

ISLE OF WIGHT GUNDOG CLUB NEWS

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Chairman's Message

During the past year the Executive, Show and Working Committees have worked hard to provide training and events for you to participate in which I hope you have taken advantage of and enjoyed and been able to progress with your dogs.

The club has had a very full calendar with weekly show training which includes a monthly match, two open shows, weekly working training, six working tests plus a resident's challenge and two field trials. Each event takes a lot of time and effort on behalf of a team of people—not just on the day but weeks before and some work afterwards as well.

Shows:

Show training numbers have fluctuated but now seem to be on the rise again. The trainers give their time and knowledge freely to assist in your ring craft to present your dog in the best way. I thank all the trainers for giving their expertise and support in taking these classes.

We held two Open Shows both of which were successful. To attract entries from the mainland in these cash strapped times is harder than ever however the entries for both the open shows were good. I urge you all to encourage gun dog owners to enter our shows. The club seems to be able to attract some top judges who speak highly of the club and full rings for them to appraise would really boost the club's profile.

The generosity of all the March show judges in not asking for a penny in expenses was very unexpected and heartening. My thanks to them all and all the judges for coming over to judge for us.

My congratulations to all of you who have had showing success with your dogs during the past year. My thanks go to all the show committee for all you have done towards the success of these shows and to everyone else who helped.

The coming show on September 16th will be held at a new venue Havenstreet Steam Railway a record entry would be brilliant.

Working:

The calendar was very full with working events, with Working Tests at Westcourt Farm, Gatcombe Mill and Hill Farm all of which were superbly run. My grateful thanks to the landowners. The two field trials were held at Gatcombe Mill thanks once again to Robbie and Baba Hobart and to James Kingswell for allowing the club to compete during their shoot days. The cost of shooting is making trailing an expensive competition and many clubs are struggling to find affordable venues. So the generosity of both the syndicates and the keepers cannot be underestimated. My thanks to all the judges who travelled over and everyone who helped.

The working tests had record entries and the field trials had a full card the weather played a big part in one of them with wellies stuck in the mud! My congratulations to all of you who have figured in the awards.

Working training has flourished with more and more members joining the classes the trainers give their time and expertise freely in order to assist handlers with their dogs. The landowners allow us use their land and receive nothing more than a thank you very much as the class departs.

The working committee have put on some wonderful competitions. The club has attained a much admired reputation for well thought out and challenging tests excellent organisation and above all a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. My grateful thanks to all the committee and the ever supportive band of helpers who make these days possible.

Finance:

When we met last year the club's accounts were in a bad way the funds were down by £1500 from a respectable profit the year before. On behalf of the Executive Committee I gave you an assurance that we would not be in that position again. With the support of the sub committees and members generosity by prudent planning and buying combined with constant monitoring of all income and expenditure we and you all have turned around the finances. With that in mind the Executive Committee overwhelmingly made the decision to open a show and working bank account this being a natural progression in due diligence and accountability. This will also free up both elements of the club to propose events which the club may wish to subsidise for the benefit of the members. The Executive are sure that during the next year you will see further financial improvement which will stand the club in good stead for the future.

Chairman's message continued

My sincere and grateful thanks to The Executive Committee of Anne Gallin, Wendy Perera, Corinne Anjo, Terry Souter, James Kingswell, Margaret Woods, Celia Turner, Jayne Scovell and Dave Smith. Your hard work, tenacity, courage, commitment and sheer determination is without question. Your club is very lucky to of had such a good committee.

As the year ahead is a full one I hope you all to enjoy the events, encourage others to join, support your committees and do all you can in a cohesive and positive way.

Gill Cavaciuti

Chair

Data Protection

From time to time the club publishes membership lists and in order to ensure that your details are not released unless you wish us to do so our new membership forms include a tick box to that effect.

Existing members are asked to email the club secretary to confirm whether they are happy for the contact details to be published on membership lists or not. It is not the intention of the club to release email addresses either through publication in membership lists or as a result of circulating club information to email groups.

Sponsorship

The club is very grateful for all the sponsorship that it receives during the year and this year we are very generously being sponsored by:

Eukanuba—all new show members receive an introductory gift pack on joining the club.

Skinnners—all working events this year are sponsored by Skinnners.

We are also very grateful to all the individuals—you know who you are—who sponsor other aspects of events, such as rosettes, of refreshments. The continuing generosity of companies is welcomed and appreciated.

Show Training

Show Training: is held most weeks where you are shown ring craft and given hints and tips on the best way to show your breed. There is a monthly match where local dogs are judged against each other and the winner of each monthly match is invited to the Match of the Year, held annually in January.

Show training is held Thursday evenings at Binstead Community Hall, 7:30pm

Website

www.iw-gundog-club.org.uk

Don't forget that we regularly update our website with dates and results and you can keep up to date with club activities by checking the website.

