

# Field trials newsletter

Winter 2020



## Mishaps and amusement – they happen to the best!

**Anne Greeves**

During the recent very difficult months which have affected us all in a variety of ways, many of us have had time to reflect on the past with time to read and sort ancient documents. Good memories and reminders of various events long forgotten. Upon doing this I came across photographs and notes of mishaps that occurred during field trials, which, in most cases, caused a few wry smiles and smothered chuckles. We all need a bit of a cheer at the moment so I hope the following will bring a smile to your face even if it is under the mask...

### Landrover stuck in mud



This picture was taken at a retriever championship at Windsor. It was usual for a vehicle to travel as close to the activity as possible carrying the less mobile members of the International Gundog League Committee, vice presidents and special guests. Unfortunately, on this occasion, it got well and truly stuck in the mud and it is the Sandringham Agent, Mr Marcus O'Lone, who is walking away from the vehicle. As a Gun it was not his responsibility to sort the problem so he could afford a smile – best done while walking away from the stranded!

### Tumbling around

I well remember the 2007/08 Spaniel Championship at Conholt which took place in a recently lopped wooded area with branches laying everywhere making walking very difficult. As dog steward I was not able to keep looking downward and I managed to spread-eagle head first into the undergrowth. Camera, radio, pen and programme jammed firmly into the ground.

Not a problem! As I could hear a gentleman's voice telling me to "hold on I'm coming to help". Lovely, but what did he do? He too fell firmly at my side and there we both laid. Not very elegant.

He was full of apologies but then we went into a fit of giggles. I cannot remember how we got out of the predicament!

### Disappearing act

That was not the only place that laughter overtook me. This was at another Spaniel Championship at Grimsthorpe on a rough hilly woodside with many dips, hollows, sunken streams and fallen branches. Adrian Slater was judging and, like myself, is somewhat shorter than many and he was continually disappearing among the undergrowth. We could only see a hat moving around. This struck Jeanine French, Lyn Rawlings and myself as rather amusing and after several of his disappearing acts we were duly chastised for making too much noise...not a good example of us officials!

### Portaloos at Blankney



I could not resist snapping this unusual image taken on the Blankney Estate in Lincolnshire during the 2000 Retriever Championship where, as at all major events, portaloos had to be situated at key points. The Labrador is patiently waiting his turn or perhaps thinking "For goodness sake hurry up"? With apologies to the gentleman just exiting.

### Novice woes

During my time as Kennel Club Field Trial Secretary, I asked members of the Field Trials Sub-Committee if they could recall any amusing incidents. The following came from Mrs Sheila Kuban who is very well known for her achievements in the HPR world.

## A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the winter edition of the field trials newsletter.

Here we are, our final edition of the newsletter for 2020. It's been a very strange and unsettling time for many, and one that I'm sure none of us expected to unfold at the start of this year. We hope those of you who were able to run and also attend field trials this season had a great experience given the circumstances, and enjoyed the day that may have brought a little normality back to your life. It was unfortunate that we like many others had to cancel our events this season due to the ongoing pandemic. This decision was not taken lightly, but we felt it was the safest course of action for all involved.

In our winter edition, we carry on with our feature 'Get to know the Field Trials Committee'. We also have another article written by Anne Greeves, taking us down memory lane and hopefully providing a few smiles along the way.

As mentioned in our previous newsletters this year, if you do have any queries regarding field trials and cancellation/transfer of licence fees or simply a general field trials question relating to awards, licences or judges please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).

If you have a question relating to The Kennel Club's own field trials, the championships that we organise, The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test or Kennel Club training days, please contact the following email address [ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk).

Please also remember that any correspondence you wish to send to us should be done so electronically through email due to the closure of the London office and staff continuing to work remotely.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and fingers crossed for a much more successful 2021!

### The field trials department

To receive a copy of our newsletter straight to your inbox, sign up today at [thekennelclub.org.uk/fieldtrials](https://thekennelclub.org.uk/fieldtrials)

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Sheila was judging a Novice HPR Trial and, as to be expected, for some handlers it was their first trial and very nerve wracking. One particular lady cast her dog out as instructed but unfortunately it was not working at all well. Sheila, having given the dog a reasonable time to work, asked the handler to "pick her dog up". The dog was called back and on reaching the handler was duly picked up in her arms! It was obvious that she had never heard this instruction before and it must have been very difficult for Sheila to keep a straight face!

