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Yearbook 2020



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Call COLIN PELHAM on 07798 787490/01932 563691
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Chairman's Message

I have been Chairman of your club for many years and I have to say I have enjoyed all the activities we put on for you all, be it working tests, field trials, training events or even team events.



Your committee is one of continuing change but, as you can see, we manage to maintain our high standard of achievement throughout. Occasionally the odd thing goes wrong but that is life – it is the way your committee deals with the issues that is important, so well done to all the committee for yet another excellent year.

Our membership appears to be holding strong and our events are well supported but I am very aware of the financial pressures everyone experiences and this is always on the committee's mind when considering fees for the coming year. We strive to maintain our overall aim of a non-profit making organisation but financial risks have to be covered and our Treasurer, Julia, certainly manages a very tight ship throughout the year, which makes my life much simpler.

This year's message is being prepared in November to assist Mary in putting the Yearbook to bed early so clearly there are some field trials still outstanding at this time but from what I can see so far James is set for another tremendous year. It is a pity he is standing down at the AGM but I understand his need to move on. He is an asset who will be missed. However, I am very pleased Patti Money-Coutts has been co-opted on to the committee and will be proposed for Field Trial Secretary at the next AGM. Patti has been shadowing James all year and has already picked up on the need for sweets for all!

Our annual fundraising event is currently on hold since Gerry Price departed for Nottingham so please watch our website just in case we find a venue before September next year.

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

Have a wonderful year

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris 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 Sunday, 15th March, 2020.

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 1st March 2020.

The following members of the committee will stand for re-election: Chris Geal, Julia Reardon Smith, Mary Adkins, Jane Best, Sue Jordan, Lisa Murrell, Colin Pelham, Lauren Wright, Judith Curtis, and Sarah Miles. Belinda Bainbridge stand for election. Patti Money-Coutts will stand for election as Field Trial Secretary. 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 Sunday 1st March 2020, 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.

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	
Nominee and Post	_____
Nominee's Signature	_____
Proposer	_____
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	(please print name and sign)

Club News: Sarah's Success with the England Team



We were delighted when we heard that our committee member, Sarah Miles, was selected to run for the England Team in 2019 with her FTCH Hawksrigg Balgaire of Meonvalley.

In May, she was a reserve for the Skinners World Cup at Glanusk, Wales. England came second to Scotland after an amazing two days of top class competition.

Sarah ran alongside Steve Richardson and Nicola Reynolds, with David Latham as reserve, at the Scottish Game Fair at Scone Palace, Perthshire, in July. The team won the Retriever section and were the overall winners of the Four Nations International.

England won again at the Game Fair at Hatfield Place, also in July. Sarah ran with David Latham, Lee Hartis, Annette Clarke and Steve Richardson, with Nicola Reynolds as reserve. Dave Latham won Best Individual Retriever and Adrian Slater won Best Hunting Spaniel.

Sarah said: "It was a wonderful experience with a lot of highs and lows and immense pressure in running for one's country". A great achievement, Sarah, and congratulations from us all.

A Field Trial Training Day for 2020-21 Season Beginners

Our Field Trial Training Day at Deerbridge on the 8th August is designed for members hoping to enter a field trial for the first time next season. The Day will cost £40 per participant and will be restricted to 12 Novice dogs; if over-subscribed preference will be given to 20-21 trialling season "beginners".

Two A-Panel judges, John Stubbs and our committee member, Colin Pelham, are already signed up. They will take competitors through a range of scenarios using dummies, explaining and advising on what would be expected at a trial.



Meet our New GWGC Committee Members

Patti Money-Coutts (left) and Belinda Bainbridge are welcome additions to our committee. Patti has joined us to be our Field Trial Secretary, while Belinda has "come up through the ranks" at Club training and as a helper at tests and trials.

Club Team Events in 2019

Guildford Working Gundog Club took part in three events during the summer. At the Southern Inter-Club, a Novice Dog-Novice Handler, a Novice and an Open go round the tests together; the Inter Counties is for Open dogs, as is the Edenbridge & Oxted Retriever Challenge, where competitors go round the course individually.

