

# **Guildford Working Gundog Club Yearbook 2019**



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## Chairman's Message

I do hope all existing members have found something of interest in our Club events, be it training, working tests, field trials and/or team events. To all you new members, welcome, I am sure we have something for each of you to enjoy.



I was very pleased to see a good number of members helping at our various events. It is certainly a good way to get to know your committee and gain first-hand experience of our activities. We always encourage new helpers and we like to help, support and develop new talent as we go.

Guns as well as helpers are essential to the success of our field trials. It would be good if we could establish a wider list of potential field trial Guns for selection throughout the season, and possibly even set up a Gun Team Coordinator to assist our Field Trial Secretary.

Many of you will be aware how active your committee are with their own dogs throughout the year and it was really good to see Colin Pelham and James Bailey win novice field trials, placing them in open trials going forward. Even more impressive was seeing Sarah Miles make up one dog to FTCh and also qualify a second dog through to the Championship. An outstanding achievement—she made it to the final eight competitors in the Championship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

I was equally pleased to see Barry Taylor (past committee member) judging for the Championship—well done Barry.

Unfortunately for the Club, Gerry Price decided to sell The Inn at West End and move close to Belvoir (Nottingham). Your committee wish to thank Gerry and Ann for their loyal support and for hosting events that raised thousands of pounds towards our field trial costs. I hope we shall keep in touch and wish them well for the future.

Finally, you will have noticed via the website or by email, we have now established a compliant GDPR system to protect all individual privacy issues and I wish to thank Julia Reardon Smith and James Bailey for their hard work in making this a seamless issue for the Club.

Happy New Year! Enjoy working with your dogs in 2019.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Geal', written in a cursive style.

**Chris Geal (Chairman)**

## 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 Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

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 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

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, Lauren Wright, James Bailey, Judith Curtis, and Sarah Miles. Current officers and responsibilities are listed on page 4.

Nominations for officers and members of the committee should be submitted to the Secretary no later than Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 using the slip below. We would welcome your nominations.

*The AGM will be preceded by a Club training session. Whether or not you take part in training, we urge you to support your Club by attending the AGM. Light refreshments will be served.*

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### **Proposal for the Guildford Working Gundog Club Committee**

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

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## Club News: New Year, New Ideas

*We are organising two new-style activities during the summer of 2019 to broaden the range of handling experiences on offer to our members*

### **Intermediate Test on Field Trial Lines**

In June we are running a 24-dog intermediate test on field trial lines.

The test will be conducted as a walked up trial using dummies. There will be two competitors on the right with two judges, and two on the left with two judges. The remaining competitors will be in the gallery with Lisa Murrell, who as Chief Steward will send dogs and their handlers up to the judges in turn.

We hope this test will be an opportunity for handlers with experience of competing in working tests to practice the skills required for trialling.

### **Members' Water Training Day**

In July, we're partnering with Jason Mayhew to offer a day's water training at his ground.

There will be two sessions, one in the morning for eight Novice dogs and the other in the afternoon for eight Open dogs. As numbers are limited to 16 dogs, we will give preference to members who have helped at GWGC working tests and field trials.



## **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, O-O hips

Call **COLIN PELHAM** on **07798 787490/01932 563691**

**(Kennel Club A Panel Judge)**

## Club Team Events in 2018

*The Club put up teams for three events during the spring and summer: The Inter-Counties, the Southern Inter-Club and the Oxted and Edenbridge Show reported below.*

### **A Crowd Pleaser and a High Achiever perform at the Show**

**Lisa Murrell writes:** Liz Barnes and I were picked for the invitation working dog challenge at the Edenbridge and Oxted Show on 26th August 2018.

The challenge, for Open standard retrievers, took place at Lingfield. There were six tests in the arena, all using natural undulating grassland criss-crossed with fences that provided jumps at various angles. Judge Barbara Kuen kept strictly to the rules while making it a fun day, more light-hearted than our usual tests.

