



# Field trials newsletter

Summer 2021

## Get to know the Field Trials Committee

We would like to thank Steve for kindly providing us with his answers to the below questions for an insight into who he is! Steve Chant is a member of the Field Trials Committee as one of the HPR Representatives from the Field Trials Liaison Council.

### Steven Chant

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

I was put in touch with Liz and Edward Hardman with the Bredebeck Weimaraners who were living in Dorset at the time my wife and I were researching the breed. When I eventually bought my first Weimaraner I joined them for gundog training and we became friends. As I enjoyed working my dogs and shooting over them it was suggested that if I was interested, I could attend some trials to watch and learn. I really enjoyed attending these trials and meeting those folks who were running dogs. Happy to lend a hand, Edward invited me to carry the Red Flag, then to Steward and to shoot. It wasn't until I had my second Weimaraner that I became involved in trialing. I really enjoyed the trialing world, my fellow competitors whose company and advice I valued and being able to watch some wonderful dogs working on some amazing grounds.

#### 2. What's your greatest success in Field Trials to date?

Breeding FT Ch Quadet Caterin owned by Dave Pilkington and SH Ch, Swedish FT Ch and Bloodtracking Ch Quadet Damit owned by Elisabeth Beskow. Another great success was making up my second Weimaraner, Tasaigid Talked About into a full CH. Winning the Swedish Weimaraner FT Championship with Q Dacke and being awarded the best hunting dog trophy on two occasions at this event.

Although not a FT, I have enjoyed and had success running dogs at Spring and Grouse Pointing Tests.

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

Never over estimate your own dog's ability.

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

The wonderful Hungarian Vizsla, FT Ch Archenfield Crusty of Waidman.

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

I enjoy amateur dramatics and have taken part in a variety of pantos and plays since a child. These days I am a member of the New Hardy Players. I have a small part in their latest production, The Mayor of Casterbridge, which my sister is very involved with. The money raised by these productions goes to local charities.

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

I would urge people not to be in a rush. Be prepared to roll your sleeves up and help. Watch, listen to the positives and learn. Be realistic and honest about yourself and your dog. Take your time over your training and make sure it is fun for your dog and for you. Be a good sport and enjoy watching the other dogs working.

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

My work at the time and our lifestyle made my wife and I decide to go for a short coated breed for our second dog. After reading an interesting article on the Weimaraner but not having seen or met one we started to research the breed. Many people warned us against having one but over 40 years later I am still hooked! The breed has had a huge impact on our lives and I am still involved with the Weimaraner Club of Great Britain. Importing a dog from Sweden has been one of the major highlights of my life as through this I have made some wonderful friends and travelled around a beautiful country.

## A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the summer 2021 edition of the field trials newsletter.

In this edition you will find the second part of the Ode written by Anne Greeves on her time as a field trial secretary. We also have some returning features as well as other important information to keep you up to date.

We would also like to welcome our editor, Alison Morley – Working Dog Activities Officer to her new role within the WDA team. Alison has been with the team for just over 2 years, and has recently moved across to the field trials vacancy, and will hopefully be showing her face at some trials in the coming months!

With this being the second summer edition created from home, it has certainly been an interesting year and a half to say the least! Hopefully we will now start to see events up and running again and a bit of normality as we head into the 2021/22 season.

### The field trials department

## Meet the team

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After a strange and disappointing past year, the field trial team have been delighted to get back to planning and organising the forthcoming season's events. The Spaniel and HPR Championship Working Parties have even been able to meet face to face to further the arrangements for the Championships and to visit the estates. It has been a real joy to see both venues and individuals in person.

The Kennel Club field trials have all been arranged and the schedules and entry forms will be available in the next few weeks. Entry details will be published on our website and The Kennel Club facebook page: Field/Working/Bloodhound trials & Working Gundog news from @TheKennelClubUK.

We must take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the running of the trials and Championships. We are most grateful to our sponsors, Skinner's Field & Trial, and to those who give up their time and expertise to support these events.

