

Guildford Working Gundog Club

Yearbook 2017



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Chairman's Message

It's that time again when I find myself being chased by Mary to provide my Chairman's Message for the Yearbook and I can't believe how fast the year has gone.

We have run some great events throughout and each one has again been well attended. Feedback has been very good and I know this is well received by your committee who worked very hard throughout the year.

We have also seen two of our committee members, Jo Rollinson and Colin Pelham, qualify for the IGL Championships. Unfortunately, neither was successful over all 3 days but what an achievement—very well done.

For the last few years we have been running an Annual Dinner courtesy of Gerry at The Inn @West End, raising funds towards the cost of Guns at field trials. These dinners have attracted good sponsorship and have been well attended. We have sufficient funds to cover the 2017/18 season, therefore, we have decided to have a rest this year but don't worry we shall be back in 2018/19 so start saving!

We have gratefully received a generous donation of a new trophy from Colin Pelham (The Norlands Trophy), which was awarded for the first time at the Open trial in November 2016. The Club also purchased additional trophies to complement our existing hardware (*more details in Club News, page 8*).

There is further movement in the make up of your committee. We co-opted Sue Jordan who has an interest in taking on the Working Test Secretary's role. She has already run our contribution to the Countryside Schools Day at Hampton.

Two committee members are standing down at this year's AGM. First, Sue Cole after many years of solid committee support, including running our training classes. Sue cannot support us as much as she would like during the winter months. She is probably the longest serving committee member and will be missed. Secondly Mike Rollinson has decided to stand down both as a committee member and as Field Trial Secretary in order to focus more on running his own dogs. Mike took on the challenging role and has provided outstanding field trials, putting on six events in this past season. His contact list of landowners and trial Guns is outstanding and he has successfully introduced the use of FTMS for competitors. I am proud of Mike's achievements and am very sorry to see him go. He will be leaving the role with **all** next year's trial dates and venues already organised so his successor will have a reasonably relaxed initiation.

As always your committee continues to work hard providing you with a Club to be proud of but this cannot be achieved without membership support. Please, don't be shy, step forward, come and help at working tests, training days and field trials, or even join the committee and have a greater say.

Have a good year
Chris Geal (Chairman)



Chris Geal

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GWGC's Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Guildford Working Gundog Club (GWGC) will take place at 7.30pm in the Main Hall at West Horsley Village Hall, The Street, KT24 6DD, on Tuesday, 28th March. 2017.

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 Tuesday 14th March 2017.

The following members of the committee will be standing for re-election: Chris Geal, Jo Rollinson, Julia Reardon Smith, Sheona Clayton, Mary Adkins, Jane Best, Lisa Murrell, Colin Pelham and Lauren Wright. Sue Jordan will be standing for election. Sue Cole and Mike Rollinson are standing down and will not seek re-election.

Nominations for officers and members of the committee should be submitted to the Secretary no later than Tuesday 14th March 2017 using the slip below. We would welcome your nominations.

Please support the Club by coming to the AGM.

Proposal for the Guildford Working Gundog Club Committee

Return to: Jo Rollinson, Hon Secretary, Guildford Working Gundog Club, c/o Wychwood, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4LW

Nominee and Post _____

Nominee's Signature _____

Proposer _____
(please print name and sign)

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(please print name and sign)

Club Team Events in 2016

We Took 2nd Place at the Edenbridge and Oxted Show

Guildford's two-person team of Derick Buckland and Katherine Impey (below right) came second in the invitation working dog challenge for Open standard retrievers. Katherine with Hippolytus Herald was awarded the Nick Potts Memorial Tankard for the best individual score.

Katherine Impey writes: The South Eastern Gundog Society (SEGS) organised the retriever challenge extremely well under judge Barry Taylor on a fine end-of-August day.

The retrieves were carefully worked out to make full use of natural ground cover, fences, enclosures and a river, while ensuring that the crowd could see everything going on. An impressive field of dogs and handlers assembled to provide a close and good-natured competition.

First place with the highest aggregate score went to URC Southern, represented by Wendy Glue with Tayfordwoods Saruman and Joanna Voke with Priesthill Diamond Harry.



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)

GWGC Gains an Award in the Inter-Club Event

Our Club team comprised: OPEN Peter Buckle; NOVICE James Walsh and NOVICE DOG-NOVICE HANDLER Louise Cunningham. We came 5th and James Walsh won the Top Novice Dog award.

The 2016 Southern Inter-Club Event was hosted by the Utility Gundog Society, Herts, Beds and Bucks at Windsor Great Park, by Gracious Invitation of Her Majesty The Queen and the Crown Commissioners.

James Walsh writes: I was overjoyed to be asked to join the Guildford team with Peter and Louise. In preparation, we managed to squeeze in one training session with Team Manager Colin Pelham.

