

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

NEWSLETTER



Autumn/Winter 2016/17

Committee 2016/2017

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Chairman's report Autumn/Winter newsletter 2016/17

What a strange year it has been. Too much summery weather from September onwards saw released birds scattering to the four winds and wild birds had no dependency on feed hoppers until around the beginning of January, when they finally returned to the areas where we wanted them to be. Tenant farmers veering towards growing large blocks of maize to fuel the energy plant and lifting root crops early, (because of the weather again), did not help either. C'est la vie!

We tried to arrange our usual five trials and had planned a training day, but we were thwarted at Croxton, where no birds were interested in the open fields of sugar beet. It seems that the abundance of natural food along hedgerows acted as a magnet for wild and reared birds alike – in fact the wild birds undoubtedly drew their naïve cousins away until the colder weather appeared. That sadly meant the loss of the All Aged stake and a Novice stake both of which had to be cancelled at the last minute - quite a blow really when one considers the huge amount of effort involved in arranging these events in the first place. Our host was extremely upset as he thought he had let us down, however he agrees that to ensure really testing stakes on open ground that is a risk we have to take. The training day did not even get off the ground.

The Novice stakes at Glaston and Tixover worked out very well. At both of these trials the density of reared birds is far greater and we did manage to find enough out in the root crops to test the dogs thoroughly. Reports of these two trials, together with that for our excellent Open stake at Elveden, appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

So another trialling season has flashed by and we are now thinking about arranging pointing tests; our Annual General Meeting in May and looking forward to the working test in July. We have already been offered a pointing test at Wardy Hill, so soon I shall be out there casting a worried eye over the crops and the density of the wild birds. Before you know it we may even be trialling again! What a life.

With very best wishes to you all,

David.

Secretary's Report

At the AGM last year I announced that I would like to take more of a back seat in the running of the Club and sought volunteers to help with the paperwork with a view of taking the job over. Unfortunately nobody has come forward and I am asking again for somebody to come forward and offer to help with the organisation of Discover Dogs, Game Fairs and Country Shows, the Working Test, future plans for Seminars and Shows and the Newsletter and we could also do with some help with Field Trial Stewards, picking up dogs etc.

Coming up this year we have Crufts from 9th to 12th March

9th Terrier and Hounds

10th Utility and Toy

11th Gundogs

12th Working and Pastoral

G.L.P. Club AGM on Sunday 21st May

G.L.P. Club Working Test at Ducklington on Sunday 9th July. (to be confirmed)

I would like to start regular training classes on weekends throughout the summer months but again we need volunteers to throw dummies, fire dummy launchers and help with any individual problems that handlers may have needing a one to one session.

If there was enough interest we could also open it up to agility handlers but again, we need experienced handlers in agility training.

David is going to try to organise some shot over days in October so that handlers can have the experience of working a dog under field trial pressures. Again this is much more likely to take off with a little help from volunteers.

I have been asked many times recently to expand our show judges list but to do this we need to run a seminar for prospective show judges. For this we will need people with show experience to help out.

There are many Country Shows and Game Fairs throughout the country from March to September every year. For the last 4 years we have been to two or three a year. It is sometimes possible to camp making it a really good long weekend break for very little cost. It is good fun enabling everybody taking part to meet up with friends and share a bottle of wine and some training tips over a barbeque in the evening sun.

Don't be shy give me a call and volunteer your help.

Eileen

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

Judges' Field Trial Report

An Open Stake was held at Elveden Estates, Thetford, on 22nd November, 2016, by kind permission of Lord & Lady Iveagh.

Judges: Sheila Kuban and Mark Firmin.

The weather was mostly dry with a light variable wind. Scenting conditions did not appear to be good on the open ground but there was an improvement later on when belts of cover were worked. Pheasants and woodcock were in evidence.

