



Field Trials Newsletter

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The Kennel Club Cocker Spaniel Championship report

By Kate Broers

The 92nd Cocker Spaniel Championship was held on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 January at Woodhead Estate, Derbyshire by kind permission of Mr David Flux. A true country gentleman, David Flux had generously offered the use of this very special estate, where the Peak District moorland with its white grassland borders was the perfect ground for these fast paced little spaniels to work.

Headkeeper Jim Sutton, his team of beat keepers and The Kennel Club Spaniel Championship Working Party had worked closely over the previous year to manage all aspects of the event.

The judges Mr Steve Charlton, Mr Jon Dickson, Mr Bill Johnstone and Mr David Rayner had 39 dogs to see over the two days, so all were keen to make an early start on the first day. Following the morning announcements by Spaniel Championship Working Party Chairman Jon Kean, the championship set off. After a brisk walk up a steep hill to the start of the running ground the judges, guns and opening dogs lined out. The stunning view down the valley towards the Woodhead reservoir made for good viewing for the gallery stationed at the top of the hill.

Day one

Jim Sutton had managed the day to ensure that each of the dogs was given as similar hunting conditions as possible, so the line moved down, giving a strong headwind for each dog. After each completed beat the working line walked back to the watching gallery and set off back into the wind. The Friday keeper gun team was comprised of Michael Dench, Harry Dovey, Nick Gardner and Will Morris who were well positioned to shoot for the little working cockers.

FTCh Mallowdale Shine owned and handled by Ian Openshaw did a smart job on the right, showing her quality with a nice flush and retrieve. Dai Ormond's Rowston Spinner cleanly picked a loose bird on the left but the temptation of another shot bird ended their championship hopes early on. The birds were sitting tightly in the tussocky white grass and several of the early dogs fell foul of birds lifting after the dog had passed the beat, or being unable to locate the game, even if it was hard hit by the keeper gun team.

William Clulee's FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie made very nice work of a flush and retrieve in a game filled gully, the cold wind driving the birds to seek cover in the more sheltered area. Martin Smee and

Glenlaggan Fireball were pleased with their efforts and left the working line happy followed by Fran Ardley and FTCh Rowston Sublime of Tarncrag who also completed their first run in style. Last year's championship winner, FTCh Wolferton Drama was back to defend her title, now running under the ownership of His Majesty The King and handled once again by Ian Openshaw. The little bitch hunted well and completed her opening run with a flush and a retrieve.

Damien Kelly's Clentonhill Jessie Jay hunted hard through the bracken and the gallery watched on as a hen pheasant lifted and was beautifully shot by right hand gun Harry Dovey. Jessie Jay made the long retrieve look effortless and she was handled well by owner and handler Damien Kelly. FTCh Popsheath Amber's run was watched by owner Alex Hayes as she was handled across the pale molinia grass. Having qualified twice for this year's championship the two year old bitch showed her hunting ability, completing her run with a flush and retrieve. Ian Openshaw was back in line with Nigel Partiss' FTCh Tiptopjack Firebug but unfortunately the elevated tussocks of the moorland grass tightly concealed a hen bird which lifted after the dog, Ronan Gorman and Mallowdale Emu of Commonshall was brought across to pick, completing their run.

William Clulee's third of four championship qualifiers, Sky of Wellbank was next in and hunted well completing her run with a retrieve on the left. Linden Jones' FTCh Glenrussell Selene was worked on through the end of the grass cover towards a moss filled gully. A hen pheasant was well shot by left hand gun Michael Dench and the little bitch was cleanly handled by Ian Openshaw to the fall. Garret Marson's Delphaven Gina of Smallbrooks followed on the right. The lemon bitch being keenly watched by the crowd due to her remarkable success story. Having been stolen at the 2022 Game Fair in July she was miraculously returned home later that year, owner Garret Marson going on to qualify her for the championship, an outstanding achievement for both dog and handler.

The well-spaced game meant the flashy cockers were able to fully demonstrate their hunting skills to the judges, but the challenging ground cover once again proved problematic for the little dogs, Jon Bailey's second championship qualifier FTCh Craiwarn Nibbs missing a well hidden bird.

A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the spring 2023 edition of the Field Trials Newsletter!

The 2022/23 season brought some new challenges and hurdles to overcome but we hope that competitors, judges and societies all had a successful season! This issue of the Field Trials Newsletter is full of stories from The Kennel Club trials and championships that have taken place in the 2022/23 season, as well as the International Gundog League Retriever championship report. You will also find our usual features and updates.

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Garret Marson's second dog FTCh Smallbrook Sky and Simon Dixon's Mallowdale Flair of Endashaw also ended their hopes after both being tried for a well hit hen bird which was eventually picked by the judges.

William Clulee's final dog of the championship FTCh Woolpitts Shin of Poolgreen had more success as a cock bird lifted off the dog seconds after he came off the lead. The twice qualified dog marked the 80 yard retrieve well and was handled beautifully to the fall, to murmurs of appreciation from the watching gallery. Paddy Williams' FTCh Taffswell Ruby made very clean work of two consecutive flushes and retrieves and ended her first run in style. Natalie Cannon's home bred bitch Craiwarn Tinkers Serenade flushed a hen bird which was pricked, but sailed off into the woodland copse and picker up John Yarwood and his smart pair of black Labradors were sent for their first task of the event. Lara Sorisi's handsome black and tan dog, Radipole Blazing Sun was brought over to pick on the right, taking the partnership through to the second round.

The first round was brought to a close with Glenlaggan Firefly owned and handled by Martin Smee and Ryan Kay's Farlavale Ebor, both working hard to hunt the bracken and white grass cover and being rewarded for their efforts with two tidy flushes and retrieves. The stewards had done a fantastic job in organising the dogs and handlers, and the second round followed smoothly on from the first with Ian Openshaw's FTCh Mallowdale Shine and Will Clulee's FTCh Uplands Bluebell of Badgerford both completing their second runs in style. Will Clulee was in line again quickly with FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie and Fran Ardley's FTCh Rowston Sublime of Tarncrag both also achieved a flush and a retrieve as the light began to fade over the Peak District hills.

Day two, second round continues

Saturday began with dense cloud cover threatening to bring downpours and all attendees were donning waterproofs, preparing themselves for the wetter weather. However, the conditions did not put a dampener on the spirits of competitors and the championship set off on a new area of ground as the rain began to fall.

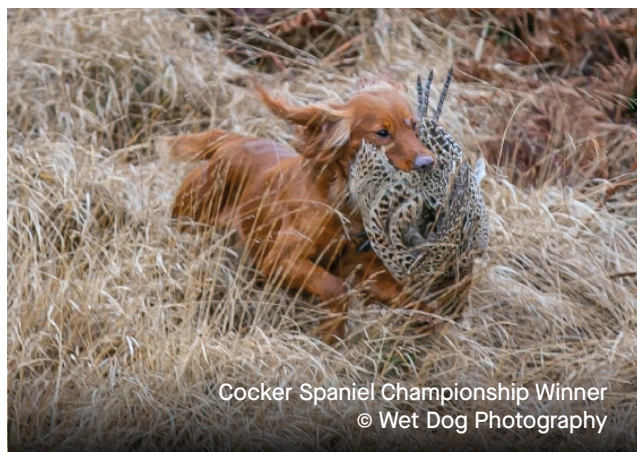
James Elliot's FTCh Howesyke Style of Tomlinswood worked hard in the conditions to hunt his beat and was compensated for his endeavours with two flushed pheasants that were trying to keep dry in the bracken. FTCh Howesyke Style of Tomlinswood picked one of the downed birds and Damien Kelly's Clentonhill Jessie Jay was sent and retrieved the other. The little back dog had hunted hard across the beat bordering the entrance to the estate, but the birds were understandably not keen to sit in the open due to the pouring rain.