Arriving at Windsor Great Park I felt the fantastic atmosphere and saw many familiar faces. Jacqui Crew of UGS gathered everyone for briefing on a very organised day with six judges and tests.

Our first test was with Joy Venturi Rose, who told us there were three retrieves on a lake. We could choose which one each of our dogs should attempt .

Our second test with Barbara Kuen was a mark into some small Christmas trees then a blind across a field at a ninety-degree angle; our third was a walk-up with John Stubbs for a mark which proved a little tricky.

Test four with Mark Polley featured a pond with a small island. We were told which retrieve each dog should attempt. Test five with Alan Buckland consisted of a mark at a fair distance into a stubble field and a blind down the side of the field.

Our final test with Colin Pelham entailed marked retrieves across a clearing with fallen trees and saplings. We could choose which retrieve each of us wanted and inform the judge. The dummies were placed and with a bit of teamwork we all managed to pick our respective retrieves.

The day ran seamlessly with us finishing at 13.30h. It was a pleasure and we felt we were a team. Our thanks go to Jacqui, her helpers and all the judges.



Left to Right: James Walsh, Louise Cunningham and Peter Buckle.

Club News



More Trophies to Recognise your Trialling Success

Guildford Working Gundog Club is awarding more trophies to successful competitors in field trials. We have invested in a decanter, a cup and four tankards, one pictured left, to join three trophies donated in recent years by Sue Cole, Lisa Murrell and Colin Pelham; to whom we're sincerely grateful.

The Kids Loved Our Gundog Session at Hampton's Countryside Day

New committee member Sue Jordan, John Pretty and our Chairman Chris Geal demonstrated how gundogs work at the Schools Day at Hampton Estate in June.

The following extracts from thank-you letters show how much the primary school children enjoyed our session: "I learned lots and I really enjoyed it. I was impressed with the dogs' behaviour and obedience." "I was very inspired by your trust towards the dogs and their faith towards you...I also learned how to carefully handle a shotgun." "It was a memorable day and the working dogs was my favourite session." "My favourite thing was...telling the dogs when to go and when not to go." "You have inspired me to train my dog to do agility because when you did it your expressions on your face were very happy."

Barry Makes up a Field Trial Champion

Congratulations to Barry Taylor (*pictured right*) who has made up Woodash Sky of Valleyend to Field Trial Champion.

Barry, an active Club member, retired from the committee last year after 16 years' loyal service setting tests, judging and training at Club sessions. He gained first place at the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Labrador Retriever Club's one-day Open on January 2nd, having qualified for the IGL Championship last year.



Are You a Team Player?

Our Club Team Manager, Colin Pelham, is always on the lookout for new candidates willing to put themselves forward as future GWGC team members.

We enter competitions requiring contestants at Open, Novice and Novice Dog-Novice Handler level, so there are opportunities for everyone. If you'd like to have a go, phone Colin on 01932 563691.

No Fee, No Yearbook

If you're reading this Yearbook hot off the press, many thanks for paying your annual subscription on time. Members who fail to renew by 14th February each year will not receive their Yearbook until they pay up.

If you've relied on the Yearbook to remind you your subs are due, you'll need to tie a knot in your handkerchief instead, or risk missing the first training sessions and tests of the year because the dates aren't in your diary.

Training Organiser's Report

Lisa Murrell writes: This year we have use of three grounds for our Club training classes plus Deerbridge for the Competitive Training Day, which is returning to our calendar after a year's break.



We do all we can to make our training sessions convenient and useful to the greatest number of members. Last year we ran all our sessions on Saturday afternoon but attendance overall was significantly down. Having listened to feedback from members, we are bringing back Thursday evening classes this year and we're holding our Saturday classes at 10am.

We would very much appreciate your comments on the timing and content of training. You can email me or jot down your suggestions and hand them to me at class, anonymously if you wish.



A training class at Hampton last year

Please try to come along and support Club training—its success depends on your involvement whether you are an expert handler, a beginner or somewhere in between.

Our trainers give their time willingly. They adapt cheerfully to your needs, not knowing beforehand how many people will turn up, their experience as handlers, or the standard

attained by their dogs. Once again we have a wonderful line-up for you, including Colin Pelham and Barry Taylor (both A-panel judges) John and Liz Barnes, Jason Mayhew, Chris Rose, Ron Sills, Liz Taylor and Joy Venturi-Rose.

We are extremely lucky to have the continuing support of landowners: our President, Bill Biddell, and his staff at Hampton Estate; John and Liz Barnes at Deerbridge and Mr and Mrs Slocock at Knaphill Manor. In addition, we are returning this year to Sweetwater for two evening sessions by kind permission of Peter Harris and his daughter, Ginnie, and former Club Treasurer Richard Pendrill.

