

Field Trials Newsletter

Summer 2025



The International Gundog League Any Variety Retriever Championship report

By Clare Wood

The 2024 International Gundog League Retriever Championship was held at the Combe Estate, Gittisham in Devon by very kind permission of Mr Richard Marker on Monday 25, Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 November.

This was the first time that the Championship had been held at the Combe Estate and also the first time in many years that the trial was predominantly a driven stake. The last time the stake was driven was back in 1989 when it was also held in Devon.

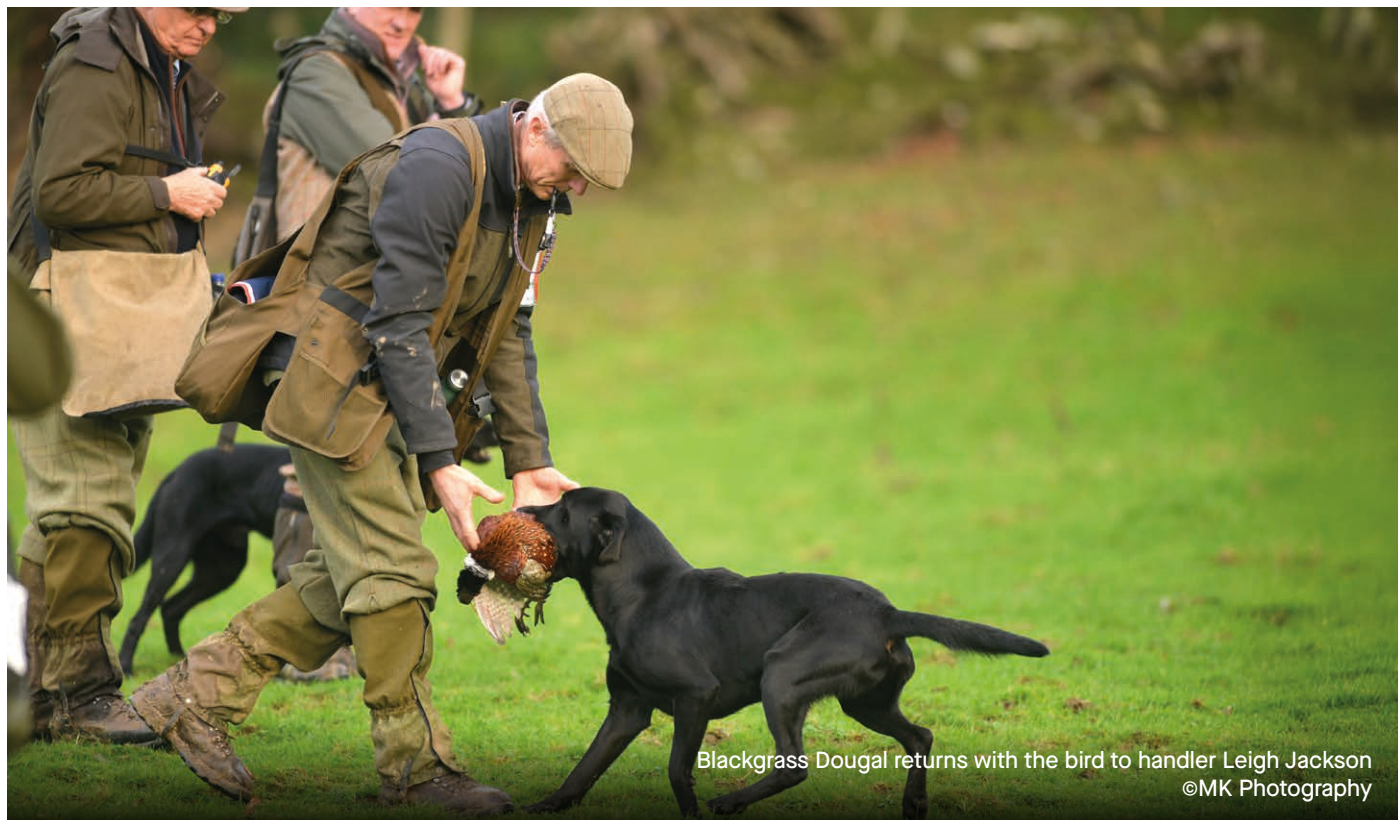
The judges were David Field and Barry Taylor on the right and Richard Johnston and Judy Rainey on the left. The judges decided to split the competitors and to use odds and evens

during the driven part of the stake, a sensible decision given the distance between the right and left hand sides of the line.

The Steward of the Beat and Head Keeper was Simon Fuller. He and his team worked tirelessly over the three days to produce a steady flow of game, starting and stopping the drives as the judges required.

The sideways torrential rain of Storm Bert had only just passed through but fortunately day one proved to be bright and with no rain.