There will be more tales in future newsletters and I would be very interested to hear from anyone who has an amusing short tale to tell – even better with a photo. Please contact me on 01485 600394, 07740 047860, [greeves\\_123@btinternet.com](mailto:greeves_123@btinternet.com)

**To conclude...** This hangs in my kitchen:





## Get to know the Field Trials Committee

Following on from our summer newsletter, we have asked a few more Field Trials Committee members some questions regarding the field trial world. A massive thank you to those who have provided insight into their field trialling world.

### DIANA HARRISON



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**1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?**

Having got my first Labrador I joined the South Eastern Gundog Society, went to training classes then working tests and field trials and ended up being on their committee.

**2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?**

Making up three field trial champions and coming 4th in my first championship and subsequently gaining diplomas with two of my home bred dogs.

**3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?**

Make sure your foundation training is rock solid.

**4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?**

Watching FTCh Pocklea Remus working, I was determined to get a pup by him.

**5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?**

Fishing, stalking, bird watching and being in our wonderful countryside.

**6. What advice would you give someone starting in field trials?**

Do your homework and find a trainer that has had successes with many different dogs. Take your dogs beating and picking up and teach them how to find game.

**7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?**

I admired my great uncle's Labradors working on a shoot when I was about 8 years old and determined that one day I would have my own, little did I know that working gundogs would become a lifetime passion!



## RORY MAJOR



### 1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?

My first gundog was an unregistered Springer that the Guildford Gundog Club let me run in their working tests against the Retrievers. So when I got my first German Wirehaired Pointer, I was allowed to run her as well, from there I got the competition bug and then joined some HPR clubs. I was encouraged to enter her in a field trial, which was a disaster, but I kept at it and made her up into the breed's first FTCh.

### 2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?

I have made up eight HPR Field Trial Champions in three different breeds – four German Wirehaired Pointers, three Brittanies and a Large Munsterlander. The Munsterlander and the Brittanies are all dual champions.

### 3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

This is a difficult one to answer as when I started I never really had any help but learned by watching top handlers at work and listening to their discussions, which I still do to this day.

### 4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?

The most memorable dog who had a lasting impression on me was the Labrador FTCh Blackharn Jonty, I used to love watching him run at the Game Fair, and he was a

powerhouse of a dog. But in HPRs it would be German Wirehaired Pointer FTCh Cisko Folgate, he had great game sense and was at one with his handler. I managed to buy his daughter from Ireland and he was grandfather to my third FTCh.

### 5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?

Reading, family time and breeding poultry.

### 6. What advice would you give someone starting in field trials?

Be prepared to take the knocks of not always getting the result you thought you deserved. The drive home is a good time to think about your dog's performance that day and you will often realise their shortcomings, but if you have a well-trained quality dog it will come out on top in the end.

### 7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?

For all the wrong reasons, my Labrador that I grew up with had just died and I wanted to get a Flatcoated Retriever. But I happened to be at the kennel of Major George Wilkinson and I saw a puppy that looked just like my old mongrel and I bought her. She was my first German Wirehaired Pointer.



## PHILIPPA WILLIAMS



### 1. How did you start to be involved in field trials?

One of the estates where I used to pick up was holding a field trial and I was asked if I would like to go and watch. The rest is history.

### 2. What's your greatest success in field trials to date?

A Diploma of Merit at the 2011 International Gundog League Retriever Championship held at Nevill Holt with FTCh Tweedshot Thistle aka Mango, who was the youngest competitor that year at just two and a half.

### 3. What's the best advice you've ever been given?

Practice makes permanent but only makes perfect if that is what you are practicing.

### 4. What's the most memorable dog that you haven't owned?

FTCh Breeze of Drakeshead, winning the International Gundog League Championship in 1985, 1986 & 1987.

### 5. Away from dogs, what do you like to do to relax?

Reading non dog-related books.

### 6. What advice would you give someone starting in Field trials?

Go and help on shoot days either picking up, beating or helping with the game cart. Help at trials both walked up and driven and take the J Regulations exam.

### 7. Why did you get the breed of dog you have?

I have three breeds that I work & have trialed – Golden Retrievers, Labradors and Cockers. They all have their place in my picking up team with the Goldens, like the Cockers having a great sense of humour, which is not always shared by myself but keeps me grounded and they are happy to take cover without even noticing it. My Labs are a bit more conservative with no real thrills or spills but just get on with the job and will take runners long after they have gone. As regards to Field trials the Goldens aren't always as consistent as the Labs but I find them a delight to watch and they keep me on my toes.

