# Guildford Working Gundog Club Yearbook 2018



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# Chairman's Message

Hi and greetings to you all.

Here we go again with a new round of working tests and training, the field trial season having finished. I hope all of you have had a good year and seen steady improvement in your dogs (or yourselves). Now is the time to start looking ahead and planning our training days and working tests, Chris Geal with committee member filling our diaries with GWGC activities.



Jane Best at the Brook Farm trial.

I reported the departure of a number of

committee members last year and now we are losing to Rollinson (Secretary) and Sheona Clayton (Membership Secretary) as both have moved too far away to continue in their respective posts. These losses are hard felt, especially when they have both provided the Club with unrivalled support and enthusiasm and we wish them good luck for the future.

However, as usual, we continue to secure strong replacements and I am pleased to say we managed to gain support from the following people:

James Bailey (Field Trial Secretary) took over just before the start of the trialling season last year and has performed like a pro. All trials have been conducted to the high standards expected of GWGC and James has even made sure competitors, helpers and judges are supplied with sweets throughout the day.

Lauren Wright is already a committee member and has stepped in to take on the Secretary's role for the future (I'm not sure Jo told her how much management of the Chairman is required).

I am very pleased Judith Curtis stepped forward in January 2018, joined the committee, and agreed to take on the Membership Secretary's role from Sheona. It will be guite a challenge for Judith as this is THE busiest time of year when over 600 members re-apply or join the Club. Welcome and good luck.

We have this year welcomed Sarah Miles to the committee and could accept one more member to strengthen the team. so don't be shy, step forward.

Gerry Price has agreed to hold this year's fundraising dinner at The Inn at West End on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and I hope to be able to report a good result. Keep watching the website for more on this event and all other activities within GWGC.

Finally, I would like to thank Mary Adkins for managing the Club's communications. This includes our Yearbook; the Club website and Facebook account—with the invaluable support of webmaster Liz Stedall—and our MailChimp broadcast emails. It is highly important we keep up with the times and communicate with all our members effectively and efficiently.

### Have a good year, Chris Geal (Chairman)

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# GWGC's Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Guildford Working Gundog Club (GWGC) will take place at 12.00pm at The Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard, on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

A copy of the Agenda, Treasurer's Annual Report and the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be available at the Meeting. Items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The following members of the committee will be standing for re-election: Chris Geal, Julia Reardon Smith, Mary Adkins, Jane Best, Sue Jordan, Lisa Murrell, Colin Pelham and Lauren Wright. James Bailey, Judith Curtis, and Sarah Miles will be standing for election. Officers and responsibilities are listed opposite. Sheona Clayton, and Jo Rollinson are standing down and will not seek re-election.

Nominations for officers and members of the committee should be submitted to the Secretary no later than Sunday  $11^{th}$  March 2018 using the slip below. We would welcome your nominations.

Please support the Club by coming to the AGM.

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Return to: Lauren Wright, Hon Secretary, Guildford Working Gundog Club, c/o 21 Larchwood Road, St Johns, Woking, Surrey, GU21 8XB

(please print name and sign)

# Club Team Events in 2017

### Oxted and Edenbridge Show, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*Judith Curtis writes:* It was a privilege to be invited along with Paula Graystone to represent Guildford Working Gundog Club at the Oxted and Edenbridge Retriever Challenge.

Paula was first to run for Guildford at around 9am and I ran at 3pm: she was the lucky one, as it was probably one of the hottest days of the year.

The tests, all Open standard, challenged the dogs. Each one had about six retrieves in a row, including a long mark over a jump, distractions, a blind in a small fenced area of trees, a water retrieve and then a walk-up.

It was very enjoyable and many thanks to the numerous helpers, to Chris Marshall for judging, and Team SEGS for organising and running the day.



Paula Graystone (left) and Judith Curtis

In the awards, we were pipped at the post by one point: The Top Team was UGS Kent and East Sussex.

I was delighted, however, to be placed 3rd in the individual awards, which were: 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Fleming and Bonny, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gwen Butcher and Archie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judith Curtis and Ice and 4<sup>th</sup> Sue Chapman and Bella.

### Inter-Counties Team Event for the Kelly Memorial Shield



#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

The well attended event was held at Gilly Nickols' Isenhurst Estate. Reuben Corbett, Mike Jones and Di Stevens represented the Club. The test was challenging and the day friendly (as seen in photo left).

The winning team was Kennet Valley Gundog Training Society, comprising Mike and Jo Rollinson and Rob Smallman.

Left to Right: Mike Jones, Di Stevens, Reuben Corbett and GWGC Team Manager, Colin Pelham,

# A Friendly, Challenging Day at the Inter-Club Event

Our team enjoyed competing at the Inter-Club, ending up with results in mid-table while Mell Brooks, our novice dog handler, took the individual award in her class.

The 2017 Southern Inter-Club Event on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 was hosted by Arun and Downland Gundog Society at Windsor Great Park, by Gracious Invitation of Her Majesty the Queen and the Crown Commissioners.

OPEN Robert Smallman NOVICE Mell Brooks NOVICE DOG-NOVICE HANDLER: Alistair Sealy

**Robert Smallman writes:** A beautiful day rose to greet 18 teams gathered for the much anticipated Inter-Club Event. It is always an honour to represent any club.

