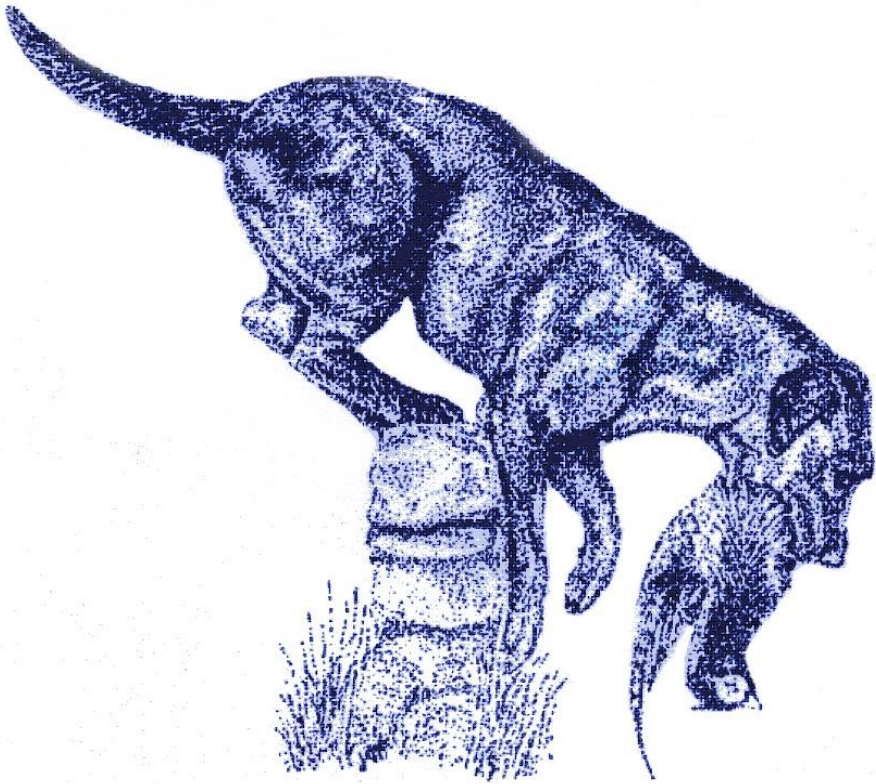


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The club's annual subscription was changed on 1st February 2023 and all Standing Orders should have been amended to the correct amount of £12. We spend a great deal of time every year chasing members who do not pay the correct amount on time - too little, too much, too early or late!

Please note that your name will be erased automatically from the members' register (in accordance with Rule 8 of the Club's Rules) if we have not received your full subscription by the end of April. **After this time, you will need to rejoin the Club and pay the initial subscription of £15.**

If you have not already done so, please set up a Standing Order so that your subscription is paid automatically on 1st February each year (not before please!). Our bank details are: Lloyds Bank; Account Name: Guildford Working Gundog Club; Sort Code: 30-93-49; Account Number: 00151140. This can be done easily via online banking but, if required, a postal standing order form is available on our website: www.guildfordworkinggundogclub.co.uk/membership.

The club now has to pay for the privilege of banking cheques so **please** only pay by cheque if you really have to. Cheques should be made out to **"Guildford Working Gundog Club"** and posted to: Jane Best, GWGC Membership Secretary, 1 Aston Villas, Wonersh Common Road, Wonersh, Guildford, GU5 0PP. Jane can be contacted by e-mail at jane.gwgc@btinternet.com.

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Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

Here we are again at the end of another good season and I was pleased to see all planned events well attended. Your Committee worked hard throughout the year to ensure Training, Team Events, Working Tests and Field Trials all went along without a hitch.

Well done Lisa, Colin, Mandy and Patti and all the other Committee members who help plus a big thanks to Jane for coping with the increase in subs.

Julia once again kept a strong hand on the accounts. It would appear she has had some free time this year as she "volunteered" to take on the publishing of the Yearbook and look after the club's website, Facebook and MailChimp messages after Mary Adkins retired from the Committee. Mary was a Committee member for a long while and I would like to say an enormous thank you to her for her significant contribution over the years.

Sadly, we will also be losing Belinda Bainbridge from the Committee because she has decided not to stand for re-election to give her more time to spend with her expanding family. Belinda has looked after Catering for the past few years, has done a brilliant job and we are really going to miss her. We are going to need to find someone to fill Belinda's shoes but it's also clear to me that we need to secure new Committee members to ensure we have good succession planning in place. Please have a look at Page 6 where we describe the roles available. If you're interested, please contact me to have a chat. We're a friendly bunch who work really well together and we would welcome your involvement.

Our Field Trial Secretary, Patti Money-Coutts, will stand down from her role this year although she will be remaining on the Committee to help her successor. On joining, Patti promised to complete 5 years as Field Trial Secretary and she has done a really outstanding job throughout her time and I would like to thank her for her work and dedication to the role. Luckily for us, James Prout volunteered to take on Patti's role from the 2025 AGM and we all wish him success as Field Trial Secretary.

Finally, I would like to close with a thank you to all our helpers and judges. The club's events would not be successful without you and we are truly grateful for the support.



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

Chris Geal, Chairman

Annual General Meeting



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Guildford Working Gundog Club (GWGC) will take place in the Poppy Room at **The Royal British Legion, The Street, West Clandon, GU4 7TD** on **Saturday, 15th March 2025** at **12.45pm (what3words: slam.shall.ruler)**.

A copy of the Agenda, Treasurer's Annual Report and Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting will be available on request in advance of the meeting. Items for the Agenda should reach the Secretary no later than Saturday, 1st March 2025. Since light refreshments will be provided by the Club at the AGM, it would be helpful to know in advance if you wish to attend - please e-mail Lauren Wright, the Club's Secretary.