The judges had visited the ground prior to the Championship and planned how best to place the dogs during the drives and as a result handlers and dogs were always quickly sat up for the drives in positions where they could best view proceedings and were ready to be sent if need be.



Blackgrass Dougal returns with the bird to handler Leigh Jackson
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A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the summer 2025 edition of the Field Trials Newsletter.

As the 2025/26 season gets underway, we'd like to wish everyone the best of luck and success in the months ahead. Here's to a competitive, rewarding, and enjoyable season for all involved!

This edition of the newsletter hosts The International Gundog League Any Variety Retriever Championship report, as well as some of our usual features including reminders to judges, secretaries and competitors, Working Gundog Certificate awards and the dates for the Kennel Club Championships for 2026.

We would like to give our congratulations to those competitors who have been awarded the annual Kennel Club trophies, which are also listed in this edition.

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**

If you have any queries relating to your society or licences, please email your Regional Support Advisor directly or **RSN@thekennelclub.org.uk**

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The judges decided on one retrieve in the first round and two in the second.

In the first round Steve Richardson and Marstonprior Grenadier of Wedgnock quickly impressed as the third dog tried on a hen pheasant that had tucked in the other side of a gate close to some game crop. The first two dogs had worked the area, but this dog strikingly jumped the gate and as it landed flushed the bird to pick.

FTCh Rustler Master and Tucker Munday made a strong start to their Championship campaign when the dog located a live bird in an area of bramble in a pen that the first dog tried had not found.

Fraser Forbes's Carnochway Red Rooster showed commitment in picking a wounded pheasant that was tucked into the grass next to the fence line. As the dog initially located the bird it flew up and back into the wood behind and looked long gone. The dog followed and shortly afterwards returned with the bird.

Many of the retrieves in this and later rounds required the dogs to be accurate in their lining and immediately responsive to commands so as not to lose ground.

This was well demonstrated by Ronnie Laughton's FTCh Etomanni Missouri when sent for a long retrieve down the field to pick with minimal handling after the first two dogs sent failed to make the area.

There was a goyle running behind the guns in the second drive. Nathan Laffy and FTCh Think Twice Zero to Hero quickly picked out of the stream at the bottom of this goyle behind the first dog tried to complete their first round.

In the second round Steve Richardson and Marstonprior Grenadier of Wedgnock were sent over this goyle on an angle and back up the field on the opposite side to look for a bird in the area of the gun peg placed there. The bird was cleanly picked even though the first dog tried had failed to make the area.



The Judges L-R Richard Johnston, Judy Rainey, David Field and Barry Taylor
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FTCh Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth was sent by John Halsted across the corner of the goyle for a cock pheasant. At times the dog was out of sight but, responsive to the handler's commands, brought the bird quickly back to hand.

Paul Truby was given an area in the vicinity of a gun peg close to the goyle behind. Once directed his dog FTCh Greenbriar Sorcerer of Millershook held the area and persevered to pick the partridge there without requiring further handling, a bird that the first dog tried had failed to locate.

33 dogs were taken through to day two and the third drive. There were to be two retrieves in both the third and fourth rounds.

Early on in the day Tucker Munday and FTCh Rustler Master successfully picked a live cock pheasant from the small goyle on the edge of the wood behind Steve Richardson and Marstonprior Grenadier of Wedgnock who to that point had been going well.

And for the second retrieve in this round FTCh Rustler Master again caught the eye, actually jumping a hedge in pursuit of a pheasant to catch up with it. This is the third time that Tucker has qualified his dog for the Championship.

John Peach sent Ir FTCh Liskoney Fast Firmino down a field parallel to the hedge to the corner of the field and then back through the hedge and deep into the goyle to pick. A difficult retrieve but John's dog required little handling and succeeded when the first dog tried had not.

Retrieves were varied, some down into or across a goyle, others though banked hedges, picking in woodland or out of reeds and bracken.



In line during the drive on day one
© Clare Wood

For the second drive of the day, and the final one of the Championship, keeper Simon Fuller and his team produced spectacularly high West Country birds and there was equally impressive shooting from Richard Marker and his team of guns.

Tucker Munday and FTCh Rustler Master, under the judges during this drive, earned the first applause of the Championship when they were quickly taken forward at the end of the drive to try for a partridge that had been seen to run into a thick hedge at the far side of the field. Tucker put the dog into the hedge where the partridge had last been seen. Judge David Field could be seen "following" the dog as it worked the hedge out of sight.

Suddenly, Dave moved to the left and the dog was seen emerging much further up the hedge line and then diving back in again only to come out a short while later with the bird.

Kate Bollen sent Bellspaddle Dexter at Wephamdown for a difficult retrieve where the dog was stopped on a brow and asked to drop down left into the goyle below to locate the bird required. Handler Kate would not have been able to see whether the dog had followed her instruction but it was obedient to her command and a short hunt later returned with the bird.