Arun and Downland Gundog Society was the organiser after their team's success, winning in 2016. Congratulations to the committee for their tireless efforts.

Special mention should go to Peter Clayton, Windsor Great Park Head Gamekeeper, who has been instrumental in overseeing and supporting gundog events.

As ever, great events need good judges. The Inter-Club was fortunate to have John Stubbs, Helena Sully, Mary-Jane Opie, Kieran Smith, Colin Pelham and Roger Wade. Their judging was friendly and fair, especially for more nervous novice handlers.

The six tests were set fairly to the level of the dog running,



Left to Right: .Mell Brooks, Alistair Sealy and Rob Smallman

providing throughout a mixture of seen, blind and water retrieves plus hunting up to test our dogs' ability. Steadiness was always a feature—dogs were sent in front of others.

Our team didn't perform to its highest level—we were deservedly placed at about mid-table. Congratulations to all the winners, especially URC Southern which achieved 1st place and will now pick up the gauntlet to run next year's event.

Mention should be made of the individual winners, who ran so well on the day. The winning Open dog and handler went to Verona Clatworthy, the Novice to our own Mell Brooks and Novice dog-Novice handler to Kate Green. No doubt Kate will remember her win more than most. Well done everybody.

# Competitive Training Day 2017

The Competitive Training Day is designed for novice handlers who wish to understand more about skills needed for competing in working tests.

*Lisa Murrell writes:* A typical British downpour could not dampen our spirits as 16 participants gathered for a soggy Competitive Training Day at Deerbridge on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We set off smiling for classes meticulously planned by John Barnes and Colin Pelham.

We had mixed abilities. John took one group and dedicated his time first to a small amount of walkedup practice in a grass paddock and then concentrated on



Left to Right: Colin Pelham, Alistair Sealy, Lisa Murrell and John Barnes

teaching the dogs to jump a low fence and retrieve the dummy gently to hand. Most of the dogs had never done this before and all succeeded by the end of the morning session, which was very satisfying. Meanwhile, Liz Barnes took aside those struggling with "the basics" of heelwork, delivery etc which enhanced the session and meant nobody was left with nothing to do.

I had prepared a lovely lunch for the judges and we were all supposed to picnic together, however, this became soggy sandwiches in the back of John's van, with us all sheltering in cars and under the tailgates as the rain got worse.

Colin then took his group for marking practice in the roots field, again a first for some of the dogs. We then finished with a trip to the river which by then was running quite strongly. The entire class managed the get over—dogs swimming across a strong current and retrieving a dummy expertly thrown by Reg Perkins who did a magnificent job. At one point I was hanging on to his backpack to steady him as the ground underfoot was so soggy. We'd had quite enough excitement by then and it was time to end the session on a high note.

Enormous thanks to John and Liz Barnes for their wonderful ground at Deerbridge and to John and Colin for their instruction giving us a splendid day, backed up by the amazing Reg. As always, Jane Best was a magnificent help.

Just before we drowned in the car park we awarded the Jean Baveystock Cup for Most Improved Trainee over the season to Alastair Sealy with his dog McVean Black Tern. They attended every training session, so it obviously paid off.

*There will be no Competitive Training Day in 2018, instead we will run a Mock Driven Shoot Training Day (see page opposite).* 

# Club News: Training Ideas for 2018

### We intend to offer members some new training experiences this summer and we're hoping for enthusiastic support.

The idea is to provide two training days this year to help people hone their skills in the shooting field: one for potential competitors in field trials; the other for field trial judges and stewards. Plans are at an early stage so keep an eye on the Club website and Facebook page. Once arrangements are fixed, we'll also send out an email to members.

### Mock Driven Shoot Training Day

The mock driven shoot training day will simulate driven shooting using dummies, hopefully also with live shot. Experienced trainers will demonstrate how a driven field trial is run, setting up field trial scenarios and providing tuition on how handlers should approach them.

### Field Trial Judging and Stewarding Training Day

At least two A-panel judges will offer guidance on all aspects of judging a field trial.

Experienced mentors will also be available to offer guidance to those who wish to understand more about, and gain experience of, stewarding at a field trial (previous experience not required).

The day will be run as a mock field trial (on dummies) in both driven and walked up formats. Further information will be emailed to members in due course.

### Our Judges Qualify for the IGL Retriever Championship

Loyal members of Guildford Working Gundog Club qualified for the Championship in 2017.

Paul Dukes, Wendy Glue, Rodger Ketley, Jason Mayhew, Barry Taylor and Liz Taylor have served as judges at our working tests and field trials, while Jason, Barry and Liz also give their time as trainers at Club training.

Wendy Glue and Jason Mayhew made their dogs up to FTCh, a notable achievement.

Our own Field Trial Secretary, James Bailey, won a qualifying stake; the dog was handled at the Championship by its owner, Clare Baker.

Congratulations and our thanks for supporting the Club.



# Training Organiser's Report

*Lisa Murrell writes:* I'm looking forward to the start of our 2018 training. Much to my relief, training figures were greatly improved in 2017, so thanks to everyone who responded to our call for more support at classes.

