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# The Field Trials

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Team GB and St. Hubert Spaniels  
with their Captain ©Meryl Asbury



HPR Championship  
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Two Day Open AV Retriever Stake 1st Place,  
Mr D Marx's Lockthorn Ziva ©Kate Broers



Two Day Open AV Retriever stake  
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## 41st World Championships of Practical Hunting for Pointing Breeds and the World St. Hubert Championship 2019

By Meryl Asbury

The 41st World Championships for Pointing Breeds was held on the 24 – 26 October and the World St. Hubert Championship was held on the 25 October in Niš, Serbia.

This was the fifth World Championship that Team GB, representing the Kennel Club, has taken part in.

Having seen successes in previous years in Serbia, Denmark, France and Spain, Rob Gould with Wamilanghaar Djynn being the current St. Hubert World Champion, Team GB set off from Hull on 15 October en route to Austria. The Austrian Pointer and Setter Club were celebrating their 90 Year Anniversary and Otto Koppitsch (President) and Werner Jost had very kindly invited Team GB to run in and judge their field trials.

This year Team GB was represented by:

### World Championships Pointers and Setters

John Naylor - FTCh Goddrib Bari of Bitternboom - Pointer  
Sara Chichester - FTCh Little Treasure of Gawcott - Gordon Setter  
Meryl Asbury - Upperwood Eau de Vie - English Setter

Elisabet Thorin - Solid Gold's Y Antigone - Pointer

**Reserve:** Sara Chichester - Wiscombe Tomintoul - Gordon Setter

### World Championships Continentals

Rob Gould - Wamilanghaar Djynn - German Longhaired Pointer

### St Hubert (Mens)

Rob Gould - Wamilanghaar Djynn - German Longhaired Pointer

John Naylor - FTCh Goddrib Bari of Bitternboom - Pointer

### St Hubert Spaniels

Michael Raynor - Kenquartz Backstreets of Wiscombe - English

Springer Spaniel

Sara Chichester - Wiscombe Sloegasm - English Springer Spaniel

### Team Captain

Meryl Asbury

### Team Vet

Rob Gould MRCVS

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Team GB photo at the Opening Ceremony in Niš, Serbia ©Meryl Asbury

## A round-up from the Editor

The time has come for another successful year for the Field Trial community to begin to draw to a close. Well done to all those that have achieved awards in this season and we wish you the best of luck for next season. Good luck also to those yet to compete in the two Spaniel Championships being held in January, reports will be included in the Spring edition.

We are delighted to be able to include the HPR Championship results, and this edition also features an article with the results on the 41st World Championships of Practical Hunting for Pointing Breeds and the World St. Hubert Championship which took place in Nis, Serbia across 2 days in October. In addition to the two above features, we have all the results from the Kennel Club Field Trials and our regular features for Judges, Societies and Secretaries.

The Kennel Club would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out at all the events/trials. These events would not be possible without you.

If you have any queries regarding Field Trials or have general questions relating to awards, licences or judges please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk). However if it relates to one of the Kennel Club's own field trials, Championships that we organise, the Kennel Club Gundog Working Test or Kennel Club training days please use the following email address [ftsecretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ftsecretary@thekennelclub.org.uk) which will be directed towards Kate Broers, Field Trial Secretary and Gemma Hallisey, Events Co-Ordinator. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Gemma to the team. You may also like to join our specialist field trials facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news about our trials - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/workinggundogs.news.thekennelclubuk/>

Lastly, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### The Field Trial Department

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Four of our team with their dogs arrived in Kroatisch Minihof, on the Hungarian border, Meryl Asbury, Rob Gould, John Naylor and Elisabet Thorin.

The running ground was arable fields with an ample supply of wild grey partridge. All four team mates were in Austria for three days and we all ran our dogs successfully, with all of us being in the awards every day. John Naylor with FTCh Goddrib Bari of Bitternboom won four Open English Pointing Breeds trials with 1st Excellent – Pairs and Singles.

We also judged trials with John Naylor and Meryl Asbury judging the Continental Pointing Breeds and Otto Koppitsch and Rob Gould judging the British Pointing Breeds, complete with horns

## Meet the team

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Meryl Asbury, Otto Koppitsch, Rob Gould, Werner Jost and John Naylor  
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Team GB and St. Hubert Spaniels with their Captain

and stopwatches, under FCI Rules. It was a great experience and we saw some exceptionally good dogs.

We were made so welcome and the atmosphere was terrific, we would like to thank the Austrians for their generosity and hospitality. We loved their country, their people and their dogs.

On Sunday 20 October we travelled 500 miles to Hotel Nais, Niš, Serbia, and Headquarters for the Mediterranean Cup and World Championships. It was there we met up with Sara Chichester and Michael Raynor, who had travelled via another route.