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

For more information about training, please contact Lisa Murrell, tel. 01483 861340, mob. 07710 147127, email lisa.gwgc@gmail.com.

Last-Minute Change of Venue—No Problem

Mark and Jamie Bettinson ran a Special Training Day for Club members last summer. The father-and-son team are multiple field trial champion trainers and joint winners of Gundog Trainer of the Year. GWGC Training Organiser Lisa Murrell recounts below how she dealt with a crisis when the planned venue was struck down with kennel cough.

I had a panic after an early morning conversation with Liz Barnes: kennel cough at Deerbridge, what on earth could be done to save the day?

I rushed round to my neighbours who were extremely understanding: the day could proceed using my paddock and those of my two neighbours. Jamie Bettinson assured me the classes could be adjusted to suit the ground.

With help from Julia Reardon Smith and Jane Best, I emailed the participants; to my great joy nobody was phased. I despatched my husband, Barry, to buy food for a lunch-time barbeque and we were off to start a splendid training day.



Each of our two half-day classes comprised eight handlers and dogs. Mark and Jamie assured everyone that difficulties could be raised and help given for specific problems. They used a walked-up format, stopping the line at intervals to sort out individual issues.

I felt the Novice class in the morning showed visible improvement during the session. Everyone went away with plenty to practice. The Open session in the afternoon was more testing and the group struggled at first. The weather was hot and we had no water where dogs could have cooled off. It was difficult to concentrate as the session progressed but Mark and Jamie were very patient.

Judging by feedback, the day was very well received. Here are extracts from letters of thanks: “...It was marvellous!...I was amazed how much my dog improved after just that one session.” “The trainers were extremely helpful and knowledgeable, and we all learnt something.” “We had a thoroughly enjoyable day.”

I could not have held the day without the magnificent support of Julia and Jane and John and Liz Barnes, not forgetting my husband for feeding us. Mark and Jamie were wonderful trainers and really seemed to enjoy their adventure “down South”. I would like to thank them personally for their effort and hard work for the Club.



Join in at our 2017 Competitive Training Day

We are holding a Competitive Training Day at Deerbridge on 22nd July 2017 for members thinking of entering working tests and wanting to experience how they are run. Members who have attended two or more Club training sessions will be eligible to take part.



Colin Pelham (*pictured left*) and John Barnes will be training on the day. They will run you through the tests in the morning as a training exercise, then judge you on the same tests in the afternoon according to Kennel Club rules.

We're keen to encourage both inexperienced handlers and handlers with inexperienced dogs to take part. It's a useful, friendly training day for both you and your dog.

The Jean Baveystock Trophy will be awarded on the Competitive Training Day to the handler and dog that have made the greatest progress in training during the year.

2017 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Place
Saturday 25th February	10.00am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 11th March	10.00am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 1st April	10.00am	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Thursday 20th April	7.00pm	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Thursday 4th May	7.00pm	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Saturday 27th May	10.00am	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Thursday 8th June	7.00pm	Sweetwater, Wormley
Thursday 22nd June	7.00pm	Sweetwater, Wormley
<i>Saturday 22nd July Competitive Training Day</i>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Deerbridge, Elstead</i>

Field Trial Secretary's Report

Mike Rollinson writes: Thank goodness that the days of nominations, draws, paper entries, extra cheque books, and stamps are largely behind us and now we have FTMS. Well done Tim! and a big thank you from the trialling community. Of course, we still accept paper entries but they are now under 5%. With the ease of entry comes a responsibility for entrants to keep their entries up to date, you don't need to enter everything in August, you can follow the closing dates and enter just before them.



Mike working hard at the Open in 2014, his first year as FT Sec.

I have completed four seasons as Field Trial Secretary for Guildford and will be retiring in order to be able to spend more time running my own dogs, and shooting. This year we have run six trials, which I hope has provided good value for our membership subscription; our Open at Ampton; two All-Age and three Novice. Hopefully next year will be similar with the 2 day Open at Windsor.

Grateful thanks to our sponsor, Skinners, for providing prizes and certificates. Thanks to your committee for all their assistance and help.

