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CHARITY WEEKEND Sudeley Castle - June 2011

A very successful retriever working test was once again held in the grounds of Sudeley Castle on Saturday, 4th June 2011, by kind permission of Lady Ashcombe and the Dent-Brocklehurst Family.

We were fortunate with the weather, and had good entries for our 4 judges, Steve and Ann Crookes, Tony Stanley and Lisa Harris.

The Intermediate Class had 25 entries, Novice Dog/Novice Handler had 11 entries, Puppy had 15 entries and Junior Handler 2 entries, but only 1 on the day, which was very disappointing.

The tests, which had been set by Helen Goodwin and Chris Bowers, were challenging and interesting. It was commented at the end, by the Puppy Test Winner, 'what a good puppy test it had been and well worth winning'.

The H.P.R. tests held on the Sunday, ran equally as smoothly, and this year the classes were judged by Susie Burton (Open), Paul Bradley and Lesley Keate (Novice), Bill Pearson (Graduate) and Jean Baldwin (Puppy). The water test for all four classes was judged by Richard Herbert.

The weekend was another successful event raising £750, which was divided between the two Charities, the Air Ambulance and Charlton Abbot Church.

A big thank you needs to go to all who helped on the day, because without our dummy throwers, stewards, guns, caterers and other helpers, it would be impossible to put on these events.

Saturday, 4th June 2011

A variety of Retriever Working Tests were set and the results are as follows:

Puppy

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| 1st Bittenham Golden Larch of Greyhill | Mr J Jones |
| 2nd Wyenor Ruby | Mr R Colver |
| 3rd Bittenham Tamarack | Mr D J Pitcher |
| 4th Endacott Razorbill | Mrs S Price |

Novice Dog/Novice Handler

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| 1st Tanjin Sharapova | Mrs S Parkes |
| 2nd Not Awarded | |
| 3rd Not Awarded | |
| 4th Not Awarded | |



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CHARITY WEEKEND

Sudeley Castle - June 2011

Junior Handler

1st	Ravensthorpe Izzy	Miss Mia Treadwell
2nd	Nobsquinton Amy of Kestrelway	Miss Mia Treadwell

Intermediate

1st	Meadowstock Dove	Miss C Baker
2nd	Emeftee Brenda	Mr T Orchard
3rd	Stanthorne Queenie	Ms V King
4th	Flyline Grebe	Mrs S Fleming



THE NOBSQUINTON CHALLENGE CUP for the Best Junior Handler was not awarded.

Sunday, 5th June 2011 - HPR Results and Judges Critiques as follows:

Puppy

Judges Jean Baldwin and Richard Herbert (Water)

1st	Vizellven Ocean Zee	Mr R Chellumbrun
2nd	Vizellven Ocean Zanta	Mr M Bishop
3rd	Finnougric Deer Stalker	Mr M Buckley
4th	Firefrost Enchantress	Ms Hazel Drew

Novice

Judges Lesley Keates, Paul Bradley and Richard Herbert (Water)

Blind Retrieve – this was a tricky one although only 30-40 yards away. The field was narrow and the retrieve was in the middle of 3 trees at which point the field ballooned out and was quite extensive. There was a wood to the right, with pheasant in which we heard from time to time! There was a children's playground to the left, which was sometimes busy! So the dogs had to be well trained to the whistle and handler to overcome. It is our job to help the dog to the retrieve as quickly and quietly as possible, putting the dog in the best possible situation for it to succeed. It is a blind, and handling is definitely allowed. There were some young and inexperienced dogs and handlers and it was good to see them having a go. Well done to those who succeeded, it wasn't easy!

Seen Retrieve - this was a 70 yard seen. Not the easiest to mark due to a back drop of trees, but with the fence line to the right and the trees and nettles on the left, this helped funnel the dogs to the retrieve. Most dogs marked the dummy well and ran out at pace, collected cleanly and returned back to the handler with delivery to hand which was a pleasure to watch. The only thing I would say is that on a seen retrieve some handlers got involved too quickly and started issuing commands before the dog had reached the dummy, which was on a back wind, so gave the dog a chance to pass the point of fall and wind the dummy. If the dog then leaves the area, then get involved with the appropriate commands.

