



# Field Trials Newsletter

Winter 2023

## Pointer and Setter Champion Stake 2023 Report

By Richard MacNicol

The Pointer and Setter Champion Stake was held at Bollihope Moor in County Durham by kind permission of Sheikh Maktoum, on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 July 2023, without doubt one of the finest grouse moors in the country.

Head keeper, Peter Fawcett and his team of keepers did everything in their power to ensure the trial was a success.

The Champion Stake is held on alternate years by the Scottish Field Trials Association and the International Gundog League

(Pointer/Setter section). This year the championship was run by the International Gundog League. The field trial secretary, Sheila Steed, completed the draw and formalities and a large convoy of vehicles headed over the excellent hill roads to the starting area for the first round.

The judges over the two days were Mr C Adamson, Miss C Calvert and Mr R MacNicol, all would be looking for top quality in all aspects of dog work. 40 dogs had qualified to run, six withdrawals left them with 34 to contest the stake.



Judges - Mr C Adamson, Miss C Calvert and Mr R MacNicol  
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## A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the winter 2023 edition of the Field Trials Newsletter, the final edition for this year!

As another successful season begins to draw to a close, we pass our congratulations to those who've achieved awards so far this season, we wish you luck for the final few weeks and to those who're yet to compete in the two Spaniel Championships.

This edition hosts the report and results from the 2023 Pointer and Setter Champion Stake which was held at Bollihope Moor in County Durham, as well as some reports from The Kennel Club field trials.

You'll also find all of the usual features in this edition, including reminders to judges, secretaries and competitors.

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

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

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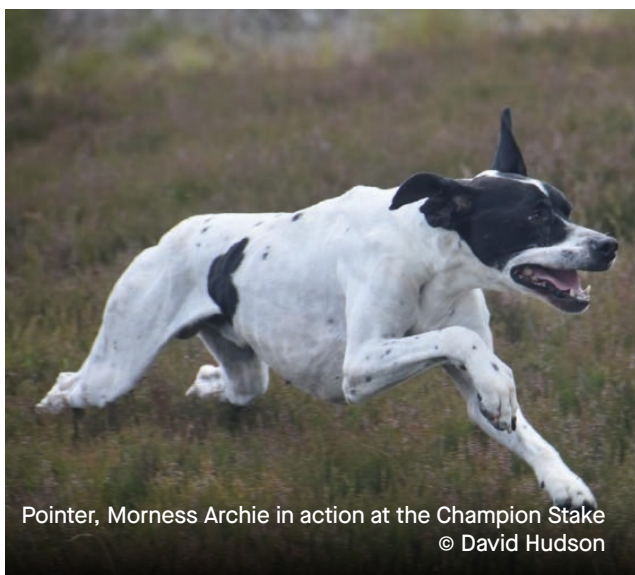
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Bollihope Moor  
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The morning conditions were good after overnight rain, there was a nice breeze and the heather was drying. The ground could not have been better for showcasing the dogs, lovely flat moorland which made it easy to judge and a good view for all attending.

From the first brace the grouse were challenging, large coveys, some sitting, others running in front of the dogs when pointing. Dogs that did not quarter their ground flat were in trouble, pulling forward and biting their ground proved to be the end for those dogs. The dogs that were sticky on point were heavily penalised. The morning's nine brace had the more challenging conditions than the eight in the afternoon as the grouse were sitting better and weather had warmed. Grouse density was first class, with all dogs having the opportunity of a point. The first day went smoothly with some exceptional dog work.



Pointer, Morness Archie in action at the Champion Stake  
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The ladies trophy for the most stylish dog on the first day was presented by Miss C Calvert to Mr S Robinson's Irish Setter International FTCh Shanrycon Diamante, who was last year's winner.

We returned the next morning to 13 dogs in the second round. Seven Irish Setters, four Pointers, one English Setter and a Gordon Setter.

The starting point was a bank of heavy heather which would test the dogs and that was generally the case for all dogs that ran. The overhead conditions were good. Some of the most successful Pointer and Setter handlers in the country were now at the sharp end of the Champion Stake. The quality of dog work was exceptional, quality running and production of game.