Field Trial Results for the 2016-2017 Season

Trial 1: 16 Dog All-Age Retriever Stake

Saturday 3rd September 2016

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

Judges: Ron Jeffrey (A2293)
Mark Polley (B3320)
Sharon Dingle (NP)
Hayley Drew (NP)

Awards: 1st Garicmoor Grenadier of Ettinsmoor, Jill Parsons
The President's Trophy
2nd Troddenmills Bail Me Out, Jo Rollinson
Also Guns' Choice: The Cole Cup
3rd Siusigold Kite, Jim Gale

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

Friday & Saturday 4th & 5th November 2016

Venue: The Ampton Shoot, Great Livermere
By kind permission of Mr Peter Rushbrook

Judges: Phil Highfield (A2762)
Steve Richardson (A2849)
John Keegan (B2858)
Sam Morley-Riches (B3104)

Awards: 1st Asterix Aguzannis of Chatsworth, John Halsted
The Cornwood Salver and the FTCH Deerbridge Alex Trophy
2nd Abberwick Bridget Jones of Tullythwaite, Philly Pinn
The Curtis Trophy
COM Troddenmills Bail Me Out, Jo Rollinson
COM Altries Maple of Jinkster, Kim Jinks.
Also Guns' Choice
Best retrieve Brocklebank Navigator of Chatsworth, John Halsted
The Norlands Trophy



Right: John Halsted with his array of three trophies.

Trial 3: 16 Dog Novice Retriever Stake

Friday 16th December 2016

Venue: Wyck Farm, Near Alton, Hampshire
By kind permission of Neatham Farms Ltd

Judges: Nick Coates (A2223)
Robert Worrall (B3032)
Diana Stevens (NP)
Andy Wiles (NP)

Awards: 1st Lubbecke Simone, Gillian Yates
The Deerbridge Trophy
2nd Scovellsway Royal Salute, Ann Buckley
The Bratton Shield
3rd Skye of Ebony, Judith Curtis
Also Guns' Choice: The Gala Vase

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Trial 4: 16 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Saturday 31st December 2016

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

Judges: Tess Lawrence (A1889) Keith Broomfield (B2214)
Clare Baker (NP) Mike Rollinson (NP)

Awards: 1st Kestrelway Harry, Norman Onens
2nd Priesthill Diamond Harry, Joanna Voke

Trial 5: 16 Dog All-Age AV Retriever Stake

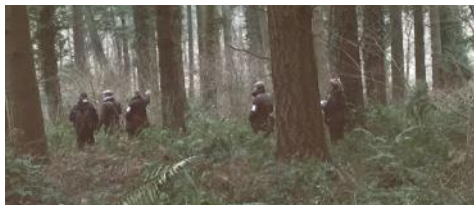
Thursday 26th January 2017

Venue: The Cocking Shoot, Midhurst
By kind permission of the Hon C. A. Pearson
and courtesy of Mr Robert Smallman and his team of Guns

Judges: Diana Harrison (A1870) Alan Buckland (B3426)
Jason Mayhew (NP) Julia Smith (NP)

Awards: 1st Leadburn Macrae, Graham Roberts
The Hydonsdown Bowl
2nd Spiralline Chardonnay of Wittinsmead, Peter Elmy
The Pheasant Decanter
Also Guns' Choice: The Ged Leonard Tankard
3rd Golden Rustler, Tim Pain
COM Roundcopse Orca, Jane Tydeman

*Right: A dog is sent into the
bramble and bracken during
the walk-up at Cocking.*



Trial 6: 16 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Monday 30th January 2017

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

Judges: Colin Pelham (A2681) Ken Green (B3366)
Peter Buckle (NP) Gillian Yates (NP)

Awards: Guns' Choice: Wendearose Deacon of Riversway, Graham Roberts

Field Trial Reports: 2016-2017 Trialling Season

All-Age, Brook Farm, 3rd September 2016

Jill Parsons writes: There is no better way to start the trialling season than with an early run and even better an early win, so I count myself one of the lucky ones. I'm not an expert at driven trials; walk-up has always been my game so it was with some trepidation that I lined up for the first drive.



A lovely sunny day on a wonderful Estate with charming Guns shooting for us, what more could we ask? The judges were helpful and the organisation and helpers second to none.

Left to right: Jim Gale (3rd), Sharon Dingle, Mark Polley and Ron Jeffrey (judges), Jill Parsons (1st), Hayley Drew (judge) and Jo Rollinson (2nd)

My dog was on form and doing his best to follow instructions, picking partridges cleanly and efficiently. We had an eye-wipe on the second drive on a partridge giving off very little scent and continued to pick to the end of the trial. The final retrieve was very much a picking up exercise. There were several birds in the wood and we were to put the dogs in, out of sight. Picking up on the Fens, we don't have many trees so woods always worry me. Suffice to say I held my breath until Skip returned with a partridge safely in his mouth. Trial over – phew!

24 Dog 2-Day AV Open, The Ampton Shoot 4th and 5th November 2016

Michael Rollinson writes: We held our two-day Open at the Ampton shoot by very kind permission of Peter Rushbrook. We were offered demanding ground, as always, while the weather added more challenges.

The first day was cold and wet and the beet was sparse, so birds were getting up well ahead, testing the Guns who rose to the challenge. We saw some very strong retrieves with the last ones of the day taking place in low light at dusk.

Eight dogs were called through to the second day which was slightly better on the weather front. A large field of roots and seedy beet held the birds. The Guns were on great form, making sure hardly any managed to get away. Four dogs went through to the last round.