Hunting – Sudeley Castle and the Worcester Gundog WT is one of the best – every dog has a fresh piece of ground to hunt and the opportunity to show its hunting skills in a systematic and exciting way. Despite the day coming in cooler with drizzle, Paul and I enjoyed watching the dogs, some showing empathy with the handler and on the whistle, working their beat and not missing any of this lovely ground. We did our best always to work into the wind and as always this test was well supported.

Our thanks go to the land owners, the Worcester Gundog Club and to Ray Davies and all his helpers (some of whom are not HPR enthusiasts!) for making the test such a pleasure and plying us with hospitality.



CHARITY WEEKEND

Sudeley Castle June 2011

Novice (Continued)

1st	Daxpax Thornbird	Mr P Barnard
2nd	Sanjon Aramis	Mr J Roberts
3rd	Warrendown Angel	Mr A Hoyle
4th	Moricoft My Choice	Mr M Caine

Graduate

Judges Bill Pearson and Richard Herbert (Water)

1st	Pitwit Well Covered of Glasyboat	Mr R Price
2nd	Willidaw Mischief	Mrs J Smith
3rd	Sharissy Grand Cameo of Glasyboat	Mr R Price
4th	Helydon Artful Dodger	Ms Ann Bishop

Open

Judges Suzi Burton and Richard Herbert (Water)

1st	Kimmax Kiss My Brass	Mr P Gardiner
2nd	Fallowmill Diamond Smuggler	Ms S J Howells
3rd	Huwlindragon Fly	Mr S Kirby
4th	Kenocto Bremen	Mr I Thorneycroft

Water

Judge Richard Herbert

I would like to start by thanking WGDS for asking me to judge here today. I haven't judged for a while and it is good to see the comradery still exists between competitors. I was also pleased that most handlers managed to complete the tests.

The puppies were a joy to watch, with a seen retrieve just making them swim a short distance, all coped well. Novice dogs were also very good, most dogs managing the shortish swim ok, but I was looking for added steadiness at this level. The graduate test consisted of the handlers standing about 5 metres off a fence, then about 8 metres to the water, and then a dummy was thrown from the opposite bank as a seen retrieve. Unfortunately a few handlers had to move forward to be able to complete the test, but the standard was generally good.

Open was a blind retrieve, this time with the handlers about 10 metres from the fence, again a short run to the water, with a swim of about 25 metres across to the bank, the dummy was about a further 8 metres up the bank. A few dogs really struggled to cope with what was being asked of them, some were not able to be handled across the water, and some were unable to ignore the ducks and were led astray! While I do understand that a duck is more interesting than a dummy, this was open and I would expect dog and handler to be of a standard to overcome this natural hazard.

I would like to thank Dave Barker for being an excellent steward for me, and also Rob for his expert dummy throwing, as consistency is so important in tests and he placed them right every time.

Hi All,

Another successful working test has taken place, that competitors very much enjoy coming to. The ground is testing and challenging, plus the 'friendly atmosphere and support' given by everyone on the support team (from stewards, dummy throwers, catering team, transport team, society officials, judges and their families) to all the competitors, new and old, made them feel welcome from the very start of the day until they went home. Whether it was looking for the next test, exchanging views on gun dog work or family life the support team were very happy to give the time and effort and go those extra miles to make it a good day out for everyone.

'Thank you' does not fully describe my own appreciation of ALL the support given before, during and after the day, and I am committed to supporting both the spaniel and retriever groups within the society when they run their own events.

Again Many Thanks

Regards

Ray Davies
HPR Organiser/Field Trial Secretary
Worcestershire Gun Dog Society



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please help your Committee by telephoning the named contact (telephone numbers next to contact) to advise them you are attending. This will ensure that the training can be planned in advance and geared to those members attending, and enable members to be informed of cancellations or new venues.

It may be necessary for certain venues to limit numbers

Please note that a charge of £3.00 will be made per person for training sessions.