Gamekeepers, hosts and agents will all be working hard to get their venues ready for the shooting season and we would encourage all clubs and societies to continue to ensure that their events adhere to any guidance available.

There is a real sense of anticipation and excitement for the forthcoming season and we wish everyone every success.

For more information on Kennel Club trials and Championships please email us at FT.Secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk

**Kate Broers**  
Field Trials Secretary

## The life of a field trial secretary – part two

Part two of the Ode written by Anne Greeves as her time as a Field Trial Secretary. If you missed part one this can be found in the Spring 2021 newsletter!

The day has arrived, you're up with the lark  
 Leaving in good time, finding where to park  
 As Chief Steward for the day you have to get it right  
 If not, a ton of bricks will land on the site  
 Are all the signs in their right and proper place?  
 If not, who is it, ends up with that very red face?

Rushing to find a loo is a very urgent need  
 Handlers exercising dogs in the area as agreed  
 Unloading all the gear, sorting and laying it out  
 The Stewards to collect, their duties not to flout

Armbands, programmes, flags and high viz vests  
 Judge's Books and pencils with KC Rules top of the manifest  
 Lunch packs and snacks, speech notes and prize money  
 Certificates and trophies plus the sponsor's gift of honey

Radios handed out to all the key hard workers  
 Not for those who get in line just to be pesky lurkers  
 Your mobile is a must for that urgent medical call  
 Health and safety is paramount, there for one and all

Meeting and greeting, members and special guests  
 Not to mention the host, sponsors and all the rest  
 Keep a smile on your face, the very best you can  
 Despite that frightful Mr Moan, what a very trying man

Dilly Tarnish returns her trophy with a big broad smile  
 But it's black as your hat, never seen polish by a mile!  
 Foggy Dale has done it again, trophy left at home, Oh dear  
 What to do with these wayward people? Not very much I fear

Wherever is Number 10 and the B Panel Judge?  
 Perhaps still in their vehicles "Go give them a nudge..."  
 The mobile rings, it's Bloggs from Ashton under Lyne  
 Stuck in miles of traffic and won't arrive in time

Reserve Number 1 is summoned to join the team  
 Polly's pleased as punch, her eyes all a'gleam  
 Keen to work her Flatcoat and show those Labrador chaps  
 that Flossy is a good gamefinder – barring mishaps!

"I want to change my dog" is quite a common cry  
 Make sure you check their aim and all the rules thereby  
 They tell a good tale, with charm they do beguile  
 Get your answer right quoting the rules with a smile

The B Judge has been found, fast asleep in his car  
 Dreaming no doubt of that last drink in the bar!  
 Keeper and Guns are assembled for the speeches  
 Bedecked in colourful tweed and very posh breeches

The Host has arrived so prepare to depart  
 Call everyone up for introductions to start  
 The Host wishes to speak and name his special guests  
 Make sure they all have armbands and perhaps a high viz vest

Introduce the Keeper, Guns and Pickers-Up depending  
 where they are  
 Perhaps at the end of the day, if already placed afar  
 Judges, Stewards, and Sponsors, all need special mention  
 and the Keeper giving special advice for all those in contention

Be clear about lunch break and rules for leaving the ground  
 For those who creep away early, several, I'll be bound  
 All in their right groups listening to instructions  
 If they get it wrong, with the host there'll be ructions

Walked up or driven will be the order of the day  
 First dogs placed or in line, ready for the fray  
 "Get behind the flag!" the Stewards loudly decree  
 to those pushing forward, not always with glee

Don't forget the Novice handler in their very first event  
 Standing beside top triallers, their confidence to dent  
 They are shaking like a leaf, the dog senses it too  
 They need a calming word, so see what you can do

Watch out for the creepers who get into the line  
 Quote the rules on the schedule and all should be fine  
 You have to be firm and speak with conviction  
 With some of those folk it is quite an addiction

The day moves on with game in plenty, all is going to plan  
 Guns are shooting well, oh whoops, that one ran...  
 All enjoyed lunch which passed without a hitch  
 Apart from poor old Fred who landed in the ditch

Time given in line to Committee and honoured guests  
 and those special Italian visitors, at the Host's request  
 The weather's been very good so waterproofs not needed  
 Most seem very happy with all instructions heeded

But the gallery is getting noisy, the Keeper is not impressed  
 Several of the helpers are getting rather stressed  
 A Judge has dropped his pen and doesn't have a spare  
 This is where your game bag comes in, where oh where...?