There was no element of teamwork in the competition: each competitor completed the tests at different times, then their scores were added together, with 20 points on offer for each test.

Barbara moved the competitors before each set of retrieves in order to judge heelwork and marking. This also allowed spectators to see more of the dogs as they moved up the arena.

Liz went first with Deerbridge Lawrence, known as Alex. They made a neat job of all the retrieves and Alex looked impressive as he sailed over the fences. Each retrieve required at least one jump coupled with a variety of either unseen, memory or marked retrieves, some with a distraction. Liz and Alex came 4<sup>th</sup> individually, scoring 111/120 to Liz's delight.

They were a hard act for me to follow with Maddie, who at eight years old was the oldest dog competing. By the end of the tests she was really struggling to jump but she never gave up and became a real crowd favourite. We weren't going to trouble the leaders—in fact Maddie had the lowest score of the 15 dogs there—but she completed all the tests, had no zeros and her tail never stopped wagging for the entire competition, much to the joy of the commentary team.

The top score of 115/120 went to Hilly Hoar with her bitch, Mitforton Orchid at Kirbyhall.



*Liz (left) continues the light-hearted mood in celebrating her individual success, while Lisa is clearly delighted with her crowd-pleasing Maddie.*



## The Southern Inter-Club Team Challenge

**Lauren Wright writes:** The Southern Inter Club team test was superbly organised this year by URC-Southern on fabulous ground at Northall Farm kindly offered by Dan and Jan Kerwood.

The tests included marks, blinds and water, across grassland and through cover. At several tests our team had to choose who would take which retrieve while others allocated specific retrieves to our ND-NH, Novice or Open member.

Our team's ND-NH, James Prout, had an excellent day, making a valuable contribution to the team.

At one test, the Open retrieve, a tricky blind over water, and unknowingly into a further pond, caught out Bronte and I.

Our Novice dog, Alfie, run by James Bailey, was under 18 months old and some of the tests were quite challenging for him (he has built on this experience since and has won a Novice field trial in his first season out).

I'd like to thank Guildford for the opportunity to represent the Club in a great, fun event and a big congratulations to the winners in 2018, SEGS.

## The Inter-Counties Team Competition

Kennet Valley Gundog Training Society hosted the Inter-Counties Team Competition on 14<sup>th</sup> April at Mayridge Farm, Englefield.

The six judges, included Club committee member Colin Pelham plus Diana Harrison, Gilly Nickols, Helena Sully, Roger Wade and Graham Stanley.

The GWGC team (*pictured right*) comprised three experienced handlers left to right: Paula Graystone, Keith Broomfield and Mell Brooks.

The winning team of Derick Buckland, Liz Taylor and Heather Walton brought the trophy home for the UGS Bucks.



*Left to right: Lauren Wright, James Bailey, GWGC Team Manager Colin Pelham and James Prout.*





## Training Organiser's Report

**Lisa Murrell writes:** I was thrilled with the positive feedback we had from training last season. You appreciated our manageable class sizes with a dummy thrower supporting trainers.

We work hard to provide high-quality Club training. Our regular trainers are a wonderful support to me: John and Liz Barnes, Colin Pelham, Barry and Liz Taylor, Jason Mayhew, Joy Venturi-Rose and Chris Rose are regulars and Sarah Miles is a welcome addition to the training team and the Club committee. Leigh Sutton is ever willing to help with young puppies and several other former committee members will always try to help if necessary. I couldn't even think about running the training sessions without the exceptional support of Jane Best and committee members who volunteer to throw dummies and serve teas—thank you again to Julia, Lauren and Sue.

