

# Field trials newsletter

Winter 2021



## The Kennel Club HPR Championship report

By Kate Broers

The 19th Kennel Club HPR Championship was held on Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 November on the North Yorkshire Moors.

The spectacular moorland was the ideal setting for the 15 dogs to demonstrate their hunting skills, and the range of game available really tested the qualified dogs. A varied field contained eight German Wirehaired Pointers, three German Shorthaired Pointers as well as two Hungarian Vizlas and two Hungarian Wirehaired Vizlas.

Day one started with a gentle westerly breeze and weak morning sunshine as the handlers collected their armbands and their gifts from championship sponsors Skinner's Field & Trial. The excitement was palpable as judges Mr Mick Canham and Mr Steve Kimberley took their positions in line, with the tweed clad keeper gun team at their flanks.

Opening dog, Ms H Lampart's German Shorthaired Pointer had qualified just the day previously, at the final trial before the Championship, and both dog and handler set off at a steady pace. The dog hunted well but a missed woodcock meant her run was unfortunately cut short. Dog three, Mr G Saint's Merle Haggard took up position and set off in a business-like manner, the Wirehaired Pointer had been going well in the qualifying stakes and the gallery looked on with anticipation. An acknowledged woodcock was shot to the left and the dog was sent, but found it difficult to reach the fall within the tree line and the dog was called up.

Mr R Buchan's Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla was sent and duly picked the woodcock, eyewiping the previous dog. His run continued producing a partridge off a point which was cleanly retrieved. Mrs U Russell was next up with her German Wirehaired Pointer dog, Tickencote One Way Ticket. The pair started their run well and a loose partridge was shot but it could not be located by either dog 5 or 6 and the picker up was sent to locate the pricked bird.

Ms D Elrington's Champion Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta continued the morning with an impressive start, with a hunt, point and retrieve on a partridge but unfortunately the dog readjusted the bird on her return and the next dog was called in.

As the field moved up from the marshy grassland to the higher heather ground both Mr T Mattravers' Hungarian Vizsla and Mrs M Nixon's German Shorthaired Pointer worked their beats well, with several coveys of grouse lifting just away from the dogs. Mr S R C Major was next up with his seven year old Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft. The dog had an exciting start with a point on two rabbits nestled in the rushes, followed by a staunch point on a brace of grouse,

both of which were accurately shot. The dog was sent for both consecutively and cleanly retrieved both birds to hand.

Next in line was Tickencote a Night Like This, a German Wirehaired Pointer owned by Mr P Howard, followed by Mr S R C Major's second qualified dog, Beechwolf Tonka. Whilst both dogs hunted well, neither were rewarded for their efforts with a find. Mrs L Holmes' German Wirehaired Pointer followed and pointed nicely on a hare which was sitting tight, the hare was shot and well retrieved.

The head keeper, Mr J Brough, directed the field back towards the meet and with the wind in their faces the field looked forward to an exciting end to the first round. Mrs S Mattravers' Hungarian Vizsla had a well-considered run with a point on a partridge which was shot and efficiently retrieved to hand. Mr C Grewcock's German Wirehaired Pointer Eleppas New Moon took to the ground efficiently, covering the area easily with her wide-ranging style.

Mr Major's final dog Hjortlund's Ekko at Bryantscroft hit the ground running with a flash point on a grouse and was handled to the fall, but unfortunately readjusted the bird on his retrieve. Closing the morning's running was Mr L Loveridge's Morsebeck Patch and the German Wirehaired Pointer made a tidy job on a hare.

The gallery were in good spirits as the group took the track back to the beater's hut for a well earned refreshment break.



Judges Mr Mick Canham and Mr Steve Kimberley, with Mr S R C Major with Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla; Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft ©Kate Broers

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## A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the winter 2021 edition of the field trials newsletter, our final 2021 edition! After an unsettling previous year, I hope you will join us in saying we are glad this season is successfully well under way and we wish you luck for the final few months.

In this edition you will find reports from the HPR Championship, as well as our Open and Novice Retriever trials. We also have lots of important information to keep you up to date.