The Inter-Counties Team Competition

Sue Hutton writes: Chris Hutton, Robert Small and I were lucky enough to be asked to represent Guildford in the Inter-Counties Team Event.

With 15 teams of three running, there was a lot of organisation for URC Bucks, our hosts, and they came up to the task admirably.

The judges, Jayne Coley, Judy Rainey, Henrik Vilendal and Liz Taylor, assessed us in four tests in the morning comprising blinds without shot, with a distraction and in woodland close to a mark previously picked. The test offering only marks saw dogs going out 150yds three times for dummies right, left and centre, literally, into reeds and over tree trunks.



Left to right: Chris Hutton, Sue Hutton and Robert Small

After lunch the judges paired up for a walk-up through a plantation. A long line with plenty of people in it made this a realistic walk-up. Finally, we had a mark into water with a blind to the right and then left along the bank.

All the tests were worthy of an Open and fun to compete in. Sadly, things did not go according to our game plan; we didn't have a very successful day, but we did have an enjoyable one. Well done to the winners, Penny Heath, Karen Handley and Ken Green for URC Hants & SW.

The Southern Inter-Club Team Challenge

The Guildford team came fourth in the Southern Inter-Club, Penny Morris writes: Our team of Rob Smallman, Sandra Walsh and I, had a practice on the Thursday before the event. All went well but did nothing to settle Sandra and my

competition nerves—no problem for experienced campaigner Rob.

The tests were all fair, with a mix of marks, blinds and two water tests, one with a jump and the second with a very long swim for the Open dogs. It was fascinating to see each level of dog work out each test.

We played our joker on test 3, (6 marks taken between the 3 dogs), this was our best scoring test so we made the right choice, doubling a good score of 20, 20, and 18 .

Later in the day Sandra and I had our challenges but Rob seemed to sail through, while trying to keep our confidence up with help from Tom Walsh, team mascot/chef d'equipe.

To come fourth was a real bonus and we happily enjoyed a team gin & tonic and the fabulous cream tea put on by SEGS.

We all enjoyed our day out with good competition, fabulous weather and delicious food, not forgetting our wonderful dogs, after all it's all about them. Thank you inviting me to take part.



Left to right: Penny Morris, Rob Smallman and Sandra Walsh

The Edenbridge & Oxted Retriever Challenge

Our team's aggregate points placed them third. James Bailey writes: Kieran Green and I were invited to represent the Club at the Edenbridge & Oxted Retriever Challenge. The baking Bank Holiday Monday sun made for less than ideal conditions, but fortunately the dogs only had one run and completed their five retrieves in quick succession.



James Bailey (left) and Kieran Green

Kieran with Top Noch Ken and myself with Isleofman Fonarik put in a good account, finishing as the third placed team overall. Our congratulations to Luke Smith as the top individual, and to Jo Voke and Julia Smith, representing the UGS Kent & East Sussex Branch, as the top team.



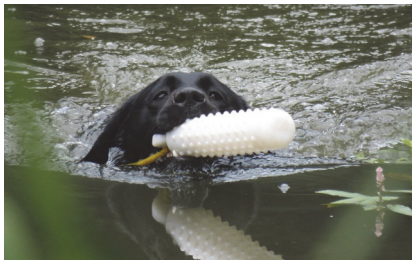
Training Organiser's Report

Lisa Murrell writes: We had a wonderful water training day on 14th July at Jason Mayhew's Sandilands Farm ground in Rogate.

After an early phone call to say that one dog was unwell, we managed to get hold of Judith Charlton, our reserve, who scrambled to the venue and had a fantastic day.



Jason took all the Novices through the complexities of a water retrieve and helped each of the dogs with their specific problems, whether it was delivery, or entry to water. He also went through a routine with all the dogs aimed at stopping them from shaking with the dummy when they exited the water (several people had been pulled up for this in working tests).



After a break for lunch, with questions and discussions, Jason moved on to the Open dogs in the afternoon, working on

fine-tuning their water work. Every single dog improved over the day.

We are most grateful to Jason for leading this useful, fun day which was a very popular one for the Club. We are offering members another water training day in 2020, on Saturday 25th July when the format will again be training for Novice dogs in the morning and for Open dogs in the afternoon.