However, some dogs had that x-factor that the judges were looking for. After some deliberation by the judges, an extended second round of four dogs were called back, two Pointers and two Setters. Most would have known that the winner was on ice and the other places were being sorted. After a couple of casts for each brace, the group headed back to Bollihope yard for the results and a lovely lunch provided by Mrs Fawcett.

What a champion stake for Steve Robinson's kennel with his dogs being awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with Terry Harris gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



Mr S Robinson and his team of Irish Setters  
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### The results of the Champion Stake are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – Mr S Robinson's Irish Setter FTCh Coldcoats Ginny

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Mr S Robinson's Irish Setter FTCh Shanrycon Diamante

**3<sup>rd</sup> place and keepers choice** – Mr T Harris' Pointer Sparkfield Sidekick

**4<sup>th</sup> place** – Mr S Robinson's Irish Setter FTCh Coldcoats My Newt

### Diplomas of merit

- Mr S Lound's Pointer Fowington Jesse of Fleetstalk
- Mr T Harris and Ms M Jacques' Pointer FTCh Sparkfield Moondrifter
- Ms S Chichester's Gordon Setter Wiscombe Tomintoul
- Mr G Devine's English Setter Gortinreagh Orra
- Mr B Connelly's Irish Setter Ballyellen Borris (IKC)
- Mr J Kear's Pointer Morness Archie
- Mr D O'Neill's Irish Setter Shanrycon Casey





## Pointer and Setter Championship 2024 update

We wish to confirm that the Pointer and Setter Champion Stake, organised by Scottish Field Trials Association, due to be held in 2024 will be a **one-day stake**, taking place on **Friday 9 August 2024** at Byrecleugh Estate.

The decision to reduce the championship to a one-day event was considered by the Field Trials Committee at its recent meeting and will be reviewed annually.

## The Kennel Club Open Any Variety Retriever trial

The Kennel Club 24 dog Open Retriever Stake was held on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October 2023 at the Emblehope and Burngrange Estate, which was very kindly sponsored by Sporting Saint - Gundog Training Equipment.

A great trial which really tested the dogs with some challenging retrieves through bracken filled gullies and across the broken white grass paddocks. The gun team shot superbly with the high winds giving wings to the game.

Thanks to Head Keeper Raymond Holt for preparing the ground and Anne Holt for her hard work during the trial.



Emblehope and Burngrange Estate  
© The Kennel Club



Retrievers and their handlers  
© The Kennel Club

Thanks must go to the judges, Mr N Appleton, Mr K Haynes, Mrs L Mitchell and Mr J Munro, as well as thanks to the volunteers without whom we'd not be able to run these events.

We'd also finally like to thank our sponsors Sporting Saint for their generous contribution and for the prizes for the winners.

### The awards are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – FTCh Buccleuch Bowhill of Sandringham owned by His Majesty King Charles III and handled by Mr D Lisett

**Guns' choice** – Troddenmills Get a Grip of Dacreford owned and handled by Mrs W Glue



Winning dog FTCh Buccleuch Bowhill of Sandringham with handler Mr D Lisett © The Kennel Club



The judges and winning dog  
© The Kennel Club



## The Kennel Club Open Any Variety HPR trial

The Kennel Club Open Any Variety HPR stake was held on Monday 23 October 2023 at Egton Estate by kind permission of Mr and Mrs O Foster.

This spectacular moorland was the perfect setting for the hard hunting HPRs to show off their abilities. The day started bright and clear but fog rolled in across the moor bringing with it changing wind conditions which tested the dogs' skills. The mist lifted for the second round where the judges put the dogs' talents to the test.



© The Kennel Club

Thanks must go to keepers Morgan Campbell and Andrew Orr for managing the day, as well as Steve and Coshy Kimberley for arranging the ground.

We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped for the day!

Thanks to the guns for shooting so well over the dogs and for supporting the trial and thank you to our sponsors Sporting Saint for providing the prizes.