We welcomed some new members who joined the Club at training. Several have continued to attend and also help at our working tests and field trials, which is really encouraging—clearly they have caught the gundog bug.

We received very good feedback on our Saturday classes, which start at 10am, and on our get-together at the pub after class for those who are free—it has become a most welcome opportunity for yet more gundog discussion.

This year our training is predominantly at The Hampton Estate, with the last two sessions at Knaphill Manor, Chobham, in June. Our grateful thanks go to Bill Biddell and Will Godwin at Hampton and Sheila Slocock at Knaphill for their continuing support in 2018.



I'd like to thank all our landowners providing training grounds last year: Peter Harris and his daughter, Ginnie, at Sweetwater, and John and Liz Barnes at Deerbridge, who were wonderfully encouraging on our very soggy Competitive Training Day in July *(see report on page 8)*.



John and Liz are, of course, two of our Club trainers along with Colin Pelham, Barry and Liz Taylor, Chris Rose, Joy Venturi-Rose and Jason Mayhew. They all give up their time to come and help members improve their gundog handling, working on any problems, so please do attend as many training sessions as you can this year to make it worth their while and to support your Club.

In 2018 we are raising the price of training to £7 a session. For sessions at Hampton, we will donate £2 of each members' fee to the Hampton Estate's nominated charity, at its request.

Once again, landowners have a very important message for us: it is ESSENTIAL that all dog waste is **picked up, bagged and taken home.** 



*The pictures on these two pages were taken at the first Club training of 2017* 

For more information about training, please email our Training Organiser, Lisa Murrell, at lisa.gwgc@gmail.com.

2018 TRAINING SCHEDULE			
Date	Time	Place	
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	The Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March, Followed by AGM	10am-Noon Noon-2pm	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham	



# Field Trial Secretary's Report

James Bailey writes: My first season as Field Trial Secretary has come to an end. I am pleased to report that it has been a successful season with four excellent trials: an All Aged Stake at Cuffley in September 2017 by kind permission of David Thomas; an Open Stake at Windsor in October 2017 by kind invitation of Her Majesty the Queen and the Crown Commissioners; a Novice Stake at Minsted, also in October 2017, by kind permission of Jason Mayhew; and finally a Novice Stake at Wolverton Park in

January 2018 at the kind invitation of Guy Pyke.

I should like to thank our generous hosts and their understanding keepers for providing some brilliant days for the trials. Thank you also to the guns who have very kindly - and patiently - shared their day's sport with the competitors. Field trials couldn't run without a great many helpers, and the Club is indebted to all of those who have turned out to help - invariably the same few people each time (several of whom are not committee members).

On a more personal note, I would like to thank Jo Rollinson, Julia Reardon-Smith and Lisa Murrell who have each been an invaluable source of support and encouragement throughout 2017 – without them being Field Trial Secretary would have been a lot more difficult.

# Field Trial Results for the 2017-2018 Season

### Trial 1: 16 Dog All-Age Retriever Stake

Thursday 14th September2017

Venue:		ok Park Farm, Cuffley ind permission of Mr David Thomas and the Guildford Guns
Judges:	Mar Jim (	is Hillier (A2280) y-Jane Opie (B3040) Collins (NP3377) g Laflin (NP3353)
Awards:	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Autumnwillow Beacon of Oysterbed, Gary Vidler The Hydonsdown Bowl Kirger Saint Kitts of Brogdenview, Tom Newton The Pheasant Decanter Also Guns' Choice: The Cole Cup Deerbridge Lawrence, Elizabeth Barnes

### Trial 2: 24 Dog 2-Day AV Open Retriever Stake

Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th October 2017

- Venue: Windsor Great Park By Gracious Invitation of Her Majesty the Queen, the Crown Commissioners and Mr Peter Clayton
- Judges: Michael Tallamy (A1925) Sara Gadd (A2539) Rodger Ketley (B2815) Nick Clitheroe (B2450)
- Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> FTCh Arkglas Thor, Leigh Jackson The Cornwood Salver and the FTCH Deerbridge Alex Trophy Also Best Retrieve, The Norlands Trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> FTCh Patanavac Brough, Vicky Stanley The Curtis Trophy
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Brocklebank Zinc, Paul Dukes 4<sup>th</sup> FTCh Mitforton Nacho, Louie
  - Robertson

COM Mistybrook Tegan, Richard Ashdown

Guns' Choice Lettergreen Rover, Tony O'Hare The Foxhanger Tankard



Leigh Jackson

### Trial 3: 12 Dog Novice Retriever Stake

Tuesday 31st October 2017

- Venue: Minsted Shoot, Midhurst, West Sussex By kind permission of John Tersta, Jack Smallman and Jason Mayhew, and with grateful thanks to the Guns
- Judges: Colin Pelham (A2681) Steve Cullis (B2759) Paula Cullis (NP) Paul Dukes (NP)

Awards:	$1^{st}$	Catcombe Cygnet, Lesley Crompton
		The Deerbridge Trophy and the GWGC Tankard
		Also Guns' Choice, The Ged Leonard Tankard
	$2^{nd}$	Greenbriar Ruble of Beaconoak, Andy Parkin
		The Bratton Shield
(	СОМ	Skyshot Blue at Wephamdow, Kate Bollen