Competition for the Jean Baveystock Cup

We decided to award the Jean Baveystock Cup for most improved trainee at our water training day, as it was our last Club training event in 2019.

The accolade went to Melanie Burnett and her dog Bella. (pictured on the right with Training Organiser Lisa Murrell).



Mel and Bella with Jason

There was stiff competition for the cup in 2019 because our trainers at Club training thought several of our

regular attendees had improved incredibly. In the end, however, Bella came through and Mel was thrilled with her well-deserved prize.



Quality Training at Club Classes in 2019

Water training was the culmination of a great set of Club training classes in 2019. Our attendance was consistent with previous years and our class sizes remained manageable. Jane Best and I try to keep each class at between six and seven handlers to allow each participant to get as much out of training as possible. I know, however, you appreciate that class numbers will sometimes be greater.

None of these high quality classes could happen without the support of our experienced trainers. We are forever grateful for their time and, in some cases, their ground: John and Liz Barnes, Colin Pelham, Barry and Liz Taylor, Sarah Miles, Joy Venturi-Rose and Chris Rose. Leigh Sutton is always willing to help with the puppies and I am able to call on committee members from the past. I must mention my gratitude to Jane Best, who is an exceptional support, and also to committee members who come to toss dummies, fire blanks and serve teas.

Additional Training Opportunity—JRegs Seminar

On 14th March 2020, committee member Sarah Miles is hosting a **JRegs seminar** which will be run by Heather Bradley. The cost per participant will be £25. For more information, contact Sarah at smileslondon@me.com or 07768 830937.

The Club is considering running a Field Trial Judge Training Day in 2021 and we'd like to assess members' interest. If you think you might like training on how to judge a field trial, please register your interest with our Club Secretary, Lauren Wright, at le-wright@hotmail.co.uk.

A New Venue for Club Training in 2020

Lisa Murrell writes: We are going to a new ground for Club training this year. Many of you will be familiar with Upper Birtley at Brook, near Haslemere, where we have held many working tests. Sir Graham Wilkinson Bt has kindly given us permission to run our first two training sessions at Upper Birtley, as well as our intermediate and veteran working tests, so we are hoping to attract good attendance.

Our other training venues will be the Hampton Estate for our second two sessions, and then the superb ground at Knaphill Manor. We are grateful to all our landowners for their permission to use their grounds.

Water training will again be with Jason Mayhew at his Sandilands Farm ground.

A new initiative for us will be our Field Trial Training Day at Deerbridge with John and Liz Barnes who continue to give their unstinting support to the Club. The day is for members who would like to learn more about what to expect when competing in a Field Trial.

Jane and I hope to see as many of you as possible at Club training in 2020.

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

2020 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Place
Saturday 29th February	10am	Upper Birtley, Haslemere
Saturday 7th March	10am	Upper Birtley, Haslemere
Sunday 15th March Followed by AGM	10am 12pm	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 25th April	10am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 23rd May	10am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Saturday 13th June	10am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Saturday 25th July Water Training Day	9.30am	Sandilands Farm, Rogate
Saturday 8th August Field Trial Training Day	9.30am	Deerbridge, Elstead



Field Trial Secretary's Report

James Bailey writes: I'm pleased to report on another successful season of field trials. It was a busy season once again, with the Club holding two Novice stakes, an All Aged stake and an Open stake. Each of these trials went well and, pleasingly, resulted in a winner. The full results follow this report. A further All Aged stake was planned, but unfortunately had to be cancelled a week before, owing to circumstances outside of the Club's control.

I would like to extend the Club's massive thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Field Trials: the hosts, the keepers, the judges, the guns and the many helpers. Each in their own way made an invaluable contribution to the success of each trial. It is perhaps trite to say, but we clearly couldn't do it without them.

This past season was my last as Field Trial Secretary, and I would like to offer my personal thanks to the many people who have helped in any way, shape or form over the previous three years. It has been a hugely enjoyable and educational experience, if not a little stressful at times. I now appreciate fully that what is seen on the day is just a fraction of the time, effort and commitment which has gone into making the trial come together. Patti Money-Coutts will be taking up the post of Field Trial Secretary for 2020/21 (and hopefully beyond) and I wish her, and all of Committee, the very best for the future.