Finally, thanks to the judges Suzi Burton and Roy Cullen for giving their time and expertise.

### The awards are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> place and Guns' choice** - Gilleyfield Blossom, German Wirehaired Pointer, owned and handled by Mrs L Holmes



Mrs L Holmes, the judges and the winning dog Gilleyfield Blossom. © The Kennel Club

## The Kennel Club Novice Any Variety HPR trial

The Kennel Club Novice Any Variety HPR trial was held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at Egton Estate by kind permission of Mr and Mrs O Foster.

This is a truly special moor, where the birds are plentiful and the walking is manageable, a lovely combination to put the novice dogs to the test.

Sadly the weather wasn't as favourable as the ground, but the handlers and dogs did their best to demonstrate their skills.

Unfortunately, some errors of inexperience meant that the judges were not able to make any awards, however they noted that many of the dogs were well on their way and had shown promise for the future.



Egton Estate  
© The Kennel Club

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We'd also like to thank the volunteers who helped for the day!

Thanks must also go to the guns for shooting so well and finally thank you to the judges Suzi Burton and Roy Cullen.

### The awards are as follows:

**Guns' choice** - Tickencote Getaway, German Wirehaired Pointer, owned and handled by Mr R Bows

## Gundog Working Test 2024

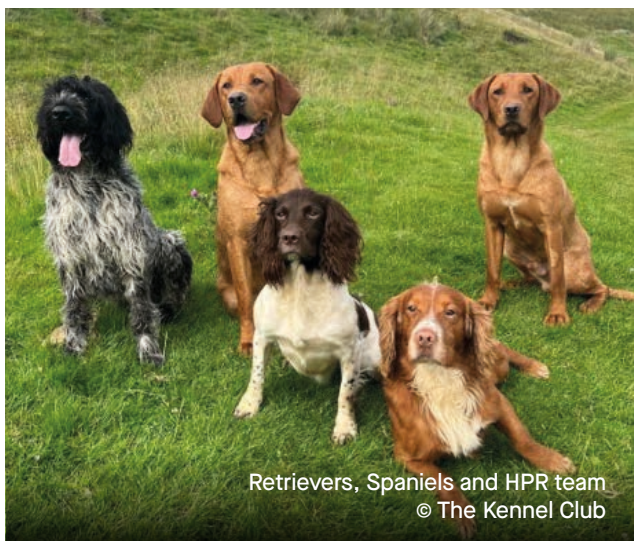
The Kennel Club Gundog Working Test will once again be held at Capesthorpe Hall, Chesire.

The dates for next year will be **Thursday 6 June to Sunday 9 June 2024**.

Friday 7 June will host The Kennel Club Gundog Team Challenge (for Retriever, Spaniels and HPRs):

- Each team must consist of two Retrievers, two Spaniels and one HPR breed. All dogs must be Kennel Club registered from the Retriever, Spaniel or HPR subgroup
- One dog per handler
- The test will be set to an open standard, but no qualification will be required of the dogs for entry, or for preference in the draw
- Teams can be made from any arrangement of handlers, for e.g. shooting teams, gamekeepers, county teams, club teams, internationals or training groups
- Entries will only be accepted from complete teams, not individual handlers

More details on the event, including schedules for all the working tests will be available on The Kennel Club website shortly.



Retrievers, Spaniels and HPR team  
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## Working Gundog Certificate