The following Officers and Committee members will stand for re-election: Chris Geal, Jane Best, Mandy Bloomfield, Patti Money-Coutts, Lisa Murrell, Colin Pelham, James Prout, Julia Reardon Smith and Lauren Wright.

Nominations for Officers and Committee Members should be submitted to the Secretary no later than Saturday, 1st March 2025 using the slip below. We would welcome your nominations.

The AGM at The Royal British Legion, West Clandon, will follow Club training nearby. Whether or not you attend training, please support your Club by attending the AGM.

Proposal for Guildford Working Gundog Club Committee	
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Club News

Committee vacancies

We would love to find new Committee members to ensure that we have a good mix of people with the right skills going forward. Some of the existing Committee members have been involved for many years and will want to step down at some stage so it would be good to get new members on board before this happens. These are all voluntary roles of course but it's not a huge commitment in terms of time and it's a great way to find out more about the Gundog world generally.

At this stage, we specifically need someone to lead Catering (at our Working Tests and Field Trials) as well as a Yearbook Editor (some experience of Word and PowerPoint would be beneficial). We are also looking for another couple of people who could help at events throughout the year and just share the load generally before, possibly, taking on another role as it became available. Ideally, new Committee members would live in Surrey although this wouldn't be a deal-breaker provided they could get to Committee meetings - about 4 per year plus the AGM, normally in March. Help will, of course, be given as much as is required to all new Committee members.

The GWGC Committee is a very friendly, strong, cohesive group who all get along really well and we support each other as much as we can, covering for each other as we need to. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Chris Geal, the Club's Chairman, or any of the current Committee members, for a no-obligation chat.

The Inter-Counties Team Event

Fifteen clubs are invited each year to provide a team of three Open dogs. Winning The Kelly Memorial Shield with an amazing score, Dukeries (Notts)



Photo credit: Hilly Hoar

Gundog Club were the very worthy winners and will therefore be hosting the 2025 Inter-Counties Team Event.

John Scott (aka "Scotty"!) writes: "It's always a great pleasure to be asked to represent a club so when I received the "call to arms" from Colin Pelham, I was very pleased indeed as the area events are always well represented with a high standard of competitor and some very challenging tests.

Jennie Knight, Luke Nightingale and I were lucky enough to be very familiar with each other and our dogs' capabilities. It was reassuring to be alongside team members who were such competent and experienced handlers.

Arun & Downland are well known for their efficiency and energy and everything was up and running as we signed in at the scenic and beautiful setting of Springhead Farm in Parham, West Sussex. The gundog community is so very fortunate to be able to access such gorgeous venues. Huge thanks to the Hayward family for the privilege of being able to hold this event on their marvellous estate. The historic house was the most perfect back drop.

We had four very experienced and knowledgeable judges - Di Stevens, Colin Pelham, John Keegan and Reuben Mort. Judged by Reuben, three marked retrieves on the far side bank of a small lake was our first challenge. All went well and it was nice to get the first "bird in the bag" with minimal fuss and ado. With nerves adequately settled, we moved on to John's test which was in woodland with a multitude of bunkers to trip over. This test proved to be our most challenging of the day with the bunkers both deceptive and problematic but we managed to avoid the dreaded zero.

We then progressed to the walk up, judged by Di who had some deceptively long marks over some dead ground and a small ditch that wasn't apparent until the dog was in it! Nerves were held, then we were turned around for a tricky blind situated along a thick hedge bordering some woods. Once again no zeros! Colin presented us with an awkward water problem involving a long mark onto the water followed by a shortish blind on the same line but off into a area of fallen trees. The third retrieve was a long blind on a completely different line away from the first two retrieves. We still had a clean score sheet!

Our final headache was a mark each but spread over quite a wide area with a comprehensive array of bunkers to stumble into under the beady eyes of all four judges. We weren't quite so tidy on this final test but our nerves held and we were still able to complete the test. Frustrations and nerves were apparent but team "Scotty-Jen-Luke" prevailed! A mid-field finish was a fair result and an achievement in itself to have no zeros.

Huge thanks must go to Arun & Downland and Penny Morris and her team for providing the most perfect end to a wonderful day in the shape of a delicious hog roast for everyone."

The Southern Interclub Match

James Prout writes: "UGS Surrey, West Sussex and Hampshire hosted the Southern Interclub Match on 16th June 2024 at Isenhurst by kind permission of Clive & Gilly Nickols. The judges for the day were Chris Marshall, Julia Smith,

Ben Starns, Roger Wade and Robert Worrall. For those attending tests here before, it immediately brings to mind water retrieves and challenging terrain for dog and handler alike, plus more wood ants than I have ever seen in the UK!

The GWGC team comprised Belinda Bainbridge running Norlands Xoriguer (Gin) in the ND/NH category, Jane Best running Meonvalley Ledcreeff (Lark) in the Novice and myself running Fongaillo Eurydome Calista (Calista) in the Open. The weather was benign, even pleasant for a change, and UGS pulled out all the stops, with a set of challenging, often intriguing tests for each category, allowing competitors to work as a team, playing to the strengths of our dogs and trying to sidestep weaknesses.



Left photo: L to R: GWGC team - Belinda and Gin, James and Calista and Jane and Lark

That stratagem did not go entirely to plan and unfortunately it turned into a “could have, would have, should have” sort of day. All three dogs did some lovely retrieves but punctuated by misfortune, expensive errors and a lot of consequential handling, culminating in a fairly disastrous walked-up test where even playing our joker and thus doubling our score only gave it a gloss of respectability! Chastened, we repaired our spirits with some excellent homemade cakes and a hog roast kindly provided by UGS. Optimism was thus restored but with rather more homework for dogs and handlers than at the beginning of the day! Congratulations to the winning team, UGS Kent & East Sussex.”