Entry forms for shows, working tests and Field Trials are available to download, as well as show and working test schedules and other useful information includes the club rules, dates for events and committee members contact details.

We will be reviewing the website this year, so there will be changes to watch out for.

August 2013

Officers of the Club

Chairman:	Gill Cavaciuti
Vice Chairman:	Dave Smith
Secretary:	Jayne Scovell
Treasurer:	Ann Gallin
Show Secretary:	Margaret Woods
Field Trial Sec:	Wendy Perera

Executive Committee:

Pat Salt

Carol Montague

Corinne Anjo

Karen Davies—co-opted member

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 14th September: Open Show, Havenstreet

Sunday 15th September: Puppy & Novice Working Tests, Sibbecks Farm

Wednesday 16th October: Open AV Stake, Gatcombe Mill

Thursday 24th October: Inter-club Match

Thursday 21st November: Quiz Night, Binstead, IW

January 2014: Match of the Year, date and venue to be announced

Saturday 15th March 2014: Open Show, Lake Farm

April 2014: Novice and Open Working Tests, date and venue to be confirmed

For more details of shows please contact the Show Secretary

For more details of working events please contact the Field Trials secretary

Membership

Club Membership is due annually on **1st April** and should be paid no later than 31st May

Payment can be made by Direct Debit/Standing Order.

The club has recently changed its main bank account and we would ask that those members who have a direct debit/standing order for payment of their membership set up change their payment details so that membership is paid into the new club account.

We will be sending out separate information on this to all members to inform them of the change, but we would ask that you make sure that you update your payment details to ensure a smooth transition and that your membership is renewed for 2014.

Quiz Night

Test your general knowledge against other members of the club and their friends and family at the Quiz Night.

All you need to do is put together a team of 3 and turn up on 21st November at Binstead Hall.

There will be nibbles available, but please bring your own drinks—tea and coffee will be for sale during the evening.

A competitor's view

Open Test 14 April 2013 Hamstead Farm, Yarmouth

There are only a few times a year when we Islanders are lucky enough *not* to have to board a ferry to a test or trial. As I got out of bed I did think of all the competitors who were already in their cars. I relish the non ferry days and this year's Open Test at Hamstead had particular resonance for me as the late Tom Young, the landowner, was a great friend. I had written to his recently widowed wife that I would be running my dogs in his memory. And run my dogs I did! I ran in both the novice and open tests. Both sets of tests looked simple enough but as always, proved to be challenging. The "bunkers" and nerves on the day added enough of an edge to test competitors to the maximum.

With Newtown creek as the backdrop and the downs in the distance, Hamstead is a unique setting and presents wonderful country to work gundogs. Being a relative newcomer, I am always glad to receive the generous, fair and honest assessment of the judges which help enormously towards my ever present goal of winning at field trials. Their patience and good humour certainly helped with my nerves. I always come away learning a lot and this event was no exception, I let my bitch down on one test losing points but gaining a lesson and ultimately will make sure I am never sloppy again when handing the judge a dummy! The level of organization displayed by the club was brilliant and "Team Wendy" was fabulous. The support of my friends was tremendous and Keith Broomfield, IGL Champion 2011, was the first to give me a congratulatory hug!

I have been given a great opportunity by Peter Bates who trained Levenghyl Wing and a Prayer to run a fantastic dog and I am grateful and proud to have won my first ever open test with "Goose", it was a day I shall never forget.—Amy Willcock

Novice Test 14th April 2013 Hamstead Farm, Isle of Wight

It always feels like we are off on holiday when we set off to catch the ferry for an IWGC WT and this was no exception! The weatherman had at last promised us a taste of Spring and temperatures of 17c, an empty promise as it turned out but we did manage to shed a few layers and with the exception of a shower keep dry.

The Test ground was wonderful, how many other Clubs can offer salt marsh, woods stubble, grass and a pond (which Terry kindly kept the dogs out of in deference to the recent cold) with undulating terrain all in easy walking distance?

Terry and James had set six interesting tests, using the ground to great advantage, with little quirks that kept handlers and dogs on their toes, the blind just on the edge of the cover that all dogs naturally expect to be off into, the bolting rabbit distraction, the 'seen' just this side of a hedge with an undulation that fooled a lot of dogs into thinking it must have landed on the far side, for example.

Winning out of Novice is always a milestone in a dogs life, for some its easy and for others its not! The dog I ran in this Test had been one of those dogs it would have been easy to have given up on and relegated to 'just a picking up' dog but something made me persevere with her and on this occasion it paid off!

I must now, on behalf of everyone running in both Tests of that day, thank those without whom our fun would have not been possible. Firstly, the Land owner, sadly so recently bereaved, for kindly allowing the Test to carry on in that superb location, and secondly Team IOWGC, who so efficiently coped with the logistical nightmare of running Novice and Open tests together, great for us competitors though!