There's always a handler with a scowl upon his face  
 Coming out of line having been put in his place.  
 His dog failed on a bird and he blames it on the Judge  
 "Given a bad mark!" and marches off with a miserable trudge

Discussing the final drive with knowledge and precision  
 The Judges are in agreement and happy with their decision  
 Back to the meet to prepare for the Presentations  
 Satisfied that the day has met with expectations

Double check the results against the Judges' books  
 Many a slip-up is made when not bothering to look  
 Armbands gathered in along with those awkward flags  
 Avoiding later problems and having to nag, nag, nag

Trophies all set up, what a wonderful array  
 They cost a pretty penny, back in their day  
 Prize monies and special awards laid out in order  
 Judges sign the Certificates, all with a fancy border

Dusk is setting in and time is running short  
 The host is waiting to speak and dine with his cohort  
 Everyone called up – all are gathered round  
 But where's number 21? He is nowhere to be found...

At last the speeches start, with thanks to one and all  
 Trophies given out, their recipients to enthrall  
 Sponsors's gifts and Gratuities, Certificates and Special Awards  
 And lastly to our host, the very respected Lord  
 Without whom some of this we could not possibly afford

Trophies in their boxes, packed away safe and sound  
 Receipt forms duly signed, everyone homeward bound  
 Some refuse to take these home and that is very sad  
 Be proud of your Club's History and what our forbears had.  
 No incidents or objections, the sign of a satisfying day  
 Cars packed to the gunnels, "stuff it in" you say!

The day is done, you wend your weary way - but what  
 happens next?

That is for another day

**Anne Greeves**

## Field Trials Champions and Champions

Congratulations to the following dogs who were made up to Field Trial Champions and Champions during the 2020/21 season:

### GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER

Ch Seasham Jumpin Jack Flash  
owned by Mr L Cooke & Miss S Hammond

### RETRIEVER (LABRADOR)

FTCh Brocklebank Boorbon owned by Mr P Dukes  
FTCh Buccleuch Warrick owned by Mr D Wall  
FTCh Meadowlark Big Rock Fendawood (IMP SWE)  
owned by Mr T Friedkin  
FTCh Mitforton Onour owned by Mrs A Robertson  
FTCh Stauntonvale Buckwheat of Llangynidr  
owned by Mr N Probert  
FTCh Suthcharic Evie owned by Mrs S Berman  
FTCh Ticefield Dazed N'Confused owned by Mr R Corbett

### SPANIEL (COCKER)

FTCh Bishwell Black Lace owned by Mr I & Mrs L English  
FTCh Mallowdale Quad owned by Mr I Openshaw  
FTCh Poolgreen Hubba owned by Mr D Lee  
FTCh Tiptopjack Firebug owned by Mr N Partiss  
FTCh Whaupley Kaisa owned by Mr J Organ

### SPANIEL (ENGLISH SPRINGER)

FTCh Broomfield Eve owned by Mr E Scott  
FTCh Broomfield Lady Nevis owned by Mr P Matthews  
FTCh Cornermarsh Charisma owned by Mr D Horsman  
FTCh Delflush Dice owned by Miss A Hayes  
FTCh Shellspoon Time To Shine owned by Mr A Faulkner  
FTCh Shiveck Beretta of Deepfleet owned by Mr P Avery  
FTCh Spirocon Annie of Jenoren owned by Mr J Adamson