The Edenbridge and Oxted Show

Natalie Roy writes: “After what seemed like endless days of rain, my team mate Kieran Green (running Troddenmills Hot Blooded, Rifle) and I (running Troddenmills Incognito, Haxby) were rather happy that the day of the Edenbridge & Oxted Retriever Challenge dawned warm and sunny.

Hosted by The South Eastern Gundog Society, the event is an exhibition test, with eight clubs putting up two open dogs each. The test ground is compact,



permitting the spectators a great view of the dogs working, with numerous fences, pens, water and changes of cover that can be combined to create interesting and varied retrieves.

Each competitor walked round with judge Julia Smith and undertook four tests with batches of four competitors then completing a fifth, group test. There was a good crowd with lots of vocal support and applause for the dogs.

The day incorporated a scurry open to the public and youngsters in the crowd were invited onto the test ground to meet and handle the competing dogs. It was a very enjoyable day, extremely well organised by David Breach and the rest of the SEGS team. Many thanks to Julia Smith for giving up her day to judge, to all the helpers and the super catering.

While it was the first time in the challenge that no dog zeroed, it wasn't a winning day for Team Guildford. Congratulations to those in the awards:

- 1st Winning the Nick Potts Memorial Tankard, Jane Carnaghan with Geordieland Yarrow Marcher (URC Southern Area)
- 2nd Sue Jordan with FtCh Tullysedged Incas Gold (Southern Golden Retriever Society)
- 3rd Cynthia Thackwell with Lovatnoir Ouzel (KSSLRC)
- 4th Linda Peake with Packmores Tay (KSSLRC)

The team with the highest aggregate score (of 228 points) was URC Southern Area – Jane Carnaghan with Geordieland Yarrow Marcher (LRD) and Sam Kirkham with Bellspaddle Archer Of Wallershaven (LRD).



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Training Organiser's Report

Lisa Murrell writes: "What a wonderful start we had to our training season in 2024 with our first two training sessions at our new ground at Gosden Hill Farm being superbly supported by club members. The landowner, Noel Grant, has been so accommodating and generous, both with his time and efforts to improve the entrance track and he has kindly welcomed us back to his ground for the first two training sessions in 2025. As many of you found out last year, the track to the meeting point is quite long (with a few holes, hopefully filled soon!) but I hope you will agree that the hard-standing to park on and the facilities that Noel has laid on for us are superb – we are extremely fortunate. Please ensure that you follow the directions on page 12 carefully to avoid entry to the ground directly from the A3 - we judge this to be potentially dangerous and too great a risk for our members.



Photo credit: Sarah Middleton



Following a similar schedule to last year, we are then going on to two dates at Knaphill, by kind permission of Paul Stevens, the keeper, and the Sloccock family. These two training sessions were also well attended last year so we are hopeful again. Finally, we are back at Deerbridge for our final two training sessions. The summer sessions are always really appreciated at John and Liz Barnes's superb ground because, if it is hot and sunny, we will be able to use the wonderful rivers and ponds there. We are so lucky to have the support of all of our hosts for their varied and interesting grounds – we would be unable to do our sport without them.

Left: One of Colin's classes

At our final training session we were able to present the Baveybuilt Award for the Most Improved Trainee to Ian Morrison and Charlie. As you will read from his lovely report on page 13, Ian and Charlie really triumphed and it was a unanimous decision from our trainers that they were worthy winners of the trophy. Ian asks for more training sessions but, sadly, that will not be possible.

Each year, it is more and more difficult to pick dates and times when our sessions do not clash with other working tests, training and training days and, as I know you will appreciate, we need an entire “team” to help run each morning. Most importantly, we couldn’t do it without our magnificent team of trainers - Colin Pelham, Barry and Liz Taylor, Liz Barnes, Leigh Sutton and Joy Venturi Rose, all of whom always step up when asked. Also, my magnificent Committee members and some regular club members who are with me from early on to help park the cars, toss dummies and serve tea and biscuits - whatever is needed! I am so fortunate to have these Committee and club members and I thank them all for their help last season - Jane, Chris, Julia, Mandy, James, Belinda, Lauren and Luke (despite no longer living in the area!) and Helen.

Once again, may I please remind all those that would like to come to training to let me know in advance if you plan to come - and I don’t mean at 21:30 the night before! Please e-mail me at lisa.gwgc@gmail.com. I won’t hold you to it but it helps enormously to have an idea of how many trainees are going to turn up on the day. We work very hard to keep our classes to a sensible size by having enough trainers and we can only do this if we know, in good time, roughly how many people want to come. The size of the classes is something I consider to be of the utmost importance.

We may try and arrange a special training day later on in the summer although nothing is confirmed as yet. If we are able to do this, we will send an e-mail with all the details to members well in advance of the date.

Thank you again for supporting the club training last season. I welcome any feedback as to how we can improve things and I wish our members a successful working test season ahead.

2025 TRAINING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Venue
Sat, 22nd February	10:00-12:00	Gosden Hill Farm, Merrow, Guildford
Sat, 15th March	10:00-12:00	Gosden Hill Farm, Merrow, Guildford
Sat, 5th April	10:00-12:00	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sun, 11th May	10:00-12:00	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sun, 15th June	10:00-12:00	Deerbridge, Elstead
Sat, 5th July	10:00-12:00	Deerbridge, Elstead

Directions to Club Training Grounds

Club signs will be out. Please do not enter the grounds until they are.