Unless otherwise stated all training sessions will **commence at 10.00 am**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
<u>Wednesday, 26th October 2011</u>	Novice A.V. Spaniel Field Trial Whitbourne Estate, Worcs. WR6 5SE	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>Sunday, 6th November 2011</u>	TRAINING - Please ring for venue (by 01.11.11 at the latest)	Jeff Byrd (01386 832321)
<u>Wednesday, 23rd November 2011</u>	Novice HPR Field Trial Flitwick, Bedfordshire.	Ray Davies (01531 890967)
<u>Sunday, 11th December 2011</u>	Christmas Walk - From Berkley Arms - WR7 4QL (Pre-booked Carvery afterwards £7.95) Closing date 29/11/11	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, 14th December 2011</u>	Novice Retriever Field Trial Whitbourne Estate, Worcs. WR6 5SE	Helen Goodwin (07855 175573)
<u>January 2012</u>	Novice A.V. Spaniel Field Trial Venue TBA	Ann Turner (01789 762588)
<u>Sunday, 15th January 2012</u>	TRAINING - Please ring for venue (by 10.1.11 at the latest)	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>Sunday, 5th February 2012</u>	TRAINING - Please ring for venue (by 31.1.11 at the latest)	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>Sunday, 11th March 2012</u>	TRAINING - Please ring for venue (by 06.03.11)	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>W'end 17th & 18th March 2012</u>	A.V. Spaniel/A.V. Retriever Working Tests & Show Breed and Minor Breed Spaniels Working Assessment Church Lench (TBC) - Helpers/Volunteers Required	Ann Turner (01789 762588)
<u>Wednesday, 28th March 2012</u>	AGM—Crowle Village Hall, Crowle (8.00 pm)	
<u>April to August 2012</u>	FORTNIGHTLY TRAINING for Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs - Venue TBA	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Please ring after 8 p.m.
<u>Sunday, 22nd April 2012</u>	Charity Event — A.V. Spaniel Working Tests Croome Perry, New Farm, Besford, Nr Pershore, Worcs (TBC) - Helpers/Volunteers Required	Ann Turner (01789 762588)
<u>W'end 9th & 10th June 2012</u>	Charity Weekend at Sudeley Castle (TBC) HPR & A.V. Retriever Working Tests Helpers/Volunteers Required	Steve Smith (01905 840664) Retrievers Ray Davies (01531 890967) HPRs
<u>Friday, Saturday, Sunday 15th, 16th, 17th June 2012</u>	Three Counties Countryside Show, Malvern	

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN SPECIALIST TRAINING DAYS OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL SUNDAY TRAINING FOR OPEN, NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE PLEASE CONTACT "CHRIS BOWERS FOR RETRIEVERS - 07970 664658", "STEVE SMITH FOR SPANIELS - 01905 840664" AND "RAY DAVIES FOR HPRs - 01531 890967"

(It is recommended that you have your dog vaccinated against "kennel cough" before attending any of the above events)

CHARITY SPANIEL WORKING TESTS CROOME PERRY, BESFORD Sunday, 15th May, 2011

The annual Charity Spaniel Open and Novice Working Tests were held on Sunday 15th May 2011 on the excellent grounds of Croome Perry, New Farm, Besford, Nr. Pershore, by kind permission from Mr Barry Steward. It was a dry, sunny day but a bit blustery – once we have anchored down the gazebo's we could all get on with the job in hand!

It proved to be a busy but successful day with 25 entries in the Novice and 14 in the Open. With good ground and woodland cover the spaniels had ample opportunity to show off their hunting and retrieving skills.

Our thanks to our two judges, Mr Jeremy Organ and Mr Alex Badger who spent the day overseeing the dog work, to Mr Ben Randall 'Beggabush Gundogs' who kindly sponsored the event and to Barry Steward for allowing us access to such ideal ground.

Novice

1 st . Kenmillix Bullnoor Beau (ESS Dog)	Ms Courtney Killpack
2 nd . Nederscot Just The Ticket (ESS Dog)	Mr Eric Smith
3 rd . Clarburgh Rachel (ESS Bitch)	Mrs Anna Holland
4 th Chocstar Etesian (Cocker Bitch)	Mrs Alex Sanger

Certificate of Merit

Windymill Tammy (ESS Bitch)	Mr David Tullett
Fitzers Coral (ESS Bitch)	Mrs Alison Spiers

Open

1 st Nederscott Eirwen (ESS Bitch)	Mr Eric Smith
2 nd Kenmilven Cybele of Edgegrove (ESS Bitch)	Mr James Starkey
3 rd Gatekeeper Ice of Nederscot (Cocker Dog)	Mrs Jane Smith
4 th Spartam Jim (Cocker Dog)	Mr Alan Ward

Certificate of Merit

Gatekeeper Lupin of Keldeb (ESS Dog)	Mr Alan Willis
Lovmicquest Falcon (ESS Dog)	Mr Alan Ward

Congratulations and well done to all our winners and thank you to all who entered which enabled us to send such a generous donation of £310 to the Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign. Many thanks to all our willing volunteers and helpers who ensured the day ran smoothly and last but not least many thanks to the ladies who provided the welcoming lunch and refreshments.