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Left: Award winners and judges

The judges had a hard decision to make between the last two dogs in a final run off—both marked perfectly so no one could predict the results.

John Halsted came first with his reigning IGL winner Asterix Aguzannis of Chatsworth while Philly Pinn took a worthy second place with Abberwick Bridget Jones of Tullythwaite. COMs were awarded to Jo Rollinson with Troddenmills Bail Me Out, and Kim Jinks with Maple of Jinkster; Kim also won Guns' choice.

A new trophy, The Norlands Trophy, has kindly been donated by Colin Pelham and was awarded for the first time to John Halsted for the best retrieve with Brocklebank Navigator of Chatsworth.

A big thank-you goes to judges Phil Highfield, Steve Richardson, John Keegan and Sam Morley Riches for keeping both days moving. Thanks in particular to John for stepping in at very short notice.

16 Dog Novice, Wyck Farm, 16th December 2016

Gillian Yates writes: The Club's first Novice Trial of the season was by kind invitation of the Pritchard Family and Neatham Estate to whom all the competitors are grateful. The day was mild and misty with good scenting conditions from just a breath of wind.

Field Trial Secretary Mike Rollinson was shooting so after he introduced his team of Guns he handed over the running of the day to the Chief Steward, his wife Jo. The judges decided to split the competitors into Odds and Evens and a group of eight was positioned at each end of the gun line, affording the best opportunity to mark birds down. Two drives were designated for the trial.



Gillian Yates (left) with fellow award winners Ann Buckley and Judith Curtis (centre) and the judges.

The Guns brought down birds behind us, on both sides and in a wide ditch. Most dogs sat tight even when a woodcock dropped just behind us into the kale. There were enough birds to complete the first round and most of the second.

At the second drive dogs were split: to the right with judges Rob Worrall and Di Stevens and we three to the left with judges Nick Coates and Andy Wiles.

Just before the end of the drive, a runner, for which I sent Delta, made its way at speed into a hedge. Although she made a good job of hunting she reappeared a long way down the hedge and was eventually called up. The second dog was tried, he too did his best and was called up. The judges kept us both in and we moved further up the field to have our third-round retrieves. With only three dogs left in , the judges came together and gave us each a similar retrieve but in

different positions. The trial over, we returned to base; a very good day with an excellent conclusion for Delta in 1st place.

My thanks to Mike and Jo and to the Guildford Working Gundog Club committee's helpers who made it an enjoyable day. Special thanks to the judges, keeper, steward of the beat and beaters, and to the Guns for their precision shooting.

16 Dog Novice, The Wolverton Park Shoot, 31st December 2016

Sandra Onens, wife of the winning handler, writes:

The weather for this driven trial was dull to start, becoming brighter as the morning progressed. Norman was handling my dog Harry at number 10. The first drive didn't yield too many birds—Norman and Harry had just come into line as the last bird down was picked.



Left to Right: Judges Clare Baker, Tess Lawrence and Keith Broomfield; Norman (1st) and Sandra Onens, Joanna Voke (2nd) and judge/Field Trial Secretary Mike Rollinson

After the second drive, there were enough birds to complete the trial. The dogs were picking from ditches and in woodland, providing some nice challenging retrieves which completed the second round. The judges took four dogs through to the third round; we then lost two dogs on their first retrieve, while the remaining two dogs picked their retrieves cleanly and efficiently.

I was absolutely delighted when it was announced that Norman and Harry had won. I would like to thank Mr Guy Pike and the syndicate for inviting us. Huge thanks to the keeper and his team of beaters, the judges, the helpers and the Club for making the day so enjoyable.

16 Dog All-Age AV Retriever Stake, The Cocking Shoot 26th January 2017

The trial took place on a cold day with a biting wind. An initial drive produced birds in grass fields and cover-crop fringed with woodland in sufficient numbers for the first round and all but one dog in the second round.

The third round with eight dogs remaining was walked up in woodland. Judges, competitors, and dogs had to contend with fallen trees and thick bramble which proved to hold plentiful birds. The retrieves included pricked birds dropping at



Pause for thought

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considerable distance and runners in the thick cover.

Winner of first place Graham Roberts commented: "It was a first-class trial. I have previously run and judged at Cocking and Rob Smallman always puts on a wonderful day.

"The walk-up in bramble this afternoon was...demanding."

Judge Di Harrison said she had loved the ground presented for the walk-up. She praised the dogs' game-finding in bramble, saying that the competition had been very close but in the end the right competitor had won.

Thanks go to the landowner, the Hon CA Pearson, Rob Smallman, his Guns and all those who helped on the day.