The surrounding area is also famous for their wild grey partridge. However in Serbia they are protected and not allowed to be shot, but their abundance due to farming practices of small strip farming and no chemicals attracts Pointing Breed triallers and trainers from all over Europe. This year the weather had been unseasonal. When we attended the World Championships in Serbia in 2015 it was cold and wet and we needed coats. This year there had been no sign of rain for two months and each day temperatures started at 7°C but by mid-morning had increased rapidly to 30°C or more.

The Mediterranean Cup is always held prior to the World Championships and was on 21 and 22 October. As both the Mediterranean Cup and the World Championships are team events, the same team entered both competitions. Unfortunately, Elisabet Thorin's Pointer Antigone was injured in Austria with a split ear, which was expertly sutured by vets Rob Gould and Nadja Dertinger. The substitute Wiscombe Tomintoul ran in the Mediterranean Cup.

Both competitions are run under FCI Rules. The Mediterranean Cup judging is based on technicality and style and it is very much like the pointer and setter trials in the UK. Dogs run in braces and when a dog comes on point and flushes game, a shot is fired by the handler with a starting pistol. Competitors are split into four batteries (groups), two British Pointers and two Continental Pointers, British Pointers in the UK are pointers and setters and Continental Pointers in the UK are HPRs. The first day we started at 8am and then finished at 12pm, everyone returned to the Hotel for lunch and went out again at 3.30pm to avoid the mid-day heat. Some dogs including mine ended up running in the dark with some dogs wearing flashing collars so you could see where they were. It's a good job my dog knew where I was as all I could see was a shadow flitting past. Congratulations to the award winners who ran in very difficult conditions with the heat and no wind.

The second day we started early and carried on through the day. You were lucky what time of day you ran with your dog as it was gruelling. The Mediterranean Cup is excellent at acclimatising both handlers and dogs to the very different conditions and regulations that they are used to at home.

A training day was arranged for the following day when competitors could go out with guides and they could choose how many birds they wanted shot for their dog. All our team took advantage of this and were very pleased with their dogs which gave them a bit of confidence for the World Championships. The Opening Ceremony was held later that day and all the teams, carrying national flags, were individually presented by local men and women dressed in regional costume while their National Anthems played. A very proud moment!

The Scandinavian countries and many European countries took part ranging from the Ukraine, Czech Republic and Croatia in the east, to Spain and Italy in the south. Dusko Sormaz was the main organiser of the event and handled everything amazingly well.

In the World Championships game is not always shot. There was no game shot in Serbia and the dogs were assessed on their hunting, their game finding and their handling of game at the flush. There were two guns and after the shot the dog was then required to retrieve a cold pheasant, which was thrown. If a dog does well and is given an award it is then required to retrieve a shot mallard from water at the end of the day.

There were 65 dogs entered in the British Pointing Breeds and 75 dogs in the Continental Pointing Breeds. Instead of two separate Batteries for each sub group it was decided to split them into three Batteries and to start at 7am to try to avoid the heat of the day. If you were drawn early you and your dog had a good chance of finding game but if you were drawn later, the game was elusive and many dogs had blank runs. This was unfortunately the case for Team GB. Our dogs ran their hearts out for 20 minutes in searing temperatures and were highly commended by the judges. John and Sara with FTCh Goddrib Bari of Bitterboom and FTCh Little Treasure of Gawcott were called back for extra minutes to try to find some game but sadly it didn't work out.

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The St. Hubert was run on pheasants and even these proved elusive. The St. Hubert competition is literally 'one man and his dog'. Mixed Continental and British pointers and setters compete in groups. Dogs are run singly with their handler and are judged on their relationship together, the training of the dog, their shooting skill and understanding of gun safety, their understanding and ability to hunt the ground respectfully and thoroughly, their choice of cartridges and handling of the shotgun. The handler is given a run of about twenty minutes and has to shoot game over their dog, which then has to retrieve it. The handlers are judged as hunters with 70% of the marks going to the handler and 30% to the dog.

**Results:****British Pointing Breeds Teams****First** - Italy**Second** - Serbia**Third** - Germany**Individual British Pointing Breeds****World Champion** - Paolo Pardini (Italy) with Pointer Mutinensi's Urano**Reserve World Champion** - Vladimira Dvorakova (Czech Rep.) with English Setter Miki Vis Tranquilla**Ladies St. Hubert Individual****First** was Christine Due of Denmark, with her German Wirehaired Pointer, winning the title for the sixth time.**Women's St. Hubert Team****First** - Denmark**Second** - Italy**Third** - Bulgaria

We were thrilled that husband and wife team, Michael Raynor and Sara Chichester came third in the Team Spaniel World St. Hubertus with English Springer Spaniels, Kenquartz Backstreets of Wiscombe and Wiscombe Sloegasm. Many congratulations to both of you!