## Working Gundog Certificate

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

### EDWARD OF THE LAND

Crossbreed, Mrs L Doubleday

### WARRENBANK SOLITAIRE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs C Southern

### SUSSEXOAK CLUEDO BY QUINEGROVE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs V L Payne

### RINGBARN FLINT

Retriever (Labrador), Mr M Abraham

### GOLDRIBBER CRAKER JACK

Retriever (Labrador), Ms J D Mitchell

### STREAMSIDE'S LADYBIRD QUINCEGROVE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs V L Payne

### GATLINBURG BRAMBLE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs P Ford

### AVA GRACE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs P Ford

### FLAXENFOX STRAWBERRY MOON

Retriever (Labrador), Ms M D Burchett

### FUSELEA JOKER

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Doubleday

### FOURLUMS TAVASZI

Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla, Mrs Y J Deighton

### PALLINGFORTH TYCHE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs P M Bell

### LADYRULE EMERALD BARLEY

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Rule

### KEWPOND BUTTONS AND BOWS

German Wirehaired Pointer, Mrs S M Zarpanely

### HIGHHOLTS DANCE IN THE DARK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs T White

### FLEEKFORM ORIGINAL AT EATHERRA

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss C May

### PIXBROOK JOYRIDER AT SANBOSIER

Brittany, Mrs L Stevens

### GRANVIDA DE LA CHICA\*

Spaniel Water Dog, Mrs R Jopson

### ISFRYN NINE POINTS OF THE LAW

Spaniel (Welsh Springer), Mr P Jones

### WRENCOURT JUST THE TICKET

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs E Jones

### CACI'S FLIRTY GERTIE WRENSMEAD

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs S M Henesey

### MANDYS MAPLE MAYHEM

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs A Pither

### DIDDYMOWG XMAS CRACKER

Spaniel (Irish Water), Mr J Bint

### SHOLLAMY GUIDE ME THROUGH

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Richardson

### TURNERVALE WOODSMAN

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs A Bagnall

Congratulations to the following handler and her dog who has achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on game.

### ESPANOL KIRA

Brittany, Mrs L Southern

## Approved Applications for Permission to Hold Field Trials

### London Working Spaniel Society

Open AV Spaniel (excluding Spaniel [Cocker]) Stake

## 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 applications. Please note that all letters should be sent by email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk). Postal letters will not be accepted owing to staff working from home.

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

#### **Barton On Humber Gundog Club**

Open AV Spaniel (excluding Spaniel [Cocker]) Stake

#### **Ulster Select AV Retriever Club**

Novice AV Retriever Stake

#### **Shropshire Gundog Society**

Open Cocker Spaniel Stake

## Dates of upcoming Kennel Club Championships

### **2021 HUNT, POINT & RETRIEVE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Venue:** Westerdale, North Yorkshire – by kind permission of Mr D Ross

**Date:** 9 & 10 November 2021

**Judges:** Mr M Canham & Ms S Burton

### **2022 ANY VARIETY SPANIEL (EXCEPT SPANIEL [COCKER]) CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Venue:** Snilesworth, Northallerton, North Yorkshire – by kind permission of Mr N Williams

**Date:** 20 – 22 January 2022

**Judges:** Mr J Cook, Mr A Cunningham, Mrs W Openshaw & Mr R Claydon. Reserve – Mr S Waddle

### **2022 COCKER SPANIEL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Venue:** Windsor, Berkshire – by gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen

**Date:** 3 & 4 January 2022

**Judges:** Mr G Veasey, Mr Bates, Mr C Colclough, Mr A Cunningham. Reserve - TBC

## Dates of upcoming Kennel Club field trials

### **ALL AGED RETRIEVER STAKE**

**CANCELLED**

### **OPEN RETRIEVER STAKE**

**Date:** 1 & 2 October 2021

**Venue:** Emblehope, Northumberland – The Kennel Club

**Judges:** Mr D Boyle (A), Mr L Hartis (A), TBC & TBC

### **NOVICE ANY VARIETY RETRIEVER STAKE**

**Date:** 12 October 2021

**Venue:** Batsford Estate, Gloucestershire – by kind permission of the Batsford Foundation

**Judges:** Mrs J Coley (A), Ms C Earnshaw (NP), TBC & TBC

### **OPEN HUNT, POINT & RETRIEVE STAKE**

**Date:** 28 October 2021

**Venue:** Emblehope, Northumberland – The Kennel Club

**Judges:** Mr S Kimberley (A) & Mrs C Kimberley (A)

### **NOVICE HUNT, POINT & RETRIEVE STAKE**

**Date:** 29 October 2021

**Venue:** Emblehope, Northumberland – The Kennel Club

**Judges:** Mr G Card (A) & Mr D Elliot (NP)

### **NOVICE (ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL) STAKE**

**Date:** 2 November 2021

**Venue:** Hawkhurst, Kent – by kind permission of Mr F Briley

**Judges:** Mr G Meehan (A) & Ms T Siwek (B)

### **OPEN ANY VARIETY SPANIEL (EXCEPT SPANIEL [COCKER]) STAKE**

**Date:** 16 November 2021

**Venue:** Witham on the Hill, Lincolnshire – by kind permission of Mr P Neill

**Judges:** Mr P Rawlings (A) & Mr K Richardson (B)

### **OPEN COCKER SPANIEL STAKE**

**Date:** 19 November 2021

**Venue:** Woodhead, Derbyshire

**Judges:** Mr J Semmens (A) & Mr S Adams (B)

### **NOVICE COCKER SPANIEL STAKE**

**Date:** 10 December 2021

**Venue:** Stubton, Newark, Lincolnshire – by kind permission of Mr Dyson

**Judges:** Mr A Hopkins Young (A), TBC

### **ALL AGED ANY VARIETY SPANIEL (EXCEPT SPANIEL [COCKER & ENGLISH SPRINGER]) STAKE**

**Date:** 4 December 2021

**Venue:** Egton, North Yorkshire – by kind permission of Mr & Mrs O Fosters

**Judges:** Mr S Winspear (A) Mr P Matthews (B)

## Payments for Championship Levies

In the spring 2021 newsletter, it was confirmed that societies who had paid their 2020-21 championship levy would have their payments transferred onto the 2021-22 championships. The list of societies can be found here - <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/4453/spring-2021.pdf>.

This is a notice to remind societies that have not paid the 2021-22 championship levy, that these are due by 30 September 2021. As direct debits are not yet available, we ask that all levies are sent via bank transfer, not by cheque in the post.

More information on how societies can set up a direct debit to pay for future championship levies will follow.

Please contact us by email if you do not have our bank details - [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Obituary to Malcolm Taylor

It is with deepest regret that I find myself writing this in memory of Malcolm Taylor, who sadly passed away earlier this year after a long battle with cancer. I knew John Malcolm Taylor for well over 20 years, and all that time we were very good friends.

Malcolm was a very hard working ambassador of the Tyne Tees & Tweed Field Trial Association and one of the original few members who started the Tyne Tees & Tweed Field Trial Association, originally a Spaniel Club, but by the tenacity of Malcolm and his visits to the Kennel Club became a Retriever Club as well.

Although Malcolm had a very demanding position work wise, he had an office in England, Sweden and Paris he made time for his beloved Spaniels!

Malcolm competed at all levels and moved up the ranks to achieve A panel status and ultimately judged the Spaniel championship.

The day came when I was Retriever Secretary and Malcolm rang to suggest if I could organise a 24 dog open retriever trial he could get the guns, and that went on for years, years of laughter enjoyment and friendship, like one big happy family with Malcolm right at the forefront.

Malcolm then turned his efforts into being Liaison Council representative for the Tyne, Tees & Tweed Field Trials Association, Yorkshire Gundog Club and Vale of York Working Retriever Club, until he was voted Chairman of the Liaison Council at The Kennel Club.