Judges L-R Judy Rainey, David Field, Richard Johnston and Barry Taylor © Clare Wood

At the start of day three 18 dogs were required by the judges for two walked up retrieves in what would be the fifth and final round. The ground was challenging, white, deep tussocky grass with bracken and gorse bushes here and there. It was also a long line where it was often difficult to see from one side to the other. Spaniels worked hard and at pace to flush the game for the guns.

The first retrieve of the day was a pheasant shot to the right at that end of the line. Lee Hartis sent, and trusted, his dog to pick a moving pheasant. FTCh Kentwone Columbine of Leacaz showed its class when it touched scent and then worked it out to pick, which it did very stylishly. Their second retrieve similarly caught the eye, another single bird shot that the dog had marked and picked without any assistance from the handler.

Two birds were shot in close proximity on the right. John Halsted quickly located the first, a live bird, with the Duchess of Devonshire's dog, FTCh Emmanyan Spring of Chatsworth. Claire Raymond and FTCh Nobsquinton Nettle, who up to that point had been going well, sadly failed to locate the second which was then successfully picked by John and FTCh Emmanyan Spring of Chatsworth.

David Logan and FTCh Craigmaddie Mufasa of Bishopbrae had been steadily picking over the three days but their campaign came to an end when the dog was pushed off course on its way to a retrieve by an area of gorse bushes. This cock bird had been shot to the right of the line over the top of some sapling trees. The judges decided to walk the dogs round past the trees to send. Blackgrass Dougal handled by Leigh Jackson made an efficient job picking this bird.

A woodcock was shot ahead and to the right of the track on the edge of these same saplings and a pheasant was shot to the left hand side of the track. Sent first, John Peach's Ir FTCh Liskoney Fast Firmino was fast to the fall of the woodcock. Then Mark Demaine and FTCh Drumindoney Last Chance of Caytonfell made good work locating the pheasant to the left.



Judge Barry Taylor gives a mark to FTCh Etomanni Missouri © Clare Wood

Ronnie Laughton's FTCh Etomanni Missouri impressed on a mark. For their second retrieve, they were taken across the line to be tried behind FTCh Think Twice Zero to Hero and FTCh/Ir FTCh Lettergreen Sallymoon of Liskoney. The bird was soon picked bringing to end the Championship hopes of the dogs and their handlers previously tried.

FTCh Swiftlands Briar needed no assistance from handler Ellena Nunnally on this challenging ground to pick a marked retrieve in front of the line.

First time Championship qualifier and handler Simone Barratt held her nerve when she and Highroost Oak were brought across the line to be tried on, and pick, a woodcock behind FTCh Swiftlands Briar and Lanlwyd Moretti (handled by Karis Bakewell, another first time Championship qualifier and handler); both dogs had been running a good trial to this point.

For the final retrieve of the trial Highroost Oak was sent back across the line for a pheasant that had been shot earlier and fallen in amongst gorse bushes. The dog required minimal handling from Simone to make the area and pick this difficult retrieve.



FTCh Rustler Master with owner and handler,
Tucker Munday © Clare Wood

Awards

1st FTCh Rustler Master owned and handled by Tucker Munday awarded The Retriever Trials Championship Challenge Cup, The Lady Auckland Memorial Salver, The Hiwood Challenge Trophy and the IGL President's Trophy.

2nd FTCh Etomanni Missouri owned and handled by Ronnie Laughton awarded The FTCh Ulstaire Style Challenge Trophy.

3rd Blackgrass Dougal owned and handled by Leigh Jackson awarded The Willowyck Trophy.

4th Ir FTCh Liskoney Fast Firmino owned and handled by John Peach.

Diplomas of Merit:

FTCh Kentwone Columbine of Leacaz owned and handled by Lee Hartis

Bellspaddle Dexter at Wephamdown owned and handled by Kate Bollen

FTCh Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth owned by the Duchess of Devonshire and handled by John Halsted

FTCh Drumindoney Last Chance of Caytonfell owned and handled by Mark Demaine

Highroost Oak owned and handled by Simone Barratt

2024 Facts & Figures

This year Lee Hartis and FTCh Kentwone Columbine of Leacaz smashed all records by not only qualifying with five 2 day Open stake wins but also by doing so back to back. The dog was only two and a half years old when it first qualified for the Championship last year. The maternal grandsire of this dog is the 2018 Retriever Champion

FTCh Harperrig Breac. Lee also qualified the dog's sire, FTCh Troddenmills Beck and Call of Leacaz, and the paternal grandsire, FTCh Lowforge Arragon of Leacaz, three times apiece for the Championship.

Previously, there have only been a small number of handlers (including Heather Bradley with FTCh Heathergaye Hundall, Jayne Coley with FTCh Waterford Fergus, Annette Clark with FTCh Castlemans Gobi of Garronpoint and Laura Hill with FTCh Jarailstar Hogen of Stautonvale) that have achieved three 2 day Open stakes wins with their dog to qualify for that year's Championship.

