

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

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Welcome to the Autumn /Winter 2018 edition of the GLP Club newsletter. I have just taken over the task of producing this publication so apologies for any major errors. Firstly, on behalf of the members, I would like to thank Eileen Winsor for her sterling work on this front to date – she has managed to find interesting things to write about twice a year for many years. I hope I can keep up!

What a fantastic achievement for Rob Gould and Wamilanghaar Djynn to win the St Hubert World Championship. Rob and Djynn demonstrated a true partnership of dog and handler working together to win – a well deserved reward for his dedication and hard work.

I write this having just returned from the Club's last Field Trial of the season at Croxton – a successful All Aged trial on sugar beet, bringing the Club's 2018 trials to a close with a well-deserved first and second place. Competitors were lucky enough to have the current St Hubert World Champion shooting over their dogs!

I hesitate to mention Brexit, but if you are planning to travel with a dog next year, take note of the advice provided by DEFRA via our vets - you need to think ahead.

The Club has a new Membership Secretary in Coshy Kimberley – please read the membership section and AGM minutes for updated GLP Club Field Trial entry priority rules.

I have set up a new email address GLPnews@fireflyuk.net for information for future newsletters. Please send news and photographs of your dogs working to me. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and more importantly, the remainder of the season having fun with your dogs.

Frances Smart
Editor

Rob Gould and Wamilanghaar Djynn
win the St Hubert World
Championship 2018



St Hubert Championship 2018

The World St Hubert Championship for Men and Women Hunters with pointing dogs (HPRs and British breeds) and spaniels aims to promote and emphasise the spirit of hunting through a high-level of competition with attention paid to dog-expertise and the technical aspects of hunting combined with the education of hunters to respect nature and ecology.

Essentially the hunter has a dog, a gun, six cartridges and 20 minutes to impress the judges starting with a short speech of introduction as they inspect the gun and cartridges. The hunter is shown the terrain to be hunted and sets off. Safety is paramount, and the barrels must be inspected each time before loading and the gun unloaded before crossing obstacles.

Judges assess observation of hunting rules, respect for the environment, dog-handler teamwork, shooting etiquette and safety, and the hunting efficiency and style of the dog. A bird in the bag with one shot scores +10 points, with two shots +5 points, a missed bird -5 points, a shot bird not retrieved -10 points.

The men's competition (individual and national teams of two) had three sections with any country being represented only once in any section. The winner of each section then competes in "the Barrage" to determine the first three places.

Djynn and I were the last to run in our section. The terrain was white grass with many solitary evergreen oaks. The competitors waited by the cars to be called for their runs. We could not see the dogs running but we all heard the shooting and there was much speculation. Did two shots mean two birds down (+20), one bird (+5) or no birds (-5)? As the hunters came back, they told their stories and the nature of their luck. One, a previous winner, had 5 points but the birds flushed where they could not be shot. Another had two birds in 3 shots (+15) and was optimistic, but safety issues derailed him.

As our turn grew nearer it was obvious that the frequency of shooting was diminishing indicating that the game was getting scarcer.

Our senior judge was a charming but non-English speaking Italian - luckily the Spanish judge was fluently tri-lingual.

Djynn settled into her hunting rhythm and ran well, covering her beat efficiently despite the 25-degree heat. With time running out she eventually pointed a partridge, thankfully on open ground, produced it on command and one shot later made a smart retrieve to hand.

As soon as we were back at the cars the competitors gathered and the Italian judge gave his summing up speech mentioning each competitor in turn. He then looked at me. I said I don't speak Italian! Then with much hilarity and applause I was told I had won my section.

We drove to the next hunting ground to meet the Spanish (Pointer) and Portuguese (Portuguese Pointer) finalists ready for a ten-minute run each in the Barage. I was concerned that Djynn may not have fully recovered from her recent 20-minute run in the heat, but she was as fit as she has ever been and took it in her stride.



We ran second on a white grass and tree covered slope running down to a stream with shorter cover on the opposite hillside. The cheek wind ran left to right down-hill and we had to progress along the slope parallel to the stream. Djynn knew her role; she hunted the downwind side of the stream and quartered her way up the hill then again went to the bottom of the wind and quartered the next section. She found and pointed a partridge at the base of a tree, but this could not fly. She enthusiastically worked on and pointed another partridge. This lifted as we (me, three judges, two guides and a camera crew) approached and flew away obscured

by a small tree. I had to skip around the tree to get a shot off at a rapidly rising and retreating bird approaching the limit of my gun. I took Michael Yardley's advice to stare the bird to death and could see that it was hit first barrel. The bird flew on over a small copse on the edge of the stream, towered and dropped on the opposite slope out of sight.