The first runs for most of the dogs were on excellent open ground consisting of heather and bracken, and patches of gorse. Some dogs ran with a cheek wind and a few into wind. Generally the dogs covered their ground enthusiastically but at times, not very systematically. Pheasants were in evidence and a few dogs had unproductive points but the birds were running on and the dogs seemed unable to nail them. One point was achieved along the fence line of the beat and two points were achieved in a small area of light woodland. For their second runs the dogs worked wide belts of cover which held a good supply of game. Obviously, finding and pointing game here became easy but it required a more careful approach if game was not to be missed.

Results:

2nd Ladyhawke Perdita, GSP bitch, owned and handled by Louise Holmes. Running number 12, in her first run this bitch ran very well on the open ground. She covered her ground systematically and with enthusiasm and a high head carriage. Sadly no game was encountered. Her second run in cover she was again thorough in her ground treatment and completely in tune with her quiet handler. She achieved several staunch points, one of them on a woodcock, and she flushed all these birds on command and was steady. Unfortunately, because they flew up through the trees none of these pointed birds could be brought down for her. Towards the end of her run a bird was shot from the side of the cover belt. She handled well on to this unseen retrieve and brought the bird tenderly to hand. She completed the day with a good retrieve from across a small lake, returning back across the water and delivering to hand.

Certificates of Merit:

Wamilanghaar Djynn, GLP b. owned and handled by Rob Gould

Running with a cheek wind this bitch covered her ground well during her first run on the open ground but did not come into contact with any birds. In her second run she firstly retrieved a bird which the dog running previously had failed to pick. She then worked the cover enthusiastically, pointed staunchly and was steady to shot and fall of a pheasant which fell out of sight but not far from her. She needed considerably more handling to locate this bird and bring it to hand. She completed the water test satisfactorily, returning by land around the small lake.

Jaudas Heartbeat, Large Munsterlander b. owned by T. and L. O'Connell and handled by Rory Major.

This lively bitch ran very well on the open ground. She kept going enthusiastically even in the deeper heather on part of her beat, where she did encounter a pheasant which flushed in front of her. Because of the distance from us and the deeper heather we were unable to see if she had achieved a point on this bird. During her second run in the woodland again she worked very enthusiastically and indicated several birds but with a certain amount of hesitation. She finally achieved a staunch point on a bird which she flushed on command and which was shot landing not too far away from her. Her retrieve of this bird seemed to require a lot of handling. She completed the water test satisfactorily, returning by land around the lake.

Trubon Flysse Trevive, Weimaraner b. owned and handled by Suzi Burton.

This bitch's first run was for a short time on the open ground followed by light woodland where she achieved a staunch point on a pheasant tucked in a patch of bracken. She flushed the bird on command and made a short retrieve. Her second run was in the cover belt where she ran freely achieving a point on a bird which was hit but which appeared to run strongly down the other side of a difficult fence. She was tried on this bird but it was not picked by her or the picking up dog.

She worked on enthusiastically but not very systematically, sometimes covering her ground over again. Although a number of birds were in evidence she did not achieve another convincing point. She completed the water test satisfactorily, returning by land around the lake.

We would like to thank the GLP Club for asking us to judge this trial. The superb open ground allowed us to test the dogs thoroughly for enthusiasm, ground treatment and dedication to the task of game finding and the woodland gave us the opportunity to see the way they behaved when game was easier to find. Our thanks go to hosts Lord & Lady Iveagh and their very helpful staff, David Winser for the excellent organisation of the trial and his good shooting in partnership with Steven Winser, and to Jo Gosling, Chief Steward.

Sheila Kuban and Mark Firmin.

Judges' Field Trial Report

GLPC Novice Stake, Tixover, Leicestershire
18 October 2016

Judges: Peter O'Driscoll, Nigel Dear

Guns: David and Stephen Winser

A full card of 12 dogs met at Coppice Farm by the kind permission of Mr Percy Gilman, consisting of 8 GSPs, 2 GLP, 1 HV and 1 KG. Andy Swallow 'keeper and steward of the beat took us to the first of the three fields of sugar beet that would be used during the day.