## Field Trials Committee objection outcomes

At its meeting of the 3 June 2020 the Field Trials Committee imposed the following penalty:

**Breach of Regulation J9.a(3) and J(A)3.g. – Spaniel Club, Novice AV Spaniel Trial – 14 January 2020.**

No dog was in place for the purposes of picking up wounded game. Club fined £50.

## Amendments to field trial J regulations

The Field Trials Committee recommended approval of the following amendments to the J Regulations. These have been approved by the Board.

The committee recommended an amendment to Regulation J7.i.(4), with the proviso that it would apply for a three-year trial period. The amendment had been proposed by HPR clubs, following a meeting which took place in February 2020, with the objective of raising the standard of dog work at HPR trials by requiring a dog to demonstrate a degree of consistency in performance before gaining preference in an Open Stake. The committee was in agreement with this view, and further, accepted that the measure would help to increase the number of entries into Novice stakes which would be a positive step.

### Regulation J7.i.(4)

#### TO:

- i. Preference in the draw for Open Stakes
  - (4) Breeds which Hunt Point and Retrieve
    - A 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Stake
    - ~~A First or Second in an All-Aged Stake or First in a Novice Stake~~
    - A 1st and 2nd in All-Aged Stakes**
    - A 1st in an All-Aged Stake and a First in a Novice Stake**
    - Two 1sts in Novice Stakes**

(Deletions struck through. Insertion in bold)

**(Effective 2 February 2021)**

(Subject to three year trial period and review in February 2024)

A consequential amendment to Regulation J3.d.(3) was also recommended for approval as follows:

### Regulation J3.d.(3)

#### TO:

#### Novice

Retrievers, Spaniels and breeds which hunt, point and retrieve: A stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place, **or places**, which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open stakes. Pointers and Setters: A stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a first, second or third in open stakes or first or two seconds in All Aged, Novice or Puppy stakes prior to the close of entries.

## Application for permission to hold field trials

Societies wishing to register their views on the following applications should do so electronically, stating reasons for supporting or objecting to the application. Please note that all letters should be sent by email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk) and not sent in the post.

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with The Kennel Club by 20 January 2021.

### Duchy Working Gundog Club

One Day Open Cocker Stake

### Grampian Gundog Club

One Day Novice AV Spaniel

### North Antrim Gundog Club

One Day Novice AV Retriever

## Approved applications for permission to hold field trials

### Muncaster Gundog Club

Open Any Variety Spaniel (except Spaniel [Cocker])

## The Kennel Club field trial panel judges list

The following judges have been added to the official panels of field trial judges:

### RETRIEVERS "A"

Mr Declan Boyle (3170)  
Mr Thomas Brady (2789)  
Mr Nicholas Clitheroe (2450)  
Mrs Laura Hill (3229)  
Mr David Logan (3509)  
Mr Steve McDermott (3558)  
Ms Mary-Jane Opie (3040)

### RETRIEVERS "B"

Mr James Bailey (3250)  
Mr Wayne Carlisle (3515)  
Mr Brian Chessier (3527)  
Mr Keith Eastwood (3710)  
Mr Matthew Gould (3776)  
Mr Kevin Haynes (3731)  
Mr Mike Jones (3780)  
Mrs Sarah Miles (3289)  
Miss Dawn Scott (3643)  
Mr Haydn Willmott (3050)

### SPANIELS "B"

Mr Ivan Bannister (3722)  
Mr Steven Brankin (3758)  
Mrs Janice Cunningham (2995)  
Mr Andrew Fisher (3418)  
Miss Nicola Hannan (3657)  
Mr Chris Morgan (3751)  
Ms Terri Siwek (3772)  
Mr Darren Skidmore (3506)

### POINTER & SETTER "A"

Mr Colin Adamson (186)  
Ms Sara Chichester (1847)

### HPR "A"

Mr Jim Bird (3501)

### HPR "B"

Mr Geoffrey Saint (3730)  
Mr Peter Szalai (3753)

## Working Gundog Certificate

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on dummies. Please note, due to office closure since March 2020 we have been unable to print certificates, but when possible these will be sent.