Martin Smee completed his second run with Glenlaggan Fireball and Paddy Williams' FTCh Taffswell Ruby showed her hunting talents, seeking out the game well and picking cleanly. Gun team Michael Dench, Jim France, Will Morris and Neil Turner accompanied the judges and working line to a new area of ground and the well sodden gallery followed on through the now torrential Derbyshire weather. Last year's winner FTCh Wolferton Drama showed her quality with a nice flush and retrieve, followed by a flush from Lara Sorosi's Radipole Blazing Sun but the temptation of the shot bird was too much for the dog, ending her championship dreams. Ian Openshaw was back in line with FTCh Popsheath Amber and Alex Hayes' little bitch made a lovely job of picking a running hen bird shot on the left. James Luxford's FTCh Howesyke Silk being handled to the fall of a second shot loose bird, the cocker's obedience on the whistle being truly demonstrated. Her run concluded the right hand side of the working line leaving five dogs to be seen on the left.

Ronan Gorman's Mallowdale Emu of Commonshall made a tidy job of a flush and retrieve, swiftly followed by Linden Jones' FTCh Glenrussell Selene who made the unusual mistake of retrieving a bird that had yet to be seen by the guns. Garret Marson's Delphaven Gina of Smallbrooks hunted the ground beautifully but was not able to produce a bird in the challenging conditions. The final two were multi dog handlers William Clulee and Ian Openshaw, both FTCh Woolpitts Shin of Poolgreen and Mallowdale Dome working the ground in classic style and bringing the second round to a close.

Run off

Back at the marquee the judges spent time going through their books, accompanied by a well needed hot drink, and following their discussions it was announced that two dogs would be called for a run off. Ian Openshaw's FTCh Mallowdale Shine and William Clulee's FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie set off along the final beat of the championship with the watching crowd in hushed anticipation. The two dog's hunting was studied again by the judges and the championship was concluded.



Cocker Spaniel Championship Winner
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Presentation

The Kennel Club organisers were joined in the marquee by the Peak District Moorland Group and the Gamekeepers Welfare Trust who announced the results of their raffle. Both organisations were well supported and their representatives had been available over the two days, working hard to promote their worthy causes to the attendees.

Director of Skinner's Pet Foods, Ben Skinner, graciously accepted the invitation to present the awards which made the ceremony truly special. As the awards were read out by Spaniel Championship Working Party Chairman Jon Kean the eager atmosphere in the marquee was palpable.

The championship was won by FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie, owned, handled and bred by William Clulee from Kidderminster, Worcestershire, who received rapturous applause.

Speaking about the win, handler Will Clulee said: "*Home bred, reared and trained at Poolgreen Gundogs – FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie, or Polly as she is known at home is stylish, hard hunting and has a lovely temperament to go with it. I had two of the best runs I have ever had in a championship event- Polly deserved her title.*"

The Kennel Club would like to express its sincere thanks to our gracious host David Flux for allowing the use of this wonderful ground. The cover of varied white moor grass, and bracken covered hills with a great distribution of game, led to some fantastic hunting runs and challenging but rewarding retrieves. Head Game Keeper, Jim Sutton, and his team had prepared the ground wonderfully, and thanks must go to all who were involved in the planning, preparation and running of the event.

An event of this scale could not be run without significant support and The Kennel Club would like to thank the Spaniel Championship Working Party, Chairman Jon Kean and members Steve Adams, Jon Bailey, Jim Briggs, Sally Jenkins, Alan Hopkins-Young, Gordon Milliken, Paddy Morley and Duncan Sutherland, and honorary members Roy Ellershaw and Tomas Hopkins-Young for their significant contribution to the championship ensuring every detail was taken care of.

We're very fortunate to be ably assisted at the event by many gundog enthusiasts, who's help with the setting up and running of the event is invaluable. The Kennel Club would like to thank those that go above and beyond to assist with the running of these events, we couldn't do it without these hard-working individuals.

The Kennel Club would also like to express its gratitude to our sponsors, Skinner's Field & Trial and BASC. Skinner's give an awful lot to the world of working dogs and their representatives are passionate about providing the best nutrition for our gundog needs.

Ben Skinner, Director of championship sponsor Skinner's Pet Foods said: "*It was a pleasure to attend the Cocker championship this year at Woodhead. The estate provided excellent ground to demonstrate the capabilities of the dogs and handlers alike, of which the standard was very high. We are immensely proud to sponsor these events and it is a pleasure working in partnership with The Kennel Club. Well done to all those who qualified and competed!*"

BASC promote and protect the sports of shooting and trialling and their knowledgeable support is of great

importance to these championships. Our sponsors are always appreciated, and we would not be able to run these events without their generous support.

Murray Woodward, BASC central regional officer, said: *“The 92nd Cocker Spaniel Championship was held at the Woodhead Estate, Derbyshire – a stunning venue, managed by a great team of gamekeepers. BASC was delighted to attend and support this event and would like to pass on congratulations to all those who took part. It was a pleasure to witness so many dogs and handlers perform to such an incredible standard despite the harsh weather conditions at times. Congratulations to William Clulee and his excellent team.”*

The judges at the competition; Steve Charlton, Jon Dickson, Bill Johnstone and David Rayner worked incredibly hard and must be thanked for their dedicated concentration in distinguishing between these hard hunting dogs. Their time and expertise when judging the dogs was greatly appreciated.

Judge David Rayner said *“I thoroughly enjoyed judging the cockers at Woodhead Estate along with my fellow judges. The head keeper Jim was brilliant to work with, he and his team had quite clearly put an awful lot of work into preparing the ground for this premiership event. Every dog fortunate to have qualified to run at this championship had the opportunity to show itself off, having to hunt to find game. We saw some excellent, and at times outstanding dog work. The guns shot extremely well, and again were an excellent team to work with. There were a number of dogs that were in contention to win this year’s championship, but with the odd very slight hiccup some were unfortunately out of the top final placings. The two top dogs were very impressive in their work over the two days and were very difficult to split. We felt the fairest way to split them was a run off and the winning dog excelled in the run off and took the spoils. Congratulations to William Clulee, an outstanding achievement, not only winning, but breeding the winning dog.”*



Will Clulee and FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie
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The Results of the championship are as follows:

- 1st place** - FTCh Poolgreen Kizzie, owned and handled by Will Clulee
- 2nd place** - FTCh Mallowdale Shine, owned and handled by Ian Openshaw
- 3rd place** - Mallowdale Dome - owned by Michael Foster and handled by Ian Openshaw
- 4th place (and Gun’s Choice)** - Clentohill Jessie Jay, owned and handled by Damien Kelly
- Diplomas of Merits awarded:**
- FTCh Howesyke Style of Tomlinswood** - owned and handled by James Elliot
- Glenlaggan Fireball** - owned and handled by Martin Smee
- FTCh Rowston Sublime of Tarncrag** - owned and handled by Fran Ardley
- FTCh Wolferton Drama** - owned by His Majesty The King and handled by Ian Openshaw
- FTCh Popsheath Amber** - owned by Alex Hayes and handled by Ian Openshaw
- Delphaven Gina of Smallbrooks** - owned and handled by Garret Marson
- FTCh Taffswell Ruby** - owned and handled by Paddy Williams
- Glenlaggan Firefly** - owned and handled by Martin Smee

The Kennel Club Any Variety Spaniel (Excluding Spaniel [Cocker]) Championship report

By Kate Broers

The 92nd Kennel Club Any Variety Spaniel [Excluding Spaniel (Cocker)] Championship was held on the 12, 13 and 14 January 2023 at Invermark Estate, Angus by kind permission of the Earl of Dalhousie. This historical estate has been in the Dalhousie Family since the 17th Century and covers 55,000 acres of stunning countryside in the shadow of the snow topped Grampian Mountains. A truly spectacular part of the UK to run this season’s championship.

