

# NORTH DEVON WORKING GUNDOG CLUB

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# FIELD TRIAL RESULTS FOR RETRIEVERS AND SPANIELS 2019 SEASON

## Open Stake Cocker 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Results :

1<sup>st</sup> and Gun's Choice – Spritdawn Midnight (Misselchalke Evoke x Glenrussel Promise) – Jonathan Nightingale

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dolbrenin Otto – Jeremy Davies  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Rootytwo Rocket – Lindsay Corbett  
4<sup>th</sup> – Cragtop Bomber – Alan Watkins

## Novice Stake Cocker 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

### Results :

1<sup>st</sup> – Caerfyrddin Black Jack (Mallowdale Zander X Rootytwo Rocket) – Lindsay Corbett  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Taffswell Torpedo – Matthew Warren  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Priormeadow Beebop – Gavin Lockyer  
4<sup>th</sup> – Taffswell Toddy – Matthew Warren  
Guns Choice – Centrewalk Skipper – Jon West

### Certificates Of Merit :

Windwithe Double Dealer – Peter Amor  
Sinnchetti Minnie – Chris Baker  
Episcopi Ditto – Anita Jones

## Novice Stake AV Retriever 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Awards :

1<sup>st</sup> – Arcklebear Caribou – Clare Baker  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Copperbirch Cabernet of Tallamelie – Phil Dyson  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Polihale Grizzly Bear of Foxcote – Jill Gardner

### Certificates Of Merit :

Winbeck Loyal Kinsman of Tanderswell, Margaret Allen  
Danescombe Omega, Rob Wilmott  
Duchess Pepper, Killy Penell

## Novice AV Spaniel Stake 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

### Awards :

1<sup>st</sup> & Guns' Choice – Esgob Floss – Alice Wise  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Kirstzo Geo of Tylacoch – Jeff Ayres

### Certificates Of Merit :

Breckmarsh Elva of Carkees, Margaret Cox  
Breckmarsh Dusty, Peter Amor  
Thistlepark Fred, Caroline Rawlings

## Open AV Stake (except Cockers) Spaniel 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Awards :

1<sup>st</sup> – Bishwell Braith – Stuart Morgan  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Creccamarsh Virtue – Richard Biggs  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Beanhill Sansa of Episcopi – Anita Jones  
4<sup>th</sup> – Countryways Railey of Windrush – Dave Templar

**Certificate Of Merit & Gun's Choice :** Thistlepark Fred – Caroline Rawlings

### Other Certificates Of Merit :

Halwinryston Rustler of Spannerwood, Wayne Swiggs  
Lanymynydd Patch of Tylacoch, Jeff Ayres  
Kilhopemoss Pepperpot, Dave Hodgson  
Escob Floss, Alice Wise

## Open Stake AV Retriever 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Awards :

1<sup>st</sup> – Fendawood Harold – David Latham  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Hollowbrook Saker – Nick Jordan  
3<sup>rd</sup> – FTCh Artistryn Ulrich – David Field

### Certificates Of Merit :

Studebaker Corvette, Mary-Jane Opie  
Hawksgarth Osprey of Tallamelie, Philip Dyson

## **THE CURRENT POSITION WITH COVID 19 AND CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The Newsletter drafted back in February was swiftly overtaken by events and as things stand the plans for the current year are still on hold and we are bound to adopt a cautious approach. The Kennel Club having directed that activity be suspended have now issued guidelines opening the possibility of some resumption. Unfortunately these guidelines are quite onerous and assume that difficulties with Covid 19 will be limited.

The Committee takes the view that while we are keen to arrange competitions, we cannot afford to risk compromising the businesses of any of our shooting hosts. The position has been kept, and will remain, under constant review but we would ask for your understanding during this difficult time for all of us. When we are able to resume, we will feel able to approach landowners and Shoot managers /keepers with confidence. Our disappointment that we have not been able to offer more to our membership is huge.

We wish everyone well for the coming season in whatever full or limited form that takes. We are sure that from the enthusiasm that has been expressed that the shooting that does go ahead will be well supported by dog handlers insofar as they can safely be involved.