Gosden Hill Farm, Merrow, Guildford, GU4 7LE

what3words: **hats.palace.watch**

From the North:

From the A3 take the Burpham/Merrow exit. At the first mini roundabout take the first exit into Great Oaks Park and immediately turn left into London Road.

** Follow this road, taking a sharp right bend into Merrow Lane. Gosden Hill Farm is on the left hand side - GWGC signs will be out. Continue straight (not left or right to the houses), through a gate and a small yard and then follow the signs along a track through the farm (approximately a mile) and you will see a big grain barn on your right. Turn in here and parking will be on the hard-standing in front of the grain barn.

From the South:

From the A3 take the Wooden Bridge exit and follow the A25 towards Dorking passing Ladymead Retail Park on your left. Go straight on at the traffic lights (Stoke Interchange), past the Spectrum Leisure Centre on your left and, at the next roundabout (Boxgrove Crossroads), filter first left onto the A3100/London Road, signposted A3 (London). Continue on this road, going straight over a roundabout, then passing Aldi on your left. Take the second exit at the roundabout and, again, the second exit at the next roundabout, turning into Great Oaks Park and immediately turn left into London Road. Then follow the instructions above from ** above.

Knaphill Manor, Carhouse Lane, Chobham, GU21 4XT

what3words: **fake.dock.degree**

After you turn into Carhouse Lane, Club signs will indicate the entrance to the ground.

Deerbridge, Elstead, GU8 6LA

what3words: **speaking.streaking.conductor**

From the A3 Milford roundabout, take the B3001 towards Elstead. After about a mile, you will see two big Scots Pines on the right-hand side on either side of an entrance, painted with white rings around their trunks. Turn here and follow Club signs.

Top Trainee: Persistence pays off for Ian

Each year, the Baveybuilt Training Award (kindly donated by Jean Baveystock) for the Most Improved Trainee is awarded to the handler who has progressed furthest at Club Training. In Summer 2024, it was awarded to Ian Morrison.

Ian Morrison writes: “I was absolutely stunned when we were presented with the Baveybuilt Training Award. I have to thank Lisa Murrell for introducing me to GWGC and the world of gundog training. At her invitation, we came along to the last training session of the 2022 season. At the time Charlie was pretty unruly - no recall, wouldn't stay, ran in on pretty much every thrown dummy, you get the picture! The only thing he seemed to have going for him was terrific enthusiasm for retrieving and constant marking of everything that looked like a dummy.

The training sessions run by GWGC have been invaluable on our training journey, we've attended every training session possible. Whilst I appreciate all the hard work that goes into organising and running each session, I just wish there were more each year. I've had the good fortune and benefit of working with fabulous trainers. I'd like particularly to thank Joy, Liz, Leigh and Jane for their patience and knowledge.

I've also helped out on a couple of working tests. Seeing how others handle their dogs and talking to the judges has provided valuable insight into what I've been doing wrong and how to improve - can't recommend this highly enough. I'm looking forward to the day when Charlie and I can take part in a working test.

It's been an uphill battle but by the end of last year, I could see that we had improved considerably, but this year has transformed him. The GWGC sessions have provided both of us with challenges but thanks to the patience and knowledge of a great team of trainers, I feel that we have got a good foundation. This was confirmed to me when, a few weeks ago, we passed the Working Gundog Certificate.”



Ian Morrison and Charlie



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Field Trial Secretary's Report

Patti Money-Coutts writes: "It's hard to believe but this is my fifth Field Trial Secretary's report. You hear a lot of negative comments about how difficult it is to be a Field Trial Secretary and who would want that job. This always leaves me slightly mystified. Having completed five years in the role, I have found it challenging but thoroughly enjoyable and it has taught me so much about how the trialling system works. I would encourage anyone who is interested in trialling to get more involved in helping at trials and, dare I say it, consider taking on the Field Trial Secretary role.



I would like to say my thanks at the start this year. First and foremost, to the excellent GWGC Committee for always being supportive and turning out in force to help at our Field Trials. We have wonderful feedback from competitors on how well-run things are on the day and this is completely due to the fabulous team of helpers that all do their bit and I am exceedingly grateful to you all. An extra special thanks goes to Lisa Murrell and Lauren Wright for stepping in as Chief Steward on a couple of occasions when I was not able to be there and to Belinda Bainbridge for always feeding the team so royally. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, Silent Pool and especially Skinner's, for all that they do for the club and for our sport. My final thanks go to our Judges, Guns, Landowners, Keepers, Beaters and Pickers up who all play such a crucial part in putting on a successful trial.

The club held three trials this season. Our first was a Novice stake at Windsor by kind permission of His Majesty the King and The Crown Commissioners. A huge thank you to Headkeeper Peter Clayton and his team for a super day. Our Two Day Qualifying Open stake was held on the Packington Estate and our thanks go to Lord and Lady Guernsey as well as to Headkeeper Aaron Taylor and his team for looking after us in style. Our last trial for the season was an All Aged stake held on the Englefield Estate. Thanks for that must go to Lord Benyon and Headkeeper David Wiggins and his team who again treated us to a wonderful day. Results and details follow on pages 16-20.

This is my last year in charge as Field Trial Secretary and I will be handing the mantle over to James Prout whom I am sure will do a fantastic job going forward. I will still be there in the background helping out where I can and I look forward to many more enjoyable and successful seasons on the GWGC Committee.