As a reminder of our summer newsletter announcement, Working Gundog Certificate days are now open to any crossbreed or unregistered dog. However, in order to take part the dog would need to be registered on the Activity Register beforehand.

**SPINONDAW TALLISKAR TALLIE**, Retriever (Labrador),  
Mrs S Springthorpe

**STELTELLA CEASAR**, Spaniel (English Springer), Ms J Yaxley

**CUVANA QUILL'S PRECIOUS GIFT**, Spaniel (Irish Water),  
Ms J Hempstead

**RIVERFOREST IRISH EIDER AT CUVANA (IKC)**,  
Spaniel (Irish Water), Ms J Hempstead

**DIDDYMOGW TURQUOISE STORM AT CUVANA**,  
Spaniel (Irish Water), Mrs S Hempstead

**SILVIUS MERVEILLE DU JOUR**, Retriever (Labrador),  
Miss H Bowyer

**TOLLEKIN CAIFE AMERICANO**, Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck  
Tolling), Miss M Elkin

**WRENCOURT ANGELS WINGS**, Spaniel (English Springer),  
Mrs N Pollard

**VERSTONE SEACLAID BRYGID**, Spaniel (Cocker),  
Miss J M Elcock

**COTTERDALE BROCK**, Spaniel (Cocker), Miss J M Elcock

**ATSTOWE JIMMY CHOO**, Spaniel (Cocker), Ms E Wickham

**CHILTERNLILY WINTER GEM**, Spaniel (Cocker),  
Miss V Cochrane

**BUXTONS SILVER SUN**, Retriever (Labrador), Miss G Hill

**BAREVE BABULAYAH**, German Wirehaired Pointer,  
Mrs M Stratford

**COPPERSPIRIT GOLDEN GUN AT PIPPENMOOR**,  
Retriever (Labrador), Miss K Hill

**PIPPENMOOR FIRECRACKER**, Spaniel (English Springer),  
Miss K Hill

**PIPPENMOOR GOLDEN BOY**, Spaniel (English Springer),  
Miss K Hill

**LLANSANSIOR DOIRAN**, Retriever (Labrador), Mr N Oliver

**TRULY SCRUMPTIOUS**, Spaniel (Cocker), Mr B Gills

**WOLFORD PRINCESS AMANDA**, Retriever (Labrador),  
Mr M Anthony

**GRAFTON SWEEP**, Spaniel (Cocker), Mr M Weber

**MOUNTAIN SNIPE**, Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Hales

**HOLLINROOT ROYAL GEORGE**, Retriever (Labrador),  
Mrs K Everett

**HOLLINROOT JAZZ**, Retriever (Labrador), Mr S Everett

**BOO BOO CHOCKYSTAR OF RAVENSVIEW**, Spaniel (Cocker),  
Mrs D Scamp

**DANSHARLEY ROSE GOLD**, Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs L Head

**NIGHTSHADE STORM**, Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Sunley-Jones

**WRENCOURT IRISH CHARM**, Spaniel (English Springer),  
Mrs T Farr

**FIDDLERGREEN NEVADA**, Spaniel (English Springer),  
Mr S Shaw

**KYINTA CRAZY FOR YOU**, Spaniel (Cocker), Miss T Crook



## Field Trials Liaison Council meeting

The meeting of the Field Trials Liaison Council which was due to take place on 23 June 2020, and then subsequently postponed, has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All items due for discussion on the agenda will be carried forward to the next available meeting. New items will also be accepted for inclusion in the agenda.

The next meeting of the Field Trials Liaison Council will be held on 24 June 2021. Proposals for inclusion on the agenda should reach the Field Trials Liaison Council Secretary by 26 March 2021.

Each eligible society may submit, through their representative, items for the agenda. Individuals may also submit items for the agenda direct to the Kennel Club. Proposals must be concise and, if an amendment or an additional regulation is proposed, the regulation number must be given.

All items for inclusion on the agenda should be sent by email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).

A full list of Field Trials Liaison Council representatives can be found at [thekennelclub.org.uk/competinginfieldtrials](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/competinginfieldtrials)

## The Kennel Club's new website

As I am sure you are all aware by now, we have launched our new website. Below we have detailed some key information you should know and also how to navigate around the new site.