We have seen some great dogs, excellent judging (the judges need an award for stamina), and met some wonderful people in an excellent atmosphere of cinofilia.



Team Spain Spaniels, who came 2nd, with Team GB Spaniels, who came 3rd, with Senior Spaniel judge Jan Luijendijk (Netherlands) ©Meryl Asbury

Many thanks must go to our sponsors the Kennel Club and Skinner's Dog Foods and all the other people who helped to make this trip so successful. Without them all none of this would have been possible. Also thank you to everyone for or support and special thanks to Team GB.

## HPR Championship

### Report by the Championship judges - John Naylor and Peter O'Driscoll

Judges report on the 18th Hunt, Point, Retrieve Championship Stake held at Swinton Estate, North Yorkshire on 13 and 14 November 2019, kindly hosted by Lord Masham.

Before making our way to the meet we had to scrape ice off the vehicle windows, although there was no frost on the ground when we arrived at the venue. The temperature was three degrees. It was a dull, grey morning but there was a suggestion the sun might break through which it did manage to do briefly by midday, warming things a little. Thirty one dogs had qualified for the Championship Stake, twenty nine ran, made up of; sixteen German Shorthaired Pointers, four German Wirehaired Pointers, three Hungarian Wire Haired Vizslas, two German Longhaired Pointers, a Brittany, a Korthals Griffon, a Large Munsterlander and a Weimaraner.

The first day of the trial was run on two extensive allotments which nestled between areas of woodland situated below the main moors. Ground cover consisted of areas of tussocky old heather, burnt patches, areas of rush and some extensive areas of bracken. We were able to avoid the bracken as there was so much good quality hunting land available, there was an ideal combination of cover to give birds the confidence to hold, it was open enough to allow the dogs to run freely and it allowed the gallery to see almost as much of the dog work as the judges. On the second day we were taken onto the moor proper. The well managed ground looked manicured compared with the day before and had been driven a number of times yet the grouse held well, scent was good with a steady cold wind and the dogs had every opportunity to show themselves at their best. The water test took place at a small pond set among rushes at a high point on the moor and ideally suited our requirements.

There was a moment when we first entered the allotment and before game became aware of our presence, that grouse could be heard calling over the whole area. As the first dog was brought up for its run a cock grouse stood challenging a few yards in front calling to us to "go back" and then retreating just twenty or thirty yards before dropping back into the heather. Pheasants were also present.

We had considered only allowing pointed birds to be shot but in consultation with our very experienced guns, Phil Pearson, Karl Field, Tim Pressey and Costas Wilkinson, we decided loose birds which were safe and sporting might be taken but the guns would not encroach on ground the dogs had not yet covered. Shooting over HPR's may be considered rough shooting but it is not walked up shooting and the two should not be confused.

As the first round got under way it soon became apparent that scenting conditions were extremely bad. We both have quite a lot of mileage on our clocks and could not recall a day when



scenting conditions had been worse. Scent seemed to vary between very short and non-existent. Some dogs we knew to be clever and experienced seemed unable to recognise the presence of game.

Flushing upwind and missing game on the beat are eliminating faults and although under such conditions these faults could be understood they could not be forgiven. We did try to show some tolerance. There were a number of dogs we eliminated for persistently committing the major fault of not acknowledging game going away from their close proximity which there was no excuse for. On such a difficult scenting day this became a very good indicator of dogs which had game sense, respect for birds and had been sufficiently well trained and those that hadn't.

Eight dogs progressed to the second day but only six managed to make it to the water test. It must have been very disappointing to have survived such a difficult first day with credit and having completed the basic requirements to fall at almost the last hurdle. Mr J. Bird's German Shorthaired Pointer, Sutchest Braun Gino had been in a prominent position and Mr J Hudson's Korthals Griffon, Fechlindream Don, had not been far behind. Both were eliminated for running in to shot grouse. All six dogs which were taken to the water completed the test successfully.

**Diploma of Merit**, Mr and Mrs O'Connell's, Large Munsterlander bitch Dual CH. Jaudas Heartbeat handled by Rory Major.

On its first run this bitch moved with reasonable pace but was a little hesitant which might have been explained by the conditions. Its ground treatment was good but it could have taken in more ground. It had an excellent point and production on a single grouse. As we paused to ensure the bitch was steady we wondered if it had marked the fall, where upon the grouse jumped helpfully out of the heather and she made a good, clean retrieve on a live bird, tenderly to hand. On her second run in

much better conditions her running was the same as the first day and she had no further birds.

