

Guildford Working Gundog Club Yearbook 2022



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We hope to keep all our members, but if you do decide to discontinue your membership *please* inform Jane Best by emailing jane.gwgc@btinternet.com and save her time spent chasing apparent late payers.

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Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

It is the time of year to start looking forward in what is hopefully a positive frame of mind. I am sure we have all been disrupted in some way from the continuing impacts arising from COVID and I hope this latest round is fading; perhaps we can at last start to plan 2022 with more certainty.



Your committee has, as always, worked extremely hard to ensure all planned events were run compliant with published restrictions and managed to complete the majority of planned events without too much disruption in 2021. All events were well attended and a very big thank you must go to landowners for allowing us access throughout the year for training, working tests and field trials—it has not been easy for them either.

This year, I have received committee resignations from Judith Curtis, who has stepped down as Membership Secretary (but will remain on the committee this year) and Sue Jordan, who has stepped down as Working Test Secretary and is leaving the committee. I thank them both for their past support and contribution to the wellbeing of your Club. Please refer to page 4 for further details.

The Club's finances are holding up well and we should be able to keep all our fees at the same level as last year. However, we shall have to be very cautious going forward, owing to the continuing increases in costs. Unfortunately annual subscriptions are expected to increase from **1st February 2023**. We will be in touch with you about this in good time.

Finally, many thanks to the Club's many helpers throughout the year, this has been very much appreciated by all, especially by: Lisa (training), Sue (working tests), Patti (field trials) and of course Colin (team events).

Chris Geal
Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Geal'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Club News: Changes to our Committee



Jane Best

The New Year has brought some changes to our Club's committee. Jane Best is our new Membership Secretary and by the time you read this Jane might have already been in touch with you. If not, it probably means you pay your subs on time by standing order, for which many thanks.

Jane takes over from Judith Curtis, who has served as Membership Secretary since 2018. It's a time-consuming job and we are grateful to

Judith for the many hours she's put in. Judith has long been a friend of the Club, helping at working tests and trials and we are pleased to say she is staying on as a committee member this year.



Judith Curtis

Sue Jordan, our Working Test Secretary since 2017, is stepping down and leaving the committee to take on the challenging role of Field Trial Secretary at Arun and Downland. Sue has been a super Working Test Secretary, introducing members to new grounds and a wider pool of judges, not to mention a variety of delicious, home-baked cakes.



We congratulate Sue on her efficient organisation of the Club's working tests and thank her for the hard work and time she has devoted to planning and running them. We will miss her on our committee but we wish her well in her new post which we feel sure she will fulfil with both enthusiasm and talent.

As we go to press, we are looking for a Working Test Secretary to step into Sue's shoes.

Sue Jordan

Representing the Club as a Team in 2021

Guildford Working Gundog Club took part in the Edenbridge & Oxted Retriever Challenge for Open dogs in August. The event is organised by the South Eastern Gundog Society.

Jane Carnaghan writes: The annual Gundog entertainment at the Edenbridge & Oxted Agricultural Show is always a fun ending to the Working Test programme for many handlers. Under the watchful eye of David Breach, the South Eastern Gundog Society's Chairman, 7 local clubs are invited to send two Open dogs to compete for the Retriever Challenge. The previous year's winner is also invited to defend his/her trophy. Each individual handler is scored out of 20 for the 5 tests to find the winner of the Retriever Challenge Trophy. The team element comes about by adding both of the club's handlers' scores together.

The gundog arena had undergone a major face lift; there was the additional feature of a lake and a rather impressive spectators' bank in addition to the fences, cover and enclosures we had been used to in previous years.

The competition showcases the dogs' work. With some excellent commentary, the audience can follow the reasoning behind marks, blinds and distractions.

Reuben Corbett and Mike Fleming were invited to represent Guildford, but at the last minute Reuban had to withdraw as the curse of kennel cough had struck.

