future reference.

The November Judges Working Party will review and discuss the outcomes of the trainer's day and agree actions proposed.