**Diploma of Merit**, Mr P.M. Nixon's German Shorthaired Pointer bitch Quintana Hollie Berry.

On her first run this bitch moved with good pace. Her ground treatment was marred by the occasional back cast. She had a good point and production on a pair of grouse, one of which was shot. She was steady and went straight to the fall but spent rather too much time mouthing the bird before picking it up and delivering it to hand. On her second run her pace was again good but her ground treatment was rather erratic, she showed a tendency to turn off the wind and had an unproductive point.

**4th Place**. Mr S.R.C. Major's Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla dog Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft.

On his first run this dog showed good pace, its ground treatment was a little erratic. It was indicating where we had seen grouse when a cock pheasant lifted just to its left on ground the dog had not yet covered. It went on to point two grouse which flushed at the approach of the guns, one of which was shot. It fell quite a long way out and it was hard work for the handler to get his dog to the fall. He was eventually successful and retrieved the bird tenderly to hand. The dog had a fine second round, running with a very good easy pace and having excellent ground treatment. It paused occasionally in its running showing caution and cleverness when touching scent but always resuming its run without dwelling on it. It first indicated then drew into a point before roading in, producing two grouse, one was shot and showing steadiness and marking ability before retrieving tenderly to hand.

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HPR Championship ©Nigel Kirby / Kennel Club

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**3rd Place.** Mr G. Saint's German Wirehaired Pointer dog Merle Haggard.

This dog showed very good pace and ground treatment. A pair of grouse lifted on the flank just beyond where we had considered the dog to have been. He went on to point and produce a pair of grouse both of which were shot. He was steady, marked the birds, picked both of them cleanly and delivered them both tenderly to hand. At the end of the first round this was one of our top three dogs. In the second round the dog was let down somewhat by its handler. It turned short on its first cast to the left failing to cover the two left hand guns. This was not corrected by the handler and the dog continued to miss ground on the left for a significant part of its run. It also had an unproductive point.

**2nd Place.** Ms L. Holmes's German Shorthaired Pointer bitch FTCh Ladyhawke Perdita.



FTCh Ladyhawke Perdita ©Nigel Kirby/Kennel Club

On its first run this bitch showed excellent pace and very good ground treatment. It had an unproductive point but on quartering back across the area a covey of grouse flushed only twenty yards or so from where the unproductive had been. Under such difficult conditions the bitch was given the benefit of any doubt as to whether or not it should have had the birds previously. On its second run, the bitch's running and ground treatment were of the same high quality. It did have an unproductive point but went on to point and produce a cock pheasant. It was steady to shot and fall and retrieved it tenderly to hand.

**1st Place.** Mr D. Elliot's German Shorthaired Pointer dog FTCh Aytee Jumbo Jet of Islasbrow.



FTCh Aytee Jumbo Jet of Islasbrow ©Nigel Kirby/Kennel Club

This dog showed excellent pace with very good ground treatment. It pointed and produced a grouse out on the right hand flank but it was not shot. It was extremely responsive to its handler. It had two unproductive points. On its second run it showed the same high quality running and ground treatment as before, then going into an intense and stylish point. It roaded in freely but was under perfect control. We eventually saw a hen pheasant in the distance crouched beside some heather. As we got closer it became clear something was wrong. The handler was asked to stop his dog only two or three feet from the bird and one of us reached beyond the dog attempting to flush the bird with our stick. The bird was only able to tuck itself further into the heather as it had been injured previously. The dogs' behaviour had been immaculate and it continued to remain staunch. He went on to point and produce a grouse, was steady to shot and fall and retrieved it tenderly to hand. Last years' winner had done it again.

We would like to thank the Kennel Club for the invitation to judge the Championship Stake and all its staff and volunteers who helped make it a success. Kate Broers, Field Trial Secretary and chief steward whose hard work and happy disposition was appreciated. Maurice Cooke, a working trials man who did a first rate job as dog steward, always making sure the next competitor and dog was at hand which helped maintain the momentum of the trial, and our guns who shot well throughout. Lord Masham for his generosity in allowing us access to this wonderful ground and his game, and all the Swinton Estate gamekeepers who helped in a number of roles, from stewarding to picking up. Special mention must go to the outstanding contribution made by Gary Taylor the Swinton Estate Head Grouse Keeper and steward of the beat who was right by our sides throughout the two days making sure that anything he could do to help the trial be a success was done. Thanks to Skinner's for sponsoring the trial and to the competitors for supporting the Championship with their entries. It was a privilege for us to be involved.



HPR Championship winner Mr D Elliot with FTCh Aytee Jumbo Jet of Islasbrow ©Nigel Kirby/Kennel Club



## HPR Championship Results

**First** - FTCh Aytee Jumbo Jet of Islasbrow (GSP Dog) – Owned & handled by Mr D Elliot

**Second** - FTCh Ladyhawk Perdita (GSP Bitch) - Owned & handled by Ms L Holmes

**Third** - Merle Haggard (GWP Dog) - Owned & handled by Mr G Saint

**Fourth** - Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft (HWV Dog) - Owned & handled by Mr S R C Major. Also Guns' Choice.