#### Best Retrieve Brockaghs Forba, Jim Collins The Gala Vase

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### Trial 4: 16 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Saturday 6th January 2018

Venue:		/olverton Park Shoot, Kingsclere, Hants nd permission of Mr Guy Pike and the Syndicate
Judges:	Graha Kim Ji	er Bradley (A2431) m Stanley (B1920) nks (B3430) linson (NP)
Awards: Best Re	COM COM trieve	Mitforton Orchid at Kirbyhall, Hilly Hoar Ashlevel Tango, Keith Bianchi Eiderbay Dillon, Paul Newton

# Field Trial Reports: 2017-2018 Trialling Season

### All-Age, Brook Farm, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*Gary Vidler writes:* All I can say is it was a very strong field but the day was won and lost at the water.

Some long retrieves earlier had established a couple of favourites by way of eye wipes, but it was the final drive at the lake that separated the few remaining. A couple of birds had landed on the water, one stayed in the middle and the other made its way to the side.

After the drive we were told to move back down the bank to send for the one at the water's edge. The first dog hunted but did not find; the second dog hunted the bank, saw the bird in the lake and decided he'd have that instead. Then it was my



Gary Vidler (far right.) Tom Newton (far left) and Liz Barnes (centre ) flanked by the judges.

turn.

I sent him along the bank, stopped him and pushed him into the edge. He then plopped into the water, turned and with one more push back, stuck his nose into the reeds to emerge with the bird after what seemed like an eternity.

After another cut, the three dogs remaining

took another bird each from the wood to finish the day. In a close finish I achieved first place with Tom Newton in second and Liz Barnes third.

My thanks go to our host, David Thomas, for his generosity, the guns for their accuracy and the judges for their time and deliberation.

### 2-Day Open, Windsor Great Park, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*Leigh Jackson writes:* It is an honour and a privilege to win, especially at Windsor where Peter Clayton and his team always put on such well run trials. The ground was varied and challenging: plough sunflowers and stubble turnip. Judges Mike Tallamy, Sara Gadd, Rodger Ketley and Nick Clitheroe made



LtoR: front Paul Dukes, Leigh Jackson, Louie Robertson, Sarah Gadd, Vicky Stanley. Back, Richard Ashdown, Peter Clayton, Rodger Ketley, Michael Tallamy, Nick Clitheroe and Tony O'Hare.

excellent use of the ground, stretching the dogs with retrieves of a good Open standard.

I picked my first retrieves after a mini drive where the birds had landed either on plough or into a sunflower crop mix. Both were from deeper back into the cover crop with the dog picking out of sight. Our second round retrieve was a mark in front, picked as we

walked up in the sunflower cover which had rides cut into it. This was difficult ground and a number of dogs were lost as a result.

On the second day we walked up in stubble turnip. My third round retrieve was a memory mark in front of the line. The fourth round retrieve was another mark in front where the pheasant had moved a little: my dog quickly made the fall area and took a short line to pick (for this retrieve we were awarded the Norlands Trophy for Best Retrieve for my dog's work). On our last retrieve, we were sent second dog on a hen pheasant which had run. My dog made the fall and hunted

before taking a line to pick. It was a great way to us to finish our trial.

Many thanks to James Bailey and his team for their hard work in putting on such a well organised trial.

Finally, sincere thanks to Her Majesty the Queen and the Crown Commissioners for their generosity in allowing us the use of Windsor Great Park to enjoy our sport.

(reports continued overleaf)



### Novice, Minsted, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

*Lesley Crompton writes:* A four-hour ordeal, swearing at the traffic on the M25 saw me arrive at Minsted Shoot frazzled. This was immediately lightened, however, by a surprise issued with the armband—a tube of fruit pastilles; nice touch James Bailey.

Thanks in no small way to the efforts of our Steward of the Beat, Jason Mayhew and his team of lads, the sugar beet yielded a steady flow of birds, giving our dogs ample opportunity to prove their worth.

Luck was on my side; my little dog was focused and on fire, breezing through the first two rounds in good form. My nerves settled once I had a couple of clean retrieves under my belt.

We adjourned for a quick lunch before moving on to round three with only five dogs remaining. I headed back out confident that my dog knew what to do. Somehow we held it together and successfully pulled off a long, angled blind to a partridge behind the line.

When will I learn to mark two falls in front while spinning to mark another behind? Thankfully my dog was paying attention, doing beautiful work which took us through to the fourth and final round with only four dogs remaining.

I knew I was in with a chance. My plucky girl managed an impressive eye wipe on a fast-moving runner that dropped in the boundary hedge and disappeared into the next field. She took a lovely straight line and with a desperate "back" from me, she



Lesley Crompton (centre) next to Kate Bollen; Paul Dukes (far left) and Jim Collins (far right) with the judges.

spun around, plunged through the hedge and vanished. She hunted out of sight, emerging moments later clutching the bird. Job done, happy days. A nice piece of dog work and a great way to end the trial.