We have arranged eight training sessions in 2019. The first three are at the Hampton Estate by kind permission of Bill Biddell and his manager, Will Godwin. The second of these on 9<sup>th</sup> March will be followed by our AGM. We are lucky to have two Saturday mornings at John and Liz Barnes's wonderful Deerbridge ground, where we have access to water and jumps as well as fields and wood. We have two Wednesday evening sessions at Knaphill by kind permission of Mrs Slocock and her stepson, Tom, and with support from Peter Buckle. On 3<sup>rd</sup> July, thanks to Richard Pendrill, we'll be at Sweetwater by kind permission of Ginny Griffiths and her father, Peter Harris.

At Hampton, dwindling European money for farming and trustees who are keen to see as much income as possible, have resulted in the Estate working on a more commercial basis. That means charging for our use of the ground, so we are having to put up all Club training fees to £10 a session this year in order to cover our costs. We are committed to continuing to offer excellent value for money.

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, we are offering something new for us, water training given by Jason Mayhew at his ground (*see flyer with this Yearbook for details*).

*For more information about training, please email our Training Organiser, Lisa Murrell, at [lisa.gwgc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.gwgc@gmail.com).*



## Derek Bull is Most Improved Trainee in 2018

Derek Bull (*pictured with his dog Ellie*) is the winner of the Jean Baveystock Cup for most improved handler at Club training in 2018. He went on to demonstrate his progress in September by winning the North of England Flatcoated Retriever Autumn Novice Test.

“I’m really proud of Ellie and chuffed to bits,” he said. “It makes the ritual humiliation of training all worthwhile.”

He thanked our Training Organiser, Lisa Murrell, for running Club training sessions, and John and Liz Barnes with whom he trains. Acknowledging their contribution, he said: “After only a few weeks with you, I really saw improvements in both myself and my dog. My award from GWGC for most improved handler this year is testament to your tuition.”



2019 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March, Followed by AGM	10am 12pm	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Deerbridge, Elstead
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	7pm	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	Deerbridge, Elstead
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	7pm	Sweetwater, Wormley
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	From 10am	Water Training Day



## Field Trial Secretary's Report

*James Bailey writes:* 2018/2019 was particularly busy for Field Trials with five being held, and I'm pleased to report it was a successful season.

A Novice Stake at Balcombe was a new venture for the Club and Head Keeper Jonny Light provided us with an exceptional day of driven partridge. A Novice Stake at Bagnor was another new venue and Keeper Kevin Rolls did his utmost to present the Guns with some challenging birds and to accommodate the needs of the trial.

Roger Wade and Lendown Gorse of Wadeshot were very popular winners of the Open Stake at Ampton. The win made Gorse up to a FTCh, giving Roger his first champion and his first run at the Retriever Championships where they put in a superb performance making it to the third day.

A sixth trial was planned; an All Aged Stake at Cocking. The shoot, like many others, experienced a difficult summer due to the prolonged warm, dry period, which knocked on to their game supply throughout the season. The keeper, Rob Smallman, felt the shoot might not be able to comfortably offer the usual sort of day with a plentiful supply of game, so we took the difficult decision to cancel.

Huge thanks to all those who helped throughout the season—a trusted team of helpers is essential to a successful day.

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## Field Trial Results for the 2018-2019 Season

### Trial 1: 16 Dog Novice Retriever Stake

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Venue: Brook Park Farm, Cuffley  
By kind permission of Mr David Thomas and the Guildford Guns

Judges: John Keegan (A2858)  
Tom Lowe (B3187)  
Giovanni Iacono (NP3526)  
Michael Rollinson (NP3443)

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Ashlevel Tango, Keith Bianchi  
The President's Trophy  
Also Guns' Choice: The Cole Cup  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tagabea Pretty Thing of Luddesdowne, Kelvin Nettleingham  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Silver Ann of Higgscroft, Mick Higgs  
4<sup>th</sup> Belfriars Brooke of Dalerwa, Charlotte Wilkinson  
COM Braceway Tennessee, Helen Thornton

## Trial 2: 16 Dog Novice Retriever Stake

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018



*Helen Thornton with Tikka*

Venue: Balcombe Estate, West Sussex  
By kind permission of Simon Greenwood,  
the Greenwood family and Head Keeper  
Jonny Light