If you have any questions relating to The Kennel Club's field trials, please contact Kate Broers at the following email address – [ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk)

If you have any queries relating to field trials or have general questions relating to licences, judges etc, please email the team at [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

Finally, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out at all the events and trials this season. These events would not be possible without you.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### The field trials department

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11 dogs had made it through to round two and the field set off across the spectacular grouse moor with a gentle headwind. The competitors and dogs worked the conditions well and there were some truly special moments; Tickencote One Way Ticket's retrieve on a loose grouse was clean and well handled, and Mrs M Nixon's retrieve on a running hen pheasant was a pleasure to witness. Mr S R C Major's Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla pointed beautifully demonstrating a true awareness of the game, and Mr C Grewcock's German Wirehaired Pointer had perfect action on the final hunt, point and retrieve of the day.

The judges brought the day to a close and announced that four dogs were being taken through to day two of the Championship.

The full keeping team and several competitors joined the officials and judges at the championship dinner and the atmosphere was jubilant as the speeches and thanks were given to all those who had contributed their time, knowledge and expertise to organise the championship. A special speech by Mr J Cavana on behalf of the North Yorkshire Moors Moorland organisation was very well received and all acknowledged the group's encouragement in engaging people with the natural moorland habitat.

On the final day of the championship, the competitors and gallery were taken to a new area of heather, and as the dogs and handlers took their positions the wonderful sound of calling grouse could be heard across the moors.

Mrs U Russell's Tickencote One Way Tickets was first to run, however their time in the Championship was unfortunately brought to a close following a challenging retrieve.

Ten-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer Quintana Quixotic and owner Mrs M Nixon followed with a smart hunt, point and retrieve, which handler and dog were both very pleased with. The grouse were lifting away from the line as Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft and owner/handler Mr S R C Major hunted the ground with style and pace. Mr C Grewcock's German Wirehaired Pointer was the final dog to run and pointed a grouse on the right hand side which was well shot by the far gun. The dog was sent for the retrieve over a fence and the bird was picked well and retrieved to hand, much to the thrill of the watching gallery.

As midday approached the final three dogs were taken to the water to demonstrate their final skill: the water retrieve.

The gallery stood with bated breath as each of the dogs and handlers stepped up to make their retrieve. It was a delight to

see each of the dogs complete the test and each received a well earned round of applause from the gallery for completing the trial.

It was a true privilege to hold the Championship on such spectacular ground and thanks must be given to our host, and to headkeeper Mr J Brough and his keeping team for their generosity in hosting the event, and shooting so successfully over the dogs. Every dog was given the opportunity to show itself to its best which is the key to a successful HPR trial.

The judges Mr Mick Canham and Mr Steve Kimberley handled the two days with patience, understanding and skill and the support of sponsors Skinner's Field & Trial is invaluable. Skinner's are passionate about providing the best nutrition for these working gundogs and they and the Kennel Club are delighted to support these diverse dogs and their handlers.

The Championship was a great success and thanks must go to the HPR Championship Working Party and all who were involved in the planning, preparation and running of the event.

Congratulations to all those that qualified and to those in the awards.

The results of the championship are as follows:

**Championship Winner** – Mr S R C Major with Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla; Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft

**4th Place** – Mr C Grewcock with German Wirehaired Pointer; Eleppas New Moon

**Diploma of Merit** – Mrs M Nixon with German Shorthaired Pointer; Quintana Quixotic

**Gun's Choice** – Mr P Howard with German Wirehaired Pointer; Tickencote a Night Like This



Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla; Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft ©Wet Dog Photography

**HPR Championship Winner Mr S R C Major with Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla; Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft**



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## The Kennel Club Open Retriever trial



The Kennel Club Open 24 Dog Retriever trial was held at Emblehope and Burngrange Estate on 1 and 2 October. The results are as follows:

- 1st place** Buccleuch Bowhill of Sandringham owned by HM Queen Elizabeth II, handled by Mr D Lisett
- 2nd place** FTCh Mistigris Finn of Featherfly owned and handled by Mr P Highfield
- 3rd place** Drakeshead Casey owned and handled by Mr S D Capstick
- 4th place** FTCh Macgiriaght Foxy Lady owned by Mrs C Finlan, handled by Mr J Halsted
- CoM** Valleyend Arndilly owned and handled by Mr B C Taylor

Huge thanks to the judges, Declan Boyle, Lee Hartis, David Jackson and John Yarwood for all their expertise in judging some fantastic dog work over the two days.