With a gap in the programme, I was more than happy to step in under the watchful eye of Barbara Kuen, the judge for the day. As I had been involved in setting the tests, my scores were appropriately considered *hors concours*. No winner's medals for Mike or myself but it was a pleasure to have a final fling with friends and dogs before many of us hit the trialling season.

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

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(Kennel Club A Panel Judge)

GWGC's Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Guildford Working Gundog Club (GWGC) will take place at **The Golden Fleece pub, Elstead, GU8 6DB on Saturday 26th March 2022 at 3.30pm.**

A copy of the Agenda, Treasurer's Annual Report and Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be available on request in advance of the meeting. Items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary no later than Saturday 12th March 2022.

The following members of the committee will stand for re-election: Chris Geal, Julia Reardon Smith, Mary Adkins, Jane Best, Lisa Murrell, Colin Pelham, Lauren Wright, Judith Curtis, Belinda Bainbridge and Patti Money-Coutts. Current officers and responsibilities are listed on the page opposite. Jane Best, with stand for election as Membership Secretary.

Nominations for officers and members of the committee should be submitted to the Secretary no later than Saturday 12th March 2022, using the slip below. We would welcome your nominations.

The AGM will follow a Club training session at nearby Deerbridge. Whether or not you are in Elstead for training, we urge you to support your Club by attending the AGM.

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Training Organiser's Report

Lisa Murrell writes: When COVID restrictions lifted in 2021, we were able to hold two extremely successful training days at Jason Mayhew's ground.

The first day was on 11th July with novices in the morning and an Open class in the afternoon. The novice class practiced hunting in an area of bracken which proved more difficult than it looked. There is always so much to learn on these days and much to explain about what judges will be looking for in competition. This guidance is necessary if novice dogs are to move forward with their education.

The Open in the afternoon concentrated on getting dogs to take a straight line from the handler's hand—a vital component of Open working tests and eventually field trials which some people are aiming for.

The second training day on 15th August was a Mock Driven Day using dummy launchers. The dogs lined up in a stubble field as Jason and Simon Dawson shot a lot of dummies over their heads and all around them in four drives—a real test of steadiness.

Jason and Barry Taylor then split the group in two and worked them through the phases of a novice field trial, allocating retrieves and explaining what judges would be looking for at each stage if it were an actual trial. It was very exciting and some dogs found it overly stimulating. I think the handlers found it equally testing as we moved through varied terrain, comprising two drives in a stubble

field and two on a grass hill into bracken and a valley. The judges moved the dogs into different positions so they were rarely sent from where they sat during the drive—exactly what would happen at a driven trial.

I was thrilled there was much positive feedback from the Mock Driven Day but I was amazed at how hard it was to fill all the places on the day. I had to go right down my reserve list and into calling up some friends to see if they would join the day. It was a great pity because the trainers were excellent as always and the conditions superb.

Left: Standing in line



Club Training begins in February 2022

This year our first training classes on 27th February will be a normal Club training session, followed after lunch by a separate class introducing handlers and their dogs to working tests. The fantastic ground for this day is a disused golf course for which we thank Sue Jordan, our retiring Working Test Secretary.

The Working Test class will take novice handlers through a series of test scenarios, teaching them how working tests are run and what is expected of them and their dogs. Recently, possibly because of COVID restrictions, we have observed that some competitors have not fully understood working test rules and how they are applied. In some cases, this has led to disappointment and misunderstanding about how scores are allocated at tests.

I hope there will be good take-up for our Working Test class. It is taking place early in the season so that novice handlers can compete this year fully prepared for what will be expected from them and their dogs. We hope also that new members will volunteer to help at working tests to see how the day is conducted.

The fee for all training sessions will be £10 per handler. Pre-booking is essential for the Working Test training (*see the Yearbook insert*). Pre-payment is not required for regular sessions but our Training Organiser, Lisa Murrell, requests you email her if you plan to attend so that she can assess numbers attending.