Judges: Diana Harrison (A1870)  
Mark Polley (B3220)  
Julia Smith (NP3634)  
Paula Graystone (NP3837)

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Braceway Tennessee, Helen Thornton  
The Hydonsdown Bowl  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hanwoodgold Archie, Philip Blount  
Guns' Choice Geordieland Rebel, John Keegan  
The Jed Leonard Tankard

## Trial 3: 24 Dog 2-Day AV Open Retriever Stake

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Venue: Ampton Estate, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk  
By kind invitation of Alan Hammond  
and his team

Judges: Keith Bedford (A2202)  
Steve Polley (A2435)  
Charlotte Jeffrey (B3023)  
Sean McGrath (B3010)

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Lendown Gorse of Wadeshot,  
Roger Wade (making up to FtCh)  
The Cornwood Salver and  
Deerbridge Alex Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mitforton Onour, Louie Robertson  
The Curtis Trophy  
COM Brindlebay Brigands,  
Michael Tallamy  
Best Retrieve Brockaghs Forba, Jim Collins  
The Norlands Trophy  
Also Gun's Choice,  
The Foxhanger Tankard



*Right: Roger Wade*

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

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Venue: The Wolverton Park Shoot, Kingsclere, Hants  
By kind permission of Guy and Shirley Pike and the Syndicate

Judges: Steve Richardson (A2849)  
Sally Richardson (B3214)  
Matthew Gould (NP3256)  
Reuben Mort (NP2977)

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Carltonstar Quinn of Chitterman, Peter Goddard  
The Deerbridge Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Laborie Aristides of Lawnhills, Alistair House  
3<sup>rd</sup> Autumnwillow Halle, Olu Jenzen  
COM Olivestone Lady Marmalade, Karen Pinker

#### **Trial 5: 16 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Venue: The Bagnor Shoot, Newbury, Berks  
By kind permission of Mr Angus Irvine and Kevin Rolls and at the  
invitation of the Guildford Guns

Judges: David Field (A2257)  
Roger Wade (A1704)  
Clare Baker (NP3700)  
Paul Truby (NP3056)

Awards: 3<sup>rd</sup> Berryshot Wigeon, Jason Mayhew  
4<sup>th</sup> Leospring Tay, Joy Venturi Rose  
Guns' Choice Foxglove Super Sid, Keith Broomfield  
The Gala Vase

## Field Trial Reports: 2018-2019 Trialling Season

### Novice, Brook Park Farm, Cuffley 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Our early season trial at Cuffley is driven on partridge. To kick off the Club's trialling schedule we were met with a fine, warm day. The dogs worked through three drives, with those left in the last round making their retrieves on water.



*The Brook Park Farm winners and judges from left to right: Keith Bianchi, Kelvin Nettleingham, Mike Rollinson, Giovanni Iacono, Charlotte Wilkinson, John Keegan, Mick Higgs, Tom Lowe and Helen Thornton.*

### Novice, Balcombe Estate, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Helen Thornton writes:** With a stomach like a washing machine and having to remind myself to breathe, we sat through the first, busy, but thankfully short drive watching partridge falling out of sight behind us in some woodland.

For the first round we were taken into the wood. I was given an area uphill through bracken and bramble with Tikka going out of sight and me trusting my hunt whistle.



*1<sup>st</sup> round retrieves begin*

The second drive, with us standing at the bottom of a small valley, had Tikka at attention as a bird landed a few yards in front of us and ran off into the bracken. No good for the nerves, but she held her ground and I was mightily relieved when the horn went—I really must remember to trust my dog.

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*Left to right: John Keegan, Philip Blount, Helen Thornton, Julia Smith, Di Harrison, Mark Polley & Paula Graystone.*

Working through the birds, the first round finished with four dogs out on one bird eye-wiped by the judge. The numbers were dwindling: I didn't have a retrieve from this drive so had to sit through another one, this time on stubble with seven of us left to complete retrieves in the second round.