16 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake, Windsor Great Park, 30th January 2017

Our 16 dog Novice trial at Windsor Great Park took place by gracious invitation of Her Majesty the Queen, the Crown Commissioners and Mr Peter Clayton. It provided both walk-up and drives, producing varied game and excellent shooting from the Guns. The judges were Colin Pelham, Ken Green, Peter Buckle and Gillian Yates. The last three dogs in failed on a teal lying in grass and were eye-wiped by the judges, therefore, the only award was Guns' Choice which went to Graham Roberts and Wendearose Deacon of Riversway.

Peter and his team of four keepers put on an excellent walk-up, which completed the first round, followed by a mini drive. We went to another nearby area and concluded on a wild duck drive, which produced some excellent straightforward retrieves. Well done to the judges and Peter for making as level playing field as possible for a field trial. Thanks to all and particularly the helpers who make it possible.



Judges and award winners.



Above right: The Guns' Choice trophy embellished by parakeet (shot in the Great Park during the trial).

Left (from left): Judges Ken Green and Gillian Yates; Guns' Choice Graham Roberts; judges Colin Pelham and Peter Buckle.

Working Test Secretary's Report

Jo Rollinson writes: 2016 saw four very good working test days. The Novice took place on a gorgeous spring day in March; the Special Puppy in April; the NDNH, Intermediate and Veteran in May and the Open in July.



We welcomed a huge number of competitors and hope everyone enjoyed their days, due in no small part to the generosity of the landowners: Sir Graham Wilkinson, Mr Martin Slocock, Mr Neville Cherriman and Her Majesty the Queen and the Crown Commissioners.

It was a hard task finding helpers last year. All those who compete need to “give back” by helping wherever possible. I would like to thank the committee for their continuing support and especially Lisa Murrell, who always puts on a great spread of food, and Mike Rollinson and Colin Pelham who set the tests. An enormous amount of time goes into test days behind the scenes, so thank you to all those who have helped, and a big thank you to our judges for their time and expertise.

Congratulations to our award winners in 2016. Dates are already set for 2017, so when you're deciding which test to enter, please also decide to come forward to help at one test as a minimum during the year. That way we'll be able to ensure the smooth running of our upcoming working test series. Please email jorollinson@hotmail.com if you can give up some time.

Results for the 2016 Working Test Season

Novice Working Test

Sunday 13th March 2016

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

Judges: Mell Brooks Jane Manley
Paul Dukes Beth Rayner
Ken Green Louie Robertson

Awards: 1st Milfordheath Hetty, Coral Meakes
 The Entonlee Trophy
 2nd Tanglefield Olivia, Vince Mahon
 The Hoopwick Trophy
 3rd Tegdown Cracker, Jane Carnaghan
 4th Turnerbrook Princess, Sophie Mills
COM Smithstead Viola, Doug Leake

Special Puppy Working Test

Sunday 10^h April 2016

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

Judges: Alan Buckland
Liz Taylor

Awards: 1st Leadburn Vanessa, James Walsh
The Roderick Award
Also Highest Placed Puppy under 18 Months
The Copey Bracken Salver
2nd Braceway Tennessee, Helen Thornton
The Rayleas Trophy
3rd Henergy Moonstruck, Robert Small
4th Beaconbanks Gillie, Jackie Davis
COM Landsowns Park, Andrew Beale



Left: James Walsh puts Leadburn Vanessa through her paces at the Special Puppy test.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Veteran and Intermediate Working Tests

Sunday 15th May 2016

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

Judges: Judith Curtis
Paula Graystone
Jason Mayhew
Keith Townsend

Novice Dog-Novice Handler Working Test

Awards: 1st Henergy Imara, Susan Hoare
The Foxhanger Trophy
2nd Champs Elysees at Hawthylands, Maxine Burchett
3rd Autumnwillow Halle, Olu Jenzen
4th Sladegate Bart, Carly Madgwick
COM Kirby Star, Louise Cunningham

Veteran Working Test

- Awards: 1st Hanans Good As Gold, Anne Strachan
The Thames Trophy
2nd Kirbyhall Wagtail, Hilly Hoar
3rd Hailey Deacon, Dawn Marks
4th Barnesbrook Horus, Mike Fleming

Intermediate Working Test

- Awards: 1st Tideflight Zeus, Jason Young
The Gunner Cup
2nd Mitforton Nutmeg, Mike Fleming
3rd Daddy Al, James Walsh
4th Woodruff Spell, Lindsey Warren
COM Tawnyhill Nature, Tom Brown
COM Deerbridge Lawrence, Liz Barnes
COM Tegdown Cracker, Jane Carnaghan

Open Working Test

Sunday 15th May 2016

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

Judges: Sue Berman
John Boyle
John Keegan
John Stubbs

- Awards: 1st Priesthill Diamond Harry, Joanna Voke
The Challenge Cup
2nd Helnorall Magnum, Robert Smallman
The Rollin Shield
COM Kirbyhall Meadow
Pipit, Hilly Hoar
COM Tullysedge My Belle
Nell, Sue Jordan



Right: Judge John Stubbs says a few words while Jo Rollinson and Club Chairman Chris Geal look on.