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

### **RONEVORG DARK ANGEL AT LUSSAC**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mr S Ashby

### **BASLOW'S LADY EVA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs L Jenkins

### **CYNHINFA BALWINDER**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr A Brewster

### **ADJAJO STARBURST**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr A Startin

### **TRENTPARK ATHENA**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr M Ingham

### **HANREBOR JACK THE LASS**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr S Cox

### **ZORRAZO X FACTOR AT LENDEVER (IMP HRV)**

Spanish Water Dog, Mrs R Capille

### **ROSSEMMA THUNDERSKIES OF LILYSHIRE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss S Dallamore

### **CHANDERHILL GIANT GAMBLE AT LENDEVER**

Spanish Water Dog, Mr A Capille

### **COWARNECOURT OTTO**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr S Jackson

### **LANHAFREN CHARLIE BOY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs C Sweeney

### **SHERBET DIP OF CRAIGSCOURT**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Redman

### **FILCHING WINSTON**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr G Marshall

### **LEMON OF THE COTSWOLDS**

Crossbreed, Miss T Mathers

### **CRAIGSCOURT GISELLE**

Spaniel (English Springer), Ms D Bainbridge

### **SERAFINA PEKKALA**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Ktoris

### **HAWKERSBEAU BEAUTY AWAKENS**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Ktoris

### **EXMOORVALE FOREST**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Adams

### **MUSEHILL HOLLY BERRY**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss J McClure

### **HAGLEY MAGIC**

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss L Combe

### **JUST JAGO**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss Z Osmond

### **PIXIESROCK MAESTRO CADENZA**

Retriever (Chesapeake Bay), Mrs F Bament

### **SANDPITMEDOW PLOVER**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr K Berry

### **NHU ECOLOGY DOGS WREN**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss N Underwood

### **HOLLOW HONEYCOMBE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss L Mudge

### **PIPPENMOOR RED FLAME**

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss R Walter

### **BARLEY BORIS**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms L Ryder

### **WAVERTON I WISH I COULD FLY AT LARKSBURN**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs S Young

### **TYGWYN PUNNETTS TOWN**

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs J Thomas

### **SCRUMPY DABINETT AT CUVANA**

Spaniel (Irish Water), Ms J Hempstead

### **SHIMMERING BROOKE AT CUVANA**

Spaniel (Irish Water), Ms J Hempstead

### **PROSPECTSWAY DALNAGLAR**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs D Plumeridge

### **KENTWONE BESTLA**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr K Roberts

### **VERNEY LADY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms M Doherty

### **JUNIOR MINT**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr M Berry



**PENDARAN MR CHURCHILL**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs D Parry

**STARSHOT CRYSTAL**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms G Vlahovic

**SHEEPCOTHILL LILO**

Hungarian Vizsla, Miss C Anstee

**KEATINGSWOOD BEECH**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs D Betts

**TRODDENMILLS INCOGNITO**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms N Roy

**NORLANDS CORRIE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Adams

**PRETTY PASTEL PIPPA**

Crossbreed, Miss B Jaggard

**STORMPOINT JOLLY THUNDER**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms L Huttleston

**PHREYMONT BLACK DIAMOND**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs B Humphreys

**HALESRUSH ELECTRA OF MOORTAILS**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs S Martin

**GAMIN GEM**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr N Goodwin

**KENTWONE POPPYLAND**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs E Gingell

**DELFLUSH TATTINGER**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr S White

**SERENEPURSUT THUNDERSTORM**

Retriever (Golden), Mr J Nichols

**ROSTILTAM REMY**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms A Putt

**MARVELLOUS MISS MOLE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs A Reilly

**DARRAZ GREAT MIS TOR**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs S Russell

**DARIO DELLA CAVEJA (IMP ITA) \***

Lagotto Romagnolo, Mrs L Ferguson

**TRUFFALUSA NOVEMBER MOON FROM MIZANI**

Lagotto Romagnolo, Mrs L Ferguson

**TARKASBROOK MACPEARL**

Retriever (Labrador), Ms C Stoddart

**CENTREWALK SWALLOW**

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs M Bassett

**KENTWONE JASPER GLOW**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs R King

**WHITERIGG SAFFRON TARTAN**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr J Adkins

**CHILZER TILLEY**

Retriever (Golden), Mrs J Graham

**CHILZER CROSBY**

Retriever (Golden), Mrs L Pope

**CLOSEDEN CLOVER**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs S Cook

**ZETLANDS QUEEN NELL**

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss J Gibson

**ROSE THISTLE BRUCE**

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms S M Brown