The Training season would now be coming to an end and we have to consider how we will cope with the increased demand when and if we are able to resume next year. The range of experience in the dogs and handlers will be of a great variety. Be assured that we will do our best to ensure that the training is appropriate and that new and returning members with new dogs will be ready for the 2021/2022 shooting season.

### **THE OLD NEWS**

Until the lockdown caused by Covid 19 North Devon Working Gundog Club was reflecting on a very successful 2019. Thanks are due from all the members to the great number of people whether from within the committee or from the wider membership who have got involved. Whether you have helped with training, competitions or at the various country shows, you have helped to maintain our position as one of the most active and appreciated Gundog Clubs in the country.

Particular thanks go to the Club Treasurer Charles Bradfield. His efforts and organisational skills have continued to ensure that the Club is on solid financial ground. We leave it to you to imagine the number of financial transactions that have to be processed and recorded with approx 600 members and a full programme of events. Be assured that when it is appropriate, we have the funds to quickly return to a full programme of activities.

### **CLUB SHOP**

The Club Shop, although not available at present, continues to be run by Graham Dibble in addition to his role in coordinating the Club Training schemes. As well as providing funds it has also continued to provide a valuable service to club members and the wider public at the various local shows. The approach to buy items often gives an opportunity to give information to newcomers about the Club and the support that is available. Thanks again to Graham for all he does. He is no doubt particularly frustrated not to have been able to attend shows over the summer where we try to introduce ourselves to the community and be a part of the entertainment available to all.

If you are a member simply working your dogs on the many and varied local shoots you are also much appreciated. We hope the Club can offer support in return for your continued membership. We also thank those professionals who have helped with training and given their time to act as judges at the various competitions. Be assured that we look forward to being able to involve you again to help us promote the sporting activities and competitions that we are all committed to.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH FOR THE FUTURE

We regret that this newsletter is being sent out so late. Communicating with you when we have something to say is so important. We know this needs to be continually improved.

You will have noticed the Clubs profile online. Facebook may not be everyone's thing but it has certainly been a good way of speedily providing information and attracting participants in Club events. The news has been so negative that we can only apologise for the lack of up to date content recently. It is hoped that the improvements to the Club website will continue. Suggestions and draft content for the site are always appreciated.

We do need to recruit new members of the committee. The vacancies for a Spaniel Field Trial Secretary and Retriever Field Trial Secretary have still to be filled. These competitions are considered by many to be the ultimate test of a working dog. Why otherwise would people choosing a shooting dog look for FTCh on a pedigree?

If you have experience of Field Trials please consider whether you are able to take on the role and help us organise our competitions. Lots of support from within the Club will be available.

If you think you can help as a Field Trial Secretary or indeed in some other capacity then please contact anyone on the committee, whether you know us or not. We are a friendly Club and all enjoy the work we put in to make the Club a success. You will also get a great deal out of your involvement and enjoy considerable support from experienced Dog handlers and trainers.

## COMPETITION

For some time, there has been discussion about the future of the Club Logo. Can you identify what is shown in what some regard with great affection? Can it be improved? Should it be replaced? These are questions your committee has debated and will consider again next year.

There is a basic problem that we do not have a clear original or indeed copy of the original. We are subsisting on copies of copy.

Please feel free to email your views however strong or otherwise to [chairman@ndwgc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@ndwgc.co.uk), so we can consider these.

In an effort to stimulate interest, while there is less to do than normal, we are holding an informal competition. Send your design for a new logo. It can be sent on paper or in an email. Closing date is the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The prize is a voucher for Dog Training equipment £25 redeemable with either the Club Shop or with Sporting Saint a well known supplier if you are out of the immediate area.

A final word on matters not related to Covid 19 is to congratulate Maurice Stanbury, the long serving former Chairman of the Club and now valued elder statesman. Over the last Field Trial season, the fruit of training and working Springers Spaniels was realised. Luna his well-known bitch, won her second Open Field Trial and was made up to Field Trial Champion. Then at the National Championships Maurice and Luna were awarded a Diploma of Merit after three days of intense competition.

**Well done Maurice**

As ever, we extend our grateful thanks to our sponsors, whose continuing support is of great assistance in providing a wide range of activities for the Club.