Malcolm Taylor never stopped! A panel Spaniel Judge, shooting at Trials, competing in Spaniel Trials, President of the Tyne Tees & Tweed, organising Spaniel working Tests, salmon fishing when possible and latterly doing Novice gundog training for The Kennel Club at various areas from Scotland to Southern Counties with Anne Heading and the Working Party.

He is a man who will be sadly missed but never forgotten throughout the gundog world.

### Dougy Armstrong

Malcolm Taylor became chairman of the Field Trial Liaison Council in May 2013, serving two three year terms in the role.

He became a member of the Field Trials Committee in June 2013, and was elected Vice-Chairman in June 2017, a role he held until poor health forced his reluctant resignation from the Committee in April 2019.

The Field Trial Liaison Council is a large group, consisting of approximately 50 delegates, and there is generally a lot to discuss. Sometimes there is a wide range of divergent views resulting in lively discussion, but Malcolm was always able to use his intelligence, natural charm, and good humour to pilot Council meetings to amicable and constructive resolutions, and all in a way that ensured that those meetings – even those with lengthy and complex agendas - did not go on until midnight. His knowledge and experience of the field trialling world meant that he could clearly pick out the salient points of topics under discussion, whilst being able to understand, and empathise with, both sides of a debate. This was of enormous help in progressing Council business in a positive and constructive way. This thoughtful and balanced approach was also evident in his highly-valued contributions to the work of the Field Trials Committee.

Always a pleasure to work with, Malcolm was highly popular with Kennel Club staff. He was always happy to provide help, support, and expertise whenever needed, and his visits to Clarges St. were always welcome. Malcolm's sense of humour was well known and he was always smiling, never taking himself too seriously. Staff remained in touch with him throughout his illness, and breathed a sigh of relief every time there was positive news about his treatment. All those who had come into contact with him were hugely saddened when learning of his passing.

A man of great good humour, kindness, and knowledge, he is very much missed.

### The field trials department



Malcolm Taylor in action at the 2018 Cocker Spaniel Championship at Sandringham, with fellow judges Dai Ormond, Jonathan Bailey & Richard Claydon.



Rebecca Goutorbe ©

## Field Trial Secretaries Seminar Amendments to Field Trial J Regulations

Due to the ongoing restrictions the decision has been made to postpone the Field Trial Secretaries Seminar until April 2022.

The seminar is primarily designed for those who are newly appointed field trial or gundog working test secretaries. Club officials and current field trial or gundog working test secretaries will also benefit from the very latest information. Non-field trial secretaries can attend, and we also welcome anyone who has an interest.

The day consists of presentations and the very popular breakout sessions which are designed around real-world issues that a secretary is likely to encounter.

Each delegate will receive a comprehensive information pack including copies of the presentations, examples of the various certificates, a copy of the J Regulations and a USB stick containing template forms which can be tailored for individual use.

Refreshments and a finger buffet lunch are included.

**Title:** Field Trial Secretaries Seminar

**Price:** £55

**Date:** 9 April 2022

**Time:** 9am – 3.30pm

**Venue:** The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, CV8 2LZ

Places can be booked through The Kennel Club online shop and for more information, please email our Field Trial Team - [ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk)



Katharine Broers©

The Board approved the following amendments to the J Regulations, which were recommended by the Field Trials Committee at its April 2021 meeting:

In the interest of clarity and to avoid duplication, the deletion of Regulation J4 was recommended and subsequently approved by the Board. This information is included in Regulation J(B), J(C), J(D) and J(E) which related to each of the four sub-groups.