**KENTWONE BLAZE**

Retriever (Golden), Mrs D Morgan

**CALDERA DAPPLE DAWN**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Filmer

**MYNYDDDU BRACKEN**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs P Gange

**GILLHAYS BELVEDERE GOOSE**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Hocking

**GINFLIGHT VALENTINA OF FENWYNHART**

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Zorab

**LADY PODGINGTON**

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs A Gillespie

**LITTLE CEDAR AT NESZMELY**

Retriever (Labrador), Miss M Sutton

**MISO TARKA**

Retriever (Labrador), Mr J Trenholme

## Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

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

**RETRIEVERS "A"**

Mr Peter Abbs (3395)

**RETRIEVERS "B"**

Mr Martin Bagg (3233)

Mr Lee Hayman (3732)

Mr Paul Truby (3056)

**SPANIELS "B"**

Mr Alan Sankey (3985)

**POINTER & SETTER "B"**

Miss Lucy Hall (3925)

We advise the retirement of the following judge who is thanked for their many years of service: Mr G West (146) A Panel Retrievers and Spaniels.

## Applications for permission to hold field trials

Societies wishing to register their views on the following applications should do so electronically, stating reasons for supporting or objecting to the applications. Please note that all letters should be sent by email to:

**[gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)**

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with The Kennel Club by **Friday 26 January 2024**.

### **Cheshire, North Wales and Shropshire Retriever and Spaniel Society**

Novice (Cocker Spaniel) Stake

### **Midland Golden Retriever Club**

Novice (Golden Retriever) Stake

## New approved presenters needed for judges training programme

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

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 on **Tuesday 20 February 2024** where you'll 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](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk) by **Monday 15 January 2024**.

**numbered dog and an even numbered dog, both dogs should be run on the side of the lowest numbered dog. The dogs on that side will be run in numerical order.**

(Insertion in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2024)

Regulation J(B)3

**TO:**

### 3. Competing

(a) The order of running shall be the order of the draw unless; ~~in exceptional circumstances, with the Judges' approval it is decided~~ **the Judges decide** to split the competitors.

(b) Initially, the dog with the lowest number under each Judge should be placed on the Judge's right. When there are three Judges for a Stake they must judge singly and when there are four Judges they must judge in pairs. If two of the four Judges are not Panel Judges they must not judge together. Moreover, if there are only two A Panel Judges present they must not judge together.

(c) All dogs, unless discarded, must be tried in the first two rounds by more than one Judge if there are three Judges, or by more than one pair of Judges if there are four. ~~Whether the Trial is run in numerical order, or split in exceptional circumstances; d~~**Dogs** must not come into line in the second round under the same Judges as in the first round. After the second round, dogs may be called back into line in numerical order to either side in a four Judge system or to any Judge in a three Judge system.

(Deletion struck through) (Insertion in bold)  
(Effective 2 February 2024)

Regulation J(D)2.

**TO:**

Number of runners

To qualify for entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in stakes is:

- a. Open stakes: maximum 40, minimum 16.
- b. Novice/All Aged Stakes: maximum 45, minimum ~~12~~ **10**.
- c. Puppy Stakes: maximum 45, minimum 8

Where an open and any other type of stake are to run on the same day, the maximum number of runners over the whole day is 45.

(Insertions in bold) (Deletion struck through)  
(Effective 2 February 2024)

Regulation J(E)2.

**TO:**

Number of runners

To qualify for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book, the number of runners permitted in stakes is:

- a. Open stakes: maximum ~~12~~ **16**, minimum 10.
- b. Other stakes: maximum ~~12~~, **16** minimum 8.
- c. Championship - no maximum number

(Insertions in bold) (Deletions struck through)  
(Effective 2 February 2024)

## Amendments to Field Trials J Regulations

The following regulation amendments have been approved and become effective on Friday 2 February 2024:

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

Regulation J(B)3(d)

**TO:**

In the event that the dogs are to be split between the judges, this will be done odds and evens. Where the trial is to be run under the 4 judge system, in the first round the odd numbered dogs will be seen by the right hand judges and the evens by the left hand judges. Where this system is adopted, in the second round the odd numbered dogs remaining in the trial must be seen by the left hand judges and the evens by the right hand judges. The judges can thereafter continue to rotate the dogs remaining in the stake in this way until they get together for a run-off, when the order of sending shall revert to numerical order. **Where a handler is running an odd**



## Field Trials Liaison Council Meeting 2024

The next meeting of the Field Trials Liaison Council will be held on **Wednesday 12 June 2024**.