I knew my dog had run a good trial but how exhilarating to discover that the judges, and the guns, agreed with me. Truly a special moment, my first novice win with my very first gundog. Thank you Guildford for a magical day

### Novice, Wolverton Park Shoot, 6th January 2018

**Paul Newton travelled far and was rewarded by an epic retrieve, he writes:** When I received the call from James Bailey late on Friday afternoon, offering me a run, it was an easy decision to make. My son, Thomas, had run in Guildford's



Left to Right: Judges Jo Rollinson and Kim Jinks; Hilly Hoar, Keith Bianchi, judge Heather Bradley, Paul Newton and judge Graham Stanley

all-aged stake at Brook Farm with his bitch, Phoebe, and waxed lyrical about how well organised and welcoming the Club had been.

I decided I would make the trip from Lancashire to Hampshire the following morning and set off at 3am with supplies and my young dog, Dillon. After a coffee and bacon sandwich at the pub, it was on to the shoot and a briefing from the judges before we filed into the gun bus to the first drive.

After cracking shooting from the guns, the trial got underway in an open wood where my fellow competitors made some smart early retrieves. My first retrieve was not the sort of opener I had hoped for: a bird had been shot at the far side of a thick patch of dense brambles which meant sending Dillon straight out through the brambles to pick out of my sight. After a couple of push-backs Dillon ploughed through the cover. When I though the had emerged from the other side I could do little else but give him the hunt whistle and hope for the best. After what seemed like an eternity Graham, one of the judges, called bird picked and Dillon pushed his way back through to me delivering a very lively hen pheasant bright eyed with its head up.

That was to be the highlight of our day. We completed our first round, however, the second round was our undoing, with Dillon returning to the inexperienced young dog he is at just 19 months. The trial was completed with a second drive and then it was back to the shoot barn for the awards when I was surprised and thrilled to be given a judges' award for best retrieve of the trial.

Overall the trial was a fantastic day organised superbly by James and his team and expertly overseen by all four judges. Wolverton is excellent ground and I am sure I would be joined by my fellow competitors in thanking the landowners, the shooting syndicate and everyone who helped on the day.

# Working Test Secretary's Report

**Jo Rollinson writes:** My final year as working test secretary for Guildford saw four very good working test days: the Novice in March, the Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran in April, the Special Puppy and Intermediate in May and the Open in July. We had good entries and welcome all competitors; we hope they enjoyed their days.



The FTMS online booking system has been a huge asset to working tests and has dramatically cut down administration. Many thanks to Tim Hankey for all his FTMS IT support.

As always, we cannot offer these competitions without the generosity of landowners. Our grateful thanks go to Sir Graham Wilkinson, the late Mr Martin Slocock, Mr Neville Cherriman, and Her Majesty the Queen, the Crown Commissioners and Peter Clayton.

My role as working test secretary for Guildford Working Gundog Club has been really enjoyable over the years, owing to the efforts of the committee. I would like to thank them for their continuous support at tests, with special thanks to Lisa Murrell for putting on a great spread of food, and to Colin Pelham for setting every test—I have learnt a great deal from him.

Congratulations to all our winners, and a big thankyou to our helpers and judges for giving up their time.

Sue Jordan has taken over planning and running our tests and has organised all the Club's dates and venues for 2018 *(see pages 20 & 21)*. Please support Sue by giving up a day to help at a test—you do learn a great deal from watching.



**The Editor adds:** Jo has served the Club as Secretary since 2012 and additionally as Working Test Secretary since 2015, dedicating an enormous amount of time

and effort to fulfilling her considerable responsibilities with great efficiency and charm.

We were sorry to see Jo leave the Guildford area for a new phase in her life in Suffolk with husband Mike (pictured).

We wish Jo great success in all her future gundog activities and always look forward to catching up with her at trials and tests.

# Working Test Definitions

Please download the Working Test entry form from our website at www.guildfordworkinggundogclub.co.uk for your future use.

**SPECIAL PUPPY:** Any dog or bitch less than 2 years old on the day of the test that has not won any competition other than Novice Dog-Novice Handler or Puppy.

**NOVICE:** Any dog or bitch which has not gained a Field Trial award or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Working Test or 1<sup>st</sup> in a Novice Test held in accordance with Kennel Club regulations.

**NOVICE DOG-NOVICE HANDLER:** Neither dog nor handler to have won 1<sup>st</sup> place in any working test (affiliated or unclassified) or had any award in a Field Trial.

**INTERMEDIATE:** Any dog or bitch which has not gained a Field Trial Award or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Working Test or a 1<sup>st</sup> in an Intermediate Working Test

VETERAN: Any dog or bitch 8 years or over on the day of the test

**OPEN:** Open to all



Retriever Gundog Training in Surrey Field Trial/Working Test Training Novice/Open, Novice dog/Novice Handler Walked up, water, steadiness, roots training Ground available to rent for training Get ready for the Working Test Season Liz & John Barnes, Deerbridge House, Milford Road, Elstead, Surrey GU8 6LA 01252 702493

# Working Tests in 2018

Working tests will be run under the Kennel Club J-reg rules to include withdrawing from a test. All enquiries to **Sue Jordan**, Working Test Secretary at: Tullysedge, Rickmans Lane, Kirdford, West Sussex, RH14 0LD — tel 07970 707826 email: tullysedge@gmail.com

Entry fee (all tests): Members £8; Non-members £15; Late Entries £15

It is our strong preference for all entries to be submitted on the Field Trial Management System (FTMS) at <u>www.fieldtrial.info</u> and for payment to be made via PayPal. Entries must be completed the day before the closing date because FTMS closes at Midnight before the closing date.