An enormous THANKYOU to you all.....and keep up the good work! - Jane Manley

This year, when you win a test we would like you to provide us with a short write up of the day so that it can be included in the next newsletter.

Working Training

Autumn season evening training has started Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm, moving to Sunday morning's in October. Training sessions last 1 hour and class will be split depending upon attendees and standard of dogs. Cost is £2.00 per session and the new schedule is available on the club's website.

If you are not sure which class is appropriate for you then please call either Gill or Terry for a chat – their numbers can be found on the working training rota.

Depending upon the numbers turning up for each session we will split into groups with at least two trainers.

Please ensure that unless asked to do so for training that you keep your dog on a lead and be courteous to trainers and other handlers at all times.

We expect you to have wormed your dogs' regularly as this is not only good general health practice, but is courteous to the landowners who allow us to train on their land and very often use the same ground for grazing animals.

Don't forget the incentive to turn up and take part is the Handler of the Year Trophy which is awarded at the annual AGM and is for the handler of the year!

Working Tests 2013/14

We will be running tests in September 2013, February 2014 and April 2014 as per usual. For more details, please see the diary of events on page x of the newsletter.

Entry forms can be downloaded and printed from the website and will also be sent out with copies of the working test schedules. This year entry fees remain at £5.00 for members and £10.00 for non-members.

Wherever possible details of working events will be circulated via email, but where we do not have your email address, or where you have stated that you prefer to be contacted by mail then we will send paper copies to you.

Refreshments will be available at all working tests at the end of the day and there will be a raffle at each event.

Due to the popularity of events late entries will be treated as reserves and accepted at the discretion of the Working Sub-Committee. The working sub-committee reserve the right to invite additional judges. All working tests will be held under Kennel Club Regulations J and all dogs must be registered with the Kennel Club and their registration number included on the entry form or the working test secretary will be chasing you for more information!

Bitches in season will not be allowed on the ground and dogs that are out of control or whine at tests may, at the discretion of the judges, be excluded from further competition that day.

Class Definitions [KC Regs J(G)2b]:

Puppy - Confined to dogs of specific breed or breeds less than eighteen months of age on the date of the test.

Novice - Confined to dogs which have not gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial, been placed First, Second or Third in an Open GWT or First in a Novice GWT held in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Field Trial Regulations.

Open - Open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds

Results of all of our working tests will be available to competitors at the end of the day and as soon as possible will be sent out electronically to you, and posted on our website.

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IWGDC Accounts 01/04/12—31/03/13

Income	£ 12/13	£ 11/12	Expenditure	£ 12/13	£ 11/12
Show entries	1,233.37	1,070.71	KC General	140.00	185.00
Show Raffle	406.00	412.50	General Expenditure	938.68	1,437.58
Show Refreshments	0.00	24.00	Stationery	544.33	709.06
Show Adverts	0.00	4.00	Show Venue	600.00	565.00
Show Donations	272.94	93.50	Show	895.35	1633.97
Show Catalogues	112.5	107.5	Thursday Match	491.35	157.56
Cup Insurance	23.00	32.00	Thursday Training	487.74	1,034.79
Match Entries	375.50	262.60	Xmas Party	25.00	0.00
Match Raffle	337.60	232.00	Seminar	17.08	0.00
Match Refreshments	195.70	206.10	AGM	15.00	0.00
Thursday Training	589.00	495.50	Advertisements	123.71	371.31
Xmas Party	35.00	0.00	Field Trial	660.26	1,388.84
AGM	14.00	0.00	Working Test	726.34	862.89
Seminar	135.50	51.00	Working Training	172.45	0.00
Fund Raising	100.00	0.00	IW Challenge	95.40	0.00
Field Trial Entries	912.00	675.00	Purchase of Stock	55.46	230.23
Field Trial Donation	80.50	114.00	Donations	0.00	18.00
Working Test Entries	1,054.00	955.00	Subscriptions	0.00	5.00
Working Test Raffle	255.83	303.95			
WT Refreshments	255.82	192.26			
WT Sponsorship	50.00	0.00			
Working Training	1,150.42	646.00			
IW Challenge Entries	120.00	0.00			
IW Challenge Raffle	107.95	0.00			
IW Challenge Donations	22.00	0.00			
Working Donations	0.00	81.00			
Sale of Stock	85.25	113.40			
Building Society Interest	0.22	0.22			
Membership Fees	1,725.00	1,287.00			
TOTAL	9,469.10	7,359.24	TOTAL	5,988.15	8,599.23
Total Income	9,469.10		Balances in hand:		
Total Expenditure	5,988.15				
Excess Income over Exp	3,660.95		Current Account	7,110.48	
Balanced B/fwd 01/04/12	6,480.33		Cash in Hand	197.52	
			Building Society Acc	2,833.28	
Balance in hand 01/04/13	10,141.28				
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