(field trial results overleaf)



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Tel 01252 702493***

Silent Pool
Ad here

Field Trial Results for the 2019-2020 Season

Trial 1: 16 Dog All Aged AV Retriever Stake

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

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

Judges: Andrew Wright (A2617)
Dan Higgs (B3243)
Adam Holmes (NP3913)
Kevin Turner



*Right: The water
at Cuffley circa 2017*

Awards: 1st Tullysedge My Belle Nell, Sue Jordan
The President's Trophy and £50.00
Also Guns' Choice: The Cole Cup
2nd Millerise Jemima, Janice Miller
3rd Geordieland Rebel, John Keegan

(results continued overleaf)



*Left to right: Judges Kevin Turner and Andrew Wright; third placed John Keegan,
first placed Sue Jordan; judges Dan Higgs and Adam Holmes and second placed
Janice Miller.*

Trial 2: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Monday 9th September 2019

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

Judges: Mike Tallamy (A1925)
Sara Gadd (A2539)
Laura Lazzaretto
Peter Vivijs



Awards: 1st Tullysedge Chase The Gold with Hartleyjean, Sally Richardson
The Hydonsdown Bowl and £50.00
2nd Foxglove of Super Sid, Keith Broomfield
The Bratton Shield
Also Guns' Choice, The Jed Leonard Tankard
COM Pointhill Peregrine, Marianne Copp



Left to right: Front row, award winners Keith Broomfield, Sally Richardson and Marianne Copp; back row, judges Peter Vivijs, Laura Lazzaretto, Mike Tallamy and Sara Gadd

Trial 3: 24 Dog Open AV Retriever Stake

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th November 2019

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

Judges: John Halsted (A1868)
Wayne Mitchell (A3092)
Liz Taylor (B3536)
Clare Baker (B3700)



Awards: 1st Brocklebank Boorbon, Paul Dukes
The Cornwood Salver, Deerbridge Alex Trophy and £50.00
Also, Best Retrieve, The Norlands Trophy
and Guns' Choice, The Foxhanger Tankard
2nd FTCh Lendown Gorse of Wadeshot, Roger Wade
The Curtis Trophy

(results continued overleaf)



Left to right: Judge Clare Baker, first placed Paul Dukes, judges Wayne Mitchell and Liz Taylor, second placed Roger Wade and judge John Halsted.

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Trial 4: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Friday 3rd January 2020

Venue: Bereleigh Estate, Petersfield, Hampshire
By kind permission of the Tyrwhitt-Drake family
and Head Keeper, Nick Canter

Judges: Robert Atkinson (A5)
Dave England (B2946)
Martin Bagg (NP3233)
Paul Dukes (NP3744)

Awards: 1st Mitforton Orchid at Kirbyhall, Hilly Hoar
The Pheasant Decanter and GWGC Tankard
2nd Mikamore Barnaby, Louise Munchaus Adsboel
Also Guns' Choice, The Gala Vase
3rd Packmores Goldeneye, Chris Marshall
COM Hanwoodgold Breeze, Lesley Crompton



Left to right: Judge Paul Dukes, COM winner Lesley Crompton, judges Martin Bagg, Dave England and Robert Atkinson, first placed Hilly Hoar, second placed Louise Munchaus Adsboel and third placed Chris Marshall.



Working Test Secretary's Report

Sue Jordan writes: All four of our working tests in 2019 were blessed with very warm weather. The Novice took place in March, the Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Special Puppy and Veteran in April, a new Intermediate on Field Trial lines in June and finally the Open in July.

We are most grateful to our landowners Her Majesty the Queen and the Crown Commissioners, Mrs Shirley Slocock and Mr and Mrs Morris.

I must personally thank Lisa Murrell for feeding us all and Jane Best for making sure the tests run smoothly on the day. I had huge support from many new members this year and hope they gained from their experience, throwing dummies or stewarding. As always, the committee were there when I needed help which makes my job so much easier.

Thank you to all my judges who gave up their time willingly. These tests would not be possible without you.

Well done to all our award winners of 2019. And finally, my message to each one of our members is: "Come and join us this year, helping or competing".