The wind was in our favour and Tikka made it through the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. The third round had her taking some great lines picking two more partridges. The judges then had their huddle and chose to have a 4<sup>th</sup> round with three of us remaining. With the first dog out, we were down to two; my legs were trembling and all the advice from trainers was whizzing around in my head. I sent Tikka past the gallery into that scent corridor, counting as she went out of sight before blowing the hunt whistle. Such relief when Di Harrison's stick went up—picked! Job done.

Being presented with the Hydownsdown Trophy was one of those lifetime highlights—my first field trial win!

Thank you to James Bailey and his fantastic team of Guns and helpers for a day to remember and of course to my four-legged friend.

## **2-Day Open, Ampton Estate, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

***Roger Wade recounts gaining a memorable first place:*** My two days at Ampton for Guildford's Open will be etched in my memory for a very long time. It was where I made up my first ever Field Trial Champion, winning the trial and qualifying for the Championship where we went through to the third day. What a season, and it was only the beginning of December by then.



I knew Storm was a contender. He'd won the Isle of Wight's one day Open last season and in fact gained more awards in total last year than he had thus far this season.

Our best retrieve at Ampton was an eye-wipe on the second day. A bird was dropped on the right-hand side in deep cover. We were on the left, I caught a glimpse of the fall but Storm didn't see it. The first dog sent failed to pick but Storm made short work, returning neatly with the bird.

I also had a lucky break on the second day. Field Trial Secretary James Bailey, shooting on the right-hand side, dropped a runner some 300 yards from the dogs. We went first but Storm failed to pick, returning to me promptly when I called him up. A second dog tried, also failed to pick but would not return; the handler had to go out to get it. The bird wasn't found and the judges decided to keep me in.

Storm did good work throughout the trial. On the first day, in sugar beet, I was told to pick one of two birds that fell in deep cover in the centre of the line, then



*L to R: FT Secretary James Bailey with the judges, Steve Polley, Charlotte Jeffrey, Keith Bedford & Sean McGrath*

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*Left to right: Michael Tallamy, Roger Wade, Sean McGrath Louie Robertson, Steve Polley, Charlotte Jeffrey, Jim Collins and Keith Bedford.*

at the end of the day the judges moved us away from a partridge that dropped close by in a wood in order to achieve a good run out. Storm executed both of these retrieves with ease.

Scenting conditions were pretty good for the trial. The weather was dry, although there was a cold wind on the first day.

I'd like to thank Guildford for putting on a superb 2-day Open with special thanks to the judges, James and his helpers, and the Guns. My gratitude goes also to Alan Hammond and his team for making such good trialling ground available to us.

### **Novice, Wolverton Park Shoot, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*Below left to right : Steve Richardson, Sally Richardson, Alistair House, Peter Goddard, Olu Jensen, Reuben Mort, Matt Gould and Karen Pinker.*



With 10 dogs still in as the third drive began, it was anyone's trial. Then a three-dog run-in shortened the odds for those remaining in competition. Well done to all those in the awards.

### **Novice, Bagnor Shoot, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

The final Novice Stake of the season was held at the Bagnor Shoot. The Keeper, Kevin Rolls, had hosted trials for the Club at his previous shoot, but this was the first time at Bagnor. The shoot is still developing, with much work being done to the estate with shooting in mind. It is easy to see how Bagnor will mature into a first-class shoot, testing even the best guns.

We were very fortunate to have an experienced team of guns organised by James Adkins, many of whom were more familiar with HPRs than Retrievers. The first drive didn't yield as much game as hoped (such is shooting January), and a quick change of plan at the second drive saw some impromptu walking up of the cover

crop. An experienced team of judges, Kevin's extremely accommodating nature and some very understanding guns made the very best of the trial as it unfolded.