We will accept paper entries if you cannot access FTMS, in which case, to receive your running order and directions to the test, please write your email address clearly on the entry form, or if necessary, enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

### **Novice Working Test**

Sunday 4th March 2018

- Venue: Deerbridge, Elstead, Surrey By kind permission of John and Liz Barnes
- Judges: John Barnes Ken Green Liz Barnes John Stubbs Dave England

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Trophies: } 1^{st} & \mbox{The Entonlee Trophy} \\ 2^{nd} & \mbox{The Hoopwick Trophy} \end{array}$ 

Entries Close: Saturday 24th February 2018. No refunds after the closing date.

### **Special Puppy and Intermediate Working Tests**

Sunday 15th April 2018

- Venue: Upper Birtley, Haslemere By kind permission of of Sir Graham Wilkinson Bt
- Judges: Mell Brooks Barry Taylor Gay Marshall Liz Taylor
- Trophies: Special Puppy:

1st The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd The Rayleas Trophy
Highest Placed Puppy under 18 months: The Roderick Award
Intermediate:
1<sup>st</sup> The Gunner Cup

Entries close Saturday 7th April 2018. No refunds after the closing date.

### **Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Working Tests**

Sunday 13th May 2018

Venue:	Prestwick Farm, Chiddingfold By kind permission of Mr Neville Cherriman		of	1
Judges:	Sue Cole Mike Fler	ning	Beth Rayner Leigh Sutton	
Trophies:	NDNH: Veteran:		oxhanger Troph hames Trophy	у
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Entries close Saturday 5th May 2018. No refunds after the closing date.

### **Open Working Test**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Venue:	Windsor Great Par by Gracious Invita and the Crown Cor		on of Her Majesty The Queen
Judges:		Buckland Robertson	Julia Smith Roger Wade
Trophies:	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Challeng The Rollin Sh	1

Entries Close: Saturday 14th July 2018. No refunds after the closing date.

# Norlands Gundog Training

Novice/Open, Field Trial/Working test training Novice dog/Novice handler/Basic gundog training One-to-one tuition and group training sessions Dogs taken in for training and boarding Puppies, part trained and trained dogs sometimes available Stud dog, black lab, throws yellow, good looking, Trial winner, clear eyes, 0-0 hips Call COLIN PELHAM on 07798 787490/01932 563691 (Kennel Club A Panel Judge)



The NDNH water test

# Results for the 2017 Working Test Season

### **Novice Working Test**

Sunday 12th March 2017

- Venue: Upper Birtley, Brook, Nr Haslemere By kind permission of Sir Graham Wilkinson Bt and Roy Rapley
- Judges: Alan Buckland Colin Pelham Paul Dukes Di Stevens Liz Stedall
- Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Autumnwillow Halle, Olu Jenzen The Entonlee Trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Leospring Gold Gili, Joy Venturi Rose The Hoopwick Trophy



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Braceway Tennessee, Helen Thornton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Foxglove of Super Sid, Keith Broomfield
- COM Tideflight Zeus, Jason Young
- COM Fyrish Canasta at Windelmoor, Collette May

### **Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Working Tests**

Sunday 9th April 2017

Venue Manor Farm, Knaphill By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Martin Slocock

Judges: Mike Brown Peter Buckle Julia Smith Robert Worrell

#### **Novice Dog-Novice Handler Working Test**

- Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Leadburn Venture, Kerry Wallis The Foxhanger Trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Buccleugh Yvette, Denise Baker
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Welcheston Meadow Red, Helen Sanderson
  - 4th Brindlebrook Lilly Miss, Ian Hamilton
  - COM Fieldmoreton Hector, Karin Hauxwell

#### **Veteran Working Test**

- Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Judith's Dark Fancy, Judith Curtis
  - The Thames Trophy
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lakesfarm Martini At Baveybuilt, Jean Baveystock
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Kirbyhall Wagtail, Hilly Hoar
  - 4th Hanans Good As Gold, Anne Strachan
  - COM Dirnanean's Shining Knight Of Bramblyn, Judith Lloyd





Chris Geal with Olu Jenzen

### Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests

Sunday 14th May2017

Venue: Prestwick Farm, Chiddingfold By kind permission of Mr Neville Cherriman.