The day started off overcast with a light breeze, often variable providing a head, sometimes cheek wind to the dogs. The first field was rather high, quite wet and ultimately proved unproductive. Relocating to the next field, game was proving elusive requiring more than ever a dog to demonstrate drive and good ground treatment, attributes which were lacking in some. Here Elrington's GSP, running No.5, had the first of 2 finds, followed by another point, the shot bird was not retrieved. T Bird's GSP Sutchest Fraser which tracked a bird for some distance but was unable to make the point and eventually the bird escaped through the end of the field. L Whitley's GLP, Questor Llewelwyn, had a very promising 1st run showing style and energy but did get bogged down on scent which interrupted the flow of its run. Belton's HV, Flushpoint Lurko, handled by Rory Major, impressed with an energetic and well controlled run, unfortunately unproductive but sufficient to ensure an appearance in the second run.

9 dogs were taken into the second round which was conducted in the third and largest field. Elrington's GSP had its second point, production and retrieve which firmly placed it at the head of the field. Belton's HV worked up a cock pheasant after a second energetic run, this dog simply floated over the sugar beet as if it wasn't there, but was unsuccessful in the retrieve which had been a strong runner and the delay in positioning the dog and handler over a fence was undoubtedly a significant factor. A short third round consisting of Hudson's Korthals Griffon Floh v d Wielervelden at Fechlindream and Belton's HV Lurko did not improve their fortunes and we called an end to the stake. There was 1 dog to take to the water.

Elrington's GSP.b Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta JW

This was a lively bitch, competently handled. On its first run, a promising point turned out to be unproductive, followed quickly by a further staunch point, which on command, produced a cock pheasant which was shot. The dog was steady. The bird fell on the top of the hedge at the field edge and fell to the ground. The dog was sent for the retrieve but after searching the fall area was unable to locate it. Both judges also failed to find it.

Its second run was even livelier exhibiting excellent ground treatment and drive, this was a stylish dog. A further point and subsequent retrieve completed the run. Water retrieve was good.

Result:

1st Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta JW, owned and handled by D Elrington.

Both myself and my co-judge would like to thank the GLPC for the invitation to judge and to thank Tony Betambeau for immaculate stewarding. We would also like to record our thanks to the Field Trial Secretary and his wife for the organisation and hospitality.



Judges' Field Trial Report

GLP Club Novice Stake at Glaston 24th October 2016.

By kind permission of Mr Percy Gilman.

Judges David Winser and Lee Loveridge

Quarry Species Pheasants and Partridges.

Type of Ground - Open fields of root crops. All dogs were run either directly into the wind, though where not possible they had a slight cheek wind.

Scenting conditions fair.

Weather dry and overcast with outbreaks of sunshine.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr Jim Bird and his GSP bitch, Sutchest Frieda. The Guns award went to Tom Bird handling Sutchest Fraser, a GSP dog and litter brother to Frieda.

Sutchest Freida. GSP bitch, owned and handled by Jim Bird.

Her first run with a left-hand cheek wind was in an open field of sugar beet. She had one unproductive point. Later in the run one bird lifted, though it was far off to the left and never in contention. Her second run, again in sugar beet, was partly with a head wind and partly with a left-hand cheek wind. No game was seen. The dog showed enough pace and enthusiasm to warrant a third run. This was into a headwind, again in a field of sugar beet. The dog and handler took a little time to settle. Working on towards the edge of the crop the dog feathered in on a bird and pointed staunchly. As the handler approached a bird lifted to the left of the dog and flew off. The dog remained steady on point and when asked to produce, the dog flushed the pointed bird, sat to shot and, when told to do so, retrieved a cock pheasant tenderly to hand. The water retrieve was satisfactory.

I would like to thank the GLP Club for the invitation to judge, A panel David Winser for his wisdom and support; our guns for supporting the trial, and to Chief Steward Jayne Herbert.





Notice Convening The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club will be held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH, on Sunday 21st May 2017 at 1pm.