The last drive left each gun with a broad grin (!) and the judges with more than enough game to complete the trial.



*Left to Right: Paul Truby, Jason Mayhew, David Field, Clare Baker, Roger Wade, Keeper Kevin Rolls and Keith Broomfield*



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## Working Test Secretary's Report

**Sue Jordan writes:** 2018 was my first year as Working Test Secretary. Our Novice test was held in March, luckily the day after the snow melted. Our Special Puppy/Puppy and Intermediate tests were in April, our Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran in May and our Open in July.

I want to say a big thank you to all Guildford committee members, who helped me through a big learning curve this year. Especially Jane Best who guided me through each test and kept me sane, Lisa Murrell who organised all our catering needs and Colin Pelham who came out and set the tests for me.

Thank you to all my helpers, those who stewarded, threw dummies and made cakes. We could not put on tests without you and you are truly appreciated.

We had a very healthy number of competitors in all our tests with many new members coming forward to help.

When you are new to the working test world it is so important to offer to help, then you will see what is required from you and your dog. By watching experienced handlers, you will learn all-important test etiquette as well. You can contact me if you would like to help at [tullysedge@gmail.com](mailto:tullysedge@gmail.com).

Finally, huge congratulations to our award winners in 2018.

### Working Test Definitions

**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.

**NEW INTERMEDIATE ON FIELD TRIAL LINES (MAXIMUM 24 DOGS):** If the test is over-subscribed, Preference 1 priority will be given to Intermediate qualified dogs i.e. 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

## Working Tests in 2019

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](mailto:tullysedge@gmail.com)

**Entry fee (all tests):** Members £10; Non-members £15; Late Entries £15

### Novice Working Test

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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

Judges: John Stubbs  
Alan Buckland  
Sue Berman  
Beth Rayner  
Gay Marshall

Trophies 1<sup>st</sup> Entonlee Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Hoopwick Trophy

Closing date for entries: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. No refunds after closing date.

### Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Special Puppy and Veteran Working Tests

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Venue: Knaphill Manor, Chobham  
By kind permission of Mrs Shirley Slocock

Judges: Colin Pelham  
Liz Barnes  
Leigh Sutton  
Helen Burnie

Trophies: NDNH 1<sup>st</sup> The Foxhanger Trophy  
Veteran 1<sup>st</sup> The Thames Trophy  
Special Puppy 1<sup>st</sup> The Copsey Bracken Salver  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Rayleas Trophy  
Highest placed puppy under 18 months:  
The Roderick Award

Closing Date for entries: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019. No refunds after closing date.

## **Intermediate Test on Field Trial Lines (Maximum 24 dogs)**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Venue: Naldretts Lane, Rudgewick  
By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Morris

Judges: John Keegan  
Kim Jinks  
Sarah Miles  
Paula Graystone

Trophies: 1<sup>st</sup> The Gunner Cup

Closing date for entries: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. No refunds after closing date.

*See definitions on page 21*

## **Open Working Test**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Venue: Five Oaks Farm, Billingshurst  
By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Morris

Judges: Gilly Nickols  
Julia Smith  
Louie Robertson  
Lindsay Warren  
Di Stevens

Trophies: 1<sup>st</sup> The Challenge Cup  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Rollin Shield

Closing Date for entries: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. No refunds after closing date.

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## **Entering GWGC Working Tests**

**It is our strong preference for all entries to be submitted on the Field Trial Management System (FTMS) at [www.fieldtrial.info](http://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..