The AV Championship is always a highly anticipated occasion in the gundog calendar and owners, handlers and officials were all very much looking forward to this season’s event.

The Invermark Estate team lead by Headkeeper Garry MacLennan had done a fantastic job over the past year in liaison with The Kennel Club’s Spaniel Championship Working Party in arranging all aspects of the championship.

The 49 competitors gathered at the marquee to check in and collect their armbands and Skinner’s energy bars before the announcements were made. Spaniel Championship Working Party Chairman Jon Kean made the introductions and briefed the attendees on the running of the day, and the estate vehicles were loaded with the first competitors. A stunning sunrise met those disembarking at the edge of the moorland and the atmosphere was of nervous anticipation as the group set off.

Judges Mr Steve Bates, Mr Steve Charlton, Mr Bill Johnstone and Mr Simon Jones supported by reserve judge Gerry Meehan lined out with their gun team, Ali Brown, Colin Scott, Duncan Stirling and Headkeeper Garry MacLennan.

56 dogs had qualified, and with 49 runners to see over the course of three days, the gentlemen knew they had their work cut out for them.



The Kennel Club Any Variety Spaniel [Excluding Spaniel (Cocker)] Championship judges Mr Steve Bates, Mr Bill Johnstone, Mr Steve Charlton and Mr Simon Jones
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Day one

The opening dogs took their positions across the frosted white grassland and the gallery had an excellent view down onto the running field. The excitement of the occasion was too much for Jim Wardrope's first competing dog and Steve Newman's Shiveck Piccolo of Nossewey who ended their championship hopes early on. Harley Thompson's FTCh Ddraighelwyr Blaidd and Jim Dransfield's FTCh Hagghouse King of Eborakon completed their first runs with style and pace. Paul Cassidy and FTCh Meadowbeat Neala of Greenbrush took a lovely line on a running rabbit, hitting the fall and picking nicely much to the delight of the watching crowd. As the oldest dog in the competition, the bitch's experience was clear to see. She was then brought over to the left hand side to make a tidy retrieve, eye wiping Steve Black's Helmsway Helbeck of Amblebeck.

Experienced competitor Mick Walsh was well supported by the gallery, and his springer dog Rytex Reo of Hollydrive made a stylish job of picking two shot birds before completing their run on a cock pheasant which was beautifully shot by Headkeeper Garry MacLennan as outside gun. Aubrey Ladyman's bitch Rosebay Meadow and Lee Cooper's Heathcroft Declan of Breckmarsh were sent out simultaneously for two loose birds and both picked cleanly.

As the day clouded over and the rain began to set in Mr Orrin Ingram's FTCh Rytex Rapeds was expertly hunted by Ian Openshaw and was rewarded by two clean flushes on well sitting rabbits, both of which were retrieved by the black and white bitch. The well-spaced game continued to prove fruitful and Nicola Hunter's FTCh Churail Challenge of Pursley handled by Carl Colclough and Hugh Houston's FTCh Missymog Bunny both left the line happy with their efforts.

The working line moved down to the bottom of a wide marshy beck, and Alan Sankey's FTCh Brockington Bertie completed his run. Alan made a swift return to the line with his younger dog, Brockington Kia, the bitch making a stylish job of a flush and retrieve.

Ian Openshaw's FTCh Penwills Pinot was granted a flush and retrieve straight off the lead, the little dog making the hunting task at hand look simple. Ian Clarke's FTCh Pollarama Lucy also proved herself with a flush and retrieve on the right-hand side. The championship then broke for lunch and the judges and officials were well catered for, with shoot caterer Antony Seiwright providing the estate's own red deer venison served Moroccan style, which was very welcome.

After lunch the line moved to a new piece of ground, and Steven Blackwell's Broomfield Sarabi was rewarded for her hunting with a flush, and after two barrels from

the gun team the hen bird was picked. Debbie Mould's Daisygate Aster picked a nice retrieve over a fence but unfortunately a hen bird then lifted behind the dog, ending their championship run. Andy Parker's Trantmoor Butch was called over to make the retrieve directly in front of the watching gallery and was handled nicely to the fall and picked. Irishman Dessie Donnelly kept Gardenrath Mistletoe steady in the rushes and was pleased with his flush and retrieve. As Aubrey Ladyman's FTCh Walkers Winkle completed the hunt through the rush filled field with a stylish flush and retrieve on a cock pheasant.

As the line moved to new ground the gallery held back to leave Terry Siweck's second championship qualifier Shiveck Primat her hunting opportunity through grazing fields bordered by sheep pens, the dog getting a nice retrieve on a rabbit. On the right hand side David Massey's Borransfell Moneypenny completed her long run with a flush and a nicely handled retrieve.

The working dogs and judges travelled across the hill with Jon Bailey's FTCh Churchview Cortinio hunting down a fence line. The partnership being rewarded with three consecutive flushes, all of which were expertly retrieved; the dog skilfully using the wind to pick a cock pheasant hard hit up the bank side. Richard Doherty's Special Star had sat patiently while the other side worked, and following her release she flushed a tightly sitting rabbit which completed her run. Pat Brennan's Clodahill Shauna and David Templar's FTCh Sedgewood Poppy of Countryways were sent simultaneously by their respective judges to collect two loose birds shot, both dogs making a good job of the retrieves.

As the sun began to sink below the peaks of the Scottish mountains the dogs were hunted on with Kim Stewart's FTCh Broomfield Vera at Taykimoor eye wiping Raymond Wilson's Saxonvale Bo, bringing Tina Nicholas in as the final dog on the right hand side. Both lady handlers were hunted on as dusk drew in, FTCh Broomfield Vera at Taykimoor completing the first day with a rabbit flush and retrieve, leaving Tina Nicholas and Roman Lucy of Spanbella to conclude her run the following day.

Day two, second round begins

Headkeeper Garry MacLennan started the second day on a fresh beat, the line working alongside a heather banked burn. The opening dogs worked hard for their finds amongst the cover and the gun team had to be well positioned in order to hit the fast flying game. Harley Thompson and FTCh Ddraighelwyr Blaidd completed their second run on the right with a flush and a retrieve on a rabbit after two previously flushed pheasants had managed to escape the experienced guns.



FTCh Ddraighelwyr Blaidd and Harley Thomson
(awarded best dog and highest placed newcomer)
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The left hand side of the working line had more game finding success and Orrin Ingram's FTCh Rytex Rapeds was well handled by Ian Openshaw on to two rabbits, flushed in close succession. Jim Wardrope and FTCh Helmsway Hot Babe were rewarded for their hunting with the first woodcock of the championship. The viewing for the gallery was excellent, with the dogs working on the bank below them meaning all spectators were able to witness the action first hand. Alan Sankey and FTCh Brocklinton Bertie completed their run with two stylishly retrieved cock pheasants, finishing the last of the cover on the river beat.

Ian English started the second beat of the day with his FTCh Helmsway Harrington, the dog making nice work of a flush and retrieve amongst the blackened heather and rushes that filled the curved bank of the burn. As the line worked up from the river into one of the Estate's pheasant drives, Steve Blackwell's Broomfield Sarabi had a clean flush and retrieve on a woodcock followed by Andy Parker completing his second run with a flush on a cock pheasant that was well picked by the dog. Borransfell Moneypenny owned and handled by David Massey was brought over to pick a second woodcock that had proved too tempting for Adrian Doris' Gort Busy Bee to resist, completing Moneypenny's second run, and bringing the pheasant-drive beat to an end.