### Diploma of Merit to:

Quintana Hollie Berry (GSP Bitch) - Owned & handled by Mr P M Nixon

DUAL Ch Jaudas Heartbeat (LM Bitch) - Owned by Mr T & Mrs L O'Connell, handled by Mr S R C Major



2 Day Open AV Retriever, Mr D Marx & Lockthorn Ziva 1st Place

## The Kennel Club Field Trials Results

### Novice Hunt, Point and Retrieve Stake

The results for the Kennel Club Novice AV Hunt, Point, Retrieve Stake, which was held on the 23 October 2019 at Hawkhurst, Kent judged by Suzi Burton and Francis Briley.

**First Place:** Bastillian Lady Kasshilde owned by Mr N R Wroe

**Second Place:** Karrouki Windrush D'Lyla owned by Ms S Mills

**Third** and **fourth** places were not awarded



2 day open AV retriever field shot

### 2 Day Open AV Retriever Stake

The results for the Kennel Club 2 day Open AV Retriever Stake, which was held on the 6 and 7 November 2019 at Ampton Estate, Suffolk judged by Jamie Bettinson, Wendy Glue, Roger Ketley and Peter Fulcher.

**First Place:** Lockthorn Ziva owned by Mr D Marx

**Second Place:** Leacaz Isle of Rum at Cardy owned by Mr M Rolland

**Third Place:** Burrendale Ace owned by Mr T O'Hare

**Fourth Place:** Amancio Tirpitz of Flypatch owned by Mr T N Brain

### Certificates of Merit:

Tagabea Pippin of Riverrush owned by Mr A Holmes

FTCh Beiley's Aguzannis of Fendawood owned by Miss L C Latham

FTCh Flagonhall Hermes of Waterford owned by Mrs R J Coley

### Open Hunt, Point and Retrieve Stake

The results for the Kennel Club Open Hunt, Point, Retrieve Stake, which was held on the 24 October 2019 at Hawkhurst, Kent judged by Rita Dockwray and Mark Spearing.

**First** and **second** places were not awarded

**Third Place:** Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft owned by Mr S R C Major

**Fourth Place:** Dual Ch. Jaudas Heartbeat owned by Mr T and Mrs L O'Connell

### Certificates of Merit:

Dual Ch. Jaudas Heartbeat owned by Mr T and Mrs L O'Connell

Hunterstone Uno owned by Mr T Mattravers

## Kennel Club dates for your diary

Cocker Spaniel Championship due to be held on 3 and 4 January 2020 at Facombe Estate, Hampshire

Novice Cocker Spaniel stake due to be held in January 2020, date and venue to be confirmed

AV Spaniel Championship (Excluding Cocker Spaniels) due to be held on 15 – 17 January 2020 at Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire

All Aged Spaniel (except Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer]) Stake will take place in January 2020, date and venue to be confirmed

Pointing Breed training weekend to be held on 29 February/1 March at Grinton Moor by kind permission of Lord Peel and kindly hosted by Mr Des Coates

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Pointing Breed training weekend to be held on 14/15 March 2020 at Swinton Moor, by kind permission of Lord Masham and kindly hosted by Mr Gary Taylor

Field Trial Secretaries seminar to be held on 25 April 2020 at Harefield Hall, Ripon, Yorkshire

Gundog Working Test - 13 and 14 June 2020.

I am delighted to announce that in 2020 the Working Tests for Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs, the International Retriever Team Event and the Training Day will take place at a marvellous new venue - Capesthorne Hall near Macclesfield in Cheshire by kind permission of Sir William Bromley-Davenport and Mr Nicholas Bromley-Davenport. As this event has grown year by year so has the requirement for more ground and we are fortunate to have found this lovely venue which we are sure will provide new, fresh and interesting tests for all the breeds in its extensive fields, woods and lakes.

We also aim to hold a 'new look' event for Young Handlers starting with a training session conducted by well-known trainers for each of the three breed groups, followed by separate competitions for each breed, all with trophies, rosettes and prizes on offer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to record our most sincere and grateful thanks to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. For twelve years they kindly hosted our successful Gundog Working Test week at Chatsworth House, all so greatly enjoyed by many, many competitors from far and wide.