Field Trial Results for the 2024-25 Season

Trial 1: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake

Tuesday, 10th September 2024

Venue: Windsor Great Park, Windsor, Berkshire
At the kind invitation of His Majesty The King and The Crown Commissioners

Judges: Jason Mayhew (A3701)
Liz Taylor (B3536)
Liz Barnes (NP2551)
Tom Sage (NP4015)

Awards: 1st Bellspaddle Inspire, Tom Cross
The Hydonsdown Bowl
COM Cornwood Glorification, Keith
Broomfield
COM Jinkster Goldencrest, Mary Hogg
Guns' Choice Bellspaddle Inspire, Tom Cross
The Ged Leonard Tankard



A stormy-looking but dry day!

Trial 2: 24 Dog Two Day Open AV Retriever Stake

Monday 4th and Tuesday, 5th November 2024

Venue: Packington Estate, Meriden, West Midlands
By kind permission of Lord and Lady Guernsey

Judges: David Field (A2257)
Wendy Glue (A3556)
Nicola Reynolds (A3574)
Simon Capstick (B3951)

Awards: 1st Riverrush Flow, Adam Holmes
The Cornwood Salver and The
FtCh Deerbridge Alex Trophy
Guns' Choice Marstonprior Grenadier Of
Wedgnock, Steve Richardson
The Foxhanger Tankard

Best Retrieve Stauntonvale Caracal, Patti Money-Coutts
The Norlands Trophy



*The judges walking
back after Day 1*

Trial 3: 14 Dog All Aged AV Retriever Stake

Tuesday, 3rd December 2024

Venue: Englefield Estate, near Reading, Berkshire
By kind permission of Lord Benyon and Englefield Park Estate

Judges: Sue Hutton (A2679)
Martin Bagg (B3233)
James Brindley (NP4050)
Alistair House (NP3922)

Awards: 1st Klato Isaac of Flypatch, Tim Brain
The President's Trophy
2nd Fongaillo Eurydome Calista, James Prout
3rd Geordieland Yarrow Marcher, Jane Carnaghan
Guns' Choice Geordieland Yarrow Marcher, Jane Carnaghan
The Cole Cup



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Field Trial Reports: 2024-25 Season

Trial 1: 14 Dog Novice AV Retriever Stake, Windsor Great Park

The Club was very fortunate to hold our first trial of the season at Windsor Great Park. Headkeeper and Steward of the Beat, Peter Clayton, and his very capable team looked after us wonderfully, as always. Our Guns, all veterans of shooting at Windsor, were kindly organised by John Stubbs.

The winner of the trial, Tom Cross, writes: “Driving into the Great Park, we were met by the fabulous committee who are always so well organised and helpful – followed by a safety briefing and a short trip on the game cart.

We started with a duck drive, beautifully presented to the guns who shot well all day. This was followed by walking up on partridges for the remainder of the day. Throughout the day, there was some excellent dog work and I felt fortunate just to be in such well trained company. My limited experience of trialling is you need it all to go right for you. Lady Luck was certainly smiling on me and that beautiful day in early September just happened to be my day.



Award winners, judges and Head Keeper Peter Clayton

Any day spent at Windsor Great Park is special. But to be there as part of a walked-up day was a true privilege. Crossing the famous Long Walk Road in a game cart, speaking with the Rangers about their day to day and picking game from the stunning grounds were all “pinch me” moments and experiences that will live long in my memory. Thank you to His Majesty The King and the Estate staff for hosting us, for all the helpers, judges and committee members of Guildford Working Gundog Club for a wonderful day.”

Trial 2: 24 Dog Two Day Open AV Retriever Stake, Packington Estate

Patti Money-Coutts writes: “The club held their Two Day Open Qualifying trial for the first time this year at Packington Estate. The Estate has a long history of hosting trials by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Guernsey and I first visited Packington in 2018 to spectate at the International Gundog League

Championships held there that year. It is a really wonderful ground offering varying terrains and a wide variety of game for the bag. I knew then I wanted to go back some day to compete there.

Being a Field Trial Secretary and running an Open dog can be a bit limiting but as this was my fifth year in the role and having a wonderful Committee and team of helpers that I could call on, I took the decision to enter our own trial. If I got a run great and if not, it would be a good two days managing the trial. The run gods smiled on me and I was drawn number 18. I would fulfil my dream of running at Packington!

After completing all the organising and welcoming everyone to the ground I handed over the running of the trial to my talented team (who did a fantastic job over the two days – I am so grateful to you all!). The weather was cold and crisp. We started, as most trials at Packington do, in the tall bracken of the Park surrounding the golf course. There is nothing more surreal than walking in line in a trial and hearing both guns shooting and the thwack of golf balls being struck. Headkeeper Aaron Taylor and his team ensured the game flowed steadily but not too heavily as we made our way around the Park. Some dogs struggled with the high bracken and others made it look easy. For our first retrieve we were taken a long way back behind the line to pick a bird that had been wounded but flew back about 250 yards. One of Aaron's team had a good mark on it – it was on a spit of land in a small lake. I lined Pinto up and despite the cold she took the plunge and returned with the bird. A very nice start. We then moved in to a field of birdy crop and continued there. Our second retrieve was a two dog eye wipe in the crop. We finished the first day in this patch of ground, again with a lovely flow of game. Ten dogs (including ourselves) completed and were called back for the second day.

The second day was even colder and we started walking up on stubble with the guns placed to our left in the cover crop on the margin of the field. One dog failed to make the area and was called up. It soon became apparent that scenting conditions were poor after four dogs went out on a pheasant dropped in the crop that the judges picked easily. We continued in the next field and again the four handlers were placed in the stubble with the guns in two strips of cover crops to our left. Two birds were shot dead into the second strip of cover which proved to be the undoing of four more dogs leaving one dog standing and a worthy winner in Adam Holmes with Riverrush Flow.

