

# **Dove Valley Working Gundog Club**

Kennel Club ID No 727

President. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Shrewsbury & Talbot DL

## **Schedule of Retriever Field Trials for the 2024/2025 Season**

Held under Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Field Trial Regulations 'J'

Prizes kindly sponsored by Skinners

### **Stake 1 – All Aged for Any Variety Retrievers 12 Dog Walked Up/Driven**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Preference to those who have won an Award in a Novice/Open Field Trial

Venue: Bretby Park Estate, Burton on Trent, DE15 0RB

Host: Mrs Somerled Macdonald of Sleat

Judges: Dave Field (A2257), Nicola Reynolds (A3574), Maurice Fitch (NP), Stuart Arch (NP)

Closing Date for Entries (Mid-day) and Date of Draw: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

### **Stake 2 – Two Day Open 24 Dog Stake Walked Up**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Venue: Packington Estate, Meriden, Warwickshire

Host: James Guernsey

Judges: Dave Brown (A3357), Phil Highfield (A2762), Laura Marsh (B3451), John Day (B3320)

Closing Date for Entries (Mid-day) and Date of Draw: - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **Stake 3 – Novice Retriever 12 Dog Walked Up/Driven**

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Venue: Foremarke Shoot, Derbyshire

Host: Mr Philip Bishop

Judges: Helen Goodwin (A3595), Ruben Mort (B2977), Lewis Butler (NP), Craig Jackson (NP)

Closing Date for Entries (Mid-day) and Date of Draw: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### **Stake 4 – Novice 12 Dog Driven Trial**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December

Venue: Bagots Park, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley

Host: Mr David Dale / Mr Sam Sayce

Judges: Steve Richardson (A2849), Jill Gardener (B), Charlotte Wilkinson (NP), Matthew Agar (NP)

Closing Date for Entries (Mid-day) and Date of Draw: - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

***Members will receive Preference in the Draw. All entries made on-line will be checked, and should you not be a fully paid up member, your Preference will be changed. Please ensure you have paid your full membership fee for 2024, this was increased to £12.00 If you are unsure if you are a fully paid up member, please contact the Membership Secretary to check.***

## ENTRIES

MUST be by the WEBSITE or POST only. No entries will be accepted by email unless verbally agreed with the Field Trail Secretary. All successful WEBSITE entries will be confirmed by email. If you receive no email, then your entry has not been accepted. Entries can be checked on the events check the 'Entries' tab once logged in.

**On-line Entries - Entrants must pay on acceptance of a run, within 7 days of the Draw.**

LATE PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES - Entry Fees must be paid within 7 days of the draw date, and no later than 7 days before the trial date, if payment is delayed the successful owner may lose the opportunity to run due to late payment. Reminders will be sent to the members registered mobile device or via email. Failure to respond will result in the Members run be offered to the next available reserve.

Postal Entries – Please send a cheque with your postal entry, which will only be cashed upon acceptance of a run.

### Vanessa King

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## ENTRY FEES

Open            DVWGC Members £75.00    Non-Members £100.00

Novice         DVWGC Members £55.00    Non-Members £75.00

All Aged       DVWGC Members £55.00    Non-Members £75.00

Cheques must be made payable to Dove Valley Working Gundog Club. Postal orders will not be accepted

**Trophy and prize details will be printed on the card on the day of the trial.**

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1) Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.

2) The Association reserves the right to refuse or accept entries, except that this shall not apply in terms of the preference in the draw Regulations (ref J6.i.). The Kennel Club must be notified in writing of all such refusals with the society's reason.

3) In accordance with KC reg J6g Members may substitute a dog before a trial owned by him / her. However, it must be eligible, have the necessary qualification and has been entered in the draw.

4) All dog's resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.

5) If entries exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.

- 6) Should circumstances so dictate the Association in consultation with the judges may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club Ltd.
- 7) No modification will be made to schedules except by permission of the Kennel Club Ltd followed by an advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the close of the entries.
- 8) Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
- 9) Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
- 10) Details of preference to be given in draw are contained within Kennel Club Ltd Rules J6 i (1) & J6 j (1) (2) (3) (4) (5).
- 11) Only the Club standard entry form to be used. If further forms are required, please copy or download from the club website [www.dovevalleygundogs.co.uk](http://www.dovevalleygundogs.co.uk)
- 12) In the event of any stake being abandoned, no entry fee will be cashed.
- 13) Trophies are to be engraved at the winner's expense. Please return them to the Field Trial Secretary 28 days prior to the stake the following year.
- 14) If your dog has a STUD BOOK NUMBER, please use instead of Registration Number.
- 15) Please ensure that details of ownership are correct. If the dog is owned in partnership, both or all owners must be named. Incorrect details could result in a Kennel Club fine. If you have applied for transfer of ownership, please write T A F after dog's name.
- 16) To the maximum extent permitted by law, Dove Valley Working Gundog Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned at or in connection with any of its Field Trials.

## **DOGS IN CARS ON HOT DAYS**

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

## **WELFARE OF DOGS**

An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any field trial licensed by the Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.

## **TRIAL ETIQUETTE**

We should never fail to acknowledge the generosity of hosts which makes field trials possible. Clearly it is desirable that as many competitors as possible are present when the presentations are made at the conclusion of a field Trial: not least because that is the most obvious way of showing such appreciation. There may be occasions, however, when a competitor feels it important or necessary to leave the ground before the end of the trial. If that happens, she or he must be sure to show due courtesy by informing the

Chief Steward before leaving. Good manners, which cost nothing, should be at the heart of everything we do: especially where our hosts are concerned.

If a competitor, or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with government advice. [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/).

### **DEFINITION OF STAKE AS PER KENNEL CLUB RULES J3 d (1) (2) (3):**

#### **Open**

A Stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship or Champion Stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds except that such Stakes may not be confined to Any Variety Spaniel [except Spaniel (Cocker) and Spaniel (English Springer)]. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners, in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J6.i. so that preference is given to previous performance.

#### **All Aged**

A Stake which is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds without restriction as to their age, but which may be restricted by any other conditions which may be determined by the society subject to the approval of the General Committee of The Kennel Club.

#### **Novice**

Retrievers, Spaniels and Breeds which Hunt, Point and Retrieve: A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place, or places, which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open Stakes.