This year there were a number of double qualifiers: Oliver Bell, Simon Capstick, Paul Dukes, Sam Morley Riches, John Peach and Claire Raymond.

The other standout story is that one handler has for the fourth time qualified five or more dogs. This year John Halsted competed in his 32nd Championship having qualified five dogs. He previously qualified five dogs in 2015, five dogs in 2018 and six dogs in 2023. In fact, John has qualified three or more dogs at no fewer than 14 Retriever Championships.

Kirsty Cousins and John Peach had each qualified two dogs for this year's Championship.

63 dogs qualified (37 of which hold the FTCh title) but only 59 ran. Jane Fairclough withdrew her bitch Connisbrook Cardoness at Jobeshill because it was in whelp. Kirsty Cousins also withdrew as did Kevin Doughty. 22 bitches qualified in total. 31 of the dogs qualified competed at Drumlanrig last year.

Nathan Laffy's FTCh Think Twice Zero to Hero, a Retriever (Golden), qualified (on 3 Bs) for an impressive fifth time and made it through to the very final round. This dog is also the sire of one of the three other Retriever (Golden) that competed this year, Karis Bakewell's Lanlwyd Moretti.

FTCh Brindlebay Mead, FTCh Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth, FTCh Craigmaddie Mufasa of Bishopbrae and FTCh Flagsdale Sweep were also all running via the B qualification route. FTCh Gunnerspeg Apollo, a double qualifier, won both a 2 day Open Stake and also achieved 3 B qualifications.

There were old hands and new at Combe this year. Eight handlers competing had previously won the Retriever Championship. Among the new faces were Karis Bakewell, Nigel Barton, Kate Bollen, Michael Cochrane, Arthur Cook, Antony McCabe, Sam Morley Riches, Carol Probert and Jochen Waschke.

The oldest dog in the Championship, having qualified for a fourth time, was Debra Friedkin's FTCh Nettle Brae Andy of Fendawood handled by Louise Munchaus Adsboel, now a ten year old dog. The youngest was Fraser Forbes's Carnochway Red Rooster, only two and a half years of age.

FTCh Armancio Tirpitz of Flypatch sired four of the dogs in competition while FTCh Asterix Aguzannis of Chatsworth, Copperbirch Ross and FTCh Ferbury Lancelot of Smithsteads hall sired three.

Dates of upcoming Kennel Club field trials

OPEN (AV RETRIEVER) STAKE 24 DOGS

Venue: Emblehope & Burngrange Estate
Date: 17 & 18 October 2025
Judges: David Jackson (A1881)
 David Latham (A2299)
 John Yarwood (A3484)
 Kirsty Cousins (B3310)

NOVICE HPR STAKE

Venue: Roxby Estate, North Yorkshire
Date: 28 October 2025
Judges: TBC

OPEN HPR STAKE

Venue: Roxby Estate, North Yorkshire
Date: 29 October 2025
Judges: TBC

OPEN AV SPANIEL (EX COCKER) STAKE

Venue: South Farm Manton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.
Date: 22 November 2025
Judges: TBC

NOVICE (AV RETRIEVER) STAKE

Venue: Little Pixel Farm, Kent
Date: 28 November 2025
Judges: TBC

OPEN COCKER SPANIEL STAKE

Venue: South Farm Manton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.
Date: 3 December 2025
Judges: TBC

NOVICE COCKER SPANIEL STAKE

Venue: Strines Estate, Stockport, Cheshire
Date: 8 December 2025
Judges: Jon Bailey (A1938) TBC

NOVICE ANY VARIETY (EX COCKER) SPANIEL STAKE

Venue: Strines Estate, Stockport, Cheshire
Date: January 2026
Judges: TBC

ALL AGED AV SPANIELS (EXCLUDING [SPANIELS, COCKER] AND [SPANIELS, ENGLISH SPRINGER])

Venue: Witham on the Hill
Date: January 2026
Judges: Jon Bailey (A1938) TBC

Dates of upcoming Kennel Club Championships

HPR CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Emblehope & Burngrange Estate
Date: 14 & 15 November 2025
Judges: Mr Mark Spearing (A3301)
 Mr Peter Howard (A2172)
Reserve: appropriate Championship Working Party member if required

COCKER SPANIEL CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Emblehope & Burngrange Estate
Date: 29 & 30 December 2025
Judges: Mr Richard Claydon (A2749)
 Mr Justin Lascelles (A3480)
 Mr Jeremy Organ (A2063)
 Mr Andy Waterhouse (A3543)
Reserve: TBC