Thank you also to head keeper Mr Raymond Holt for managing the day and creating such a wonderful natural shooting experience for the dogs and handlers. Plentiful but well spaced game meant the retrievers were truly tested and handlers were able to demonstrate their training skills, as well as the dogs' natural abilities.

Thank you to all the helpers, the guns and to our sponsors Skinner's Field & Trial for their generous support.

Well done to all those in the awards.



Buccleuch Bowhill of Sandringham owned by HM Queen Elizabeth II, handled by Mr D Lisett and FTCh Mistigris Finn of Featherfly owned and handled by Mr P Highfield © Kate Broers

## The Kennel Club Novice Retriever trial

The Kennel Club Novice AV Retriever Trial was held at Batsford Estate by kind permission of Lord and Lady Dulverston on Tuesday 12 October 2021.

The results are as follows:

**1st Place:**

Etomanni Apache, owned and handled by Mr P Whelan

**CoM:**

Jobeshill Barbuda of Rimrock, owned and handled by Mr S D Hansell

**CoM, and Gun's choice:**

Botcherghyll Elder, owned and handled by Ms P Williams

A wonderful driven trial with some excellent high birds and testing retrieves for the dogs all made for an exciting day.

Many thanks to the judges Mrs Jayne Coley, Ms Helen Goodwin, Mrs Lisa Harris and Mrs Charlotte Earnshaw for putting the dogs and handlers through their paces.

Huge thanks also to Keeper Mr Matthew Farmer and his team for putting on such a fantastic day, to the helpers for their invaluable assistance, and to the guns for shooting so well for the dogs.





Etomanni Apache, owned and handled by Mr P Whelan  
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#### **DUNNBRIGG CONNOR**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs R Bleasdale