Proposals for inclusion on the agenda should reach the Field Trials Liaison Council Secretary by **Thursday 14 March 2024**.

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

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

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

The results of recommendations forwarded to the Field Trials Committee from the Field Trials Liaison Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023 can now be found on our website: [thekennelclub.org.uk/competinginfieldtrials](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/competinginfieldtrials)

## Retriever draws for Scottish club

At its recent meeting the Field Trials Committee reviewed the policy in place relating to Retriever draws for Scottish clubs, whereby such draws took place at The Kennel Club unless carried out via an approved online entry system.

It agreed that from the **2024/25 season, Scottish clubs would be permitted to run their own draws**.

However, this policy would still be reviewed annually by the Committee.

If you have any questions with regard to this change, please contact the team at [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk)

## Field Trials Committee objection outcome

At its meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2023 the Field Trials Committee imposed the following:

**Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club – Novice Gundog Working Test.**

**Breach of Regulation J6 and J(G)2(b) – Mrs C Carvis entered and ran her dog as not for competition and subsequently accepted the second place award.**

**Penalties as listed**

The second place awarded to the dog to be disqualified and Mrs Carvis requested to return the award. Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club reminded that NFC dogs must be clearly indicated on the running order.

**Working Clumber Spaniel Society – Bread of Regulation J4.h. Penalty as listed**

A fine of £150 was imposed on the society and directed to send in the incident book within 14 days.

## Disciplinary Measures for Conduct Issues

The Kennel Club Board and the Disciplinary Committee have endorsed the introduction of further regulatory support to help ensure all those taking part in or attending licensed events behave in a responsible and a respectful manner.

This new measure introduces a system for issuing yellow and red cards in response to unacceptable behaviour at Kennel Club licensed events and on social media (in the context of licensed events).

The following amendment will be added to the penalties provisions in Kennel Club Regulations;

F(1)34 G40 H28 I20 J14 L30 R12 and S30;

**Effective date: Wednesday 1 November 2023**

### PENALTIES

Additional note to be added to the Penalties provisions (as highlighted) in Kennel Club Regulations F (1) 34 G40 H28 I20 J14 L30 R12 and S30;

The Board shall have power to impose any of the following penalties upon any person for any breach of Kennel Club Regulations subject to a right of appeal, notice of intention of which must be lodged within 14 days from the date on which the decision is given and subject to the prescribed appeals process as shall be determined by the Board from time to time;

- a. Warn
- b. Censure/Reprimand
- c. Apology directive (Conduct Regulation or the Control of Dog Regulation)
- d. Fine
- e. Award disqualified
- f. A dog's registration record may be marked 'incident recorded'
- g. A dog's registration record may be endorsed 'not eligible for entry in any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by The Kennel Club

**'For complaints of conduct whether at a licensed event or on social media, in addition to a warning issued, a short term fixed period of refusal of entry/attendance at Kennel Club licensed events may also be imposed in accordance with procedures to be published from time to time to implement this regulation.'**

In the event of any fine not being paid, or non compliance with any apology directive issued within the time stipulated by the Board, then that person may, at the discretion of the Board, be dealt with as if a complaint under Kennel Club

Rule A11 had been lodged and proved to the satisfaction of the Board.

