



# ISLE OF WIGHT GUNDOG CLUB

JULY 2015

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Thank you all for coming to your club's AGM it has been another very busy year which covers April 2014 to March 2015.

During the past year there has been some personal friction between members which is really sad and often very difficult to handle. Long standing friendships come to an end and rumours abound. The club can often become embroiled with these matters

which grow like topsy and rumble along. It is horrible, time consuming and unpleasant.

Hopefully the year ahead will be better. Let us go back to the wise words of 'Let the Dog do the talking.'

Our show members have been able to hone their skills at show training held at Binstead during the summer and you were able to go to a lovely outdoor venue at Hulverstone. Many thanks go to Teri Moore for opening up her garden for training.

Thank you to everyone who took the training, helped with the preparation and packing away of the hall and of course making the much welcome tea.

The monthly matches have been organised by Jan Andrews. Thank you Jan. These matches culminate in a match of the year which is always a lovely event.

Our Open shows held at Havenstreet and the new venue at Medina were both well supported. The entries were good, especially as the ferries are so expensive, and the atmosphere at both

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was very companionable. The weather was kind to us at Havenstreet, the hall at Medina is

excellent though the doors need to be kept closed and the catering arrangements need a tweak for the next one. Thank you to all the sponsors.

We also held a very successful show steward's training day which many of you I am sure benefitted from and will help the club with future events.

Ian Mason gave a very informative talk on dog's eyes and struggled through his projector problems. This was another well supported event.

At the matches and the shows it is wonderful to see the young handlers in

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the ring enjoying showing their or other people's dogs

They are the future, they need to be nurtured and encouraged; they are a real joy.

My very grateful thanks to all the judges for the shows and matches; the stewards, car park attendants and everyone who sponsored, donated and supported the club. There are so many jobs to be done on these days it is a huge amount of work. So thank you all.

Notable achievements during the past year include: Margaret Woods judging at Crufts which is a fantastic accolade and Pat & Neil got married in New York. I know we all wish them good lucky with their future.

Working training has continued throughout the year with three of us sharing the rota with a few guest appearances by Tony Sweatman. Tony has helped a countless number of people to train their dogs, his words of wisdom, his boundless knowledge and experience have and continue to be an inspiration. When you first take your puppy to him his comment is 'That will be alright wont it '. Thanks to Tony, Terry and Carole for your support. Taking the training can be so enjoyable and rewarding. Thanks also must go to our very supportive land owners.

The club held Working Tests at Hamstead, Westcourt and Hill Farm the latter one being the coldest wettest day. An army of helpers are required for

these days. Thank you to everyone who helped including the judges who travelled over at the crack of dawn. Thank you also to the land owners for allowing us to be there, their support is marvellous. The judges, stewards, cake makers, caterers Ann and Nick, test setters and dummy throwers all of whom stand out in all weather.

The two Field Trials were both held at Gatcombe, thanks go to James and Jack Kingswell and Mr & Mrs Robbie Hobart for allowing us to be there and a huge thank you to Tim Lester and his team of very affable guns for buying the days which we were allowed to compete around. They are the unsung heroes of trialing. Thank you everyone who helped at the trials, we cannot run events without you all.

The Christmas dinner was a lovely evening at the now famous pub at Hulverstone organised by Pat & Neil. Thank to them hopefully this will continue with more attending next time.

The committees; we have as you all know two hard working sub committees with Margaret and Dave heading up the show sub-committee of Cheryl, Neil, Lin, Belinda and Wendy S, and myself heading up the working sub-committee of Wendy, Carole, Corinne, Terry and Steve.

Then of course the executive committee chaired by myself with Wendy, Jayne, Ann, Margaret, Carole, Corinne, Pat, Jan and Dave.

All these members put in hours of work for the club membership, their support and commitment cannot be under estimated.

Pat leaves the executive tonight and Cheryl leaves the show committee; thank you both for your contribution.

To all the committees and on behalf of the members I congratulate all of you for your tireless efforts. Well done and grateful thanks to one and all.

Our finances are in a very healthy position thanks to everyone's support and commitment. Thank you Nick for assisting Ann with the treasurers' job.