We had a wonderful two days for our first time running at Packington and I cannot wait to have another go on this superb ground. Thank you to Lord and Lady Guernsey, Headkeeper Aaron Taylor and his team of beaters and picker up. Thank you to our very fair and level headed judges – David Field, Wendy Glue, Nicola Reynolds and Simon Capstick. Thank you to our very able guns organised

by Dave Brown. Thank you to our sponsors, Skinner's and Silent Pool Gin. And finally, thank you to my super team of Chief Steward and Dog Steward Lauren Wright, Judges' Stewards Jane Best and Luke Nightingale and Game Carriers Pip Wheatcroft and Gary Rodgers. You all helped me achieve my goal of running at Packington.



The judges and award winners



Adam Holmes, winner

Trial 3: 14 Dog All Aged AV Retriever Stake, Englefield Estate

Our third and final trial of the season was held at the beautiful Englefield Estate by kind permission of Lord Benyon. Steward of the Beat was Headkeeper David Wiggins who made the club and competitors very welcome. David kindly organised a wonderful team of guns, beaters and pickers up. The guns shot beautifully and were very patient between drives while the dogs were working. Thank you to the whole team.

The day was crisp and sunny to start with but, once the sun disappeared, it was chilly and there was very little breeze. There were three drives of mainly pheasant, some partridge and a woodcock. The dogs were sent into woodland with varied cover and a deep ditch with a running stream. Some of the retrieves proved challenging, particularly when the dogs were working out of sight of their handlers. During the third drive, some of the birds fell tantalisingly close to the 6 remaining dogs and into the stream just behind them and, sadly, one dog just couldn't resist the temptation!

Our judges were Sue Hutton, Martin Bagg, James Brindley and Alistair House and huge thanks must go to them for giving up their time to judge for us. There were five members of the GWGC Committee helping as well as some other wonderful members, all of whom offered so willingly to help. Without helpers, these days just would not happen and we are very grateful.

Working Test Secretary's Report

Mandy Bloomfield writes: "In 2024 we hosted 4 Working Test days. Our Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran Tests took place in March at Upper Birtley, Haslemere. It was wonderful to see so many up-and-coming dogs and handlers. April saw our Special Puppy and Intermediate Tests at Knaphill Manor, Chobham. A good number of competitors turned out, generating healthy competition for all. Our Novice Test in June was held at Burstow Park Farm, Outwood and our Open Test was held in July at the wonderful grounds of Windsor Great Park. Without the generosity of our landowners, we would not be able to run these days. I would therefore like to thank His Majesty The King and The Crown Commissioners, Sir Graham Wilkinson Bt., Mr Tom Slocock and Mr Jim and Mrs Nina Nicholson for giving us access to their fantastic grounds.

I would also like to express how grateful I am to the helpers, whom we totally rely on when we run these events. I would also like to thank our Committee members for their continued support, especially Belinda Bainbridge, who always works hard to put together a great spread for Judges and helpers, Julia Reardon Smith, who is a great support to me, and Colin Pelham who gives up a huge amount of time to set the tests. An enormous amount of time goes into organising Working Test days behind the scenes, so thank you all, and a big thank you to the Judges for their time and expertise.

Congratulations to our award winners in 2024. We look forward to the tests scheduled for 2025. If you are able to give up your time to help at one or two of our Working Tests, it would be greatly appreciated - please e-mail me at mandy.gwgc@gmail.com."

Working Test Definitions

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

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

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 Working Test held in accordance with Kennel Club regulations.

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

OPEN: Open to all.

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

Working Test Schedule for 2025

Working Tests for AV Retrievers are run under The Kennel Club “J Regulations” to include withdrawing from a test. All enquiries to Mandy Bloomfield, Working Test Secretary, at: 7 Vine Cottages, Alfold Road, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8NB, tel 07827 920065; e-mail mandy.gwgc@gmail.com.

Entry fee (all tests): Members £10; Non-members £15; Late Entries £15. All **entry fees (other than for Late Entries) must be paid before the closing date for entries.** No refunds after closing dates for entries unless in accordance with the “J Regulations” of The Kennel Club.

Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Working Tests

Saturday, 22nd March 2025

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

Judges: Colin Pelham (A2682)
Joy Venturi Rose (B1930)
Alistair House (NP3922)
Lauren Wright (NP)

Trophies: ND-NH 1st The Foxhanger Mascot Trophy
Veteran 1st The Thamis Trophy

Closing date for entries: Saturday, 15th March 2025

Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests

Sunday, 27th April 2025

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

Judges: At the time of printing, the appointment of the judges had not been confirmed. FTMS will be updated with this information as soon as it becomes available. It is likely that there will be 4 judges.

Trophies: Special Puppy 1st The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd The Rayleas Trophy
Highest placed puppy under 18 months,
The Roderick Award
Intermediate 1st The Gunners Challenge Cup

Closing Date for entries: Saturday, 19th April 2025

Novice Working Test

Sunday, 8th June 2025

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

Judges: At the time of printing, the appointment of the judges had not been confirmed. FTMS will be updated with this information as soon as it becomes available. It is likely that there will be 5 judges.

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

Closing Date for entries: Saturday, 31st May 2025

Open Working Test

Sunday, 20th July 2025

Venue: Windsor Great Park
By gracious invitation of His Majesty The King and
The Crown Commissioners

Judges: At the time of printing, the appointment of the judges had not been confirmed. FTMS will be updated with this information as soon as it becomes available. It is likely that there will be 5 judges.