2016 Working Test Reports

(see previous pages for results)

Novice Test, Upper Birtley, 13th March

First placed Coral Meakes writes: We arrived at the test ground provided by kind permission of Sir Graham Wilkinson on a lovely Spring day.



Five tests provided a more than adequate challenge for the large field of 54 dogs. Our test 1, a double mark into kale, proved quite

What a lot of competitors !

problematic for many competitors. Judge Ken Green said in his speech at the end of the day that good use of the stop whistle was the key to success in that test.

Test 2 was a blind and a mark; test 3 a mark, then a blind along a track; test 4 a mark down a bank into a ditch and test 5 a walk-up.

Hetty and I had a good day, I was pleased we had completed all the tests. The results were very close with only one point between each of the competitors in the awards.

A big thank-you is due to Jo and her helpers on the day which was well organised and run very efficiently.

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Award winners and judges.

Driving home with Marilyn we recalled that Derick Buckland, with whom we'd been training the day before, had won the Guildford Novice in 2015; I was bringing the trophy back to Flackwell Heath, the village where we both live.

Special Puppy, Manor Farm, 10th April

James Walsh writes:

Guildford's Special Puppy working test was very well organised on lovely ground providing four tests to challenge our young dogs. Amber did everything asked of her smoothly and to my surprise took both the Roderick Award and the Copsey Bracken Salver. It was all over efficiently in time for us to board the 5pm ferry home to the Isle of Wight.



Thanks to the landowners, the judges and all those who generously gave their time to make it a very enjoyable day.



*Above: The award-winners and judges.
Right: James Walsh with his two trophies.*

Novice Dog-Novice Handler, Intermediate and Veteran Tests, Prestwick Farm Chiddingfold, 15th May 2016

After just two years dog handling with her first dog, Susan Hoare gained first place in the Novice dog-Novice Handler Test, she writes: The weathermen said a warm day but the morning was very cool. Ava and 35 other dogs were competing.

Our first test was two marks, left into reeds and right into long grass, both with shot: send to the right first. Next was a test of steadiness: heel to the first post, a dummy thrown into long grass, then heel to next post, leave the dog, walk to third post recall the dog and send for the dummy.

Third was a 2-dog walk-up, then the last test (or so I thought) was a mark with shot and a blind up a narrow track.

We were relaxing over lunch when we were called up for a run-off, a mark with shot up a slight hill. I waited my turn in the woods with Ava, she giving me confidence and me hoping my nerves wouldn't transfer to her. When 2nd place was called, I knew my Ava had won—Oh me, Oh my! Sincere thanks to everyone for a day I shall never forget.

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I would like also to thank the people who have helped me over the past two years, especially Hilary Clarke, my training companion, and Henriette Fletcher, not only for letting me have Ava, but also for the time, effort and patience she has put into guiding and advising such a complete novice owner.

Jason Young scored 100% in the Intermediate Test, he tells us about his day:

I turned up for the test and straight away saw some good dog handlers which made me think I was a bit out of my depth.

The first test was a mark followed by a blind which Blue found no problem. It's always good to get the first test done. On to the second test, a double blind with shot—it was as if he'd seen them; the judge told me ours was the first 20 she'd given all day.

On to the third test, three marks were thrown followed by a bit of heelwork, then I was asked to go and pick two of the dummies myself with my dog staying where he was. The grass was long, I walked out to the area where I thought the first dummy had landed and found it; I moved to where I thought the second one had landed and found that too.

Back with Blue, I was told to send him for the last dummy thrown—straight out and back—I was thinking I was doing quite well. The last test was a walk-up; I was feeling nervous now. A mark with a shot, and a blind to be picked first: stop-whistle, hunt-whistle and he picked it. I turned him round and sent him for the mark, probably about 100 yards: straight to the area and picked.

I had a great day with a score of 80 out of 80 on great land under great judges. I would like to thank the landowner, all the helpers and Jo Rollinson for their hard work. I must say I've met some lovely people in the few years I've been doing tests.

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Three tests in one day. All the award winners get together for a group shot.

Anne Strachan's "oldie" proves she's a steady partner in the Veteran Test: The same tests were set for both the veteran and intermediate competitors.

Our test 4 was a little stressful. There were four posts in a square: heelwork to first post, then honour three marks in the field; heelwork to next post, leave the dog and then recall. The handler then had to pick any two of the dummies thrown. Would Meeka, knowing I'm the worst marker in the world, have the patience to wait while I wandered round a field aimlessly? Yes! Finally, I went back to her and sent her for the remaining dummy.