The judges and guns then moved ground, followed on by the expansive gallery who made their way across the wide, stone filled beck in a somewhat ungainly fashion! However, soon all were ready to begin again and Jon Bailey and FTCh Churchview Cortinio set off on the left with Mick Walsh and Rytex Reo of Hollydrive on the right. Both dogs worked the marshy white grass cover thoroughly and with pacey style and FTCh Churchview Cortinio was rewarded with a rabbit flush which was well shot by the guns, completing their second run and bringing Ian English and FTCh Helmsway Harrington into line. Rytex Reo of Hollydrive was rewarded for his long run with two flushed pheasants, only one of which was shot, the dog making a nice job of the retrieve. As the white grass cover petered out FTCh Helmsway Harrington indicated a rabbit well concealed in the rushes which was then flushed. The dog then used the wind well to pick the well hit game.

Hugh Houston's FTCh Missymog Bunny was next in as the line moved through into a rabbit grazed paddock with a wide marshy strip running through the centre. The bitch was granted a quick flush on a hen pheasant, swiftly followed by another flush and retrieve which completed their championship run. Craig Lewis' FTCh Gorsebay Snipe worked her way through the grassland and flushed a tightly sitting partridge which was tucked into the cover, the dog retrieved the little bird tenderly to hand and completed.

FTCh Churail Challenge of Pursley owned by Mrs Nicola Hunter was handled by Carl Colclough onto the retrieve of a loose bird and completed their run with a flush and retrieve. Eddie Scott and Broomfield Sarafina and Pat Brennan and Clodahill Shauna worked their areas of cover well and both dogs had two flushes and retrieves on well shot pheasants. Alan Sankey and Brocklinton Kia were pleased with their run through the rushes, the dog making a tidy flush and retrieve. The game was keeping out the wind in the cover and Lee Marson's Sharmesvale Velvet Scoter finished that piece of ground with a quick flush and retrieve.

The judges and officials were treated to another hot lunch of pheasant fricassee, showing just how sustainable and

delicious game can be, and everyone was in excellent spirits as the line set off to continue the day. FTCh Marketgate Darling owned and handled by Richard Wells took off after a hit but strongly running pheasant, the dog making the fall but not being able to pick the swift hen. Tina Nicholas and her bitch Roman Lucy of Spanbella were brought over from the left, the dog hitting the fall and taking an immediate line after the running bird. The gallery, positioned on the brow of a hill watched the woodland in anticipation and as the dog came back with the bird there was a well-deserved round of applause for an excellent retrieve.

Dessie Donnelly and Gardenwrath Mistletoe were taken over some deer fencing and into a heather filled tree plantation where the birds were sitting snugly and dog and handler completed their run with three retrieves. Aubrey Ladyman and FTCh Walkers Winkle brought the second day to a close with a clean flush and retrieve as the January sunlight warmed the backs of the watching gallery.

Day three

The final day of the championship began with gentle rainfall which soon cleared up as the final dogs took their positions under the judges. The Earl of Dalhousie joined the line to witness the championship dog work first hand on the family's stunning estate. Terry Siweck's Shiveck Primat hunted up a heather coated bank, flushing three tightly sitting pheasants, all of which sailed over the ridge of the hill evading the waiting gun team. However, shortly after the partnership were compensated with a nice flush which was well hit by the guns and picked.

As the early morning mist rose up over the snow-capped mountains, Richard Doherty's Special Star had two clean flush and retrieves, bringing David Templar and FTCh Sedgewood Poppy of Countryways into line. As the line worked down the bank in front of the gallery the twice qualified dog showed her smooth hunting style, having two tidy flushes and retrieves, completing her run. Martin Smee and FTCh Glenlaggan Amy worked through a bog myrtle filled vale, picking a well shot loose cock bird, however the excitement of another shot bird proved too tempting for the dog and their championship run was over. Owen Russell and Stickhouse Dorothy were sent for the retrieve straight off the lead and the dog picked nicely, and was hunted on, completing her run with a flush and retrieve. Kim Stewart and her little black and white bitch were the closing partnership of the championship, working through the heather lined valley and coming on to a small covey of pheasants, from which two hen birds were downed. FTCh Broomfield Vera at Taykimoor was sent out and handled to the fall, picking the bird and ending the second round.



The gallery at Invermark Estate
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As the judges completed their books the weak winter sunshine made a welcome appearance, warming the competitors as they waited to hear the outcome of the judges' deliberations. After a somewhat lengthy discussion the championship was announced as concluded and the championship party made their way back to the marquee for the award presentation.

Presentation and awards

The presentation was made by The Earl of Dalhousie and it was an honour to have the Earl of the estate presenting the awards. As the certificates were written up, the gallery gathered round the impressive display of trophies which are awarded to the various award winners of the championship. As the awards were read out in reverse order the excitement was palpable as competitors and spectators alike applauded those who had done well over the course of the three days.

The winner of the championship was announced as FTCh Rytex Rapeds owned by Mr Orrin Ingram from Tennessee, USA and handled by Ian Openshaw and the emotion was clear from Ian as he thanked his wife Wendy in his acceptance speech. The bitch was third in last year's championship and litter sister to last year's championship winner Miss A Hayes' Rytex Rizzle.

Following the championship Ian said; *"I had a good feeling about this year's event, the dog had been going extremely well through the season, as well as in training, and she is exceptional at all working aspects. Bonnie was top overall dog at the International Event at the Game Fair in the summer and this was just the start of her outstanding trialling season."*

"The litter has been extraordinary overall, with her sister winning the championship last year and another from the litter qualifying for this year's event. I am delighted to have been able to handle her on behalf of Orrin Ingram and would like to thank Simon Dixon for all his input to her training."

Thanks must go to all those involved in the championship, The Kennel Club for funding and organising the event, the Spaniel Championship Working Party for all their hard work, the judges, the guns for shooting so well over the dogs and to the volunteers without whom we would not be able to successfully run the event.

Thanks must also go to our sponsors, Skinner's Field & Trial and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC). We would also like to thank ACME whistles for providing an engraved whistle to the winning handler. Our sponsors are always appreciated and we would not be able to run these events without their ongoing generous support.

Ben Skinner, Director of Skinner's Pet Foods said *"It was a pleasure to attend the Springer Championship this year at Invermark. The estate provided excellent ground to demonstrate the capabilities of the dogs and handlers alike, of which the standard was very high. We are immensely proud to sponsor these events and it is a pleasure working in partnership with The Kennel Club. Well done to all those who qualified and competed!"*

BASC's Peter Clark, BASC Scotland public affairs manager, said *"BASC was delighted to once again support the AV Spaniel Championships at Invermark in the Angus Glens. The high level of skill of the entries was impressive and it was great to see all the dogs working. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated, especially the winners on their success."*

Ben McFarlane from ACME Whistles said *"ACME Whistles are proud to play our small part in making The Kennel Club AV Spaniel Championship what it is. By supporting the event and the wider community associated to it, ACME brings our wealth of heritage, experience and expertise, aspects that any winner of the championship has in abundance."*

Thanks must finally go to our Host the Dalhousie Family, in particular the Earl of Dalhousie and Headkeeper Garry MacLennan and his keeping team for hosting the championship on this very special estate and for preparing the ground so wonderfully.