**Anne Heading, Chairman of GWT Working Party**

2020/2021 Field Trial Dates confirmed so far are:

17 and 18 April 2020 – Pointer and Setter stake at Six Mile Bottom, Cambridgeshire

9 October 2020 – Novice AV Retriever Stake at Emblehope, Northumberland

16 and 17 October 2020 – Open AV Retriever Stake at Emblehope, Northumberland

23 October 2020 – Novice HPR Stake at Emblehope, Northumberland

29 October 2020 – Open HPR Stake at Emblehope, Northumberland

## Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

The following judges have been added to the official panels of Field Trial Judges:

**RETRIEVERS "A"**

Mrs A Hogsbjerg (2837)

**RETRIEVERS "B"**

Mr J Mayhew (3701)

Mr T O'Hare (3642)

Mr W Skett (2905)

**SPANIELS "A"**

Ms S Jenkins (1883)

Mr J Lascelles (3480)

**SPANIELS "B"**

Mr D Hamilton (3218)

We regret to advise of the retirement of the following judges who are thanked for their many years of service: Miss A M Clarke (2752) ("A" Panel (Retrievers)) and Mr G Leeson (86) ("A" Panel (Retrievers))

## Working Gundog Certificate

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on dummies:

**EKKOLANDER DARK RIVVA**

(Large Munsterlander) Mrs K Saynor

**ANSONA HEAVEN SENT TO LASSEMISTA**

(Slovakian Rough Haired Pointer (Imp)) Mrs A Wright

**HALLBRAM MELON IN EASTER HAY**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr P Smith

**MIADSC ETERNAL FLAME**

(Hungarian Wire Haired Vizla) Mrs R Summerfield

**FASSFIELDS SILVER LINING**

(Hungarian Wire Haired Vizla) Mrs H Gray

**TWEED MULL**

(Hungarian Wire Haired Vizla) Mr S Bennett

**BRYANTSCROFT WILLOW**

(Hungarian Wire Haired Vizla) Mrs J Harvey

**CASBLAIDD ANGELS LANDING**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs A Kitching

**MIADSC ETERNAL STAR**

(Hungarian Wire Haired Vizla) Mrs M Johnson

**CASBLAIDD MIRROR LAKE**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs C Hewison

**TORINMILL GAELIC AURORA**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Miss E Branscombe

**CASBLAIDD VALDOONICAN**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Miss L Mappin

**WOODMAGIC BORIS**

(Retriever (Labrador)) S Emery

**SIMPLY SPEEDY SAM**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) S Hanson

**BROOMFIELD JOLIE**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr M Emms

**HEOLYBWLCH CERI**

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Dr G Williams

**PINUM MISS CRUNCHIE**

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Miss C Wadland

**MOSS GIGG**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr D Bird

**BEANHILL GIN**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Ms S Gregory

**TRALALE QUICKWITTED**

(Large Munsterlander) Mr R Buckley-Humphries

**COUNTRYWAYS RENEGADE**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs S Moore



## HIGGSCROFT OMEGA AT PALLINGFORTH

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs P Bell

## BOOTHBY PARKER OF RUSHLAND

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs L Doubleday

## FLEEKFORM POWERSLIDE

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Miss S Hanson

## ROSEKEEPER THISTLE

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr R Hounslow

## KELLY SAFFRON

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs E Plumeridge

## DARK FOLLY ECLIPSE

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr W Organ

## BADGERBERRY VALENTINO

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs L Morgan

## STOCKBECK STARLIGHT

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs T Farr

## SOUTER BLACKJACK

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs B Atkins

## VERVANA DUKE ORSINO

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs G Taylor

## BUSKETSLAWN FLORA

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr B Irving

## PURSLEY BLACKTHORN

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs K Bowdidge

## CRAIWARN ENCHANTRESS

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs T Inwood

## MIXBURYSTAR SEREN

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Miss B Pratley

## SLEIGH COMET

(Retriever (Golden)) Mrs A Shaw

## FIELDLINES SUNSTONE

Spaniel (Cocker)) Miss S Lines

## LANLWYD MALLACHIE

(Retriever (Golden)) Mrs L P Eden

## SWINGTIP SOUL OF GUAVABERRY

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss R Evans

## BELLE EISLE BRUNANT

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr R Hambleton

## GRANDIOSE GEORGE

(Retriever (Golden)) Miss E Lewis

## IRWELLSPRING SOFT MIST THROUGH OVERMARSH

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs W Manning

## GLENFIA GYPSY AT BRYNTAIL

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs M A Mills

## PINEDALE SAGE

(Retriever (Golden)) Mrs C Peers

## WHITERIGG APHRODITE OF YARLINGTON

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs A A Prosser

## FFYNONGAIN ELLA

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs L Bevan

## MAPERTON POETIC LICENSE

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr R W Philpott

## CHANNARY CAPERCAILLIE

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs L M Collins

## ANNALOUGHAN SAVANNAH OF CWMCARROG

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr I W Marshalsay

## JASSENDUE MANET'S MEDLEY AM CETGUELI

(Brittany) Ms S Finch

## CARREG ROSEHIP

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr C Rees

## DUNGLEDY BAY

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr T J Gascoigne

## SHACKLETON TIN

(Spaniel (Cocker)) A Rolinson

## PUNCHESTON PRINCESS

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss C A Simpson

## BRYNMEINI ALEXANDRA

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs J Sherriff

## FFYNONGAIN CARLO

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs S E Jones

## NORTH LAD SWIMMER

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr P Birkbeck

## QUAILBANK SOPHIA

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs L M Tucker