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

2022 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Place
Sunday 27 th February	10am	Foxbridge Golf Club, Billingshurst W Sussex
Working Test training Sunday 27 th February	1pm	Foxbridge Golf Club, Billingshurst, W Sussex
Saturday 12 th March	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 26 th March	1pm	Deerbridge, Elstead
Saturday 16 th April	10am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Friday 20 th May	6.30pm	Deerbridge, Elstead
Friday 17 th June	7pm	Deerbridge, Elstead

Field Trial Secretary's Report



Patti Money-Coutts writes: What a relief all around to have a mostly normal Field Trial Season this year. We waited with bated breath to see what new frustrations COVID would throw at us, but in the end most clubs were able to go ahead with a pretty full schedule of trials and the Championships went off without a hitch.

The Club had organised three trials for the season including our Open Stake at Ampton, won by the inimitable Tess Lawrence in back-to-back wins, having triumphed at the IGL Open Stake at Windsor the preceding two days; a Novice Stake at Wolverton and a second Novice Stake at Bereleigh. Unfortunately the Wolverton keeper had to cancel that planned trial, so we were only able to complete two of the three trials. Full results follow on from this report.

Having now completed a relatively standard Field Trial season I feel more comfortable in my role as Secretary and I am looking forward to starting the planning for next season. However, I am only a small part of what goes on to make these events happen. I would like to extend tremendous thanks to our chairman for his support and for finding our Guns, the committee members for their support and help behind the scenes, our wonderful judges who do so much on the day to make a trial successful, the landowners who graciously allow us to interrupt their day so we can compete with our dogs, all of the helpers who smilingly turn up on the day and sort out everything I throw at them and, of course, our competitors. Roll on 2022/23!

A Familiar Sight for the 2021-2022 Season

The season was certainly a wet one, with more than a few cars stuck in the mud on shooting grounds. FT Sec Patti succumbed at our Novice Trial but willing hands, including judge John Stubbs, gave a push to ensure that she went safely on her way—*Ed*



Field Trial Results for the 2021-2022 Season

Trial 1: 24 Dog Two Day Open AV Retriever Stake

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November 2021

Venue: Ampton Estate,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk
By kind permission of
Mr Peter Rushbrook and at the
invitation of the Guildford Guns

Judges: Heather Bradley (A2431)
Colin Pelham (A2681)
Stephen Cullis (A2759)
Andy Mutimer (B3733)

Awards: 1st FTCh Hawksgarth Sirrocco,
Tess Lawrence
The Cornwood Salver
& Deerbridge Alex Trophy
2nd Berryshot Wigeon, Jason Mayhew
The Curtis Trophy
3rd Riverhunter's Blazing Boy, Tom Sage
Also Best Retrieve, The Norlands Trophy &
Guns' Choice, The Foxhanger Tankard



Tess Lawrence

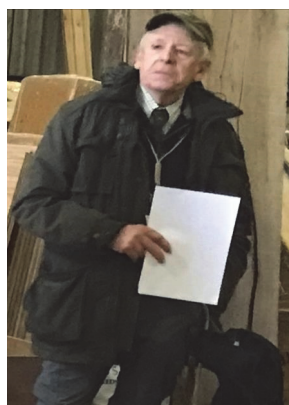
Trial 2: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Friday 31st December 2021

Venue: Bereleigh Estate, Petersfield, Hants
By kind permission of the
Tyrwhitt-Drake Family

Judges: John Stubbs (A134)
Peter Castleman (B1846)
Jason Mayhew (B3701)
Tom Sage (NP)

Awards: 1st Charmpark Fisher, Arthur Cook
The Pheasant Decanter
& GWGC Tankard
2nd Kekaroc Wadjet, Kim Jinks
COM Millerise Jemima, Janice Miller
Also Guns' Choice
COM Highshot Zephyr, Ken Green
COM Leospring Tiffin, Joy Venturi-Rose



Arthur Cook

Field Trial Reports: 2021-2022 Season

Trial 1: 24 Dog 2-Day Open AV Retriever Stake, Ampton 3rd and 4th November 2021



Left to Right: Andy Mutimer, Colin Pelham, Tom Sage, Jason Mayhew, Tess Lawrence, Heather Bradley, Steve Cullis and Underkeeper David.