An additional amendment to The Kennel Club Code of Conduct has also been included;

**'Where any participant criticises licensed events, show/event organisers and judges, other exhibitors or their dogs in inappropriate, hurtful or excessive ways on social media this will be reviewed under the conduct regulation for the respective licensed canine activity and in particular the use of the Yellow/Red card measures where appropriate.'**

Further details on how the Yellow/Red Card process works may be found on The Kennel Club Website, under The Kennel Club Code of Conduct:

**[thekennelclub.org.uk/kennelclubcodes](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/kennelclubcodes)**

## Kennel Club Rule A12 – Mr S Manson

The Disciplinary Committee carefully considered the conviction of Mr SD Manson for causing unnecessary suffering to an animal contrary to the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

The Committee imposed the following penalties:

1. To disqualify him from exhibiting at, taking part in, attending and/or having any connection with any event licensed by the Club.
2. To disqualify him from being or becoming a member of any canine club or society registered with or affiliated to The Kennel Club.
3. To disqualify him from acting as an Officer or serving on the Committee of any canine society.
4. To disqualify him from taking part in the management of any event licensed by the Club.
5. To disqualify him from judging at any event licensed by the Club.
6. To disqualify him from effecting registrations of any or all dogs and/or progeny of such dogs which are owned and/

or registered by him (whether or not jointly owned and/or whether or not owned and/or registered in the name of a nominee).

The suspensions and disqualifications are to be for life from Thursday 27 July 2023.

## Reminders to judges – evaluation forms

We wish to remind judges of the importance of returning the required field trials evaluation forms.

All evaluation forms are required to be returned to the Kennel Club within 30 days of the date of the trial (Regulation J(A)3.o.) A Panel judges are required to provide forms on both B and non-Panel judges and B Panel judges are required to provide forms on non-Panel judges. We remind you that this is all B or non-Panel judges, not just those that you may be paired with.

Failing to return the forms within 30 days of the trial may result in the matter being considered by the Field Trials Committee and a warning or fine may be imposed.

The online evaluation form can be found on our website.

## Clarification on “place of the field trial”

### Regulation J4.c.(1)(iv)

The date and place of the field trial and where the time and place of meeting are not included, a statement that the time and place of the meeting will be communicated to competitors separately and by what means.

We wish to clarify that when adding the “place of the field trial” on your field trial schedules, this should refer to the place and county of the ground in order for competitors to be aware of the location prior to entry.

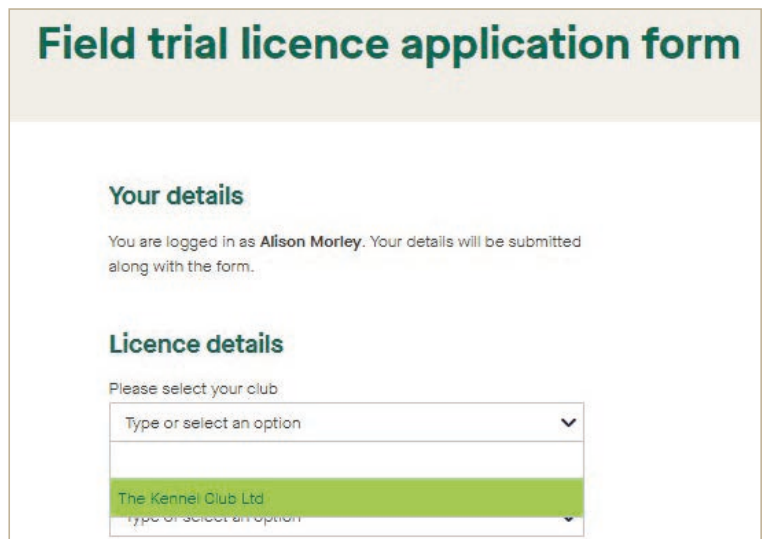
## Field trial application form and licences

We wish to remind field trial secretaries to use the online field trials application form where possible.

From the 2024/25 season we will be directing secretaries to the online form when applying for field trials.

The online form can be found here: **[thekennelclub.org.uk/ftlicenceapplication](http://thekennelclub.org.uk/ftlicenceapplication)**

Once logged in, using your personal details, the club should appear in the ‘Please select your club’ drop down after a few seconds.







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