## Results for the 2018 Working Test Season

### Novice Working Test

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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



*Sue Cole*

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Berryshot Bert, Susan Cole  
          The Entonlee Trophy  
          2<sup>nd</sup> Hookamslade Zulu Warrior, Paula Graystone  
          The Hoopwick Trophy  
          3<sup>rd</sup> Wizaller Black Velvet, Jan Kerwood  
          4<sup>th</sup> Lavanthill Lucy, Mike Fleming  
COM    Pandapaws Angus, Sue Jackson

### Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Venue: Upper Birtley, Brook, Nr Haslemere  
By kind permission of Sir Graham  
Wilkinson Bt and Roy Rapley

Judges: Liz Barnes  
Mell Brooks  
Barry Taylor  
Liz Taylor

### Special Puppy Working Test

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Drakeshead Chad, Brian West  
          The Copsey Bracken Salver  
          2<sup>nd</sup> Deerbridge Navigator, John Barnes  
          The Rayleas Trophy  
          3<sup>rd</sup> Leospring Bunty Choconuts, Joy Venturi Rose

### Intermediate Working Test

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Braceway Tennessee, Helen Thornton  
          The Gunner Cup  
          2<sup>nd</sup> Leospring Gold Gili, Chris Rose  
          3<sup>rd</sup> Hanwoodgold Archie, Philip Blount  
COM    Buryhill Back to Black, Ian Hamilton



## Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Working Tests

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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

Judges: Sue Cole  
Mike Fleming  
Beth Rayner  
Leigh Sutton

### Novice Dog-Novice Handler Working Test

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Kirby Star, Louise Cunningham  
The Foxhanger Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Claribell Lady Coutier, Emma Wood  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fieldmoreton Hector, Karen Hauxwell  
4<sup>th</sup> Willowyck Brigadier of Longcopse,  
Ian Hamilton  
COM Stagridge Laker, Hazel Nilsson Wood  
COM Woodall Cherry Ripe,  
Caroline Maybrey



*Louise Cunningham with  
Club Chairman Chris Geal*

### Veteran Working Test

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Elmertown Tudorcourt Olive, Keith Townsend  
The Thames Trophy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Deerbridge Faro, John Barnes  
3<sup>rd</sup> Woodruff Spell, Lindsey Warren

### Open Working Test

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

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

Judges: Alan Buckland  
Judith Curtis  
Julia Smith  
Roger Wade

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Priesthill Tara Rose, Peter Stevens  
The Challenge Cup  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tagabea Loganberry, Liz Taylor  
The Rollin Shield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saintcyres Dipper, Charlotte Wilkinson  
4<sup>th</sup> Beggarbush Noble, Sue Hutton



*Peter Stevens*

## 2018 Working Test Reports

### Novice Test, Deerbridge, 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Sue Cole writes:** On my birthday, the 2nd March, I was snowed in and certain the Novice Test at Deerbridge two days later would be cancelled. To my surprise, it was going ahead so I duly turned up with a very relaxed Eddy (training, what training?).



*Front row, the winners; back row, the five judges and Colin Pelham (in orange cap).*

We had five tests, all doubles including two with jumps (great, Eddy loves jumping), a walk up, a mark and blind in the woods and a mark and blind in a ditch. Eddy cruised his way through the tests and on to the last which was the walk up. I suddenly got a fit of nerves, but Eddy did two perfect retrieves.

To my joy Eddy came first only dropping two points. Thank you my wonderful boy for a great birthday present.

Thank you to the judges and helpers who braved the elements and to Liz and John Barnes for so generously letting Guildford use their wonderful grounds. Congratulations Sue Jordan for running such a slick competition under difficult conditions (a baptism in fire).

### Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests

#### Upper Birtley, 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Special Puppy winner Brian West writes:** I entered the Special Puppy test, hoping to do well but not expecting to.



*Front row, l to r: Joy Venturi-Rose, Brian West and John Barnes; back row, the four judges.*

The first test was a mark with a blind. I sent Chad for the blind, used the whistle, he stopped dead, I sent him right and he was on the dummy. Good start.

Next a mark followed by a blind thrown beyond the mark. On the blind, I could see he was losing confidence;

I was just about to help when he caught scent of the dummy. Luck was on my side.