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

Closing Date for entries: Saturday, 12th July 2025

Entering GWGC Working Tests

If possible, please enter our Working Tests using Field Trial Management System (FTMS) at www.fieldtrial.info and pay via FTMS using PayPal. Entries must be completed the day before the closing date because FTMS closes at midnight before the closing date. **To be included in the draw, entry fees (other than Late Entries) must be paid before the closing date.**

We will accept paper entries if you cannot access FTMS. Please write your e-mail address clearly on the entry form or enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. Since the club now has to pay for the privilege of banking cheques, **please** pay entry fees for paper entries directly to the club's bank account rather than sending a cheque if you possibly can. The club's bank details are:

Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Guildford Working Gundog Club

Sort Code: 30-93-49

Account Number: 00151140

Results for the 2024 Working Test Season

Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Working Tests

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

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

Judges: Beth Morgan, Colin Pelham, Ben Starns and Joy Venturi Rose

Novice Dog-Novice Handler

Awards: 1st Red Hot Wasabi, Bonnie Drysdale
The Foxhanger Mascot Trophy
2nd Thubamba Grevillea at Pelyma, Lynn Griffiths
3rd Colquite Mary Poppins of Blackenvoy, Sarah Cox
4th Chatervalley Amber, Linda Smith
COM Tanglefield Fig, Clare Jackman
COM Boxcottage Catherine, Helen O'Brien

Veteran

Awards: 1st Norlands Tara, Lauren Wright
The Thamis Trophy
2nd Pointhill Peregrine, Marianne Copp
3rd Mitforton Neon, Mike Crutchley
4th Buccleuch Yvette of Jathmea, John Baker
COM Polihale Bucks Fizz at Baveybuilt, Jean Baveystock

Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests

Saturday, 27th April 2024

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

Judges: Sue Berman, Hilly Hoar, Lisa Murrell and Rob Smallman

Special Puppy

Awards: 1st Esme Echo, Lee Dunn
The Copsey Bracken Salver
2nd Meonvalley Ledcrieff, Jane Best
The Rayleas Trophy
3rd Abbotsann Brightwater, John Scott
4th Bolebrokeold Kensington, Matthew Dennis
No qualifier for The Roderick Award for the highest placed puppy under 18 months

Intermediate

Awards: 1st Pallasa Thena of Cavers, Shirley Carew
The Gunners Challenge Cup
2nd Pedebouc Summer, Anthony Stewart
3rd Troddenmills Just A Whim, Mike Fleming
4th Troddenmills Home And Dry, Helen Hughes
COM Bradley Green Eclipse Sue, Lee Dunn

Novice Working Test

Sunday, 9th June 2024

Venue: Burstow Park Farm, Outwood
By kind permission of Jim and Nina Nicholson

Judges: Liz Barnes, Mell Brooks, Alistair House, Liz Taylor and Lauren Wright

Awards: 1st Lucky Billy Boy, Jessica Webster
The Entonlee Trophy
2nd Dulcet Dora, John Bryce Malcolmson
The Hoopwick Trophy
3rd Hestmoor Hespera, Sue Leeson
4th Deringcote Barn Owl, Hayley Mack

Open Working Test

Sunday, 21st July 2024

Venue: Windsor Great Park, Windsor, Berkshire
By gracious invitation of His Majesty The King, The Crown
Commissioners and the Head Keeper, Peter Clayton

Judges: Alan Buckland, Coral Meakes, Patti Money-Coutts, John Stubbs and Barry Taylor

Awards: 1st Mitforton Orchid at Kirbyhall, Hilly Hoar
The Challenge Cup
2nd Birdsgreen Lyric of Bobwalden, Tammy White
The Rollin Shield
3rd Mitforton Tuscany, Rob Smallman
4th Leospring Tiffin, Joy Venturi Rose
COM Welige Lady Sybil of Wight, Bryony Hamilton

2024 Working Test Reports

Novice Dog-Novice Handler & Veteran Working Tests, Upper Birtley

Novice Dog-Novice Handler winner Bonnie Drysdale writes: “My first test ever was Guildford’s NDNH in April 2023 - never felt nerves like it! Received my first zero for sending my dog before I was told to. When the shock finally wore off a few days later, I wanted more - the bug had bitten!

Fast forward one year to 23rd March 2024, I was determined to redeem myself: no zeros, try to control my nerves, and most importantly enjoy myself. There were 4 tests on the day, with weather all over the place - heavy downpours, hail and finally sunshine. By the end, with Connor’s help, I had achieved the above goals I had set for myself. I wasn’t sure where we would end up in the scores as I needed to use my stop whistle more than I thought the judges would like but told myself, “it was better to lose a point using my stop whistle than many points not using it”.

Surprise doesn’t describe it when I heard them saying our names as the winner of the NDNH test! Two things I learned that day - don’t be afraid to use your stop whistle and learn to read your dog,”



ND-NH award winners and judges



Veteran award winners and judges

Veteran winner Lauren Wright writes: “It was a last minute decision to run Bronte in Guildford’s Veteran test. She would still love to run in Opens and though her mind is still up to it, she doesn’t know when to stop so I have had to make the call to start to slow it down with her as she is 11. The Veteran test included two retrieves on each test with a mixture of distractions, blinds and a two dog walk up with marks behind the line and scent proving difficult. Running Bronte is like putting my comfy old slippers on, she goes where I point and though very much on her terms, she still works well on the whistle. I was over the moon to win and she fully deserved to return to a comfy sofa at my mums at the end of the day! Bronte’s done so much for me over the years and I owe her everything.”

Special Puppy & Intermediate Working Tests, Knaphill Manor

We were really pleased to be back at Knaphill Manor again. The very generous landowner, Tom Slocock, and Paul Stevens, the Shoot Chairman/Manager, have allowed the Club to use their ground for many years now and always look after us so well. We are truly grateful to have access to this lovely ground.