#### **THWAITEBELLE GUINNESS**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms S Acomb

#### **FLEEKFORM OVERDRIVE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss S Hanson

#### **PROFORZA PING PONG**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs D Tedds

#### **OTTERHOUSE HERMES**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms T Crook

#### **PUNCHERDON HEROINE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs P A Cooke

#### **METILIANA LADY VESTA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs H Waite

#### **ADAMARIS EIDER**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Evans

#### **JOBESHILL KATRINA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Gurman

#### **FASSFIELDS CRAZY DIAMOND**

Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla, Mrs K Blackwell

#### **CRAIWARN ROSE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs L Emmington

#### **SKYSHOT GOLDFINCH**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Brown

#### **TARNCRAG HONEYSUCKLE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Stephens

#### **BARRBOYD YARRA VALLEY**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr S Davis

#### **KENAITEEN ALL OR NOTHING**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr P Birkbeck

#### **KENSTEEN GOLDDUST GLITTER**

Retriever (Golden), Mrs R J Lewis

#### **ROYTAN ZEN**

Hungarian Vizsla, Mrs C A Cannell

#### **FLYTEFALL MULBERRY**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs A McGrath

#### **PENPONT FOXY LADY OF WOODABUDGE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr F Wise

#### **WOODABUDGE SILAS**

Spaniel (English Springer), Ms A Dowling

#### **SAPTA THELMA**

Retriever (Golden), Mr L Marshall

#### **TEESHOT NICKEL**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs D Spencer

#### **TREGARTH AVA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss H Matthews

#### **ANNERYVALLEY SNOWSTORM**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs C Matthews

#### **KENSTEEN ALVAR**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr A Brown

#### **REVEALUX DEMELZA**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr A Palmer

#### **BELLEVERWOOD RUDI'S MATE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr C Roberts

#### **BELLEVERWOOD MAGIC BOX**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr C Roberts

## Working Gundog Certificate

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

#### **KINDA TATIANA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs P James

#### **PIEMARSH'S ROARING SPITFIRE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss H Mills

#### **DAZY DAYDREAM**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr D Nicoll

#### **KENXTNEN SHE'S ROYAL**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Ward

#### **SKYFLIGHT ALL THAT JAZZ**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms J Fergie

#### **TARNOCK LITTLE GARA**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs K Hudson

#### **PITTAFFORD BLUE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Hudson

#### **COLTSCOMBE MINNIE**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms G Critchlow

#### **BIZZELL SIRIUS**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr B Taggart

#### **KITLEYLAWN ARACEA ACONITOM**

Retriever (Labrador), Dr J Tall

#### **BUMBLEMAY BLUE SAPPHIRE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr R T Fitter

**BELLEVERWOOD IVORIAN KING**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr C Roberts

**AVEEGOTUN TODDY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr B White

**NETHERCOTE CARDHU**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs S Hill

**GEOFFREY COOKE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss P Cooke

**AVEEGOTUN TODDY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr B White

**BARTSHAW TRIGGER**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms E Scott

**RAY SWEET PEA**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss G Milsom

**TREMARDE TEASER**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs N Chapman

**ALLHEATH ACACIA ROAD**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss H Richards

**LEAWORTHY JASPER**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs J Adams

**GREAT GUNNER**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss M Harris

**EPISKEY CHIQUITITA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss R Franklin

**NICARIS SPICA**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs R Headon

**MOELARTHUR POPSTAR**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Turner

**WAUNIAGO CORBIER OF JATHMEA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs D Baker

**RAMALLEY JUNE BERRY**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs C Cox

**WINSLEYWOOD WILD ANISE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Scutcher

**CASBLAIDD CHASE ME CHARLIE**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs J Hewison

**MAGIC MOON RISES**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Herbert

**JUMBI ALICE EMMA OF JATHMEA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr J Baker

**GUNOAK EMERALD'S HIGHLANDER**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mr D Ashcroft

**ROSSCLYDE HIGHLAND MIST**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms S Burnell

**DANDYAMBER GORGEOUS BOY REG**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Sutton

**COTSWOLD ROSE AT HOUNDWOOD**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Dr D Heywood

**SAINTMARTHA TOSCA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Hunter

**FULWITH BRAMBLE**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Ms J McCarter

**HURLEYHALL CLULEY**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss S Taylor

**COPPERBIRCH TYCONNELL AT JATHMEA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs D Baker

**WICKMOOR ROULETTE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D Hammond

**DANSHARLEY QUINTESSENTIAL**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Moss

**POPPYMORE TODD**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Redman

**WESTERKAMES BUZZ**

Retriever (Golden), Mr P Owen

**NIKKI'S ROCK ROSE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs N Moore

**TIMELESS MAY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr C Miles

**ADNIEL PEARL**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs C Denyer

**WOODMIST COLDPLAY**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Godden

**WADSWICK ROLO**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss P Geary

**SEDGEHURST FLINT**

Spaniel (Clumber), Mrs S Stone

**ZORRAZO HEY THERE YOGI BEAR**

Spanish Water Dog, Mrs K Hodgkinson-Rutherford

**RUELOWHILLS ZEUS**

Spaniel (Clumber), Mr K Hawkes

**WIGLYTAIL'S VA BENE (IMP FIN)**

Spaniel (Clumber), Mr G Constable

**Applications 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)

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be submitted by 19 January 2022.

**Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Association**

Open HPR Stake

**Leicestershire Gundog Society**

Novice Cocker Spaniel Stake

**Approved applications for permission to hold field trials**

**Barton On Humber Gundog Club**

Club Open AV Spaniel (excluding Spaniel [Cocker]) Stake

**Ulster Select AV Retriever Club**

Novice AV Retriever Stake

**Shropshire Gundog Society**

Open Cocker Spaniel Stake

## Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

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

### RETRIEVERS "B"

Miss S Drysdale (3868)

### SPANIEL "A"

Mr C Myers (2920)

## Field Trials Committee objection outcomes

At its meeting held on 8 September 2021, the Field Trials Committee imposed the following:

Breach of Regulation J(G)4(m), J(G)4(b) and J9.b(13) – Harsh Handling of Bracco Italiano **BONARIO FAGIANA** and Code of Conduct – warning as listed.