AV SPANIEL

(EXCLUDING [SPANIELS, COCKER]) CHAMPIONSHIP

Venue: Invermark Estate, Brechin, Angus
Date: 8, 9 & 10 January 2026
Judges: Mr Ian Clarke (A3222)
 Mr Aled Jones (A3412)
 Mr Ian Openshaw (A102)
 Mrs Wendy Openshaw (A2564)
Reserve: Mr Adrian Slater (A2364)

Working Gundog Certificate

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

COUNTESS MARGARET

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Strange

ARDENBROOK RUFUS

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D Simmonite

CHEWEKY DOM PERIGNON

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs J Potter

RYTONBANK THISTLE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs W Hunter

FIREFORGED KENYELEM

Hungarian Wire haired Vizsla, Mr N Housman

GENTLE GIANT DUKE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D King

PURSLEY MISDEMEANOR

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs T Wolfe

MUSSPRING SUPER TROUPER

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss D Buckland

PURSLEY PANTOMINE

Spaniel (Cocker), Dr C Priestley

SUNNINGDALE SHIRLEY

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs J Keyes

GILBERTOS MONTI TEDDY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr R Speck

BEGGARBUSH MAMBA

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs A Conway

MADAM MATILDA OF THE FIRS

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss N Blackie

ROTHIEVALE XYLA

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs M Snooks

VANILLA DU PECH DE LA GINESTELLE AVEC CUVANA

(IMP FRA) Spaniel (Field), Ms J Hempstead

RICHBOURNE LEGALLY BLONDE AT ANKARI

Retriever (Labrador), Miss J Welford

KENLEAP WILD CHERRY

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr J Sandford

FONNELLI'S SONGBIRD

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss M Fisher

QUINCEGROVE GUNPOWDER PLOT

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs V Payne

MAJOR BELLATO

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms V Kandusova

RELLED OF WOODY HYDE

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss L Kenney

LIGHTNING LENNIE

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss R Reynolds

CLEULOW RAFFLES

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs F Hodgkiss

DANSHARLEY ALL HANDS ON DECK

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Moss

BALVENIE EYE CANDY

German Shorthaired Pointer, Mrs R Schoneville

BALVENIE DOUBLE DIAMOND

German Shorthaired Pointer, Mrs R Schoneville

BEECHILLAWN OOOH BETTY (IKC)

German Shorthaired Pointer, Mrs K Donnelly

SILBERLISS SNEAK PREVIEW OF SILVERJADE

Weimaraner, Miss R Harrington

JOMEEL NAUGHTYLICIOUS

German Shorthaired Pointer, Mrs C Staley

SHORK'S INGENS

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D Lambert

SHORK'S ALBINONI

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Eve

SHORK'S ELUSIVE PARSİ

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Leith-Ross

WESTONCRUIVE ACE OF SPADES BY BLACKTOFT

Retriever (Flat coated), Ms H Fox

CH BLACKTOFT DANCING THE BLUES (SGWC)

Retriever (Flat coated), Ms H Fox

LOWCRAGG APHORDITE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr R Hubber

FENWAY GLORY

Retriever (Labrador), Miss T Pearson

CROCKOFGOLD HUDSON BABY

Spaniel (English Springer), Dr R Barton

RATHCLOON FLOWERS BY ISABELA

Retriever (Golden), Mr J Grzywinski

PIPPENMOOR QUEEN OF CLUBS

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss M Massey

DUNANELLY BROOKE AT VIRDISBROOKE

Retriever (Labrador), Miss L Turkington

ZILVEREIN TINY DANCER

Weimaraner, Mrs M Gibbons

CROOBCOVEY CLARET DABBLER

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs C Kinner

GUNALT INSIDER

Weimaraner, Mrs T Creighton

SEA'NLAND MASTER OF THE SEA FOR RIVERRUN

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay), Mrs M Murray

POLLARAMA OCTAVIA OF DRUMLINGORSE

Spaniel (English Springer), Ms A Shearer

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

UTWO ROCHE DES BRUMES DES BOIS GALODY (IMP BEL)

Weimaraner, Ms J Laurens

Field Trials Trophies

Congratulations to the following winners of The Kennel Club field trial trophies.

The Givosie Cup

For the lady gundog handler with the most points in field trials during the season, awarded to Mrs Sara Gadd with Retriever (Labrador) FTCh Brindlebay Gertie Too of Birdsgreen, and Retriever (Labrador) Haguehall Glory.

The Routledge-Rank Cup

For the Retriever which had gained the most points at field trials during the season, awarded to Mr Lee Hartis with Retriever (Labrador) FTCh Kentwone Columbine of Leacaz.

The Hanlye Trophy

For the breeder of the winner of the Routledge-Rank Cup, awarded to Mrs Natalie Freeman.

Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

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

RETRIEVERS "A"

Mr Anthony Neil Appleton (3759)

Mrs Sarah Miles (3289)

RETRIEVERS "B"

Mr Tom Birchall (3987)

Mr James Christon (3045)

Mr Kieron Coey (4024)

Mr Nathan Laffy (3035)

Mr Paul Wheeler (3904)

Miss Charlotte Wilkinson (5013)

SPANIELS "A"

Mr Hugh Houston (2988)

Mr John Keegan (2858)

Mr Raymond Wilson (3829)

SPANIELS "B"

Mr Raymond Clark (3842)

Mr Oliver Organ (4023)

Mr Russell Woodward (3986)

HPR "B"

Mr Paul Dale (3655)

Mrs Frances Smart (3965)

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.

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with the Kennel Club by 30 November 2025.

Exmoor Gundog Club

1 day Open AV Retriever Stake

Mid Wales Working Gundog Society

1 day Open AV Retriever Stake

Approved applications for permission to hold field trials

Barton on Humber Gundog Club

Open Spaniel (Cocker) Stake

Fermanagh Gundog Club

Open Spaniel (Cocker) Stake

Usk Valley Working Gundog Club

Open Spaniel (Cocker) Stake

Field Trial Champions

The following Gundogs have been made up to Field Trial Champions, during the 2024/25 season.

English Setter

FT Ch Gortinreagh Josey Wales (IKC)

owned by Miss C Calvert

German Shorthaired Pointer

FT Ch Goosepoint Gambler

owned by Mrs E Hinchliff

FT Ch Deepthatch Rocket

owned by Mr S & Mrs R Webster

DUAL Ch Goosepoint Gloster Grebe (JW)(A.I.)

owned by Mrs E Hinchliff

FT Ch Sutchest Isla

owned by Mr J Bird

German Wirehaired Pointer

FT Ch Gilleyfield Blossom

owned by Mrs L Holmes

FT Ch Ardgroom Artemis

owned by Mr D O'Conner

Irish Setter

FT Ch Coldcoats Reggie

owned by Mr N Crozier

FT Ch/IR FT CH Ballydavid The Morrigan Of The Kingdom (IKC)

owned by Mr H Brady

FT Ch Shanrycon Casey

owned by Mr D O'Neill

FT Ch Ballydavid Nemesis

owned by Mr H Brady

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FT Ch Ballydavid Nemesis

owned by Mr H Brady

Pointer

FT Ch Crahan Amber At Shanrycon

owned by Mr D O'Neill

FT Ch Sparkfield Sidekick

owned by Mr T Harris & Ms M Jacques

FT Ch Sparkfield Spye Of Wiscombe

owned by Mr A Saunders & Ms S Chichester

FT Ch Sparkfield Steel Of Mullenscote

owned by Mr H Kirby

FT Ch Fowington Jesse Of Fleetstalk

owned by Mr S & Mrs S Lound

FT Ch Morness Archie

owned by Mr J Kean

FT Ch Sparkfield Moonstone Of Crahan

owned by Mrs C Brown

FT Ch Gardenfield Sue

owned by Mr J O'Sullivan

Retriever (Golden)

FT Ch Hanwoodgold Breeze

owned by Mrs L D Crompton

Retriever (Labrador)

FT Ch/IR FT CH Lettergreen Sallymoon Of Liskoney

(IKC) owned by Mr J Peach

FT Ch Bellspaddle Mungo

owned by Mrs S Dingle

FT Ch Millbuis Gilbert Of Carnochway

owned by Mr R Forbes

FT Ch Goldieslie Meadow Platt Of Ticefield

owned by Mrs M Broomfield

FT Ch Cornstraw Drake Of Flypatch

owned by Mr T Brain

FT Ch Cheesecake Artillery Of Chatsworth

owned by The Duchess of Devonshire

FT Ch Lindeth Storm

owned by Mr N Barton

FT Ch Oakshot Rogue Vader Of Dewarsmalt

owned by Mr B McDowell

FT Ch Valleyend Kate

owned by Mr B Taylor

FT Ch Roundcopse Flora

owned by Mr J Brindley

FT Ch Stauntonvale Margay Of Rushbrigg

owned by Mrs S Morley-Riches

FT Ch Emmanygan Summer

owned by Ms C Finlan

FT Ch Greenbriar Sorcerer Of Millershook

owned by Mr P Truby

FT Ch Eelburn Flavius

owned by Mr O Bell

FT Ch Whitespring Ares

owned by Mr J Bettinson

FT Ch Marstonprior Grenadier Of Wedgnock

owned by Mr S Richardson

FT Ch Gunnerspeg Drummer

owned by Ms K Cousins

FT Ch Drumindoney Last Chance Of Caytonfell

owned by Mrs T Blumenthal

FT Ch Riverview Farm Dr. Pepper

owned by Mr O Ingram

FT Ch Kentwone Columbine Of Leacaz

owned by Mr L Hartis

Spaniel (Cocker)