Special Puppy winner Lee Dunn writes: “It was a fantastic day. The Club was very accommodating and very friendly. It was a pleasure to run my dog and I look forward to the next one!”

Intermediate winner Shirley Carew writes: “Knaphill Manor is a wonderful mixture of long grassy vistas, boggy reed beds, woodland with beautiful rare trees and rough cover and hardly any stinging nettles or brambles. It is made up of the giant equivalent of nooks, crannies and grottos and there is so much space that the shots from one test cannot be heard at the next. The test setters did a brilliant job, and I am sure all the dogs gained from the day, we don't often have access to such a wonderful ground.



Special Puppy award winners and judges



Intermediate award winners and judges

When Athene did not get a CoM, I was a little disappointed as I felt she had risen to the occasion. So I was utterly shocked and delighted when it turned out she had won the Intermediate. A big thank you to the owners of this beautiful estate and to the judges, helpers and organisers who make it all possible. How grateful I am to have discovered in retirement such a friendly community - it was lovely to see old friends again and to meet some delightful new ones.”

Novice Working Test, Burstow Park Farm

We were extremely grateful to be able to run our test on these fantastic grounds, the first visit for the club. Special thanks must go to Alistair House for the hours of preparation including clearing areas and making jumps.

Novice winner, Jessica Webster writes: “Our day started with a two dog walk-up. Our first retrieve was thrown into crop off to our left before swapping places and walking on for our second retrieve out to the right in stubble. Both marked

and delivered. Phew! Then onto our second test - standing just in from the gate in the corner of a big flat field, a blind with shot along one hedge line first followed by a mark thrown out into the field from the other hedge, at right angles to the blind. Blind first then turn back for the mark, both retrieves completed. So far, so good!

Our third test was a mark in long grass with the second dummy shot and thrown out as Murphy returned with the first - that required good concentration and marking. Then on to our next test - a double over a fence in the woods, the first a mark and then (cunningly!) a blind in the same place. Our last test was two blinds in the woods, the first with shot and the other stopping to hunt short of the bolting rabbit. Wow, we'd never seen anything like that before, thank goodness he didn't run in!

Thank you to everyone involved in planning, setting up and organising the tests, making good use of the open ground, hedges, woodland, crops, long grass, distractions and jumps to give the dogs different challenges. Great stewarding to keep the tests running quickly and efficiently and lovely, encouraging judges. Murphy did really well and I was thrilled to win."



Novice award winners and judges

Open Working Test, Windsor Great Park

Open winner Hilly Hoar writes: "Portia here (Mitforton Orchid at Kirbyhall). Mum has delegated the task of doing a write up to me. So here goes. I saw preparations going on the night before that one of us was going to have a day out with Mum. Please, please let it be me. Hooray it was!!

We arrive at the magnificent venue of Windsor Great Park. Mum told me to be careful where we trod as the ground had been used during the winter by cattle and was very rough to walk on. But all the tests were carefully chosen so the ground we worked on was as safe as it could be and off we went to do 5 well thought out and challenging tests. The bigger the challenge the more I love it. I have total faith in Mum's requests and we do have a deep understanding of each other, which is such a joyous thing. We both enjoyed our day out enormously!

She would now like to say something - I would just like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful judges, Mandy and her happy band of brilliant helpers. They are all the life blood of our sport. What an honour and a privilege it was to be at such a wonderful venue. Thank you to the competitors for their good humour. Last but by no means least, a huge thank you to my darling Portia. She gives me everything she can with so much enthusiasm to achieve. She is a very special girl and my soul mate. It was a very emotional win, as I said on the day, because the last time I won this test (with another very special home-bred black girl), it was in 2009 soon after a very sad time in my life."



Open award winners and judges



Photo credit: Hilly Hoar

And finally ...

Going beyond the call of duty ... here's Lauren Wright, the Club's Secretary, helping to pack up the trailer, supervised by Colin Pelham, at the end of our Working Test season!

The trailer is now all packed away and stored safely, awaiting its 2025 debut at our first Working Test (Novice Dog-Novice Handler and Veteran) on 22nd March 2025.



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 Hon 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 maintain an up to date list of members' names and their addresses and make the list of names available for inspection if so requested by the members of the Society (Club) 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 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, Hon Treasurer and the Hon Field Trial Secretary'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. NOTE: Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience unconnected to the Committee. The certified accounts shall be made available to members 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
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 disqualified 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. A quorum for General Meetings shall be 10.
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. A quorum for Special General Meetings shall be 10.
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. 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 authority for interpreting the rules and regulations of the Society (Club) in all cases relative to canine or Society (Club) matters.
16. The Society (Club) shall not join any Federation or Societies or Clubs.
17. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.

Programme of Events for Spring/Summer 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Saturday, 22nd February	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Gosden Hill Farm, Merrow, Guildford
Saturday, 15th March	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Gosden Hill Farm, Merrow, Guildford
Saturday, 15th March	12:45	Annual General Meeting	The Royal British Legion, West Clandon (see page 4)
Saturday, 22nd March	09:00	ND-NH and Veteran Tests	Parklands, Farnham
Saturday, 5th April	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sunday, 27th April	09:00	Special Puppy and Intermediate Tests	Upper Birtley, Haslemere
Sunday, 11th May	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sunday, 8th June	09:00	Novice Test	Knaphill Manor, Chobham
Sunday, 15th June	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Deerbridge, Elstead
Saturday, 5th July	10:00 - 12:00	Training	Deerbridge, Elstead
Sunday, 20th July	09:00	Open Test	Windsor Great Park