Regulation J4:

**TO:**

~~Numbers of runners~~

~~To qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book the numbers of runners permitted is as follows:~~

~~a. Retrievers~~

~~(1) Two day Open stakes – maximum 24, minimum 20.~~

~~(2) One day Open stakes – maximum 16, minimum 10.~~

~~(3) Other stakes per day – maximum 16, minimum 10.~~

~~(4) Championship – no maximum number.~~

~~b. Spaniels~~

~~(1) Open stakes – maximum 18, minimum 14.~~

~~(2) Other stakes – maximum 18, minimum 12.~~

~~(3) Cocker and Any Variety Spaniel [Excluding Spaniel (Cocker)] or Championships – no maximum number~~

~~c. Pointers and Setters~~

~~(1) Open stakes – maximum 40, minimum 16 When an Open and any other type of stake are to run on the same day, the maximum number of runners over the whole day is 45~~

~~(2) Novice/All Aged stakes – maximum 45, minimum 12~~

~~(3) Puppy stakes – maximum 45, minimum 8~~

~~(4) Champion stake – no maximum number~~

~~d. Hunt, Point and Retrieve~~

~~(1) Open stakes – maximum 12, minimum 10.~~

~~(2) Other stakes – maximum 12, minimum 8.~~

~~(Deletions struck through.)~~

~~(Effective 1 July 2021)~~

Regulation J(C)2:

**TO:**

**Number of Runners**

With the exception of the Cocker and English Springer Spaniel Championships, ~~to~~ **To** qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in stakes is ~~as~~ follows:

a. Open Stakes - maximum 18, minimum 14.

b. Other Stakes - maximum 18, minimum 12.

**c. Any Variety Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer]) - maximum 18, minimum 10.**

~~e. Spaniel (Cocker) and Spaniel (English Springer) Championships – no maximum number.~~

Open Spaniel Stakes are presently confined to Spaniels (Cocker) and Spaniels (English Springer).

(Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through.)  
(Effective 1 July 2021)

Regulation J(B)2 Number of runners:

**TO:**

~~With the exception of the Retriever Championship, to~~ **To** qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in Stakes is ~~as follows:~~

- (a) Two-day Open Stakes: maximum 24, minimum 20.
- (b) One-day Open Stakes: maximum 16, minimum 10.
- (c) Other Stakes per day: maximum 16, minimum 10

(Insertion in bold. Deletions struck through.)  
(Effective 1 July 2021)

Regulation J(D)2 Number of runners:

**TO:**

~~With the exception of the Pointer and Setter Champion Stake,~~ **To** qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in stakes is ~~as follows:~~

- a. Open Stakes: maximum 40, minimum 16.
- b. Novice/All Aged Stakes: maximum 45, minimum 12.
- c. Puppy Stakes: maximum 45, minimum 8. Where an open and any other type of stake are to run on the same day, the maximum number of runners over the whole day is 45.

(Insertion in bold. Deletions struck through.)  
(Effective 1 July 2021)

Regulation J(E)2 Number of runners:

**TO:**

~~With the exception of the Hunt, Point and Retrieve Championship, to~~ **To** qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in stakes is ~~as follows:~~

- a. Open stakes: maximum 12, minimum 10.
- b. Other stakes: maximum 12, minimum 8.

(Insertion in bold. Deletions struck through.)  
(Effective 1 July 2021)

## Field Trial J Regulations Clarification

Clarification has recently been sought in relation to preference in an Open Stake for HPRs. The relevant regulation is as follows:

Regulation J7.i.(4)

**TO:**

- i. Preference in the draw for Open Stakes
  - (4) Breeds which Hunt Point and Retrieve
    - A First Second or Third in an Open Stake
    - ~~A First or Second in an All-Aged Stake or First in a Novice Stake~~
    - A First and Second in All-Aged Stakes**
    - A First in an All-Aged Stake and a First in a Novice Stake**
    - Two Firsts in Novice Stakes**

(Deletions struck through. Insertion in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2021)  
(Subject to three year trial period and review in February 2024)

It should be noted that a dog that had previously gained an award which gave it preference in a draw for an open stake, i.e. A First or Second in an All-Aged Stake or First in a Novice Stake, prior to 2 February 2021 retains the qualification for preference in an open draw without the requirement for additional awards.

## Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme Seminar

Although the deadline for attending the seminar and passing the examination has already been extended due to Covid-19, in the interests of clarity the revised deadline has been included within the relevant J regulation.

As such, the Board approved the following amendment to the J Regulations:

Regulation J6.c.(6):

**TO:**

(6) Before a judge can be added to a Panel he must have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate sub-group and have passed the examination. ~~With effect from 1 January 2022~~ **2 February 2023** to remain on a judging Panel, all judges must have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate sub-group and must have passed the examination, unless the judge has "Grandfather rights" (see note).

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold.)  
(Effective 1 July 2021)

(Note: Judges deemed to have "Grandfather rights" and who are therefore exempt from Regulation J6.c.(6) are: judges who were appointed to the 'A' Panel prior to 1 January 2010, and/or were involved in the pilot scheme for the judges training programme and/or those who are, or have been a Kennel Club Approved Presenter).

## Kennel Club field trial panel judges list

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

### RETRIEVERS "B"

Mrs Sally Ashby (3818)

Following notification of retirement from the field trials panel of judges, The Kennel Club wishes to thank the following judges for their contribution to the Gundog fraternity over the years:

Mr P Darton (1854) (B Panel Retriever), Mr K Helliwell (58) (A Panel Retriever), Mr R J Hill (60) (A Panel Retriever and A Panel Spaniel), Mr R McWilliams (1992) (A Panel Spaniel), Mr M Rock (2004) (A Panel Spaniel), Mr M S Williams (2021) (A Panel Spaniel).



## Code of Best Practice for Retriever Field Trial Competitors

The Kennel Club has produced a code of best practice for Retriever field trial competitors which can be found on the website here: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/events-and-activities/field-trials-and-working-gundogs/new-to-field-trials/attending-your-first-field-trial/>

This information is primarily for the benefit of novice handlers as a helpful guide, however current competitors should also find this information relevant when entering a Retriever trial.

## Message from The Kennel Club regarding awards gained at licensed events

The Kennel Club would like to apologise to competitors at forthcoming licensed events that the operational issues currently being experienced will impact upon the issuing of award certificates by our office.

For this reason, we are advising competitors that it is permissible to enter stakes where eligibility is dependant upon awards and / or titles which are pending confirmation.

For any issues which may arise, please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk).

We appreciate the patience and forbearance of competitors at this time and will provide updates in due course at [thekennelclub.org.uk/resumptionofevents](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/resumptionofevents).

## Obituary to Michael Marjoram



Michael Marjoram joined Skinner's in 1980 and was responsible for delivering dog food to Skinner's customers throughout the UK. Whatever the weather, customers knew they could depend on Michael and on many occasions the little blue lorry would be a welcome sight, having ploughed it's way through snowdrifts or floods to deliver their dog food. Michael was highly regarded by all Skinner's customers and became a firm friend to many of them. In 1990 Michael moved to the position of General Manager and later became a Director, with responsibility for the production and distribution of all Skinner's foods. It was not long before Michael was travelling to Europe and the USA to review equipment and this combined with the various trade fairs in Germany, Holland, France, and Italy meant that he became a much travelled man.

As the Skinner's show circuit increased from 10 events a year to over 40 Michael attended them all, from Crufts to The Game Fair, gundog championships and Olympia. He was always the first man on site during a championship and would be there in the dark, wind, rain, hail, snow and frost to get the kettle on so all competitors and spectators had a hot cup of tea. He would also be the last to leave once everyone had had a cup of the famous Skinner's Tomato Soup.

Michael's knowledge of the Skinner's business was unrivalled and he remained as always, a great asset to the company. He loved football and fishing, he was a season ticket holder at Norwich City and spent many days a year fishing. He leaves behind a son and daughter, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The Kennel Club will forever be grateful for Michael's commitment to the world of gundogs and he will be greatly missed.



Michael and some of the Skinner's team in the field.

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