Djynn could not see the fall but took the line of flight then disappeared in the trees. I next saw her searching the far slope but too far to the right. I let her hunt in case I was wrong, then I stopped her and sent her left where she went from view and I waited.... and waited.... until there was an outbreak of applause from the gallery who had a good view of the whole terrain. I knew then she had picked the bird.

And that is how she won the World St Hubert Championships. It was an absolute pleasure to spend a week with the British team at the World Championships; in four years we have had some notable successes. We have made friends across Europe from Norway to Croatia and as far as Ukraine and look forward to seeing them all again next year in Serbia. Everyone we met was friendly, helpful, ready with guidance and full of genuine appreciation of good dog work. It was a great experience.

Rob Gould

Brexit and Pet Passports

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has advised that if the UK should leave the EU without a deal, there would be important implications for people wanting to travel overseas with their animals from 30th March 2019.

This means that action may be needed as early as 28th of November 2018.

In the event of a no deal, the UK would be treated as an unlisted country so dogs, cats and ferrets would need a rabies blood test, a minimum of 30 days after the rabies vaccination, then would need a further 3 months before being allowed to travel to the EU. This means that potentially, those wanting to travel, need to contact their vet at least 4 months before the intended travel date.

Even if a deal is struck, there is a chance that Defra will not be able to secure adequate status on the day that the UK leaves the EU (29th March 2019), meaning a gap of several months where pet owners will need to follow the steps listed above.

Up to date information can be found on the Defra website under "pet travel to Europe after Brexit".

Chairman's report 2018

It has been some time since the last Newsletter and I am delighted that Frances Smart is now taking over production and Coshy Kimberley has become the Membership Secretary, both jobs greatly reducing the pressure on Eileen in her Secretary's role. What with those and Discover Dogs, the Game Fair and our own pack of dogs, let alone running a business, it has all become too much to fit into the available time. Further help with some of the other tasks would be most welcome, should you be able to find time to serve the Club.

I write this just as we are about to have our final trial for this season, and what a season it has been. Unprecedented weather during 2018 has seen us here in East Anglia starting off with a huge rainfall and then suffering one of the longest droughts I can remember. The warm weather was absolutely delightful and unusual, but it did come at a great cost as, after getting a good start, the cover crops we need to draw game out into the open are all stunted and, to be quite frank, I had serious doubts in September that we would be able to put on any trials at all.

In the end it all came good, though we lost access to our own training ground until late October and therefore also lost the chance of a Club training day in the process. However if we are to continue to strive to test our dogs properly, on open ground as far away as possible from woods, ditches, hedges, game covers and release pens, then we must remain subject to the vagaries of the weather, and for that reason must accept that grounds may alter in quality from one year to another.

Our first two trials were due to be held in Leicestershire, though the keeper (for both) had told me that the fields available to us were not well placed in relation to his release pens this year because of the farm's rotational crop cycle and the dry weather meant there was very little cover in them. He was right and our first trial at Glaston was devoid of game for the first part of the day, though of course Judges Eileen Winsor and Steve Kimberley did have the opportunity to see what the dogs could do in terms of hunting, which, as highlighted by the Kennel Club, is the most important aspect of a dog's work in a trial. In the end we were able to move to one field where contestants could put the final pieces into their jigsaw. We ended the day with a First place; a Third place and a Certificate of Merit, having seen some outstanding hunting dogs perform. As the day was so difficult I cancelled the Tixover trial which was to be held one week later, so we went from a total of six field trials last year to just four this year. We have not returned to Wardy Hill as control of the land has changed hands and the syndicate has folded, meaning there is no feeding and there are no released birds to supplement the wild stock.

In November we returned to Elveden for our Open trial. The keepers took us to an

area in the middle of the estate – a 250 acre farm that has been left fallow for two years. Effectively it was white grass and weeds as far as the eye could see in any direction. There were clear views of every dog at all times and the spectators could see everything all day. Some limited food had been put out to attract the semi-wild game. In reality it was the best trial ground I have ever seen south of the Border, and I have seen a lot over the past 40 years! We had a fantastic day and saw some stunning dogs, but sadly most fell by the wayside, all for game-related misdemeanours bar two. We are just hoping, rather selfishly, that the farm remains in this condition for some time.

This week we went to Croxton for a Novice trial, and again, that was a huge success. Despite there being no awards for a whole host of reasons, the crops were sufficient to hold game and every dog was tested. We look forward to next week at Croxton for the All Aged stake.