Judges: Mell Brooks Rob Smallman Kieran Smith

### **Special Puppy Working Test**

Awards:	$1^{st}$	Fletchingly Torrain, Penny Heath
		The Roderick Award
		Also Highest Placed Puppy under 18 Months
		The Copsey Bracken Salver
	$2^{nd}$	Roxhart Tinca of Frizelwood, Simon Pullin

The Rayleas Trophy

COM Ticefield Dazed and Confused, Reuben Corbett

### **Intermediate Working Test**

Awards:	$1^{st}$	Norlands Freebie, Sergio Pilati
		The Gunner Cup
	$2^{nd}$	Elmertown Special One, Keith Townsend

### **Open Working Test**

Sunday 9th July 2017

Venue:	Windsor Great Park
	By Gracious Invitation of Her Majesty The Queen
	and the Crown Commissioners

- Judges: Phil Allen Wendy Glue John Keegan Mark Polley
- Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Priesthill Diamond Harry, Joanna Voke The Challenge Cup
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Cypher Blackmamba of Sullington, Shirley Carew The Rollin Shield
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lamlodge Matador, Keith Broomfield
  - COM Norlands Tara, Lauren Wright
  - COM Pondridge Jeep, Barry Harvey



Chris Geal & Joanna Voke

# 2017 Working Test Reports

### Novice Test, Upper Birtley, 12<sup>th</sup> March

*Olu Jenzen says she and her first gundog are learning their sport together; it seems they're both star pupils:* My first test of the year. I arrived happy to see familiar faces, looking to benchmark what needed work in training.

The weather was damp. We faced five varied tests that certainly made the most of the ground. Dogs were tested on a long mark and several blinds, and in the walk up, they had to hold an area in challenging terrain with little scent.



In the fourth test, the handlers were tested on their ability to remain upright on a very muddy slope while their dog retrieved over water. It took a while for dogs to get back up on the steep bank; I held my breath for what felt like ages, hoping my little dog

The winners and judges of the Novice Test

would keep holding on to that dummy. It was a joy to see her head pop up—I probably let out a sigh of relief.

She worked with real determination throughout the day to get the job done, showing she had matured a lot since the previous year.

The day finished with a testing run-off between Helen and Joy. I was stunned when we were called forward to accept the first prize—and completely lost for words. I do want to thank everybody who made the day possible.

Also, I'd like to thank my fellow competitors for making the day so enjoyable, and those with whom I've trained—nothing is more inspiring than their knowledge and understanding of how our dogs work and their willingness to teach us.

Elsa is my first gundog and we're learning together. She is honest, hard-working and fast. I'm trying my best to keep up. Spending days out like this competing or training are just the best, so thank you again to the Club for hosting these events.

### Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Tests, Knaphill Manor, 9th April

*Novice Dog-Novice Handler twosome Kerry Wallis and Ralph ran in two tests in two days. Despite some doubts, it turned out to be a good decision. Kerry writes:* A second test in the same weekend: at the least it would be good experience and a day out for us both.

Starting with a double retrieve across water, followed by a double blind in the woods Ralph seemed to be going well.

However, I was not looking forward to our third test, a twodog, two-retrieve walk up. I was second to run. Having watched the previous dog retrieve, Ralph was more than ready and absolutely flew out when the dummy was



thrown for him. Unfortunately, so did my fellow competitor's dog and a bit of a tussle

*The winners and judges for the Novice Dog-Novice Handler test* 

ensued. That sorted, the walk up restarted but my nerves had returned. Ralph, however, held his concentration and completed the test. I was very glad to get the lead on.

Our final test was a long mark down a track and then a blind to the right. I had to handle on the mark but he found the blind with little need of help.

I thought the tests fair but challenging. Ralph coped with them well and I was really pleased how he had run, however, some of my fellow competitors had been in the awards at the previous day's test so I knew the competition was strong.

We were awarded first place, only dropping two points—I was so pleased and proud of my dog. It was a brilliant, friendly, well organised day out for Ralph and I, and it turned out to be a great decision to run in back-to-back tests.

*Judith Curtis appreciated the beautiful ground at Knaphill as she put her veteran dog through its paces:* What a brilliant day we had in Knaphill with gorgeous weather on lovely wooded, natural ground, it was a truly pleasant way to spend a Sunday morning.

Peter Buckle judged test 1, a double blind with no shot. One dummy was placed behind a log down a track and another through a thick wood on a separate line.



Test 2, judged by Julia Smith, was a 2-dog walk up where we had two retrieves which involved crossing the line.

Mike Brown on test 3 presented us with a long mark down a ride of long

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*Left: Judith (centre) with other award winners and judges* 

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grass in a lovely wood, followed by a blind on the edge of woodland. Test 4, judged by Robert Worrell, was a mark with a shot across a pond, then a blind with no shot at a different angle.

A big thank you to Jo Rollinson, committee members, helpers and judges.

### Special Puppy & Intermediate Tests, Prestwick Farm, 14<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Penny Heath writes:**

There were four tests, the first was a mark over water and then a blind slightly to the right, tricky, owing to the wind but we did it. Next came a mark then a blind to a post. Much hunting for the mark but not a fault on the blind. The third test was a double mark and the last a walk up.



The award winners with their puppies and the judges

I was surprised to win both first place and highest placed puppy under 18 months. I was very pleased with Teal, who is my first Labrador (I have previously run flatcoats).

I would like to thank Jo for a beautifully organised day, and the helpers, landowners and judges.



*Intermediate test:* First prize for the day went to Sergio Pilati with Norlands Freebie after a run off.

A very worthy winner who had been knocking on the door and finally gained the success he deserved.

The tests stretched the dogs, allowing them to shine. Thanks are due to the judges who kept the lovely, sunny day flowing.

Right: Sergio with judge Mell Brooks

### Open Working Test, Windsor Great Park, 9<sup>th</sup> July

Joanna Voke pays tribute to judges who bore the heat to mark her out as a winner with her dog, Finn: Here we were at the wonderful Windsor ground on one the hottest days of the year, we really do have to thank the judges and helpers for their fortitude.