The judges for the competition did a fantastic job of distinguishing between the dogs over the course of the three days. Judge Mr Simon Jones said: *"it was a pleasure and a privilege to follow this season's crop of outstanding dogs. Invermark Estate and the keepers, led by Gary MacLennan could not have done more to make it a memorable three days. Ground treatment and proper use of the wind was obviously going to play a key part and it was so good to see most dogs take in plenty of ground and create their own opportunities. This was not a championship to have a tight, over controlled pattern. Success would come from a more free flowing, wide attacking style, where the dog takes the handler into game in a more natural hunting action. The top dogs were fabulous to watch with the winning dog exhibiting a dramatic change of gear between heavy rush and light grass, with the width of pattern changing naturally as the cover changed."*



Ian Openshaw and championship winner
FTCh Rytex Rapeds © ARC Photography

The results of the championship are as follows:

1st place – FTCh Rytex Rapeds – owned by Mr O Ingram and handled by Ian Openshaw (Gun's Choice and Best Bitch)

2nd place - FTCh Penwills Pinot – owned by Brian Wade and handled by Ian Openshaw

3rd place - FTCh Broomfield Vera at Taykimore – owned and handled by Alan Sankey

4th place - Broomfield Vera at Takimore – owned and handled by Kim Stewart

Diploma of Merits awarded:

FTCh Ddraighelwyr Blaidd – owned and handled by Harley Thomson (best dog and highest placed newcomer)

FTCh Helmsway Hot Babe - owned and handled by Jim Wardrope

FTCh Hagghouse King of Eborakon - owned and handled by Jim Dransfield

FTCh Meadowbeat Neala of Greenbrush - owned and handled by Paul Cassidy

Rytex Reo of Hollydrive - owned and handled by Mick Walsh

Rosebay Meadow - owned and handled by Aubrey Ladyman

FTCh Missymog Bunny - owned and handled by Hugh Houston

FTCh Churail Challenge of Pursley - owned by Nicola Hunter and handled by Carl Colclough

FTCh Brocklinton Bertie - owned and handled by Alan Sankey

FTCh Rytex Ringo - owned and handled by Ian Openshaw

Broomfield Sarafina - owned and handled by Eddie Scott

FTCh Pollarama Lucy - owned and handled by Ian Clarke

Broomfield Sarabi - owned and handled by Steve Blackwell

Trantmoor Butch - owned and handled by Andrew Parker

Borransfell Moneypenny - owned and handled by David Massey

FTCh Churchview Cortinio - owned and handled by Jon Bailey

FTCh Helmsway Harrington - owned and handled by Ian English

Gardenrath Mistletoe - owned and handled by Dessie Donnelly

FTCh Gorsebay Snipe - owned and handled by Craig Lewis

FTCh Walkers Winkle - owned and handled by Aubrey Ladyman

Clodahill Shauna - owned and handled by Pat Brennan

Shiveck Primat - owned and handled by Terri Siwek

Special Star - owned and handled by Richard Doherty

Sharmesvale Velvet Scoter - owned and handled by Lee Marson

FTCh Sedgewood Poppy of Countryways - owned and handled by David Templar

Stickhouse Dorothy - owned and handled by Owen Russell

The Kennel Club Any Variety HPR Championship report

By Kate Broers

The Kennel Club HPR Championship was held on the North Yorkshire Moors on 15 and 16 November 2022. The 20th championship was again sponsored by Skinner's Field & Trial and The Kennel Club are most appreciative of their generous support.

The spectacular Yorkshire moorland was the championship ground for the second consecutive year and The Kennel Club were extremely grateful to the host and keepers for allowing the championship to run on such an outstanding estate.

Day one

The first day started cold with a heavy fog settling across the moorland. Headkeeper Jimmy Brough was keen to get ahead of the weather so once the morning briefing was completed the 24 championship entries, spectators and officials quickly moved into vehicles and set off to the higher ground. The strong headwind and driving rain that soon settled in for the day made conditions for the dogs and handlers very challenging, however judges Rob Gould and Maureen Nixon did their very best to give each of the dogs a fair opportunity.

The grouse were jumpy which made getting a staunch point from the dogs extremely difficult and a few of the dogs were lost early on for missing game on their beat. Last year's championship winner, Rory Major and Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla FTCh Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft made a nice flush and retrieve in the first round. Charles Grewcock's German Wirehaired Pointer bitch had a nice flush on the flighty birds. He was followed by Rory Major's second of three championship qualifiers; Beechwolf Tonka, who managed a steady point, but unfortunately the high wind meant for difficult shooting conditions, and the German Wirehaired Pointer was not rewarded for her efforts with a retrieve.

Geoff Saint's FTCh Merle Haggard hunted the heather beautifully, the dog working steadily and methodically, indicating grouse and purposefully flushing the brace. A lovely shot by the left hand gun finished the German Wirehaired Pointer dog's run with a great retrieve.

The tricky conditions and high pressure of the event took its toll on the number of championship entries going through to day two. Peter Howard's Tickencote A Night Like This completed a lovely find on a loose shot woodcock, eyewiping Harriet Lampart's Aytee Jessie Jay but unfortunately readjusted the bird on return, ending their championship hopes for this year. After every dog had been seen for the first round, and with the ever-thickening fog, the first day of the championship was brought to a close leaving 11 dogs called through to day two.

Day two

The weather had significantly improved and all in attendance were grateful of the light cloud and gentle wind which were far more favourable conditions in which to watch these hard hunting dogs work. Lee Loveridge's FTCh Morsebeck Patch was first down before the judges, facing a cheek wind the dog hunted well and made a tidy job of retrieving a loose bird which was well shot by the keeper gun team.

Shirley Mattravers along with her husband Tom had qualified three Hungarian Vizslas between them for the championship but unfortunately FTCh Hunterstone Rhea didn't quite cover her gun line, missing a grouse which got up and was shot, ending her day early. Rory Major was called in with FTCh Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft and sent for the shot bird which was nicely picked. As the line rotated the Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla came onto point working the scent out nicely, Rory gently handling the dog to avoid putting pressure on the birds for the flush.

Ronnie Buchan's Ipor Von Der Wrangelsberg at Culdrein was cast off and then sent for a loose bird shot to the left. The dog didn't quite hit the fall and was called up, leaving Jim Bird's FTCh Sutchest Braun Gino to make his attempt. The German Shorthaired Pointer dog went out with drive and purpose, hitting the fall cleanly but the bird was tightly hidden in the thick gorse and could not be found by the dog or by the Judges. Gino was hunted on and made a truly spectacular job of covering his beat thoroughly, and with great style and pace. He was rewarded with a beautiful point and retrieve to the delight of the watching gallery.

Eleppas New Moon owned and handled by Charles Grewcock made a clean job of a long retrieve but unfortunately a grouse lifted after the dog ending their second round. Rory Major's Beechwolf Tonka followed with another smart run, the dog clearly demonstrating that the game was there and coming on to a lovely point. Unfortunately, the birds lifted out of reach of the hard working gun team but she was hunted on and came on point again, this time getting the opportunity to show her skills on a tidy retrieve.

Geoff Saint's FTCh Merle Haggard and Kieran Fox's Gramhey Lucky Star both were extremely unlucky when a loose bird was shot to the left, landing tight against a drystone wall. Both dogs and handlers worked hard to get to the area but it proved too challenging and their championship runs were over when the judges picked the bird.

Alan and Sue Parr's Bracco Italiano Bonario Fagiana, the only one of her breed qualifying for the championship this year, made a beautiful job of hunting the heather bank, showing the quality and grace these dogs can be known for. Unfortunately, she could not locate a grouse hit down a grassy knoll, and she was eye wiped by Dawn Elrington's Ch Barleyarch Beetke at Tequesta. The nine-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer was then hunted on to continue her run but a well tucked woodcock lifted after the dog and her run was over, completing the second round.