As we start a new year we need to put the past behind us and move forward together. I wish you fun, enjoyment and the success you all wish for.

Gill Cavaciuti  
Chairman, IWGDC

At the start of summer training the working sub-committee set up an island Treasure Map – people attending training bought squares and when all the squares were sold the takings were split 50/50 club and draw winner. The winner of the draw was Tony Sweatman.

## AGM AWARDS

At the AGM there are a series of annual trophies presented. This year the Chairman and the Working and Show Sub-Committee's awarded the trophies as follows:

**THE GUNVALE TROPHY** ~ To the top working dog ~ **Carole Montague**

**MAYDENE MAX TROPHY** ~ To the top Island Show Dog ~ **Jan and Ken Andrews with Ericachen Rauri for Aftonmarsh**

**THE HULVERSTONE TROPHY** ~ Awarded by the Show Committee to the **Best Newcomer to Showing** ~ **Dyan Northard**

**THE FERGUS TROPHY** ~ Awarded by the Show Committee to the club's most promising Young Showing Handler ~ **Jessica Cooper**

**THE HOLBROOK TROPHY** ~ Awarded to the dog with the most points attained at the monthly matches ~ **There are joint winners with 27 each Belinda Millichamp & Pete Miller with Curlabull Iron Lion Zion& Cheryl Blackley & Ian Salero's Wightroche Hugh Dunit**

**PUPPY TROPHY** ~ Awarded to the young dog with the most points at monthly matches ~ **Wightroche Pipe N Slippers owned by Cheryl Blackley and Ian Salero**

**CHAIRMAN'S CRYSTAL** ~ This is awarded for attendance at training

The Show award goes to ~ **Lynda Smith**

The Working award goes to ~ **Angela Slaughter**

**HANDLER OF THE YEAR** This is awarded to the person that the working committee want to encourage; to someone who they feel has listened, practiced and tries really hard. It was Gill's very great pleasure to award this to **Louis Bellamy**

## THE FIELD.

With another AGM complete comes another round of sorting test dates, trial dates and finding judges, a thankless task in every working test and field trial secretary's list of jobs.

There has been a lot written on social media over the year in relation to tests and trials and I have to put my hand up and say that I support some of the words and feelings that have been articulated.

Being a working test or field trial secretary is a thankless task. There is an endless round of organising to do and you should never underestimate the amount of time and effort that goes into organising the events hosted by clubs, not only from the secretary, but from the endless supply of helpers that enable clubs to host enjoyable days – AND THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS.

As a club we would just like to take the opportunity to remind you that whilst you may train with professional trainers, what your club provides for you in terms of training and events is run entirely voluntarily and there are some real unsung heroes that turn out time after time to provide the competitors with a good event.

There are also a huge number of landowners and hosts without whom we would not be able to put on events and training and we owe those people a debt of thanks.

To that end can I please put in a plea that competitors stay at an event to the end of the day to celebrate your fellow competitor's achievements and thank the hosts and judges.

Remember, when you turn up to events, that being courteous and saying thank you costs nothing; that everyone starts competing somewhere so be tolerant of new handlers; and enjoy yourselves!

I look forward to seeing you at events we hold on the Island and hope that you all have an enjoyable summer test season and an enjoyable trialing season. Information on the dates for club events is available later in this newsletter, and all the information on dates is always available on our website.



Wendy  
Field Trial Secretary

## SOUTHERN INTER CLUB TEAM EVENT 2014.

Every year gundog clubs and societies throughout the South of England compete against each other in the Southern Interclub Match. Clubs in the qualifying area are invited to enter a three man team comprising of an open, novice and novice dog/novice handler. The winning team hosts the following year's competition.

The working sub-committee nominated Terry Souter captain and trainer of the Isle of Wight Team and held a try-out at Westcourt for the remaining two places. Members attending club training sessions with a novice dog or novice dog / novice handler were eligible to try-out for a place. Andy Webb, Carole Montague and Corinne Anjo all ran in the try-out which was judged by Terry Souter, Gill Cavaciuti and Wendy Perera. Andy's dog Murphy gave a near perfect performance as did Carole's bitch Jay earning them both a spot in the team with Andy running in novice and Carole novice dog/novice handler.