The weather was mixed for our two-day qualifying stake but rain did not dampen anyone's spirits; there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the trial.

Our first placed winner Tess Lawrence double qualified for the Championship. Jason Mayhew came second and Tom Sage, placed third, was also voted Guns' Choice and the winner of the Norlands Trophy for Best Retrieve.

Our judges made a good team, working together to judge fairly and firmly, while our young Steward of the Beat, Underkeeper David, proved his ample experience by calmly knowing exactly where to find birds and maintaining a nice flow: not too many, not too few. We're grateful to him for his knowledgeable guidance.

GWGC Club chairman Chris Geal organised a cracking team of Guns with experience of shooting at many trials under their belts. Consequently they were good at marking their birds and enjoyed watching the dogs work.



Trial 2: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake, Bereleigh Estate 31st December 2021

Lisa Murrell writes: Two early disasters were quickly averted: After an early morning withdrawal, we found that Joy Venturi-Rose had come to support her friend and had an entered dog in her car, so we had a full card. Then we found Jane Best some boots as she had inadvertently left hers behind. With the weather wet and the ground soggy, no boots would have been a disaster indeed.



Left to Right: Judges Peter Castleman, Jason Mayhew and John Stubbs; award winners Janice Miller, Joy Venturi-Rose, Kim Jinks, Arthur Cook and Ken Green; judge Tom Sage.

The first drive was on a ploughed field at the top of a hill in wind and rain. Dogs on the right-hand side were tested before the shooting began when three hares ran close to the line, tempting, but nobody went.

Sadly when the shooting did begin, several dogs on the other end ran in. After the drive, judges Jason Mayhew and Peter Castleman went across a small lane with their remaining dogs to pick birds fallen there. Meanwhile, John Stubbs and Tom Sage nominated birds from the original field.

By the time we went on to the next drive we had lost a few more dogs with an eye-wipe, a “picked the wrong bird” and a swapping incident. We arrived in a valley with low cover where enough birds were shot to conclude the trial.

After elevenses, we were grateful to Keeper and Steward of the Beat Nick Canter, who said we could all sit at the next drive. The dogs had some valuable steadiness practice and they were all able to pick up if they wanted to.

Well done Patti for a superb trial, what a great way to end the year and a 1st 2nd and three COMs was a super result.

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Working Test Secretary's Report

Sue Jordan writes: Our 2021 Working Test season started off with a lockdown on all our activities. Sadly we had to cancel our Special Puppy and Intermediate Tests to accommodate our Novice Test on 16th May but, with COVID restrictions still in place then, we rearranged a second time for 7th August.

The first tests to go ahead were our Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Tests on 6th June, held at Parklands, Farnham. With armbands sanitised and programmes individually bagged for handlers, we were able to run four tests for some very grateful novice and veteran handlers. The day was a huge success and everyone was pleased to be out once again running their dogs.

Our Open Test was at Foxbridge near Billingshurst on 25th July. The weather was soggy but 40 competitors enjoyed competing on new ground.

Our last test was the rearranged Novice. Oh did it rain! But weren't the judges and helpers magnificent and our competitors kept smiling throughout, helped along by much needed cake.

We are indebted to our landowners who kindly allow us to tramp over their land, the judges who give up their day for us when they could be running their own dogs, and the helpers including the GWGC committee who turn out test after test to support the Club.

Special mention is due to Lisa Murrell, organiser of all things edible and drinkable – thank you for your tireless efforts.

Congratulations to all our award winners.

At the end of this season I am stepping down from the Working Test role and will miss the camaraderie of the Guildford committee. It's been a pleasure to work with you all.