### So what has changed?

- All of your club's details are in one place within your club profile
- You can apply for trial dates, submit results and manage your annual returns online

### Creating an account/logging in

First step is creating an account. We ask that when you create an account on the Kennel Club website, you use the same email address that you previously used. This will ensure all your information that was registered with us previously, such as registered dogs, will be visible on the new system.

When you are logged in, you will notice there is now one master record which combines the most recent information we have about you and your club. You will be able to manage your preferences and this should make it easier for you to filter any communications you wish to receive from us. In order to do this, this feature is located on the 'My Communication Preferences' on your account page.

### Information not showing

If you have successfully created your account with the same email address that was previously used and believe there is information missing, then this may mean we need to clean up some of your data. The quickest way to deal with this inquiry is to complete our missing information form which will be situated on your account.

### Viewing the updated field trials diary

Unfortunately the Field Trials diary is not available to view online at the moment, for the meantime to view an updated field trials diary please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk) specifying the sub-group, stake type and month/dates interested.

### Submitting dates for the diary

The new process for submitting dates for the diary means that when you are on your club account via The Kennel Club website you will be able to apply for individual dates online. Once these dates have been submitted, the office will re-

confirm the date. The office will no longer issue Licence Application Forms for each trial in the diary, instead sending an invoice for the trials booked. Once the invoice has been paid this will generate the licence which will then be issued.

### Submitting an online evaluation form

In order to submit an online evaluation form after attending a trial, the forms can be found by selecting the tab "EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES" from the home page. Within the events and activities page, you will need to locate the "Field trials and working gundogs" link, once here you need to select "Judging a field trial". Within this page, you will see there are four drop down icons, one being named "Field trial judges evaluation forms" – in the first sentence of the text a hyperlink has been added which when clicked will take you to the online form for you to complete. Unfortunately for the immediate future any evaluation forms completed online will not return a copy to the email address you recorded. If you would like to obtain a copy of the evaluation form, please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).

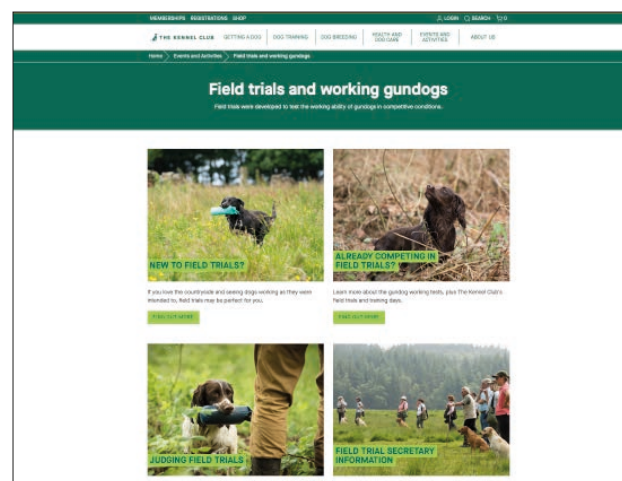
### Cancelling a field trial

If you need to cancel a field trial, our new cancellation form can be found on the dashboard of the Club profile for the Secretary.

Find out more at [thekennelclub.org.uk/cancellationofevents](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/cancellationofevents)

### Guidance for holding field trials

For societies holding field trials this season, please find our guidance on the resumption of licenced events here:- [thekennelclub.org.uk/resumptionofevents](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/resumptionofevents)







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January 2020 Cocker Spaniel Championship 1st place.

## The Kennel Club's trials & championships

In our summer newsletter we announced the details of all of our upcoming Kennel Club trials and championships. Unfortunately due to the coronavirus pandemic all of the below events have been cancelled. For any clubs who have paid their levy fees for any of The Kennel Club's championships, the fee will be transferred to next season.

### The Kennel Club Field Trial details were as follows:

- Open AV Spaniel (except Cocker) Stake to be held on 16 November 2020 at Witham on the Hill, Lincolnshire
- Open Cocker Spaniel Stake to be held on 23 November 2020 at Newburgh Priory, North Yorkshire
- Novice Cocker to be held on 7 December 2020 at Stubton, Newark
- Novice AV Retriever to be held on 15 December 2020 at Batsford, Gloucestershire
- All Aged Spaniel [ex Spaniel (ESS) and Spaniel (Cocker)] to be held on 18 December 2020 at Egton, North Yorkshire

### The championship details were as follows:

- Cocker Spaniel Championship to be held at Tolishill & Lauder on 4 and 5 January 2021
- AV Spaniel [excluding Spaniel (Cocker)] Championship to be held at Snilesworth Estate on 21 - 23 January 2021
- Hunt, Point and Retriever Championship to be held at Westerdale on 27 & 28 January 2021 (postponed from 14 and 15 November 2020)

Please direct all enquiries regarding this matter to  
[ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## World Championships of Practical Hunting for Pointing Breeds and the World St. Hubert Championship

The World Championships of Practical Hunting for Pointing Breeds and the World St. Hubert Championship which had been due to take place in Romania this year has now been postponed due to the ongoing global pandemic. The championships will now take place in 2021.