Marjie Jones



OPEN SCURRY - CLA GAME FAIR 2011

WGDS were once again asked to run the Open Scurry at the CLA Game Fair at Blenheim.

We decided to rise to the challenge and with 14 helpers each day, 7 in the morning, 7 in the afternoon, we successfully set the test and ran the event.

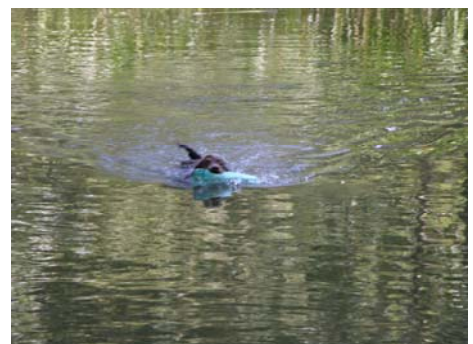


It was unfortunate that we were rather out at the end of the line of scurries, and so competitor numbers were down on previous years. Over the 3 days we had a total of 280.

The test proved to be quite challenging to some, the fastest time of the 3 days was 39 seconds for 2 retrieves, one seen over fence into water and one blind. Some interesting handling techniques were also seen.

Again I have to thank all the members who helped and gave up their time to attend, and all those who offered but I couldn't use this time.

Ann Turner
Events Secretary



DIRECTIONS

Church Lench — Take the A422 road from Worcester direction to Stratford. At Flyford Flavell follow the signs for The Lenches. At Rous Lench drive through the village and up the hill, continue until you see WGDS signs and turn left down dirt track.

Sudeley Castle - Is on the edge of Winchcombe, 8 miles north-east of Cheltenham on the B4632 (A46) or 10 miles from Junction 9 of the M5. Follow Sudeley Castle signs and once in the Castle grounds follow WGDS signs.

Wadborough - Take the B4083 (previously the A44) Worcester to Pershore Road. Look for the Plough and Harrow and approx 75 yards further on turn right into Mill Lane, continue along this lane approx 1.5miles to the Cross Roads and the Nurseries is the first drive on the Left.. WGDS signs will be displayed at relevant junctions.

Martley - From Worcester take the A443 to Lower Broadheath, then take the B4204 to Martley. From here follow the WGDS signs to Woodhall Farm.

Pudleston - A44 Worcester (Bromyard) to Leominster Road. Turn off near to Docklow Church (WGDS sign). Follow WGDS signs along lanes.

Besford - From Worcester take the A4084 (Persore direction). Just past the Plough and Harrow Pub, Drakes Broughton, turn right (signposted Wadborough). Follow the WGDS signs to New Farm, Besford.

Machine Farm, Fladbury - Take the A44 from Worcester to Evesham until you get to Fladbury. Look for a signpost for Lenches/Bishampton/Vale Golf Course, take this turn. Proceed to the top of a hill and turn right when you see the (WGDS Sign).

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE IN CASE ANY DATES HAVE TO BE CHANGED



WGDS 21ST ANNIVERSARY

2012 is the 21st Anniversary of the Worcestershire Gundog Society
and we propose holding a BBQ with the profits going to Charity

THANK YOU

The Chairman and the Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to Robert Dobbs, who recently stepped down from the Committee, for all he has done for the Society during his time as a Committee Member.

STANDING ORDERS

Members increasingly find it convenient to pay their annual subscription by standing order. Where this is the case the standing order should be set up to make payment on the 1st March. It greatly helps us to recognise each payment if members use their **post code** next to WGDS M'ship as the payment reference on the standing order.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

In order to ensure that you continue to receive information by email, we would be grateful if you could let us know when you change your email address by emailing mail@worcsgundogsociety.co.uk.