Working Test Schedule for 2020

Working tests for AV Retrievers 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 £10; Non-members £15; Late Entries £15

Novice Working Test

Sunday 29th March 2020

Venue: Jury Farm, West Horsley
By kind permission of Lord Rocco Forte

Judges: Barry Taylor James Barwell
 Isobel Whitford Alistair House
 Lindy Higham

Trophies 1st Entonlee Trophy
 2nd The Hoopwick Trophy

Closing date for entries: Friday 20th March 2020. No refunds after closing date.

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Working Tests in 2020 cont.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Special Puppy Working Tests

Saturday 11th April 2020

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

Judges: Colin Pelham
Liz Barnes
Leigh Sutton
Toni Sanders

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: Friday 3rd April 2020. No refunds after closing date.

Intermediate & Veteran Working Tests

Sunday 17th May 2020

Venue: Upper Birtley, Brook, Haslemere
By kind permission of Sir Graham Wilkinson Bt

Judges: Joy Venturi-Rose
Beth Rayner
Rob Smallman
Robert Worall

Trophies: Intermediate 1st The Gunner Cup
Veteran 1st The Thames Trophy

Closing date for entries: Friday 8th May 2020. No refunds after closing date.



Competitors with veteran dogs chase the shade at the 2019 test while they wait their turn.

Novice Test on Field Trial Lines (Maximum 30 dogs)

Saturday 4th July 2020

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

Judges: Keith Broomfield
Brian Chesser
Paula Graystone
Kate Bollen

Trophies: 1st The GWGC Tankard

Closing date for entries: Friday 26th June 2020. No refunds after closing date.

See definitions on page 28. If over-subscribed there will be a draw.

Open Working Test

Sunday 19th July 2020

Venue: Rapley Farm, Bagshot Park
By Gracious Invitation of Her Majesty the Queen
and the Crown Commissioners

Judges: John Stubbs
Alan Buckland
Barbara Kuen
Sue Berman
Jim Collins

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

Closing Date for entries: Friday 10th July. No refunds after closing date.

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 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 2019 Working Test Season

Novice Working Test

Saturday 30th 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
Judith Curtis
Chris Rose



Isobel Whitford

Awards: 1st Bellaroyal Funky Monkey, Isobel Whitford
The Entonlee Trophy
2nd Endacott Ursula, Peter Buckle
The Hoopwick Trophy
3rd Deerbridge Navigator, John Barnes
4th Berryshot Duke of Meonmead, David Houghton
COM Drakeshead Drew of Llangynidr, Nigel Probert

Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Special Puppy And Veteran Working Tests

Saturday 20th April 2019

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

Judges: Colin Pelham
Liz Barnes
Leigh Sutton
Helen Burnie

Novice Dog-Novice Handler Working Test

Awards: 1st Dordonhall Lokka Chase, James Prout
The Foxhanger Trophy
2nd Winhocklin Bright, Sandra Walsh (*joint 2nd place*)
2nd Beetle of Buckmotts, Penny Morris (*joint 2nd place*)
3rd Hillside Princess Lily, Samantha Barter
4th Stagridge Floyd, John Nilsson

Special Puppy Working Test

Awards: 1st Greatpark Duchess Of Norlands, Colette May
The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd Fletchingley Nevis, Jason Young
The Rayleas Trophy
3rd Leospring Bunty Choconuts, Joy Venturi Rose
4th Fleetbelmont Calla Lily, Gill Davies
Highest placed puppy under 18 months not awarded

Veteran Working Test

Awards: 1st Skeviot Emerald, Simon Hagain
The Thames Trophy
2nd Woodlandway Grouse, Di Paterson
3rd Kirbyhall Meadow Pipit, Hilly Hoar
4th Leospring Diva, Chris Rose

Intermediate Working Test on Field Trial Lines

Saturday 1st June 2019

Venue Naldretts Lane, Rudgwick
By kind permission of Mr and Mrs N. Morris

Judges: John Keegan
Ken Green
Sarah Miles
Paula Graystone

Awards: 1st Troddenmills Femme Fatale, Jacky Simpson
The Gunner Cup
2nd Endacott Wren, John Wellings
COM Kirby Star, Louise Cunningham
COM Deerbridge Navigator, John Barnes