The team spent the next four weeks training together and getting their dogs used to running out at the same time as the other dogs. Tony Sweatman and Corinne Anjo gave up their time to throw dummies and set-up tests for the team

and by the day of the competition the dogs and handlers were working well together. So far so good!

The competition was hosted by Guildford Working Gundog Club on 29 June 2014 at Windsor Great Park with eighteen teams vying for first place over six tests. The competition was originally conceived in order to provide novice handlers with the opportunity to compete alongside more experienced handlers who could provide them with support and assistance whilst they were under the judge. Guildford drew inspiration from the competition's roots when setting the tests which, apart from one, were a series of three individual retrieves without the opportunity to work dogs simultaneously as had been the case in more recent competitions.

The Isle of Wight Team acquitted itself well earning some good individual scores but at the end of the day Guildford Working Gundog Club came out on top again!

The working sub-committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to getting a team to the competition, not least of all the three team members who gave up a considerable amount of their time in order to represent the Club at this prestigious event. So a round of applause to Terry Souter, Carole Montague, and Andy Webb!

*Corinne Anjo on behalf of the IW Gundog Club Working Sub-Committee*

## NEVER WORK WITH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS

You may recall from previous newsletters that the Club is invited to put on demonstrations of gundog work at a variety of charitable events during the summer; and in 2014 invitations from The Shorwell Midsummer Fair, The County Show, Brighstone Fair and The Wolverton Garden Fair were received. The demonstrations are a lot of fun to be in and the response from the audience, particularly at the smaller events where the dogs are sent to retrieve dummies within inches of the audience is very enthusiastic. However it is this proximity to members of the public that sets demonstrations apart from any other gundog work and can

give a demonstration a rather more unpredictable outcome.....

Everyone who has participated in a demonstration has a tale to tell, from dogs stealing burgers held loosely in the hand of a ringside child, to dogs cocking their leg on the side of a bale occupied by a very nice looking family, to the toddler running through the ring grasping an ice cream cone moments after a dog is sent for a retrieve, to struggling to get a dog's attention because it is looking up at a telegraph pole in response to the stop whistle (the handler was using a microphone and the speaker was attached to said telegraph pole). Apocryphal, or true???? We will leave you to decide!

*Corinne Anjo on behalf of the Working Sub-Committee*

## NOVICE AND OPEN GWT, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2015, HILL FARM

Novice:

- 1st Gillian Yates Lubbecke Simone
- 2nd Jane Manley Lenyam Justintime
- 3rd Hilary Hardman Luvixolbeck Bali's Tula
- 4th Angie Townsend Troddenmills Houghton Blue

Open:

- 1st Di Paterson, Woodlandway Grouse
- 2nd Keith Broomfield Lamldodge Matador
- 3rd Rob Smallman Tuscanni Viking

Highest placed pup in Rob Smallman Helnorall Magnum  
Highest placed IW dog Lilly Renouf Dunnose River Among Ranwolf

There was a very chilly start to the day, which was the best part of the day weather wise as it quickly deteriorated into windy, even colder and wet.

The day was challenging for the competitors and dogs not least because of the weather, and never before have we been desperately trying to finish a test before it got dark!

The end of the day was a real rush as people had ferries booked.

Thank you to the judges for their persistence as the weather deteriorated and a huge amount of thanks go to all the helpers who stood out in the cold and wet all day.

A huge thank you to our landowners who provided much needed vehicular support at the end of the day to bring the judges into the dry and for the use of the shower and some dry clothes for one of the judges. Suffice to say that for 2015 I have already booked better weather!

## NOVICE AND OPEN GWT 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015, WESTCOURT.

Novice:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Sweatman Winston via Rhylstone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Venturi-Rose Hurstmeon Wild Bill Hickok at Leospring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Corinne Anjo Ranwolf Oski
- 4<sup>th</sup> James Walsh Daddy Al

Open:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dave England Lubbecke Queen of Hearts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carole Montague Faybourne Oasis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Hogg Lossenham Golden Plover



There was a last minute change of venue for this event as our original venue had been double booked by the landowner and we were very lucky that David and Dennis Russell allowed us to use Westcourt.