It certainly did rain at the Novice Test

Working Test Schedule for 2022

Working tests for AV Retrievers will be run under the Kennel Club J-regs to include withdrawing from a test. For enquiries, contact details will be posted on our website (www.guildfordworkinggundogclub.co.uk) once we have appointed a Working Test Secretary. For urgent queries, contact any committee member.

Entry fee (all tests): Members £10; Non-members £15; Late Entries £15. No refunds after closing dates.

Novice Working Test

Saturday 9th April 2022

Venue: Knaphill Manor, Knaphill, Surrey
By kind permission of Mr Tom Slocock

Judges: Colin Pelham
Barry Taylor
Liz Taylor
Paula Graystone

Trophies 1st Entonlee Trophy
2nd The Hoopwick Trophy

Closing date for entries: Saturday 2nd April 2022..

Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Special Puppy Working Tests

Sunday 8th May 2022

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

Judges: Robert Worrall
Joy Venturi-Rose
Beth Rayner
Jean Baveystock

Trophies: NDNH 1st The Foxhanger Trophy
Special Puppy 1st The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd The Rayleas Trophy
Highest placed puppy under 18 months, The Roderick Award

Closing Date for entries: Saturday 30th April 2022.

Open Working Test

Saturday 23rd July 2022

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

Judges: Barbara Kuen
Alan Buckland
Kim Jinks
James Bailey
Alistair House

Trophies: 1st The Challenge Cup
2nd The Rollin Shield

Closing Date for entries: Saturday 16th July 2022.

Will You Lend a Hand at a Working Test?

It takes a lot of effort and a large band of helpers to put on a Working Test. From registering competitors, stewarding, throwing or putting out dummies and counting up scores, to selling raffle tickets, serving food and drink and helping to pack up at the end of the day.

Volunteering to help is a great way to learn about how working tests operate, or if you're an old hand, it's much appreciated if you give back to our sport by pitching in at tests where you aren't competing. GWGC committee member Belinda Bainbridge is compiling a list of people willing to help at a test, if YOU are, please contact her: tel. 01932 862882; email belinda.gwgc@gmail.com.

Working Test Definitions

SPECIAL PUPPY: Any dog or bitch less than 2 years old on the day of the test

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

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

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

OPEN: Open to all

Results for the 2021 Working Test Season

Open Working Test

Sunday 25th July 2021

Venue: Foxbridge Golf Club, Billingshurst, W Sussex

By kind permission of
Mr and Mrs C Middleton

Judges: Colin Pelham
Barry Taylor
Alan Buckland
Julia Smith
Sue Berman



Rob Smallman

Awards: 1st Caitlin Primrose, Robert Smallman
The Challenge Cup
2nd Abney Affinity, Beth Morgan
The Rollin Shield
3rd Beetle of Bucksmotts, Penny Morris
4th Ettinsmoor Final Frontier, Mark Witham
COM Mitforton Nutmeg, Mike Fleming

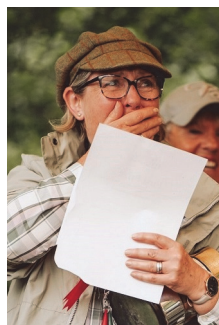
Novice Working Test

Saturday 7th August 2021

Venue: Deerbridge, Elstead, Surrey

By kind permission of John and Liz Barnes

Judges: Dave England
Ken Green
Isobel Whitford
Robert Smallman
Liz Barnes



*Linda Peake was
overjoyed at her win*

Awards: 1st Packmores Tay, Linda Peake
The Entonlee Trophy
2nd Wauniago Dara, Anna Mayhew
The Hoopwick Trophy
3rd Henergy Cinnamon Bird, Henrietta Fletcher
COM Kynigos Lily, Penny Morris
COM Willowyck Brigadier of Longcopse, Ian Hamilton

Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Working Tests

Saturday 6th June 2021

Venue: Parklands, Farnham, Surrey
By kind permission of Mrs Suzette Watts

Judges: Joy Venturi-Rose
John Barnes
Liz Barnes
Leigh Sutton

Novice Dog-Novice Handler Working Test

Awards: 1st Bellaroyal Montgomery Gold, Melissa Brotherwood
The Foxhanger Trophy
2nd Hillside Princess Lily, Samantha Barter
3rd Sealsen Prudence, Simon Pestell
4th Monicabell Rose, Joanna Carson
COM Lowcragg Snake, Donna Peplow

Veteran Working Test

Awards: 1st Ardyle Cotillion, Tricia Kirchstein-Adams
The Thames Trophy
2nd Gwidigada Tarapunga, Jennifer Thomas
3rd Autumn Willow Tag, Ken Green
4th Studebaker Abbey Court, Anthony Stewart

Entering GWGC Working Tests

It is our strong preference for all working test entries to be submitted on the Field Trial Management System (FTMS) at www.fieldtrial.info 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.

2021 Working Test Reports

Open Test, Foxbridge Golf Course, 25th July

Rob Smallman writes:

The much anticipated Guildford Open took place on 25th July at Foxbridge Golf Club by kind permission of the Middleton Family.

The thought of a working test at a golf club was an odd one, but the ground proved ideal for dog work and as ever the smooth running Guildford team,

led by Working Test secretary Sue Jordan, pulled off a very slick piece of organisation.

The golf club was not up-and-running and nature had taken over the course. Naturally there were bunkers and water with plenty of challenges sensibly set out for the five tests.



Left to Right: Front row, Award winners Mike Fleming, Penny Morris, Rob Smallman, Beth Morgan and Mark Witham. Back row, Judges Colin Pelham, Alan Buckland, Sue Berman, Julia Smith and Barry Taylor



A lot of prepping the ground prior to our visit was obvious.

Our judges were, as always, a goodhearted team who give a lot back to our sport. Julia Smith, Sue Berman, Alan Buckland, Colin Pelham and Barry Taylor gave us their time and patience with nicely thought out tests.

Rain was promised mid-morning and all tests needed to run like clockwork to avoid the impending deluge. With approximately 40 dogs to test, this was a tall order.

Left: The landowner's son, Joe, presents a gift to judge Colin Pelham

Incredibly, we were done and dusted by midday.

The water test blind on Test 2 and the seen-over-water on Test 4, were accompanied by three other tests offering a mix of blinds, distractions and seems to test all runners.

As ever, the competition was strongly contested with very high scores for top placings. Fortunately my Sula (Caitlin Primrose) pipped second place by a single point to win.

A goodhearted, friendly atmosphere typified the day, supported by a strong and well-led support team of throwers, placers and others who gave us their time and effort freely.

These people are the root of what we do and I realise as a lifelong Gamekeeper with a similar strong team, we are nothing without their tireless effort.

On behalf of all competitors we thank all landowners who give us the opportunity to run our dogs. The prize-giving was carried out by the landowner's young son, a daunting task ably done.

To everyone who gave their time and effort with such good grace, we also thank you. Sue Jordan has obviously done an excellent job, and is moving across to Arun and Downland as Field Trial Secretary, our loss is their gain. Thank you Sue for a great job done. Good luck in the future.

Reports continued on overleaf



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Novice Test, Deerbridge, 7th August



Above: Judges and landowners with award winners (holding their awards) left to right: Anna Mayhew, Henrietta Fletcher, Ian Hamilton, Linda Peake and Penny Morris.

Linda Peake writes: The Novice Test was held at John and Liz Barnes' super Deerbridge ground. The same, however, could not be said for the weather. The day dawned grey and wet—more like November than August—and continued to deteriorate. Despite the large entry and torrential rain, we were all signed in and moved off on time.

Archie and I began our day at Test 3, a mark in the wood out in front and a blind without shot in the bracken off to the side. I take a deep breath and we're off. He went straight out for the mark and took a lovely line to the blind. Two nice picks.



On to test 4, a mark in the woods with a blind along the track in cover, just as the track curved left. The mark proved a little more challenging and the blind ended up being messy as the track pulled the dogs round to the left. I gained much needed advice from the judge and on we went to the next.