Nomination papers for the Committee and Officers of the Club must be submitted on an official, original Nomination Form available only from the Honorary Secretary. (no faxes or photocopies will be accepted)

Completed Nomination Papers should be returned to the Honorary Secretary, Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 2QH by not later than Sunday 23rd April 2017.

Resolutions in accordance with Club Rule 10(e) must also be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by not later than Sunday 23rd April 2017.

Please Note: In the event of a ballot only paid up Full Members of the German Longhaired Pointer Club will receive ballot papers and be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.

Eileen Winser, Honorary Secretary.

After the AGM we will be holding our social day together with an informal retrieving test. It is always a bit of fun and we hope you will come to the AGM and stay for the afternoon and to meet other Club members.

All members are invited to our Annual Social Day. You do not have to own a German Longhaired Pointer to come along and take part in our retrieving test and barbeque.

Entries taken on the day. £2 per dog. Rosettes for 1st 2nd and 3rd in each class.

There will be three classes:

Beginners and puppies - Novice - Open

Please return the form to signify attendance and book lunch, and or to offer apologies.

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs, on Sunday 22nd May 2016 at 11 am.

1) Present:

Rob Gould, Eileen & David Winser, Sheila Kuban, Paul Williams, Paul Jackson, Chris Hartnoll, Norman & Daphne Papworth, Steve Farr, Amy Farr, Cameron Farr, Shirley Farr, Jo Croft, Terry Croft.

2) Apologies for absence:

Richard Kuban, Ed & Leni Booter, Maureen & Jill Court, Marie Archer, Theo Gould, Mark Gittins, Kathy Connor, Coshy Kimberley, Steve Kimberley, Chris Green, Mark & Kate Pritchard, Lindsey Whitley, Howard Kirby, Jo Hankey, Tony Betambeau, Simone Pearse, Fleur Fillingham, Rachel Newman, Jayne Herbert, Penny Simpson, Penny Easy, Larry Wilks, Brenda Moss, Suzi Burton, Rod & Frances Smart, Chris Spree.

3) Minutes of the AGM on Sunday 24th May 2015.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been previously circulated in the Newsletter. It was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5) Correspondence

A letter from John Smith inviting the Club to hold the annual working test again at Ducklington the date agreed 10th July 2016.

A letter from The Kennel Club thanking members for their attendance at Discover Dogs at Crufts and also at Discover Dogs at Earls Court.

A Letter from the Kennel Club regarding Theo Gould's transfer to the A Panel list of Field trial judges.

6) Chairman's report

The chairman reported another good year for the Club and congratulated Rob Gould on his Field Trial achievements in Serbia.

The result of the mass email to all Club members regarding approval for sending out the Newsletter electronically was well accepted with only 4 members requesting a hard copy. The Newsletter will continue to be sent in hard copy to members with no email address and those who have requested it.

The pewter tankard presented by Mark Gittings for the Guns award at Eleveden was awarded to Eileen Winser and Questor Fleurie for the second year running.

The Bryants Croft Trophy for excellence in Field Trials goes this year to Steve Kimberley and Questor Karson of Caldera. Congratulations to Steve and Coshy Kimberley.

Two pointing tests have been held this year one at Frolesworth and one at Wardy Hill. Frolesworth was offered to the Club by David Forsyth for the first time. Frolesworth proved to be an excellent ground and it is hoped that we may be able to run a Field trial there some time in the future. There was a very good result at Wardy Hill this year proving to also be an excellent ground for H.P.R. dogs. There were results at both of these tests and the Judges reports will be in the next Newsletter.

Five Field Trials are planned later in the year 3 Novice 1 All Aged stake and 1 Open Qualifying stake. The Novice Stakes will be held at Glaston, Tixover, and Croxton. The all Aged Stake also at Croxton and the Open Stake will be at Elveden.

7) Secretary's Report

The Secretary announced that she would like to take a back seat and have somebody else take over the responsibility of running the Club. A long discussion followed and it was agreed that the details of the Game Fairs, Discover Dogs at Crufts and at Excel and the working test will be allocated to other members of the committee. Details are being kept as records for duplication and membership forms sent to Paul Williams.

8) Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

The treasurer Chris Hartnoll produced a statement of the accounts which showed the Club's financial position. A copy of these accounts is printed at the end of these minutes and will be included in the next Newsletter. It was suggested that the Club stock of badges and car stickers be written down and badges given to Associate members when they join the Club as well as Full Members.

These accounts were accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Rob Gould and seconded by Daphne Papworth. Vote unanimous.

9) To elect Officers/ Committee

The four honorary posts, Eileen Winser (Secretary), Chris Hartnoll (Treasurer), Paul Williams (Membership Secretary) and Maureen Court (Show Secretary) remain in post.

Other members of the Committee were elected en block. David Winser, Sheila Kuban, Rob Gould and Jo Croft, Steve Farr.

Web Master Shirley Farr.

Chairman David Winser, Vice Chairman Sheila Kuban,

Nominations for Committee for next year are to be sought and the Secretary's job sub divided to delegate the work.

Proposed by Steve Farr and Seconded by Rob Gould. Vote unanimous

(10) To appoint Auditors

Eileen Winser proposed Steve Farr to continue as auditor.
Seconded by Paul Jackson. Vote unanimous.

(11) To appoint Legal Advisor and Veterinary Surgeons

Davis Winser proposed Howard Llewellyn as Legal Advisor. Rob Gould and Theo Gould as Veterinary Surgeons. Vote unanimous.

(12) To discuss resolutions under Rule 10 (e)

There were no Resolutions.

With no other business the meeting closed at 12.55pm

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Cliff Simons

The HPR world and most of all the GSP world have lost one of the best known and much loved characters since the breed was introduced in the UK after the second world war.

I have read so many obituaries to Cliff Simons since the shocking and sudden news of his death on 23rd October 2016, but still it is hard to believe he has gone.

Madge and Cliff and the Swifthouse kennel are the best known names in German Shorthaired Pointers in this country and always will be.

Our first GSP in the early 1070's was sired by Ch & FT Ch Swifthouse Tufty and I am proud to say that line continues.

Our love and sympathy to Madge and Jane and also to Jennifer all of whom will miss him the most of all of us. Sincerely Eileen and David



**The German Longhaired Pointer Club Accounts
for the year ended 30th September 2015**

	2015			2014		
	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s	£'s
Annual Subscriptions	1,225	0	1,225	1,270	0	1,270
Club Shop Sales	0	334	(334)	0	0	0
Field Trials	x 5 1,550	1,400	100	1,560	1,433	127
Spring Pointing Tests	x 1 105	42	63	268	165	103
Working Test	x 1 912	362	550	940	339	601
Training Day	x 1 255	200	55	170	0	170
Seminars	x 1 0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Show	x 1 78	267	(189)	0	0	0
AGM	x 1 117	82	35	112	73	39
Donation				22	0	22
	<u>4,192</u>	<u>2,687</u>	<u>1,505</u>	<u>4,342</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>2,332</u>
Web Site		180			0	
Discover Dogs		0			0	
Newsletter		482			424	
Insurance		254			253	
Kennel Club		45			45	
Trophies		0			0	
Sundries		87			0	
		<u>1,049</u>	<u>-1,049</u>		<u>722</u>	<u>-722</u>
Surplus for the year			<u>456</u>			<u>1,610</u>
Balance Sheet:						
Shop Stock		506			717	
Debtors		225			305	
Bank		8,424			7,812	
Creditors					-134	
		<u>9,155</u>			<u>8,700</u>	

Report of the Auditor to the members of the German Longhaired Pointer Club.

I have audited the Club's records and confirm that the income and expenditure account and the abbreviated balance sheet accurately reflect the transactions that have been made during the year ending 30th September 2015.

Steven Farr
23th April 2016



Are proud to sponsor the
German Longhaired Pointer Club
events and wish all
competitors and exhibitors
success in the coming year