We also unfortunately clashed dates with some other events, but had a good card that all worked well on the day and those in the awards truly deserved to be there.

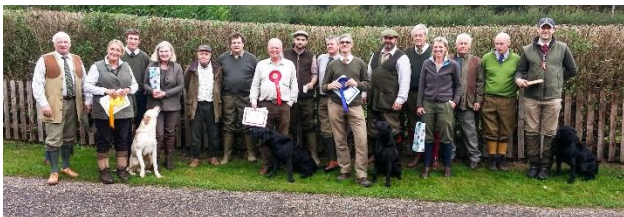
## OPEN AV RETRIEVER TRIAL 15<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2014

1st Keith Broomfield - Lamldodge Matador

2nd Reuben Corbett - Oakvalley Black Jack

3rd Di Stevens - Bedgebrook Never Say Never to  
Wynlanbriar

Guns Choice - Ben Starns - Tayfordwoods Special Envoy



Thank you to Tim Lester and the team of guns for shooting the trial for us and to all the helpers, markers, stewards and beaters for making the day run smoothly.

Many thanks to the judges, Di Harrison, Gilly Nickols, Dave England and Chris Marshall and to the keepers James Kingswell and Jack Kingswell.

A lovely day in which the rain managed to hold off, and there were some lovely birds flying and shot over the dogs, with some testing drives to sit in. The three placed dogs went through to the 4th round run-off. There was some good dog work and the awards were well deserved. Huge congratulations go to Keith Broomfield, fresh back from his win in the 2-day Suffolk trial to win our open with the same dog and make it up to a field trial champion.

## NOVICE AV RETRIEVER TRIAL 5<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2014

Unfortunately 1st - 4th places were not awarded. Three COM's awarded as follows:

Henrietta Fletcher - Henergy Rushin to Be

Katherine Impey - Hippolytus Herald

Sarah Miles - Cappa Bleu of Meonvalley

Guns Choice - Katherine Impey, Hippolytus Herald



Thank you to the landowner (Mr & Mrs Hobart) and the keeper (James Kingswell) for allowing the use of Gatcombe Mill. Thanks to Tim Lester for providing a team of guns to shoot the trial for us and grateful thanks to our judges, Ron Jefferey, Keith Broomfield, Ron Taylor and Neil Varney.

A lovely dry day, starting chilly but warming up through to lunchtime. The dogs in the awards went through to a 4th round.

## 2015/2016 DIARY DATES

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Gundog Demonstration, Wolverton Garden Fair

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Puppy/Novice Working Tests

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Open Show, Havenstreet

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Open FT, Newbarn Farm

21<sup>st</sup> December – Novice FT, Newbarn Farm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 N/O GWT – venue tbc

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 N/O GWT – venue tbc

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 P/N GWT – venue tbc

## FIELD TRIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – FTMS

The club has signed up to FTMS and you can now enter both tests and trials on-line and pay online as well. This is our preferred method of entry, but we will continue to also accept paper entries.

The draw for Field Trials will be completed through FTMS

## OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Whether pets, companions or working, living in our homes or kennels there is absolutely no doubt that dogs leave footprints on our hearts.

We all hope that our faithful companions will have a long life, but for a number of reasons some of us will have experienced the loss of a dog at a young age, dogs that have shown real promise, but have not had the opportunity to shine. There is always something extra tragic about losing a young dog.

This year I have been aware of a number of handlers that have lost dogs, and it is always with great sadness that we read of their loss.

Jan Drake recently lost her lovely pointer Clamerkin Crystal Lace J.W. March 2007 - May 2015

Jan had been at the Bath Championship show where Lace had won her veteran class. She was perfectly well and had shown no signs of illness at all. Jan had been with her all day while she was benched and all was well until bedtime, when she appeared to be in a lot of abdominal discomfort. She collapsed about half an hour later, so she was rushed to the emergency vet, but unfortunately died soon after arrival.

The heartache this has caused Jan is immeasurable. Jan naturally had to have a post mortem, and had to notify the Bath show secretary. No other dogs had been reported ill. Sadly, the post mortem revealed nothing other than the toxicology report, which was negative. Jan's first reaction was to think that something had happened at the show and now at least she knows that there was no foul play. Neither was it her heart that caused her death. There were no other findings.