I like veteran tests. Our oldies have nothing to prove and often have a raw deal, standing aside for the youngsters when it comes to trialling. Winning the veteran was such a nice birthday present to me from Meeka.

Thank you to Jo Rollinson for your impeccable organisation and to the judges, dummy throwers, stewards and other helpers who made such an enjoyable afternoon possible.

Open Working Test, Windsor Great Park, 10th July 2016

The Open Test took place on a chilly summer morning. The ground offered open fields, woodland and two ponds, which provided the large field of some 50 dogs good opportunities for water work.

Jo Voke writes: There were four challenging tests; our first, on water, was a mark then a blind. The mark was across the corner of a pond on to the bank with a tricky island to be avoided en route. The blind required dogs to swim the full width of the pond to pick from long grass on the water's edge. When it was our turn, we had to contend with an added distraction—a very vocal duck keen to ward off any harm from her ducklings.



Jo Voke (centre) with Sue Jordan and Rob Smallman (right), Hilly Hoar (left) and the judges.

Test 2 was a walk-up with two marks in long grass, then we were back to water for test 3. A mark was thrown on to the water but we first had to send our dogs for a blind situated under a dead tree before retrieving the mark. With those challenges under our belt, we moved on to test 4 to complete two long, blind retrieves in a wooded area.

A big thank-you for the hard work put in by Jo and Mike Rollinson, the judges, the dummy throwers and all other helpers who made this such a wonderful day.

Working Tests in 2017

Working tests will be run under the Kennel Club J-reg rules to include withdrawing from a test. All enquiries to **Jo Rollinson**, Working Test Secretary at: Wychwood, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Surrey GU10 4LW - tel 07904 109668 email jorollinson@hotmail.com

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

It is our strong preference for all entries to be submitted in 2017 on the Field Trial Management System (FTMS) at www.ftms.org.uk and for payment to be made via PayPal. Entries must be completed the day before the closing date because FTMS closes at Midnight before the closing date.

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

Novice Working Test

Sunday 12th March 2017

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

Judges: Kate Bollen Colin Pelham
 Alan Buckland Di Stevens
 Paul Dukes

Trophies: 1st The Entonlee Trophy
 2nd The Hoopwick Trophy

Entries Close: Wednesday 1st March 2017. No refunds after the closing date. Entries should be submitted on FTMS and payment made via PayPal.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Working Tests

Sunday 9th April 2017

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

Judges: Mike Brown Julia Smith
 Peter Buckle Robert Worrall

Trophies: **NDNH:** The Foxhanger Trophy
 Veteran: The Thames Trophy

Entries Close: Saturday 1st April 2017. No refunds after the closing date. Entries should be submitted on FTMS and payment made via PayPal.

Special Puppy and Intermediate Working Tests

Sunday 14th May 2017

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

Judges: Mell Brookes
Rob Smallman
Kieran Smith

Trophies: **Special Puppy:**
1st The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd The Rayleas Trophy
Highest Placed Puppy under 18 months: The Roderick Award
Intermediate: The Gunner Cup

Entries Close: Saturday 6th May 2017. No refunds after the closing date. Entries should be submitted on FTMS and payment made via PayPal.

Open Working Test

Sunday 9th July 2017

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

Judges: Phil Allen John Keegan
Jim Gale Mark Polley
Wendy Glue

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

Entries Close: Saturday 1st July 2017. No refunds after the closing date. Entries should be submitted on FTMS and payment made via PayPal.

Right: Prizegiving at the 2016 Open Test. Club Chairman Chris Geal congratulates Jo Voke on her 1st place.



Working Test Definitions

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

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

NOVICE: Any dog or bitch which has not gained a Field Trial award or 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.

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

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

OPEN: Open to all



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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.

The Society shall not join any Federation or Societies or Clubs

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 2017

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
Saturday 25th February	10.00am	Training	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Saturday 11th March	10.00am	Training	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 12th March	9.00am	Novice Test	Upper Birtley, Brook
Saturday 1st April	10.00am	Training	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Sunday 9th April	9.00am	NDNH & Veteran Tests	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Thursday 20th April	7.00pm	Training	Hampton Estate, Myrtles Courtyard
Thursday 4th May	7.00pm	Training	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sunday 14th May	9.00am	Special Puppy & Intermediate Tests	Prestwick Farm, Chiddingfold
Saturday 27th May	10.00am	Training	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Thursday 8th June	7.00pm	Training	Sweetwater, Wormley
Thursday 22nd June	7.00pm	Training	Sweetwater, Wormley
Sunday 9th July	9.00am	Open Test	Windsor Great Park
Saturday 22nd July	10.00am	Competitive Training Day	Deerbridge, Elstead