We contestants were lucky to be in the shade for most tests; the dogs were able to linger in the water—possibly losing marks—but some of the judges had to tough it out in the sun.

The tests were challenging, causing problems even for experienced dogs. The first that I did was a mark and a blind in young Christmas trees, not too challenging if your dog marked but I had to handle Finn as he hadn't seen it.

The first of two water tests proved trickier for some. The blind was in thick reeds right next to the bank and, once in the reeds, your dog was out of sight so some ran round the pond on the way back.

The next test was the hottest (literally) of the day, a mark and a blind in full sun with no breeze and no shade, phew! I felt for Wendy Glue judging this one.

Another water test next, much needed for the dogs, a blind with a mark on the water as a distraction. When sent for the mark, Finn rushed into the water, hoping, I think, for a cooling swim but the pond was shallow so it was just a splash through.

Finally, a two-dog walk up in a large but super-dry field—I felt that if a match dropped it would be ablaze in seconds. Just one retrieve at quite a distance which, luckily, Finn marked well so ending on a high.

I was thrilled to win. A wonderful day, thank you to Guildford Working Gundog Club.



Proud award winners and their judges in the scotching hot walk-up field

# **Club Rules**

#### 1. NAMES & OBJECTS

The Club shall be called Guildford Working Gundog Club. Its objects shall be to promote and encourage the training of gundogs for work in the field and to organise training classes, working tests and field trials.

#### 2. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

The Club shall consist of a President, Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Field Trial Secretary, a Committee of 12 and an unlimited number of members.

#### 3. COMMITTEE

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Officers of the Club and a Committee consisting of 12 members, all of whom shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary and a quorum for Committee meetings shall be 5.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary. The Chairman of each sub-committee shall be on the general Committee and report the sub-committee's recommendations to the general Committee.

#### 4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Candidates for membership shall be proposed by two existing fully paid up members and approved by the Committee.

### 5. MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Club must make a list of members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.

### 6. CLUB PROPERTY

The property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. In the event of the Club ceasing to exist a General Meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the Club's assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

The Club will obtain written acknowledgements from donors of Cups and Trophies that they are given as outright gifts to the Club.

### 7. CLUB ACCOUNTS

A Bank Account and a Building Society Account shall be opened in the name of Guildford Working Gundog Club into which revenue of the Club shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall be made on the Chairman, Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer's signatures (any two). The accounts shall be kept by the Hon Treasurer and Auditors shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting who shall audit the Club Accounts for the Annual General Meeting. Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepared the accounts.

NOTE: Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

#### 8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual Subscription and a one-off membership fee shall be such an amount as agreed by members in the General Meeting and notified to the Kennel Club. No member whose subscription is unpaid is entitled to any of the privileges of membership and if the member shall fail to pay outstanding subscriptions by the end of April, his or her name shall be automatically erased from the register. If a membership lapses then a new membership fee shall be required on re-joining.

#### 9. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who shall be suspended under Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(5) and/ or Kennel Club Rule A11.j.(9) shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Society (Club).

If the conduct of any member shall in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a meeting the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her.

Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he/she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members and he/she shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such a meeting, appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such condition as the Kennel Club may impose.

#### **10. FINANCIAL YEAR/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st February to 31st January. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in March.

#### **11. GENERAL MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes: To receive and approve the report of the Chairman on the activities of the past year.

To receive and approve the Accounts for the past year.

To elect the officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

To transact any other business on the Agenda.

No other business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the Agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting are urgent. Any member wishing to have any other matter placed on the Agenda must inform the Hon Secretary in writing 14 days before the date of the Meeting. Notice convening such a Meeting will be forwarded to every member not less than 28 days prior to the date of the holding of the Meeting.

#### **12. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Hon Secretary if six members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.

No business other than that detailed on the Agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. The Committee is empowered to call a Special General Meeting at its discretion. The following method of notifying members of a special General meeting will apply. In writing with 14 days notice of the Meeting.

#### **13. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Rules of the Club may not be altered except at a General Meeting, the notice for which contains specific proposals to amend the Rules. Kennel Club Regulation C4.a.(1)(c) requires that certified accounts be made available on request to all members 14 days prior to the AGM.

Any proposed alteration to the Rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration.

#### 14. ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE KENNEL CLUB

The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year, maintenance of Title Fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31<sup>st</sup> July each year, other returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the Affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Club which may occur during the course of the year.

#### **15. KENNEL CLUB FINAL COURT OF APPEAL**

The Kennel Club shall be the final court of appeal in all matters of dispute.

- 16. The Society shall not join any Federation or Societies or Clubs.
- 17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

# Images of the 2017-2018 Trialling Season



# Programme of Events for Spring and Summer 2018

Date	Time	Event	Place
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Novice Test	Deerbridge
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Noon	Annual General Meeting	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9am	Special Puppy and Intermediate Tests	Upper Birtley
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 5th May	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	ND-NH and Veteran Tests	Prestwick Farm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	Training	Knaphill Manor
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Training	Knaphill Manor
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9am	Open Test	Windsor Great Park