The judges requested Lee Loveridge's FTCh Morsebeck Patch and Rory Major's FTCh Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft to see again and as the line steadily moved up the hill both dogs hunted well, pointed and retrieved, bringing the championship to a nice close.

Awards

The championship was a great success, despite the difficult weather conditions, and The Kennel Club would like to thank all those who were involved in the planning, preparation and running of the event. The Moorland Estate is a perfect setting for these hunting dogs and the Keeper gun team shot brilliantly, giving each dog an opportunity to show itself to its best.

The judges Maureen Nixon and Rob Gould handled the two days with understanding and skill.

Following the event Maureen and Rob said *"To be invited to judge the HPR Championship is a great privilege, and to be invited to hold it on the beautiful Yorkshire moors was fantastic. An impressive card of 24 dogs, including 12 Field Trial Champions and one full Champion awaited our assessment. The eventual winner, FTCh Sutchest Braun Gino, showed us a masterclass in ground treatment, hunting, pointing, and retrieving. An absolute pleasure to watch."*

Championship winner Jim Bird said *"I am absolutely delighted to win the HPR Championship with Gino. He has been a fantastic dog for me from day one and he came out and won with style."*

Congratulations to all those who qualified for the championship, and well done to those in the awards.

The results of the championship are as follows:

1st place - FTCh Sutchest Braun Gino (German Shorthaired Pointer) - owned and handled by Mr J Bird

2nd place - Beechwolf Tonka (German Wirehaired Pointer) - owned and handled by Mr S R C Major

3rd place - FTCh Morsebeck Patch (German Wirehaired Pointer) - owned and handled by Mr L Loveridge

4th place - FTCh Jaguar Du Domaine Saint Hubert at Bryantscroft (Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla) - owned and handled by Mr S R C Major

Gun's Choice - FTCh Bruno von Schwarzenberg (German Wirehaired Pointer) - owned by Mr R Akopov and handled by Mr S R C Major



The International Gundog League Any Variety Retriever Championship report

By Clare Wood

The 2022 International Gundog League Retriever Championship, which is generously sponsored by Skinner's Field & Trial, was held at the Holkham Estate by very kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Leicester.

The Holkham ground was superb, an expanse of fodder radish mix, a winter cover crop planted to enrich the soil but also lending itself perfectly for Mark Fitzer, the Headkeeper and Steward of the Beat, and his hard working team to invisibly push in birds from the surrounding woods. The supply of game was varied and steady, expertly shot by the team of guns, and allowed the dogs to show their marking ability.

Jayne Coley and Alan Rees judged on the right of the line, Steve Polley and Tim Brain on the left.

Day one

Delcan Boyle and FTCh Knockyclovaun Ralph picked the first bird of the day, a single mark behind the line. Louie Robertson and FTCh Mitforton Onour looked very smart picking a hen pheasant shot off the end of the line and over the headland behind the first dog tried.

William L Steel's Ash Lightning of Leadburn was taken across the line and efficiently picked a hen bird, the second of two shot on the right, behind Marlene Edvinsson's FTCh Burrendale Dee and Kevin Haynes's FTCh Adoraden Trevor of Cairngryffe.

George Buchan's Fendawood Pioneer of Springfell was bought across the line and cleanly picked a hare behind Diana Stevens's FTCh Isleofman Gorse of Wylanbriar and Greig Paterson's FTCh Avonstream Aixinha.

One of the outstanding retrieves of the trial was a hen bird that hit the ground running and was clearly not going to hang around. Julia Reed's Staverton Tarrogan had accurately marked the fall, some 90 yards in front of the line, and arrived there so quickly that the bird had little chance to move and was picked almost immediately.

Gary Wood's FTCh Millbuies Ghillie, the 2021 Retriever Champion, made easy work of a cock bird shot far in front of the line.

Late in the day HM King Charles III's FTCh Buccleuch Bowhill of Sandringham handled by David Lisett took a bird some 30 yards from the fall area on the headland and back into the crop. There was a significant delay in sending while judge Alan Rees clearly established the fall area from the gun.

Day two

34 dogs were taken through to the second day. The line stretched out some 150 yards wide, a long championship line. It was to be a day of success and failure, many handlers and dogs sadly experiencing both as the trial progressed. Almost immediately, four dogs were lost on a pheasant shot off the left hand side of the line that the judges subsequently picked.

Kevin Butler's FTCh Turpingreen Bohol needed no handling on a long marked retrieve of some 80 yards on a pheasant shot on the edge of a copse. Similarly, the Duchess of Devonshire's Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth required no assistance on a long mark behind and across the line in the 3rd round.



Kevin Butler waiting for FTCh Turpingreen Bohol to return with the bird © Clare Wood

A wounded cock pheasant went on over 150 yards before dropping into the crop off the far right hand side of the line. Unfortunately, for handlers David Logan and Louie Robertson, their dogs were distracted by hares getting up as they attempted to make the area. Similarly, Declan Boyle's dog fared no better in reaching the fall area. Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth took an excellent line and some handling was required to pick the cock bird which proved to be deeper than described.

Godfrey Lowe's FTCh Jogolo Dark Magic, the second dog tried, impressed picking a hen bird that had been shot off the end of the line out of the fodder crop and across the headland and then another area of cover crop and still some distance back into the wood beyond.

John Peach's Derryhoar Martini made the fall of a wounded woodcock shot across the line which flipped leaving the

dog unable to locate it. The other three dogs all hunted the fall area but failed to find and the judges walked out and picked it.

Gary Wood's FTCh Millbuies Ghillie picked a hen bird shot across the line that the first dog sent had failed to locate. FTCh Turpingreen Bohol was the second dog tried on a pigeon across the line which did not appear to be giving off any scent at all. The dog settled quickly and persevered to pick.

At the end of the day George Buchan's Fendawood Pioneer of Springfell was brought across the line to the left and picked, behind the first two dogs tried. A cock bird was then shot and ran in on the edge of the copse in front of the line. Tony O'Hare's Burrendale Rambler was got off quickly. The bird was never located but Burrendale Rambler was not discarded first dog down, as the judges considered, the dog took a line and persisted in an area where there were holes down where it was likely the pheasant had gone. Unfortunately, Burrendale Rambler then struggled to settle on a hare behind the line giving Fendawood Pioneer of Springfell the opportunity to pick again.

Ten dogs were taken through to the fourth round where they were asked to pick one retrieve. Over the previous two days Mark Fitzer and his team continued to produce the game exactly as was required.

Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth picked a mark in the conservation headland strip before the line proceeded into the oil seed rape ahead. Kevin Butler was pleased to pick as he only just marked the bird as it went down on the edge of the wood.

No dogs were lost in the fourth round but that was not to be the case in the fifth.

Louise Munchaus Adsbol's FTCh Skovager's Six Mile Woodcock, who had been running a good trial, was called up only to pick on the way back in. William L Steel's Ash Lightning of Leadburn who had also been going well was distracted by a number of hares in the area of the one he was asked to retrieve. Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth required minimal handling to pick. Paul Wheeler's FTCh Willowrise Star Spinner picked a hare behind Robin Drysdale's FTCh Flagdale Sweep, a dog that had been efficiently picking to that point, had failed to locate.

Godfrey Lowe's dog was sent on a snipe shot across the line and over the headland into the field beyond. He was called up after struggling to make the area and Gary Wood's FTCh Millbuies Ghillie tried. Once on the right side of the wind the dog feathered in from some 15 yards away to pick.