Test 5 was a blind over an angled fence. My heart was

Henrietta Fletcher (left) receives some interesting input.

in my mouth as I lined up Archie and sent him for the retrieve (fences are not really his strong point), however, no worries, he was out in one cast and straight back.

Test 1 was a 2-dog walk up in cover. Nice mark, straight there and back.

Test 2, a mark into the water and a memory over a fence into the wood, were both completed without fuss and we had finished all our tasks for the day.

Huge thanks to the judges, Dave England, Ken Green, Robert Smallman, Isobel Whitford and Liz Barnes, and to Sue Jordan and her team of helpers who, despite the horrendous weather, made the day both challenging and thoroughly enjoyable.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Tests, Parklands, 6th June



Award winners and judges for the Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Working Tests

Veteran Winner Tricia Kirchstein-Adams writes: The day started out with drizzle but by the time we were finished it was sunny and hot.

Thanks to the test setter for giving us a nice variety of challenges, not all as easy as they may have looked, especially Liz Barnes's test which consisted of obedience, heelwork both on and off lead, and steadiness, the thing we tend to let the oldies get away with.

As always with GWGC, there was good-humoured banter amongst the competitors throughout the day and I'm sure everyone taking part enjoyed themselves.

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I was shocked and delighted with Louis (Ardyle Cotillion) winning the Veteran Test with a 100 per cent score, considering the standard of the other competitors. Thanks to the judges and to all the helpers for giving up their time to enable us to compete with our dogs.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler winner Milly Brotherwood writes: Having completed the working test, I was already thrilled with Woody's calm focus and performance throughout the day but I was genuinely speechless and overcome with emotion at the announcement of our win and our perfect 80/80 score.

This was only our second ND-NH test. It was superbly organised and the weather was ideal. I have memories of friendly, supportive competitors and kind, helpful words of encouragement from all the judges.

At our first test, a walk-up in a field of rough pasture, Woody nearly missed his marked retrieve being fixated on the lady taking photos. A quick "mark" snapped his focus to the dummy landing 50 yards in front. We then turned 180 degrees for a blind with shot.

Next, a mark with shot about 70 yards down a wooded track in front of a cross-country jump, and a blind in the same area hidden to the right.

Woody ran out to the blind keenly but went behind the jump a further 10 yards before starting to hunt back and picking. There were 2 dummies out and he had found the other one. The judge commented "well left" and complimented his retrieving.

Test 4 was a shot and mark 80 yards down a track. The judge kindly allowed me time to take a breather, reminding me not to rush and think about what I needed to do.

Woody made short work of his first retrieve. On his way back a dummy was placed 30 yards down the same track, slightly hidden in cover. I sent Woody and, with a short whistle pip he skidded to a stop, took a right-hand short cast with hunt command, picked, and returned smartly, delivering to hand.

For our final challenge a four-post square was set up to test Woody's heel work and steadiness. He performed his test as well as I had hoped.

I appreciate the team and helpers who made the day run so smoothly: the best experience for novice handlers and their dogs entering their first working tests. Thank you.

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 31st 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.

Programme of Events for Spring and Summer 2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Sunday 27th February	10am	Training	Foxbridge Golf Club Billingshurst
Sunday 27th February	1pm	Working Test Training	Foxbridge Golf Club Billingshurst
Saturday 12th March	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 26th March	1pm	Training	Deerbridge Elstead
Saturday 26th March	3.30pm	Annual General Meeting	Golden Fleece Pub Elstead
Saturday 9th April	9am	Novice Test	Knaphill Manor
Saturday 16th April	10am	Training	Knaphill Manor
Sunday 8th May	9am	ND-NH and Special Puppy Tests	Prestwick Manor Farm Chiddingfold
Friday 20th May	6.30pm	Training	Deerbridge Elstead
Friday 17th June	7pm	Training	Deerbridge Elstead
Saturday 23rd July	9am	Open Test	Windsor Great Park