SPANIEL FIELD TRIALS

The WGDS Society are pleased to announce that they will be running a Novice Spaniel Field Trial in January 2012, venue TBA.

Please check the website for application forms, and for those members who do not have internet access please contact Steve Smith for a form on 01905 840664.

HEREFORD COUNTRY FAIR RETRIEVER INTER CLUB WORKING TESTS 7th August 2011

The Society returned by invitation to the Wye Valley Inter Club competition held at Lulsley on 7th August 2011, to defend their title from last year.

The team consisted of 2 Open dogs handled by Ann Colley and Helen Goodwin, and 2 Novice dogs handled by Clare Baker and Angie Cooper.

The tests set were of a good standard for both the Novice and the Open, including a lovely walk up in sugar beet and a difficult water retrieve. Whilst points were close at the end Worcester was pipped into second place by Cotswold and Wyvern, with the best performing Worcester participant being Clare Baker.

An enjoyable day was had by all including Steve and Toni who came along to support the team!

1st	Cotswold and Wyvern	499
2nd	Worcestershire Gundog Society	479
3rd	Wye Valley	444
4th	Usk Valley	436
5th	Wye Valley Juniors	400
6th	The Retriever Club of Wales	389

Helen Goodwin
Retriever Field Trial Secretary

TRAINING QUESTIONNAIRE

The committee are concerned that over the last few months the members attendance at the Sunday Monthly Training sessions has dropped considerably considering the society now has well over 380 members. We appreciate that there are many factors that could well contribute to the fall in attendance – holidays/family commitments as well as working tests/field trials etc.

The Society aims to promote, encourage and protect the practise of owning, training and working gundogs. Therefore, our training is geared to cover all aspects of gundog work whether your dog is working in the field on local shoots i.e. beating /picking up, Working Tests or Field Trials. To do this we have over the past few years provided two 6 weeks courses and a monthly Sunday session held at various locations.

For 2012 the committee intends to make changes to the summer training:-

The 6 week courses being replaced by fortnightly training (on a week day TBA) from April 2012 – end of August 2012 and will be held in one location. The usual Monthly Sunday training sessions will be held during the autumn/winter months September 2012 - March 2013.

To ensure the committee are representing our members needs in the training aspect we would be grateful if you could find time to complete the enclosed questionnaire, and please, we welcome open and honest comments and suggestions/ideas on ways we can improve the training to ensure it meets your needs as a member.

This is your Society so please tell us what you want!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBER

Robert Fisher with his Labrador 'Boots :

- Came 1st at Canwell Show on 6th August 2011
- Came 3rd at the Midland Open Cold Game Test at Twycross on 28th August 2011
- Came 2nd at USK Valley in a Novice Field Trial on 10th September 2011

THE WORCESTERSHIRE GUN DOG SOCIETY

If you would like to share your successes or contribute to your Newsletter please contact Jackie Masters.
Deadline for the Spring/Summer Edition; 29th February, 2012

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Membership Renewals are due on the 1st March, 2012

(Those members who have not renewed by 31st March will be considered to have lapsed)

£5.00 single / £8.00 joint / £12.00 family (up to 2 adults and 2 children under 18 years)

For further information please contact:
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Alternatively telephone for a standing order form (Tel No as above)

NOTICES

DOG TRAINING VIDEOS

A selection of dog training videos are available for rental. These include basics through to advanced work for; Retrievers, Spaniels and HPRs. For further information or to hire them please contact; Jackie Masters on (01905 451519).

New Style WGDS Clothing

Now Available - Navy with Worcestershire Gundog Society in Gold Lettering.
(Prices are approximate and are subject to change by the manufacturer).

Ladies - size 6 to 22

Mens - 30 Chest up to 4XL

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Back Logo only £15.00
Front & Back Logo £17.00

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Front & Back Logo £21.00

Jackets - (Shower Proof)

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Orders must be prepaid prior to ordering

Cheques made payable to **WGDS** and sent to:

Mr Dave Barker, 33 Linksvie Crescent, Worcester. WR5 1JH

Telephone No: 01905 356142

EYE TESTS FOR DOGS

We have provisionally booked the 31st of March 2012, for a 'dog eye test' session for interested parties. By doing a block booking we get it cheaper but we need numbers, so if you are interested please contact Mrs Toni Smith on 01905 840664 after 8 p.m.