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Below: The ground at Naldretts Lane



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Open Working Test

Sunday 21st July 2019

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

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

Awards: 1st Tawnyway Black Jack, James Barwell
The Challenge Cup
2nd Cassleton Andante, Pat Elliott
The Rollin Shield
3rd 3rd Ticefield Dazed N'Confused, Reuben Corbett
4th Priesthill Tara Rose, Peter Stevens
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2019 Working Test Reports

Novice Test, Windsor Great Park, 30th March

Isobel Whitford writes: We started at Test 3, a tricky mark over a jump into cover, then on to Test 4, a two-dog walk-up which proved difficult for many. Test 5 challenged heel work, steadiness to shot and water work with a mark into a pond. Test 1 presented a difficult mark through a small copse of saplings and cover, followed by a blind on a track to the left.



Left to Right: John Barnes, David Houghton, John Stubbs, Nigel Probert, Sue Berman, Isobel Whitford, Judith Curtis Alan Buckland, Chris Rose and Peter Buckle.

Test 2 was a hunting exercise: four dummies in cover over a ditch. We were instructed to get our dog to the area then not use our whistle so that the judge, could see the dogs work.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Working Test

Secretary, Sue Jordan, the judges and all the helpers without whom days like these would not go ahead.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Special Puppy and Veteran Tests, Knaphill Manor, 20th April

Novice Dog-Novice Handler winner James Prout writes: At the bucolic grounds of Knaphill Manor, Easter weekend arrived with a faint breeze and temperatures more akin to mid-summer even at 9.30am.

Pandora had delivered eight puppies 12 weeks earlier, having missed the entire shooting season and not having competed, or trained with other dogs, since July 2018.

I should not have worried, our first test, a mark into very long grass, was



Novice Dog-Novice Handler award winners and Judges returned double-quick with good presentation and kind words from the judge.

There was a queue for Test 2. A mark with a background of trees made visibility harder, then a blind on almost the same line. I nearly intervened on the blind but let her hunt. "Well left", commented the judge; perhaps less is more.

The walk-up cost us a few points, however, two perfect scores afterwards and 96 points for the day was enough for first place, another milestone in a remarkable year for Pandora and the best Easter present I can remember.

The judges are to be congratulated on their test setting, advice and gentle encouragement. Also Sue Jordan and her team for making the day run smoothly.

Veteran Winner Simon Hagain writes: We entered never having run in a Guilford working test previously. The ground was on a shoot, enabling the judges to set up scenarios which could occur when picking up.

It was the first time for two years that I'd run my bitch, FTCh Skeviot Emerald, but as I was also running my puppy I decided to enter her.

Test 1: a mark to the left, then pick a blind just 20 yards to the right. A lot of dogs wanted to return to the fall of the mark as the angle was very tight. Test 2: a mark to shot, with a blind to be picked first 90 degrees to the right

Test 3: a double mark with the first mark into rushes and the second out on the grass. Test 4: a very long mark down a track into a tunnel of trees, with a blind to be picked further back. Test 5: a two-dog walk-up with a long and a short retrieve in line with each other. The scores were close at the end, so we had a run off with two retrieves.



Veteran award winners and judges.

Thanks must go to Sue Jordon and the team for putting on a super test, and to the judges and all the helpers for giving up their time to enable us to run our dogs.

Special Puppy winner Collette May writes: This was my first Special Puppy test with Grace as the previous test season she was young and not ready.

Grace is a busy dog and I thought waiting might cause her to explode when her turn came; I was pleasantly surprised how well she coped.

The mark in the long grass was a great test to start with, settling my nerves and giving us both confidence. Grace did well on the walk-up with her heelwork and steadiness and managed to pick the two dummies with minimal help. The remaining tests were a mixture of blinds and marks in different terrain, picking in different orders to challenge the dogs and the handlers, ensuring the trust was there. I was so proud of her mature attitude. She trusted me and worked her



Collette May (centre) with Special Puppy award winners and judges.

little socks off; I rarely needed to help her but when I did she was happy to listen.