Kevin Butler and FTCh Turpingreen Bohol were impressive on a marked woodcock shot at the far end of the line. As the dog arrived at the fall another woodcock got up from the same area but FTCh Turpingreen Bohol kept to the task in hand to pick the bird as it flipped. This dog was then picked a woodcock shot behind the line which bought to an end George Buchan's Fendawood Pioneer of Springfell's Championship campaign, the first dog tried on this retrieve.

Four dogs were taken through to a drive in the woods to complete the final round. After nine retrieves in total, the judges called an end to the 2022 International Gundog League Retriever Championship and unanimously agreed on the well deserved award winners.

Awards

It was clear from the outset that this was to be a championship where natural game-finding, marking ability, nose and temperament would be necessities. Scent throughout the three days proved as changeable as the weather that pushed through from the nearby Norfolk coast.

All of the dogs in the awards demonstrated these qualities over the three days of the trial as other very talented dogs fell by the wayside. And, possibly above all others, the quality that shone through in these dogs was their temperament, their willingness to respond to their handlers' commands and to continue to work with them as a team.



2022 International Gundog League Retriever Championship award winners © Clare Wood

The results of the championship are as follows:

1st place - FTCh Turpingreen Bohol – owned and handled by Kevin Butler. Awarded the Retriever Trials Championship Challenge Cup, the Lady Auckland Memorial Salver, the Hiwood Challenge Trophy and the International Gundog League President's Trophy for the winner and the Kingsford-Lethbridge Trophy for the breeder of the winner

2nd place - Emmanygan Spring of Chatsworth – owned by the Duchess of Devonshire's and handled by John Halsted. Awarded the FTCh Ulstare Style Challenge Trophy for the dog placed second

3rd place - FTCh Millbuies Ghillie – owned and handled by Gary Wood. Awarded the Lorna Countess Howe Memorial Trophy for the best dog entered by an owner resident in Scotland

4th place - FTCh Willowrise Star Spinner – owned and handled by Paul Wheeler

The Kennel Club All Aged Any Variety Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer]) trial

The Kennel Club All Aged Any Variety Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer]) Field Trial was held on Friday 2 December 2022 at Bretby Park Estate by kind permission of Mrs C Macdonald and Head Keeper Mr M Smith.

The ground of cover crop was excellent for these minor breed spaniels. The birds sat tightly in the beet making the dogs work hard for their finds but allowing for some great flushes and retrieves.

Judges Mrs M Cox and Mrs A Wise judged the day with patience and understanding, giving all the dogs and handlers the benefit of the doubt and judging very positively.

Thank you to everyone involved in the running of the day and to the competitors for supporting these minor breed trials.

The awards are as follows:

1st place and Gun's Choice - Brackenskye Fennel Huddlestone, Spaniel (Clumber) owned by Mr J R Smith-Bodden and handled by Mr R Ellershaw

3rd place - Huddlestone Dear Prudence, Spaniel (Clumber) owned by Mr J R Smith-Bodden and handled by Mr R Ellershaw



Judges Mrs M Cox and Mrs A Wise with the award winning dogs and handler © The Kennel Club



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The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test 2023

We are pleased to confirm that The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test will once again be held at Capesthorpe Hall, Cheshire on Wednesday 14 June – Sunday 18 June 2023.

The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday 14 June:

The Kennel Club 150th Anniversary Special Invitational Event

Thursday 15 June and Friday 16 June:

International Retriever Working Test

Saturday 17 June:

- Open Retriever Working Test (Day 1)
- Novice Spaniel Working Test
- Novice HPR Working Test

Sunday 18 June:

- Open Retriever Working Test (Day 2)
- Novice Retriever Working Test
- Open Spaniel Working Test
- Open HPR Working Test

The Working Tests are available to enter via:

www.fossedata.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding the gundog working test, please email the team at:

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The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test 2022
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Working Gundog Certificate

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

HOPEVALLEY MORNING RIVER THROUGH KIMBERFIELD

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs R Richard

SKYBROOK IF BY CHANCE

Retriever (Flat Coated), Ms A Haley

SIGNY NEVER TOUCHING GROUND (IMP CHE)

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs S Rodgers

JOBESHILL HURRICANE HUGO

Retriever (Labrador), Mr S Probert

MARSHWEIR LASS

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss B Kington

FIZZLING FIGGY

Retriever (Labrador), Ms J Regan

STAUNTONVALE SHELLEY

Retriever (Labrador), Miss P Wheatcroft

BYTHAMS POTTERS RAILWAY

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss A Payne

LARKSHILL LADY

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs C Foss-Smith

RUIVINA TILLY

Retriever (Labrador), Mr N J College

MISSELCHALKE QUANTUM QUAIL

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs K Anderson

ROCKSTEADY DORIS

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr P Millett

CORBINSBERE VIMY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs J Furzer

BROOMWELL ROUX

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss J Ward

POPHAMSWOOD DISCOVERY

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr M J Owen

AGATHA CHRISTIE DI CASA TOLLER (IMP ITA)

Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Mr S Martin

DARDISTOWN SEPTEMBER DUN

Retriever (Labrador), Miss C Brown

ANNINGTONBAY MONTANA SKY

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Cuddy

BELLESBANK APOLLO

Retriever (Labrador), Miss A Watson

LUMPZAFLUFF BONNIE

Retriever (Golden), Ms R Setten

DANSHARLEY LUCIFER'S DREAM

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Head

BASOS BRAVE

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Sunley-Jones

BELLESBANK SEATTLE GRACE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr T W D'abreo

HOLLOWGATE FLIKERING FLAME

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Sayer

HIGHCREST BRYONY

Retriever (Labrador), Ms M Traves

MOLESBREATH GRACE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr S Little

MEKORO POT LUCK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Pilling

MALLSBANK DELTA

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Bartolomy

CWMDDRAIG OLIVE AT DAISYCREEK

Retriever (Labrador), Miss C Upton

QUERCUTERRAS FINN

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr I Jensen

BOTTLEBROOK GHISALLO STORM

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss L Dale

CURLIANNE HEDGE HUNT

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs J Curling

BAREFOOT RONJA

Crossbreed, Dr A Rubikaite

LAURINCO CALYPSO SPARK

Retriever (Labrador), Mr P Aston

WRAITHWOOD NEVADA

Retriever (Labrador), Miss J Gibson

SANDY STEPS

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr S Rudsdale

MACGIRIAGHT SEBASTIAN

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr M Robinson

SHORK'S PREDICTION

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs E O'Brien

PINFOLD GILLYS KEEP

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Cassidy

MACGIRIAGHT HENRY

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss K Cassidy

MORDONMANOR WEAVER OF HEIDRAZOR

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Grant

PENHILL ATHENA

Retriever (Labrador), Mr T Bryant

CUCKAVALDA BRYANT

Retriever (Labrador), Mr T Bryant

KILHOPEMOSS BLACK DIAMOND

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs E N Gordon

TRUE VALOUR OF WILDNOOK

Retriever (Labrador), Ms N Roberts

KAYSBURN RED KITE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Richardson

ZANDER NIGHTWALKER

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Dunn

ANNINGTONBAY EVENING STAR

Retriever (Labrador), Miss L Carleton

MEARLEY BECK ROCK SOLID

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Dunn

CARRICKVIEW FUDGE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Peck

ROISSAN EIDER

Retriever (Labrador), Mr A Brown

CHESARAB SALTMARSH (IMP USA)