Mr A Parr warned to be mindful of his future conduct when handling his dog and reminded that remonstrating with the judge is not acceptable.

## Amendments to Field Trial J Regulations

The Board approved the following amendments to the J Regulations, all of which become effective on 2 February 2022:

Regulation J5.c.(5)(i)

### TO:

Before a judge can be added to a panel he must have judged:

(i) B Panel: over a minimum period of 36 months, and a maximum period of 60 months immediately preceding the date of the application:

HPRs – a minimum of **4 6** stakes with at least **4 5** different judges.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2022)

Regulation J5.c.(5)(ii)

### TO:

Before a judge can be added to a panel he must have judged:

(ii) A Panel: over a minimum period of 36 months, and a maximum period of 60 months, subsequent to their appointment to the B Panel:

HPRs – a minimum of **6 8** stakes of which at least ~~one~~ **three** must have been open. Reports must be available from at least **4 5** different A Panel co-judges.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2022)

Regulation J5.c.(6)

### TO:

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 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).  
(Effective 2 February 2023)

(Note: Judges deemed to have "Grandfather rights" and who are therefore exempt from Regulation J5.c.(6) are: judges who were appointed to the 'A' Panel **or the 'B' 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).'  
(Insertion in bold)

Regulation K2.c.(3)

### TO:

(2) 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, **one of whom must be an A Panel**, at one of the following: the Retriever Championship, a Field Trial **Open Stake**, or at a subsequent special test. (J(A)2 refers.)  
**The Drive Certificate must be conducted before two Panel judges, one of whom must be an A Panel, at the Retriever Championship or a Field Trial Open Stake.**

(Deletion struck through. Insertions in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2022)

### Water Test requirements for HPRs

A welfare concern was raised that dogs may be required to enter cold water and may not have adequate opportunity to warm up again afterwards. Following careful consideration by the Field Trials Committee, it was recommended that the Water Test requirements for HPRs should be changed to make them consistent with those applying to other sub-groups, i.e. that the test would only be required in order for a dog to become a field trial champion.

Water tests will no longer be required in order for an HPR to gain an award at a field trial.

Accordingly, the following amendments to the J Regulations have been approved by the Board.

Regulation J(E)4.

### TO:

Competing Dogs shall be run singly in order of the draw under two judges judging as a pair. A dog, unless discarded must have been tried at least twice in the line, ~~and complete a water test on the day of the trial~~, before it may receive an award or certificate of merit.

(Deletion struck through)  
(Effective 2 February 2022)

Regulation J(E)10.

**TO:**

~~10. Water Retrieves-~~

- ~~a. In Open and All Age stakes, the water retrieve is a blind retrieve from across water wherever possible, or from open water. If a dog returns by land, it should not be penalised for this unless it wastes time thereby.~~
- ~~b. In Novice stakes, the water retrieve is a marked retrieve from water with a shot fired.~~
- ~~c. To receive an award, normally a dog must complete a water test on the day of the trial. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a water test cannot take place, or when there are no facilities for a water test nearby, a potential award winner may take a special water test allied to that trial, at a later date, conducted by two judges, one of whom must be on the A Panel.~~

~~Having been given a blank Special Water Certificate, it will be the responsibility of the handler of a potential award winner to get the dog tested within three weeks of the trial. The water test may take place at another trial or independently by arrangement with two judges. Upon successful completion of a special water test, the handler should send the signed certificate back to the organising society's field trial secretary who should then forward it on to The Kennel Club so that the award can be confirmed.~~

~~The organising society must notify The Kennel Club that this special arrangement is taking place~~

~~(Deletion struck through)~~

~~(Effective 2 February 2022)~~

Regulation J(A)2. Water tests

**TO:**

- a. A water test requires a dog to enter water readily and swim to the satisfaction of the judges.
- b. If a separate water test is included as part of a stake, all dogs placed in the awards must have passed this test.
- c. A handler is not entitled to ask for a shot to be fired.

