

## June 2023 Club Update

Dear Members

In May we held the club's AGM at which a fitting tribute was paid to our dearly departed chairman Ann Gallin who has sadly passed away. She is a great loss to the club. Ann was full of fun and worked hard for the club and always wanted members to enjoy their event. Ann loved her goldies as they say **to the moon and back**. We all miss her so much.

Louis Bellamy stepped into the chair to steer the club up to and including the AGM but he has now relinquished this post and resigned from the Executive Committee. My thanks to Louis for holding the fort during Ann's illness it was a difficult time.

As the post of Chair was vacant there was a ballot and myself, Gill Cavaciuti, was elected as Chair. The membership who attended the AGM voted on block for the remaining Executive members with Mandy Harvey being a new recruit to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee are as follows;

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| Chair/President:                 | Gill Cavaciuti   |
| Vice Chair/Treasurer/Membership: | Nick Gallin  |
| Show Secretary/Acting Secretary: | Shirley Stables  |
| Field Trial Secretary:           | Wendy Perera   |
| Exec:                            | Tim Bateman with responsibility for the website and emailing members |
|                                  | Sharon Baxendale Match Secretary                                     |
|                                  | Mandy Harvey   |

There are vacancies for a Club Secretary and 2 Exec places if you are interested, please give me a call 07969362775

Membership is strong although some **renewals are late**. Those members will be receiving a reminder so please check you have paid for 2023. Events are going ahead; Show training and monthly matches are at a new venue in Newport and working training continues at a variety of places. In September the club will hold an Open Show and a Working Test; details are on the website.

## Events Held during 2022/23

### Showing

On the 24th September 2022, the club held an Open Show at Porchfield Cricket Club. This was well supported with 76 dogs entered with 180 dogs shown in the various classes. This venue has now been used a number of times and on each occasion the cricket club's committee have been very accommodating. The venue is weather dependant as all showing takes place outside, but to date the weather has been in our favour. The club house is made available to us, so there are adequate toilet facilities, a kitchen and an area where the judges are afforded refreshments at lunch time. Also, this area is used to present the trophies.

For the Open Show held on the 18 March 2023, the club managed to acquire an alternative venue at Ryde Academy. For those who have regularly attended the March show, you will recall that for many years, the club used the Medina Leisure Centre in Newport. Although a good venue, parking has always been an issue and the cost of hire was becoming unacceptable.

The Ryde Academy has the advantage of being closed to pupils on Saturdays, the day we always hold our shows, so this affords the club ample parking facilities. Also, the staff were very accommodating with a caretaker present who offered his services on the evening prior to the show to enable the club to set up for the day. The cost of this venue was very reasonable and hopefully we can use it in the future. A huge thank you to Ben Rackett for sponsoring this event.

Training has been offered on Wednesday evenings throughout the year with a Match held on the fourth Wednesday in each month. Previously the venue used for nine months of the year was Haylands Farm, Ryde and has been used since early 2022. Unfortunately, this venue was not very suitable, as the hall is sectional, parking inadequate and it would be preferable for a central island location. The Executive Committee has recently acquired an alternative premises in Newport, this premises is owned by Rye's who accommodate dogs as a business, so is more suited. The location is just off Hurstake Road on the Riverway industrial estate.

Throughout the summer months two club members have offered and hosted training within the grounds of their properties and this has been very successful. Thanks to Terri Moore & The Rackett Family.

### **Working**

On the 18 September 2022 the club held a Working Test at Moor Farm, Godshill. This was well supported with 67 dogs entered, 9 dogs in the Puppy class, 40 dogs in the Novice class and 18 dogs in the Open class.

On the 26 February 2023 a Working Test was held at Newnham Farm. Once again this was well supported with 61 dogs entered, with 15 dogs taking part in the ND/NH class, 27 dogs in the Novice class and 19 dogs in the Open class.

Both days have been very well supported and we also need to recognise that we would not be able to undertake hosting these events if it were not for the support of local landowners and the very many helpers that work hard to make the days a success.

On the 17 December 2022, a Field Trial was held for the first time since 2019 at a new venue, Hill Farm, Brading. Again, this was well supported with 12 dogs taking part in a one-day Open Field Trial. The guns were organised by the landowner Robert Lovegrove.

Again, the venue was very suited to the Trial and the club's thanks go to Robert Lovegrove and his wife Sheila for all their efforts in making the day a success. The winner was Mel Brooks making her dog up to FT Champion a happy tearful day for Mel.

Working Training has been offered throughout the year for Puppies, Novice and Intermediate. Throughout the summer the training has taken place on a Wednesday evening and during the winter months on Sunday mornings. The club is lucky to be offered various venues for training, which gives the dogs and handlers plenty to learn and think about.

### **Showing & Working**

Thanks to everyone who gives their time, support and expertise to the club including Judges who often travel miles to come to us, stewards, markers, caterers, trainers, landowners, committee members. Events could not be held without your support, you do a wonderful job. Thank you one and all.

Enjoy your dogs.  
Gill