The third test was a blind down a slope over a bridge and up the other side. I ordered “back” at the bottom, he went up the hill, I blew the stop whistle and he was on the dummy. Things were going well.

Fourth test, a walk-up. I’d been having trouble with these. As I feared, we were second to go: at the shot he looked at the first thrower not seeing the second dummy. I was concentrating on the dog, so I didn’t see it either. I sent him to where I thought it might be, it wasn’t, so it took a bit of handling to get him hunting. In my mind that was our chance of a place gone.

I was surprised when I ended up the winner. Thanks to the landowner, the judges and helpers. Without any of these we wouldn’t have the opportunity to take part in tests.

**Intermediate winner Helen Thornton writes:** How lucky we are to have such a beautiful estate in which to test our dogs.

Four tests, all fair but with their own challenges: I’m sure one, a long mark in stubble with a shorter blind in a ditch, tested a few stop whistles. Another required you to walk out with your dog to a short mark and retrieve it yourself before sending for a blind—that provided plenty of bunkers.



Tikka performed well; with a score of 78, I was proud to be

awarded the Gunner Challenge Trophy. Many thanks Sue and all the Guildford team for a fabulous day.

*Front row l to r: Chris Rose, Helen Thornton, Philip Blount, and Ian Hamilton; back row, the judges.*

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

### **Prestwick Farm, Chiddingfold, 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Louise Cunningham writes:** I arrived at Prestwick Manor Farm with Ruby, my first gundog, looking forward to the day, albeit nervously. The tests were well thought out and both fair and challenging.

Test 1 was a long mark followed by a blind. The dogs needed to stop just short of where the mark had been and be sent to the right into cover. Next, a double mark

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*Award winners and judges line up together.*

with both landing out of sight at the bottom of a hill.

Over four tests, Ruby ran well; I was thrilled to hear her name called as the winner; we finished with a

score of 78/80. I couldn't have been prouder of her. Thank yu Sue Jordan and your brilliant team of helpers, the judges and landowner Mr Neville Cherriman for allowing us to use his lovely ground.

## **Open Working Test, Windsor Great Park, 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

***Pete Stevens writes:*** It was very hot. Fortunately, the test had been well planned with a prompt start, plenty of shade in waiting areas and water for everyone.

My first test was a short walk-up with a mark into water followed by a blind in a wood. The blind proved tricky; Ivy did not take a direct line, so I used my stop whistle and a cast to get her into the area. Next, on two blinds in a plantation, I was pleased with the first but needed to stop and cast on the second.

There was a queue at the next test: a mark into water but a blind needed first. Ivy started on a good line but was drawn towards the water. Happily, she listened to the whistle and I got her into the area with a right cast. By the time she returned, the mark had drifted and was difficult to see but she needed no help.

The next test was a blind over water with an island to pass and no shot. Ivy took a good line but then veered off to the island. I decided to stop and redirect her. Fortunately, that worked, and she soon found the dummy.

It was an enjoyable, well-run event with excellent tests. Thanks to all who helped, particularly the judges and helpers who were stuck out in hot sun for hours.

Thanks also to everyone who has helped me achieve my first win in an Open competition.



*Winners and judges. Front: Peter Stevens (centre with trophy) Sue Hutton and Liz Taylor (left) Charlotte Wilkinson (right).*

## 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.**

## Programme of Events for Spring and Summer 2019

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard</b>
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March Followed by AGM</b>	<b>10am 12pm</b>	<b>Training AGM</b>	<b>Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard</b>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Novice Test</b>	<b>Windsor Great Park</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>ND-NH Special Puppy &amp; Veteran Tests</b>	<b>Knaphill Manor</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Deerbridge</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Knaphill Manor</b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Intermediate Test on Field Trial Lines</b>	<b>Naldretts Lane Rudgewick</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Knaphill Manor</b>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Deerbridge</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Sweetwater</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Water Training Day</b>	<b>Rogate</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Open Test</b>	<b>Five Oakes Farm</b>