Where a special water test is conducted for part qualification for the title of field trial champion (in accordance with the provisions of Kennel Club Regulations for entries in the Stud Book, Champions, and Warrants, paragraphs K2.c(3), **and** K2.c(6) **and K2.c.(8)**), it must be held between 1 September and 1 April inclusive.

~~(Deletion struck through. Insertion in bold)~~

~~(Effective 2 February 2022)~~

New Regulation K2.c.(8)

**TO:**

- (8) Proviso for all breeds which Hunt, Point and Retrieve Before a dog is entitled to be described as a Field Trial Champion it must also have a Water 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 judges, one of whom must be an A, at one of the following: the Hunt, Point and Retrieve Championship, a Field Trial Stake, or at a subsequent special test (J(A)2 refers.)**

~~(Insertion in bold. Subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)~~  
~~(Effective 2 February 2022)~~

There is an error in the 2021 J Regulation booklet and 2021 Year Book which incorrectly includes an eliminating fault. The regulation should read as follows:

Regulation J(C)5

**TO:**

- |                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Hard mouth.               | Whining or barking.              |
| Missing game on the beat. | Running in or chasing.           |
| Failing to enter water.   | Refusal to retrieve.             |
| Out of control.           | Picking wrong retrieve.          |
| Being eye wiped.          | Changing game whilst retrieving. |
| Without merit.            | Failure to retrieve to hand.     |

~~(Deletion struck through)~~

## Field Trial J Regulations clarification

The field trials department wishes to provide clarification into when competitors are liable for the full entry fee. The relevant regulation is as follows:

Regulation J6.f.

After an applicant has been successful in the draw for a place in a stake, or as a reserve has accepted an offer of a run, if the run is not taken up, the applicant may become liable for the full entry fee except:-

- (1) Where the applicant has qualified out of Novice Stakes (where applicable) or
- (2) Where the dog drawn to run has qualified for the championship after entries have closed or
- (3) On production of a veterinary certificate confirming that the dog entered for the stake is unfit to compete or
- (4) On production of a medical certificate that the applicant or the applicants nominated handler is unable to compete or
- (5) Where the dog drawn to run is withdrawn more than 7 days prior to the stake.

Societies are reminded that if a run is not taken up by a competitor the above exemptions should apply, including those on the reserve list.

Competitors are liable for the full entry fee if they withdraw after accepting the run or withdraw within 7 days of the trial or the reason for withdrawing is not listed in Regulation J6.f.



## Field Trials Liaison Council meeting

The next meeting of the Field Trials Liaison Council will be held on 31 May 2022. Proposals for inclusion on the agenda should reach the Field Trials Liaison Council Secretary by 2 March 2022.

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](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/competinginfieldtrials)

We would also like to remind eligible societies that if you wish to nominate a representative but have not already done so for the Field Trials Liaison Council, please ensure your nomination is sent in before 14 January 2022. Please use the form on our website, <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/forms/liaison-council-elections/>, or email [elections@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:elections@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Judges education – Seminar scripts

The seminar scripts for all sub-groups have recently been updated, these are a great resource for judges, as well as societies and competitors, to be used to help understand the J Regulations. We would encourage all field trial judges to read these scripts for your relevant sub-group.

They can be found on our website, here:

**Spaniels:** [ft27-seminar-script-for-spaniel-ft-judges.pdf](#) ([thekennelclub.org.uk](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk))

**Retrievers:** [ft26-seminar-script-for-retriever-ft-judges.pdf](#) ([thekennelclub.org.uk](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk))

**Pointer & Setters:** [ft29-seminar-script-for-ps-ft-judges.pdf](#) ([thekennelclub.org.uk](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk))

**HPRs:** [ft28-seminar-script-for-hpr-ft-judges.pdf](#) ([thekennelclub.org.uk](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk))

## The Kennel Club Spaniel Championships judges nomination process

As a reminder, the nomination process for judges for the Spaniel Championships is as follows:

Each club which has Open status for Cocker Spaniels or Any Variety Spaniel except Spaniel [Cocker] are requested to submit four nominations for each of the above championships. These nominations are collated and submitted to the Field Trials Committee for the final selection of judges. Once invitations have been issued and the appointments are in place, having been confirmed by the Board, details will be published in the field trials newsletter.