## International Gundog League Retriever Championship

The Committee of the International Gundog League (Retriever Society) made the decision that it was unable to hold the 2020 Retriever Championship, which was due to take place 30 November – 2 December 2020 at Ampton Estate, Suffolk. This decision was made as a result of the ongoing pandemic.

The society had agreed that for the 2021 Championship:

- Any award gained before 3 December 2020, which would have carried a qualification for the 2020 Retriever Championship, would not be carried forward to the 2021 Retriever Championship. This was with the exception of the current IGL Retriever Champion, who would be invited to defend the title in 2021.
- Any award gained from and including 3 December 2020, would qualify for the 2021 Championship in the usual way. The 2020 Irish Retriever Champion would be invited to run in the 2021 IGL Retriever Championship in the customary way.



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January 2020 AV Spaniel (except Spaniel [Cocker]) Championship 1st place.

## Annual returns deadline extended to 31 July 2021

The Kennel Club has extended the deadline for submission of annual returns to 31 July 2021, in order to allow clubs and societies which have been unable to hold an AGM in 2020 to do so in 2021.

It remains necessary for an AGM to be held for each year to allow for formal approval and confirmation of business by members. However, a society may hold both the 2020 and 2021 AGM on the same day, one after the other, and then submit both sets of annual returns.

Please also see the FAQs available on the Kennel Club website at [thekennelclub.org.uk/reschedulingagms](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/reschedulingagms)

All queries regarding the submission of annual returns should be directed to email [sass@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:sass@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Judges appointments and schedules

As a reminder to all societies when appointing judges, you must ensure a three part contract is in place in writing (email is also acceptable). This will be in the form of a formal invitation from the club, the judge's acceptance and then a further confirmation from the club of the appointment. This is aligned with the current J Regulation J.6.(4) which states:

Judging appointments should be confirmed in writing by both the society and the judge. When confirming an appointment the society should include the following wording:

'In accepting this invitation you agree to be bound by The Kennel Club's rules and regulations and The Kennel Club's Code of Best Practice for Judges. In doing so you also recognise that you are obliged to notify us in writing of any change in personal circumstances which will affect your ability to fulfil this judging appointment. You should also note that we reserve the right to cancel the contract before the date of the appointment if there is a change in your circumstances, which in our reasonable opinion would adversely affect your ability to fulfil the appointment.'

Societies are also reminded that when creating their schedules, they should follow our Specimen Schedule and Entry Form which can be found on the website. In order to find and download the Specimen Schedule, please go to the "Field trial secretary information" page situated within the "Field trials and working gundogs" page. When on the page dedicated to secretary information, you will note a drop down section dedicated to 'Field trial specimen schedules'. For any society which wishes to have its schedule checked before issuing to members, please send to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk). All schedules should be sent to The Kennel Club within three days of being issued, this can be done by email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).



# The Emblehope & Burngrange Estate Northumberland

A Centre of Excellence for Working Dogs

This beautiful moorland estate stretches to some 7,550 acres and is absolutely ideal for walked up trialling and training for Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs. The estate offers both Pheasant and Partridge shooting and the varied terrain offers opportunities for all breeds of Gundog to demonstrate their natural working abilities. Woodland cover provides excellent hunting for Spaniels whilst the stretching moorland is ideal for challenging retrieves and for the pointing breeds to show off their hunting abilities to the full.

**As a Centre of Excellence for Working Dogs, the Estate also welcomes the full range of working dog activities including:**

- Field Trials including Pointer and Setter Spring Stakes
- Gundog Working Tests
- Gundog Training Days
- Live Game Training Days
- Pointing Tests
- Working Trials
- Bloodhound Trials
- Activity Training Days
- Shooting and Gundog Activities



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