## STROXWORTHY SURE SCOUT

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mr J McMurray

## ALPAGE CASCADE

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs K Rossiter

## ATHERBRAM JACOB

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs S L Tamblyn

## MOELFAMAU UPCOTT

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs S A Turner

## KENAITEEN MARAUDER DUKE

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs C A Graydon

## KENSTEEN ZEPPU

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs A Sexon

## JANETS GIFT

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs J Burley

## PUNCHERDON CHESTNUT

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mr A C Coleman

## PICKETSANDS OBAN

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mr D Filmer

## WITHYROSE BENJEN

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr J Pitman

## TIPTOPJACK LOLLIPOP

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs J A Griffiths

## TIPTOPJACK MOET

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mrs J A Griffiths

## NETTLE BED NELLY

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Miss L Milverton

## MOSS HENDRICK

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs C Noble

## EXMOOR SNOWDROP

(Spaniel (English Springer)) K Jones

## LYNEDANCE MAPLE

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs K J Russell

## DULVERTON SNOWFLAKE

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Mrs N Jones

## WHIZNIC WHITELITE

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Miss L Michie

## ESGOB FLOSS

(Spaniel (English Springer)) F Wise

## TREPHILIP RIVER PUZZLE

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs V S Wellfair

## GAYPLUME COTTON CANDY

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs J D Hart

## SWANTONWOOD GOLD LEAF

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs L Swan

## MAHINDA BOMBUS HEATH

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs A Bracegirdle

## **GWENADILLO HELGA GEERHART**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Miss J Calverley

## **MAHINDA POMPOKO**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs H Rosser

## **MAHINDA FESTER**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs H Rosser

## **COTSWOLD ROSE AT HOUNDWOOD**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Dr D Heywood

## **HOPEVALLEY MORNING ARIZONA**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mr D Savory

## **KEVERAL HEN HARRIER**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs C Wear

## **TREVORSILK ANDROMEDA OF NECESSARES**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mr G H Clelland

## **PAJANBECK HEAVEN CAN WAIT**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs J Egginton

## **PAJANBECK YOUNG AT HEART**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mrs V Davis

## **FLEETBELMONT CROMARTY**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss J Morgan

## **FLEETBELMONT CALLA LILLY**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs G R Davies

## **ASTCHAPEL SAVANNAH**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs G R Davies

## **DEEPLY BROOK MIDNIGHT SKY**

(Spaniel (Cocker)) Mr S Walker

## **GOLDRÖBBER WALK THE LINE**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss T L Gower

## **GOLDRÖBBER WARRIOR**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss T L Gower

## **LOWFORGE JOLENE OF GOLDRÖBBER (**

Retriever (Labrador)) Miss T L Gower

## **MYMMSBROOK MIMOSA**

(Spaniel (Welsh Springer)) Mrs A C Lyon

## **TIVALAKE COVER GIRL**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Mr N Burchell

## **IRWELLSPRING REFLECTION**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs K Burgess

## **AFINMORE ACACIA**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs F Maclean

## **REDGROUSE RIVIERA**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs M Olds

## **BANSHEE OF THE CLEUGH**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss S Mason

## **DANGEROUS GAMES DELLA VAL D'AVETO**

**WITH GILLBRYAN (IMP ITA)**

(Retriever (Golden)) Miss P Wred

## **LARCHCOVER HOLLAND**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr R A Binkhorst

## **BINNEYBOTTOM RUN LIKE HELL**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs A Coates

## **FIELDSIDELABS LAURAS DRAKE**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr K Pears-Lines

## **RATTLEBECK EASEDALE PUD**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs S Chamberlain

## **WHEATSHEAVES GOLD DUST**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss C Robinson

## **KOOLKATZ AFFECTION OF LONGLOX**

(Weimaraner) Ms J Drewery

## **PALTON PIPER'S LAD**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Dr J K Payne

## **KATIMBA TREBBIANO AT DKAI**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Miss C Chapman

## **KYMIN PHINEAS**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Mrs H A Burbidge

## **DECOYMANS THE DREAMWORKER**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Miss C Chapman

## **KATIMBA TROLLINGER**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Mrs R Whiting

## **TIVALAKE MAKE 'EM LAUGH**

(Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)) Mr N Burchell

## **TROCHRY WAYWARD CHILD**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs M B Adkins

## **RAMALLEY GORKA**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs C A Cox

## **MUSCATELLE MAZURKA**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs H Sutton-Vidotto

## **RAGGAY RHUBARB**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs D L Wolfe

## **DANDYAMBER FLOW**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mrs L J Sutton

## **DANDYAMBER FLAP JACK**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Mr L Sutton

## **GUNOAK SOLAR WIND**

(Retriever (Flat Coated)) Mr D A Ashcroft

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on game:

## **STEPHENS BROTHER AT WARRENBANK**

(Retriever (Labrador)) Miss L Southern

## **BRIARHOLLOW BRODY**

(Spaniel (English Springer)) Miss L Southern

## Application for Permission to Hold Field Trials

Societies wishing to register their views on the following application should do so in writing, stating reasons for supporting or objecting to the application. The application will be considered at the next Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with the Kennel Club by 20 January 2020.

## **Southern Flatcoated Retriever Club**

Show Gundog Working Certificate Day

## Approved Application for Permission to Hold Field Trials

## **Burns and Becks Gundog Club**

1 Day Open AV Retriever Stake

## **Worcestershire Gundog Society**

Open AV Spaniel (except Spaniel (Cocker)) Stake

## **Foyle Valley Working Cocker Club**

Open Spaniel (Cocker) Stake



## Drive Certificates

Clarification has recently been sought in relation to the way in which a Drive Certificate is issued, in particular whether the Drive qualification must be conducted by 2 A Panel judges, or if it may be conducted by one A Panel judge and one B Panel judge.

It should be noted that the relevant Regulation is as follows:

Regulation K2.d(3)

3) Proviso for all Retrievers

Before any Retriever is entitled to be described as a Field Trial Champion it must also have a Water and Drive Certificate. The Water Certificate may, but not necessarily, be gained at a special Water Test. The special water test must have been conducted before two Panel A Judges at one of the following: the Retriever Championship, a Field Trial Stake, or at a subsequent special test. (J(A)2 refers.)

The Committee confirmed that the Drive qualification must be conducted during a trial. The Certificate must be awarded by two A Panel judges, both of whom must have been officiating at the trial, as it was necessary for them to have observed the dog's work during the course of the day.

However, the Water test may be gained either at a special test or at a trial. Where the test was carried out at a trial, it may be carried out by any two A Panel judges, regardless of whether they were officiating at that trial.

## Club Rules and Registration of Title Applications

Clubs are reminded that Kennel Club Regulations require that the list of club members' names must be made available for inspection by members. The addresses must not be disclosed.

Kennel Club Regulation C3.a.(14):

A Rule that the society must maintain an up to date list of members and their addresses, and those of branch members where appropriate, and, if so requested make the list of names available for inspection by the Kennel Club and members of the society. A declaration of the number of members of the society must be made with Annual Returns.

## Amendments to Field Trial J Regulations

Following a recommendation by the Field Trials Liaison Council, Regulations will in future generally become effective on 2 February each year to tie in with the Field Trial season. The new booklets will still be available to purchase or download from early January.

The Field Trials Committee recommended approval of the following amendments to the J Regulations Complaints Procedure. These have been approved by the Board and are effective from 2 February 2020:

Regulation J.12:

**TO:**

An objection **must** be lodged directly with the Kennel Club within seven days after the last day of the trial, and under these circumstances a copy of the objection must be sent to the field trial secretary.

When an objection is lodged the following information must be given;

A statement detailing the objection, quoting the relevant regulation(s).

The objection fee is £35, or such amount as may from time to time be decided by the Board.

The name and address of the objector.

The name and address of the owner of the dog (if relevant).

All relevant evidence.

The objection fee may be returned after consideration of the objection.

**(Insertion in bold)**

## Errors in Field Trial Draws

The Field Trial Committee has stated that any errors in a Field Trial draw must be reported to the Field Trial Department. The office will then provide guidance on a case by case basis and statistics will be kept as to the errors that occur and the advice given. It is anticipated that after a period of approximately three years, sufficient precedence would have been built up which would enable the office to provide accurate and timely advice for any circumstance.

## Field Trials Liaison Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Kennel Club Field Trials Liaison Council will be held at the Kennel Club in London on 11 June 2020. Proposals for inclusion on the agenda should reach the Field Trials Liaison Council Secretary by 13 March 2020.

Each eligible society or an individual may submit items for the agenda, through a council representative. Proposals must be made concise, and if an amendment or an additional regulation is proposed, the regulation number must be given. All submissions must be signed by the society/individual and the representative.

All items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent to Field Trials, The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB or by email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).


A full list of Field Trial Liaison Council representatives can be found on the Kennel Club website together with the results of the recommendations from the 2019 Liaison Council meeting - <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/field-trials-working-gundogs/field-trials-liaison-council/>.

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