## Find a Judge service

The new enhanced Find a Judge service has now been launched on our website, and can be found here: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/search/find-a-judge/>

This service replaces the list previously provided and will allow you to search for judges on the A Panel and B Panel for Retriever, Spaniels, HPRs and Pointer and Setters.

To see a full list of A or B Panel judges, select the filters to match the panel and sub-group required, leaving the 'Judges Last Name' search bar empty. Once you press 'Go' the list will show below.

If you have any queries, please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Field trials schedules

Following recent concerns received, we would like to remind clubs that your field trial schedules must be available to all competitors. Therefore, clubs should not be accepting online entries only, postal/email entries should be accepted and details of this needs to be included on your schedule.

Clubs should also be mindful that not all competitors will have access to a computer. Whilst online and email entries may be stated as preferable, please ensure your members or any competitor wishing to enter your trial can request a posted copy of your schedule and entry form.

We would also like to remind all Clubs that, as per Regulation J5.c(4), you must send a copy of the schedule and entry form to our London office within three days of printing. However, it would be preferable that these are received prior to being issued.

Please send your schedule and entry form via email to [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Update regarding awards gained at licensed events

We would like to give an update on the ongoing situation regarding the issuing of award certificates by the office, e.g. Stud Book Numbers and Field Trial Champion Certificates.

We apologise for the delay in issuing awards, however it is permitted to enter events where eligibility is dependent upon awards and/or titles which are pending confirmation. The FTCh title may be used if the owner is sure that the dog has gained all the necessary awards and passed the relevant assessments.

If you do have any issues, please email [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Unwelcome competitors guidance

Guidance has recently been sought with regards to a situation where a competitor was present at a field trial, having been previously advised by the host that they were not welcome at the ground, and where the organising club was not aware beforehand that this was the case.

It has been acknowledged that this was a complex matter and therefore simple guidance was not possible to give, however the situation should be approached with caution.

Societies are reminded of the provisions of Regulation J8.b.(13) with regard to behaviour of those taking part in competitive gundog work. Also the provisions of Regulation J8.a. which makes it clear that responsibility for dealing with such matters arising at a trial lie with the Chief Steward.

## Gundog Working Test 2022

The date for The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test has been confirmed as the week beginning Monday 13 June, at Capesthorne Hall, Macclesfield.

### THE KENNEL CLUB GUNDOG WORKING TEST DATES 2022

#### Training Days for Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs

Wednesday 15 June 2022

#### Gundog Handlers' Development Training Day

Wednesday 15 June 2022

#### International Retriever Test

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June 2022

#### Open Retriever, Novice Spaniel and Novice HPR Tests

Saturday 18 June 2022

#### Open Retriever (day 2), Novice Retriever,

#### Open Spaniel and Open HPR

Sunday 19 June 2022

#### Young Handlers competition for Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs

Saturday 18 June 2022

## The Kennel Club Pointing Breeds Training Days

The Kennel Club Training Days for Pointing Breeds will be going ahead in 2022.

The dates and venues are awaiting confirmation but we are hoping to run the events as usual on the North Yorkshire Grouse moors. The application form and all event information will be released on our website.

To join the mailing list for further information on the training days please email the field trial secretary - [ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Field Trial Secretaries Seminar

The field trial secretaries seminar will be held in April 2022.

This seminar focuses on providing essential knowledge and understanding for the management, organisation and stewarding of field trials and gundog working tests. The seminar is primarily designed for those who are newly-appointed field trial or gundog working test secretaries. However, other interested parties are also welcome to attend.

**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

Refreshments and a finger buffet lunch are included.

Places can be booked through The Kennel Club online shop: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/shop/events/field-trial-secretary-seminar/>

For more information please email the field trial team - [ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk)

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