FT Ch Endowood Indiana

owned by Mr R Heeley

FT Ch Delphaven Fern

owned by Mr C Slater

FT Ch Popsheath Abbie

owned by Mr A Myers

FT Ch Popsheath Art At Canalgame

owned by Mr I Openshaw

FT Ch Pixiefen Adelaide

owned by Mr J Walton

FT Ch Donnachaidh Losgaintir

owned by Mr J Newhouse

FT Ch Breckmarsh Jana

owned by Mr L Cooper

FT Ch Woolpitts Grace Of Kaspurfield

owned by Mr A Hocking

FT Ch Tarncrags Razzamataz owned by Miss F Ardely

FT Ch Helmsway Serena owned by Mr I & Mrs L English

FT Ch Kiltonbeck Nahar Of Tomlinswood

owned by Mr J Elliott

Spaniel (English Springer)

FT Ch Cindersash Lyric Of Edgegrove

owned by Mr J Organ

FT Ch Sliabh Joby Of Greenbrush owned by Mr J Cook

FT Ch Kenxtwen Sweet Topaz

owned by Mr W Johnstone

FT Ch Stickwood Breeze owned by Mr C Lewis

FT Ch Skitter Waggy owned by Mr B Faley

FT Ch Dreelside Rita At Trigpoint owned by Mr S Lewis

FT Ch Borrikanni Indulge owned by Mr T Giles

FT Ch Shiveck Piccolo At Nossewej

owned by Mr S Newman

FT Ch Shiveck Sovereign Of Craigs court

owned by Ms C & Mr C Killpack

FT Ch Menewa Daisy owned by Mr S Bates

FT Ch Brynambor Blaze Of Bar cudwen

owned by Mr A Jones

FT Ch Kyshant Izzy owned by Mr R Wells

FT Ch Dawsonlee Pepsi owned by Mr S Dixon

FT Ch Bucklawren Bonus owned by Mr S Jones

FT Ch Cudannsa Rum Of Liechryd

owned by Mr W Thomas

FT Ch Skitters Abbie owned by Mr B Faley

FT Ch Skronedale Milly Of Quail hollow (IKC)

owned by Mr A Kerr

FT Ch Rosebay Blue owned by Mr D Templar

Field Trials J Regulations

[NOTE: All regulation changes for the forthcoming season are listed in the back pages of the J Regulation booklets for reference]

The following regulation amendment has been approved and become effective on Monday 2 February 2026:

Regulation J4.c.(4). Application and documentation - Schedule

To:

The secretary of the society shall send a copy of the schedule and entry form to The Royal Kennel Club ~~within three days of printing~~ **if requested**.

(Deletion struck through. Insertion in Bold)

Effective 2 February 2026

Reminder of regulation J6.e. Entries – Addition of preference to draws

e. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot (subject to Regulation J6.i. which relates to preference in the draw for open stakes). Societies must ensure that all eligible owners/members

are given the opportunity of having their preferred dog entered into the first ballot (See J6.j) The society must publish the result of this ballot in full to all applicants.

This must include the draw preferences the dogs are entered under. Where an online system, approved by The Royal Kennel Club, has been used to take entries, the ballot must be carried out using the same online system, and the result forwarded to The Royal Kennel Club at the same time that competitors are notified.

(Insertion in Bold)

Effective 2 February 2025

Secretaries must list all the draw preferences alongside owners' details as listed on the result of the draw. This can be done in a format of the Societies choosing. Some examples are below:

Dog Name	Owner Name	Handler	
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Request for additional Approved Presenters

The Kennel Club is requesting for anyone interested in becoming an Approved Presenter for the J Regulation seminars to get in touch, particularly applicants from Scotland.

This programme has been created to manage the understanding of the J Regulations for field trial judges, societies and competitors. This is done through seminars for each of the four sub-groups followed by a multiple choice exam. Before a judge can be added to a panel, they must have attended a Kennel Club Judges' Training Programme seminar on The Kennel Club J Regulations for the appropriate sub-group and have passed the examination.

As part of the training programme, The Kennel Club has a number of Approved Presenters for each sub-group,

who are responsible for delivering each seminar and conducting the examination.

The Kennel Club is now inviting applications from interested parties who would like to be considered for the position. Any candidates interested in applying need to be a field trial Panel judge for the relevant sub-group.

Applicants will be invited to attend an assessment at The Kennel Club London office where you will be required to undertake a short presentation from the relevant sub-group script, followed by an interview.

For those that are interested, please email a short CV with details of any relevant experience with presenting, teaching and your involvement with field trials to gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk

Risk Assessments

Societies are reminded that it is imperative to conduct a risk assessment prior to every event held.

Societies are also reminded that all instructions for a trial, including accurate meet times and arrangements must be included on the schedule. We would like to remind competitors to thoroughly read the information which is issued to them.