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay), Miss D Crewe

TOLLISHILL DIAMOND GIRL

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Shaw

KINROSS BUCHANTY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr D Boyle

IMPERIAL GLORIANA

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr D Boyle

MAGGIRIAGHT ENFIELD

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss N Wilkinson

OLLIE OF SWINHOPE MILL

Retriever (Labrador), Miss N Wilkinson

GOOD TO BE SHORK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Leith-Ross

POWERED BY SHORK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K Leith-Ross

MAGGIRIAGHT HARRY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr A Bell

TINKERBELLE PRUDENCE

Spaniel (English Springer), Ms N J Maughan

MINSCAFELL MONTY

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss C Davies

ISFLAVCOTT GOLD

Retriever (Labrador), Ms L Williams

ROBLEWOOD VENUS

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs F Sharpe

SWANTONWOOD ROSEDORE

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mr R Merry

EASTHOATH ANTIGONE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Owen

PEALLAIDH PHENOMENAL WOMAN

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Cooper

BOLEBROKEOLD BURNET BY PARROCKBROOK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs G Sweeting

KYNIOS PIPPIN

Retriever (Labrador), Ms K Myaing

WELLSUMMER PIKACHU

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D Carter

CODY LAD OF BRIFF

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr D Knox

KENXTWEN ROMEOVILLE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr C Delaney

KENTWONE TAKES THE BISCUIT

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs J Wyatt

PALMERAS ASTRA

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms E Payne

FLAMEHO TUTSAN

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs M Gaskiws

VALMORAH PEAKY BLINDER

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss F Winter

KENYNTEN PINE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs G Wells

GLORISHEARS BONNIE PARKER OF HAVENTRENT

Retriever (Golden), Mrs N Thompson

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

WOODMIST CHARM

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Rogers

PIPPENMOOR EVELYN LEBLOND

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss E Wickham

HOMEFORGE AZAR

Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla, Mrs F J Palmer

BROGDENVIEW ORTENSIA

Retriever (Labrador), Mr K Cheatham

FLEETBELMONT CROMARTY

Retriever (Labrador), Miss J Morgan

LARKSEASE BLACK BRYONY

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs V Gatter

MADGACK MIMOSA

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs E J A Stoker

MUSTANTRO JEMIMA BILBERRY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs P Blackstone

CODY LAD OF BRIFF

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Knox

CHINGLEY MIST

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr M Kennard

ROSSCLYDE VITAL SPARK

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Saunders

TEDDY WITH TWO WHITE SOCKS

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr A Boarman

BLUE MIST OF HILLSIDE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr N Patsias

DARLING PRINCESS ISABELLA

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs V Tweedle

NIZELSPIPPIN COSMOS OF RAGNILDE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs V Salter

ROLO OF ROSELAWN

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr S Peacock

BELLAROYAL MONTGOMERY GOLD

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs M Brotherhood

CUVANA MAY TAG BLUE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr C Green

BAREFOOT RONJA

Crossbreed, Dr A Rubikaite

SHOLLAMY FLAMING HOT

Retriever (Labrador), Mr A Nicholson

DEANWAY PROPER CHARLIE

Spaniel (Sussex), Mrs A Moon

KENSINGTON ALFIE BOY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Collins

GWENADILLO TWEETIE PIE

Retriever (Flat Coated), Miss J Calverley

WICCANSSAGE HUGOS DREAM

Retriever (Flat Coated), Ms S Young

KENXTWEN NAVALA

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr P Smith

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 19 June 2023.

Foyle Valley Working Cocker Club

Novice AV Spaniel Stake

German Longhaired Pointer Club

Open AV HPR Stake

Vale of York Working Retriever Club

Open AV Retriever Stake

Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

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

RETRIEVERS "A"

Miss Clare Baker (3700)

Miss Helen Goodwin (3595)

Mrs Sue Hales-Lowe (3173)

Mrs Samantha Morley-Riches (3104)

RETRIEVERS "B"

Mr Fraser Forbes (3942)

Miss Sharon Kitson (3459)

SPANIELS "A"

Mr Trevis Crothers (3090)

Mr William Drummond (3718)

SPANIELS "B"

Mr Richard Bunyan (3927)

Mr Martyn Elliott (3861)

Mrs Marion Emery (3673)

Mr Craig Lewis (3963)

Mr Philip Taylor (3548)

Mr Len Wingfield (3928)

HPR "B"

Mr Nigel Wroe (3727)

POINTER AND SETTERS "B"

Miss Linda Westron (3870)

Mrs Tilly Thomas (3869) – relisted due to incorrect first name in previous issue of the Field Trials Newsletter

Field Trials Committee objection outcomes

At its meeting on 9 February 2022 the Field Trials Committee imposed the following:

The Sporting Irish Water Spaniel Club, Novice Stake 14 Dog AV Retriever, on 25 October 2021. Mr K Haynes ran his dogs, RAGWEEDS HENMAN and RIVERVIEW FARM DR. PEPPER, out of sequence. Penalty as listed

The first place and second place gained to be disqualified. Mr K Haynes appeal was not upheld.

Championship levy payments

This is a notice to remind societies that championship levy payments are due by 30 September 2023.

For societies that have not yet made payment, you will shortly receive an invoice for the 2023-24 season, which will include all the relevant information on how to make payment via bank transfer.

If you have any queries or have not received an invoice, please contact: gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk

Field Trial Secretaries' Seminar

The Kennel Club Field Trial Secretaries' 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. Club officials and current field trial or gundog working test secretaries will also benefit from the very latest information.

Non-field trial secretaries can also attend and we welcome anyone who has an interest.

Refreshments and a finger buffet lunch are included.

The Kennel Club Field Trial Secretaries' Seminar**Date:** Saturday 20 May 2023**Time:** 9am – 3.30pm**Venue:** Meeting Room A, The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ

To book your place, please visit: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/shop/events/the-kennel-club-field-trial-secretaries-seminar/>

For more information, please email our field trials team: ft.secretary@thekennelclub.org.uk

Reminder to competitors and secretaries

The Kennel Club has produced a Code of Best Practice for field trial competitors, which we encourage new and existing competitors to read and societies to advertise to their members and competitors. The documents can be found on The Kennel Club website and these are available for all four sub-groups. Please see the links to these below:

Retriever competitors – Code for retriever field competitor | Kennel Club (thekennelclub.org.uk)

Spaniel competitors – Codes for spaniel field trial competitors | Kennel Club (thekennelclub.org.uk)

HPR competitors – Code for trial competitors (HPR) | Kennel Club (thekennelclub.org.uk)

P&S competitors - Code for field trials (Pointers and Setters) | Kennel Club (thekennelclub.org.uk)

If you have any questions regarding these, please contact the field trials team: gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk

Wounded game at field trials

Following concerns raised to the Field Trials Committee, we wish to remind judges and societies of the provisions of Regulation J(A)3.g. and J(A)4.c. and J8.a(3), with regards to the picking of wounded game.

Regulation J(A)3.g.

[Judges] should moreover satisfy themselves that arrangements have been made for the collection of dead or wounded game not gathered by the competing dogs and where necessary its humane despatch.

Regulation J(A)4.c.

All wounded game should, where possible, be gathered and/or despatched immediately. Unless exceptional circumstances prevail then wounded game should always be tried for before dead game. If game cannot be gathered, the judge must depute this task to the official handler and dog appointed for this purpose.

Regulation J8.a(3)

A handler and dog must always be available to pick up wounded game when required as agreed between host and society.

Use of social media

The Guide for Field Trial Judges document has been updated to include guidance on the appropriate use of social media.

To help judges identify and avoid potential issues, the guide now includes some examples of social media best practice which are intended to help judges understand the implications of participation in social media.

We would encourage all judges to read this guidance, the document can be found on The Kennel Club website or linked below.

[Guide for Field Trial Judges](#)

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.

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