I was thrilled to win the test. The icing on the cake was that I had received the same trophy that Grace won six years before with my first gundog, Benji, in my first ever working test. A special day.

GWGC always run very organised days; this was no exception. A big thank you to the helpers, the very lovely judges who made me feel at ease, and to the Estate.

Intermediate Working Test on Field Trial Lines, Naldretts Lane, 1st June

Jacky Simpson writes: It's always pleasing to see tests on trial lines in a schedule, so thanks to the Guildford for thinking to put this on. The farmland at Naldretts Lane is new to me and many thanks to landowners Penny and her husband.

The grasses on the ground were pre-cut and deep, perfect for my little girl, especially as it was hot which I hoped would slow her down and curtail her from going on one of her desperado hunts.

A beautifully organised and well thought out day. There was no wind to help dogs find their marks in the long grass; good markers and tight hunters fared well. My marking was as appalling as ever



Left to Right: John Barnes, Jacky Simpson, Paula Graystone, John Keegan, Ken Green, Sarah Miles, John Wellings and Louise Cunningham

(it's nice to have a bitch who can hold my hand). Blinds were already out with some dummies tucked against a fence—problematic for a few dogs that had to push themselves up against the fence to wind them.

The day ended with a drive. Each dog was sent for a testing retrieve in what was rather more significant than a hedge row. The damp ground had also created an area of reed bed. Having completed our last retrieve, I relaxed.

Four of us went into the last round and two didn't pick despite good efforts. One of the great things about these days is that you see all of the dogs running and can compare your own dog's strengths and weaknesses with others.

James Bailey was in charge of the dummies and the line. Thanks to Sue Jordan for generously loaning me a cool coat for my dog and to everyone who helps.

Open Working Test, Five Oaks Farm, 21st July

James Barwell writes: We came into the Open on a high. We did no working tests in 2018 but had notched up a couple of successes in the previous few weeks.

We started with a long blind into the edge of a wood. The wind needed you to hold your nerve and let the dog go into the wood. I pipped Laxton a shade early



Left: Award winners and judges at the Open Test.

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but he soon got me out of trouble. I learnt my lesson for the second test which was a blind in a small copse in the middle of a field—he was perfect to wind.

After a wait in the woods I was confronted with probably the longest mark I have seen at any working test—clear in the air but soon disguised in shadows on the grassy field. You almost needed to overrun the dummy to be right for wind.

Good fortune came at the walk-up made easier by the wind direction. The final test was my favourite yet lowest score. Rollercoaster terrain with thick undergrowth and trees creating natural barriers and jumps for a mark and a blind. A tricky test with many “bunkers” and several times I was just hoping Laxton was in the right area and was still hunting.

I did not expect to end up in first place after a run-off against Pat Elliot. We were both delighted that our dogs, the oldest in the competition, were vying for the top spot. We were probably just luckier with the wind in the final knockings. I was absolutely delighted with the result. A big thank you to the Club, judges, landowner, Sue Jordon and all those who helped make this a memorable day.

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 TEST ON FIELD TRIAL LINES (Maximum 30 dogs): 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. If the test on FT lines is over-subscribed, there will be a draw.

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

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 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Saturday 29th February	10am	Training	Upper Birtley Haslemere
Saturday 7th March	10am	Training	Upper Birtley Haslemere
Saturday 14th March	9.30am	JRegs Seminar	Vine Cottage Steep, Hants
Sunday 15th March Followed by AGM	10am 12pm	Training AGM	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 29th March	9am	Novice Test	Jury Farm West Horsley
Saturday 11th April	9am	ND-NH and Special Puppy Test	Parklands Farnham
Saturday 25th April	10am	Training	Hampton Estate Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 17th May	9am	Intermediate and Veteran Tests	Upper Birtley Haslemere
Saturday 23rd May	10am	Training	Knaphill Manor
Saturday 13th June	10am	Training	Knaphill Manor
Saturday 4th July	9am	Novice Test on Field Trial Lines	Five Oaks Farm Billingshurst
Sunday 19th July	9am	Open Test	Rapley Farm Bagshot Park
Saturday 25th July	9.30am	Water Training Day	Rogate
Saturday 8th August	9am	Field Trial Training Day	Deerbridge Elstead