A link to the Risk Assessment Guidance can be found on our website here:

[specimen-risk-assessment-kennel-club.pdf](#)

Judges Training Days

Societies are reminded that they can run training days for judges should they wish to do so.

Following some concerns raised with judges being confident in dispatching game correctly, we would like to highlight that societies are able to organise training days for judges, and we would encourage you to do so.

We would also like to remind judges that there is information on the Kennel Club website with regards to guidance for judging, as well as the guide to the J regulations documents.

Judging a field trial | The Kennel Club

Reminder of regulation J6.f

We would like to remind competitors and judges of regulation J6(f), which states:

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.

Please note that if a refund is not issued by a society, you may submit a report to the Kennel Club for further investigation.

Appointing Judges

We would like to remind field trial secretaries that, where possible, they should appoint their A Panel judge first.

Submitting Objections

Competitors and judges are reminded to exercise thoughtful consideration before submitting an objection. In many cases, incidents can be effectively resolved at the time they occur through respectful and constructive dialogue among the parties involved.

Where possible, all efforts should be made to discuss and resolve the issue directly with those concerned before escalating the matter.

If an objection is deemed necessary, the following procedure must be followed:

- An incident book must be submitted to the office within 7 days of the trial (J11.a)
- Statements included should be clear, concise, and supported by relevant evidence.
- Careful attention should be given to the accuracy and detail of all information provided to substantiate the complaint.

This process ensures fairness and clarity while maintaining the integrity of the competition.

The Code of Good Shooting Practice and Field Trials



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By Glynn Evans

The J Regulations provide the fundamental framework to ensure trials are organised fairly and consistently. These core regulations are supported by additional guidance such as those for specific breed groups, judges, organisers and competitors.

A central principle clearly stated in the J Regulations is that field trials should be conducted "...as nearly as possible to an ordinary day's shooting." This makes it essential that anyone participating in or involved with field trials is also familiar with, and adheres to, the Code of Good Shooting Practice (the Code). As a key document for the entire shooting community, the Code is equally relevant to field trials and training days as it is to formal driven shoots.

In place for more than 30 years, the Code serves as the blueprint for sustainable game shooting and associated land and wildlife management. It sets out overarching 'golden rules' and provides guidance on key areas such as responsible shooting, release, game handling (with an accompanying guide), and broader shoot management.

The Code is endorsed and supported by 11 organisations from across the shooting and countryside management sector. Their collective oversight ensures the Code reflects the full breadth of best practice within our sector. It is regularly incorporated into shoot leases, and its role is acknowledged by government and other key stakeholders, underscoring its importance for everyone involved in game shooting. While the Code is non-statutory, its effectiveness depends on the commitment and adherence of all participants.

If a member of a supporting organisation is found to be in breach of the Code and doesn't address the issue, the relevant organisation will take appropriate action, including disciplinary action where appropriate.

Upholding the Code helps protect both individual reputations and the wider perception of shooting sports and field trials. Visible adherence demonstrates

our collective commitment to ethical conduct, self-regulation, and the long-term sustainability of the sport.

Those organising trials dedicate significant time and effort to secure suitable venues. When dealing with an unfamiliar shoot, it may feel awkward to ask about compliance with the Code, but we must be willing to do so. As an ex-keeper and someone involved in running a shoot, I can say that I wouldn't be offended if someone asked about our compliance; in fact, it demonstrates shared responsibility and commitment. The Code should be our guiding standard when deciding whether to accept an invitation or support a shoot by taking a trial or training day there.

It's also understandable that, under the pressure of a field trial, whether as a judge, organiser, or competitor, issues may be missed. However, we all share a duty to uphold high standards and ensure that poor practice, however rare, does not go unchallenged.

The chief steward, as the key link between the club and the shoot, is the appropriate person to raise any concerns with on the day. More broadly, if something on any shoot day appears not to align with the Code, we should feel confident in raising concerns politely and constructively as part of our shared responsibility to maintain standards.

While the running of field trials falls under the auspices of The Kennel Club which has its own procedures regarding raising complaints, concerns relating to how a shoot is organised or requests for further information can be directed to the Code secretary.

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Further information can be obtained by contacting; The Secretary, Code of Good Shooting Practice, Marford Mill, Rossett, Wrexham LL12 0HL. Tel: 01244 573 019 Email: secretary@codeofgoodshootingpractice.org.uk

Code of Good Shooting Practice

Find a Club

The Kennel Club has announced that its new and improved 'Find a Club' service is now available online. The new service includes a list of field trials clubs and the purpose of the service is to enable new dog owners to find local clubs in their area.

The Find a Club service can be found here:

Find a dog club | The Kennel Club

Please ensure that you have reviewed your club information. Any amendments, including secretary details, can be updated via your online account.



Looking for a club in your area? Visit Find a Club

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