Jasper, her brother, became ill the next day with stomach problems also, but thankfully he wasn't really badly affected.

Jan has been left unable to draw a line under this awful event. Why did both dogs get ill after the show? Could it simply have been a coincidence, or was it environmental in some way? Jan will never know now.

Lace was a lovely orange and white Pointer. She won 2 CCs, a res. CC and a Junior Warrant. She was usually in the shadow of her brother, but did manage to beat him on occasions. She was first and foremost a beloved pet, very outward going and a natural athlete. Jan could not stop her jumping gates and managing to always be where she was not supposed to be! She would spend all day pointing birds in the paddock.

We all miss the dogs that we have known and lost and those paw prints will always be with us all forever.

## HELP STOP PUPPY FARMING

### Puppy Awareness Week

From the 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September the Kennel Club held Puppy Awareness Week (PAW) 2015.

The PAW survey conducted by the Kennel Club in 2014 shows that a shocking number of people are buying puppies from disreputable sources.

1 in 4 source their puppies on internet sites, on social media, in pet shops or through free ads in newspapers - all sources that can be used by puppy farmers

16 percent of pups are bought in pet shops, often used by puppy farmers, and one in five go on to develop the potentially deadly parvovirus

One third of puppy buyers reported not seeing their puppy with its mum and half not seeing its breeding environment. A further 65 percent do not see the relevant health test certificates for the puppy's parents.





## IWGDC Income &amp; Expenditure – Working

1 April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

| <u>Income</u>             | <u>2014/15</u>  | <u>2013/14</u>    | <u>Expenditure</u>  | <u>2014/15</u>  | <u>2013/14</u>    |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Field Trial Entries       | 394.00          | (912.00)          | KC General          | 61.00           | (50.00)           |
| Working Test Entries      | 1,035.00        | (1,054.00)        | General Expenditure | 546.20          | (465.12)          |
| Working Test Raffle       | 272.38          | (255.83)          | Stationery          | 26.25           | (350.98)          |
| Working Test Refreshments | 271.73          | (255.82)          | Advertisements      | 19.20           | (13.00)           |
| Working Test Sponsorship  | 35.50           | (50.00)           | Field Trial         | 474.76          | (660.26)          |
| Training                  | 833.00          | (1,150.42)        | Working Test        | 927.02          | (726.34)          |
| Donations                 | 95.00           | (102.50)          | Training            | 308.79          | (172.45)          |
| IW Challenge Entries      | 95.00           | (120.00)          | IW Challenge        | 47.50           | (95.40)           |
| IW Challenge Raffle       | 57.00           | (107.95)          | Purchase of Stock   | 349.92          | (55.46)           |
| AGM                       | 25.60           | (7.00)            | AGM                 | 96.75           | (0.00)            |
| Sale of Stock             | 429.20          | (85.25)           |                     |                 |                   |
| Membership Fees           | 1,402.50        | *                 |                     |                 |                   |
| Building Society Interest | 1.21            | (0.11)            |                     |                 |                   |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>4,947.12</b> | <b>(4,100.88)</b> | <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,857.39</b> | <b>(2,589.01)</b> |

\*Membership fees in the sum of £1,725.00 for 2012/13 were recorded separately and not split between show and working.

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|-------------|----------------|
| Income Show | Income Working |
| £5,052.67   | £4,947.12      |

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Expenditure Show | Expenditure Working |
| £3,402.79        | £2,857.39           |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Income                   | £9,999.79         |
| Total Expenditure              | <u>£6,260.18</u>  |
| Excess income over expenditure | £3,739.61         |
| Balance b/f 01.04.2013         | <u>£10,141.28</u> |
| Balance in hand 01.04.2014     | <u>£13,880.89</u> |

## Balance in Hand – Current Accounts

| General                  | Show      | Working           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| £1,155.48                | £4,497.20 | £5,131.88         |
| <b>Total</b>             |           | <b>£10,784.56</b> |
| Cash in hand             |           | £260.62           |
| Building society account |           | <u>£2,835.71</u>  |
|                          |           | <b>£13,880.89</b> |