This season there have been a lot of murmurings from a great number of people regarding almost every aspect of field trials. From the quality of grounds to the quality of judges; from too much game to too little game; from shooting everything to shooting just what is pointed or worked and of benefit to the dog being tested; from having two Guns to having four Guns; from Guns holding back so as not to disturb unworked ground to Guns being right up with the dog irrespective of whether the ground in front of them has been worked or not; from grounds with just wild or semi-wild birds to grounds with high densities of released game. Everyone is entitled to their opinions which I am sure will be aired when the HPRFTA has a meeting at the close of the season - Eileen and I are just so disappointed that we are unable to go and have our say as we will be abroad on holiday.

Whatever, I have just one or two thoughts of my own to throw into the pot.

What were HPR breeds designed (in some cases) and/or developed to do?

What is the aim or purpose of a field trial?

In my view, if you read the Kennel Club J regulations carefully and think what they mean, the answers are obvious.

The late David Layton said something once that I have never forgotten and I think deserves to be reflected upon –

“On a rough shooting day the dog is the servant of the Gun. On a field trial day the Gun is the servant of the dog.”

Best wishes,
David.

Secretary's Report 2018

I am very pleased to say that the Membership Secretary's job has been taken over by Coshy Kimberley. Please send any queries regarding your Membership to Coshy.

The Newsletter, another very important job, is now being done by Frances Smart and it would be very helpful if you could send her any information and articles to be included. Don't forget pictures as well.

There is still much to do to get the breed better recognised and we need to get out and about with our dogs. There are game fairs and country fairs all over the country from March right through to the autumn months where we could be seen with our dogs, but we need more volunteers to help to with the stands. If you would like to go please let me know and I will make sure that the organisers send tickets well in advance of the events.

I need some volunteers to go to Discover Dogs at Crufts in March and also to Discover Dogs at Excel in October. The Kennel Club pay the Clubs an allowance for both shows to help with travel expenses. The game fairs and country shows do not offer any expenses but it is a nice day out in the summer months and entry to the shows is free if you are representing the breed. We are looking at the cost of light weight display material for promoting the German Longhaired Pointer at these events and hopefully this will be available for next year.

Whilst many of us are competing in field trials and shooting over our dogs during the season there is also promotion of the breed going on through the show side that might interest some of the new puppy owners. Sarah Thomson is doing a grand job in promoting the breed at championship shows held all over the country, in Ireland and on the continent. Sarah has made up international champions and Irish Champions and would be willing to help anybody that may be interested in showing their dogs.

I have talked to Sarah about the possibility of tagging on to a Championship Show in a central position in the country to hold our own Open Show.

We of course would have to be invited by the Committee of the show to do this but we very successfully did it a couple of years ago at Three Counties Show ground in Malvern. Please get back to me if you would like to try showing your dog and I will pursue it with our Show secretary Maureen Court and Sarah has volunteered her help.

The Committee have talked about running another Seminar for Show Judges to help to promote the breed. This is something that also needs to be looked into. We are a very minor breed and after so long we need to move on in all directions but we cannot do it without the help of all our members.

Looking forward to hearing from you with some new ideas.

Best wishes,
Eileen

Membership Secretary

We have a new Membership Secretary in Coshy Kimberley, who takes over from Paul Williams. Many thanks to Paul for his hard work and enthusiasm in promoting the breed.

Anyone who has moved, changed numbers, email details etc. please contact Coshy at enquiries@kimberleygundogs.com. Previously joint members would have been contacted through one email or mailed as a single unit under one address in the good old days of hard copy! Now we are using email addresses much more to contact members but it is likely we will still only have one email listing per joint membership. Please ensure you update Coshy with all relevant contact details for all parties.

Important notice - please make sure your subscriptions are fully paid up on the 1st October yearly. If subs remain unpaid at the 15th October Field Trial entries will be treated as being from a non member for the purposes of deciding preference in the draw for the whole membership year—see AGM draft minutes. Why not make life easy all round and set up a Standing Order! Bank details are: German Longhaired Pointer Club. Sort Code 54 30 27. Account number 09830359.

GLPC Pointing Test – Frolesworth

The German Longhaired Pointer Club held a pointing test at Frolesworth, Leicestershire, on Saturday 31st March, 2018. The Judges were Brian Botterman and David Winsor.

All seven dogs (three Junior and four Adult) were run into wind in two large fields of rape, which although very wet from continuous rain throughout the previous few days and nights, were found to contain a total of seventeen partridges and three pheasants to adequately test all of them.

Apart from one 30 minute period of rain later in the morning the weather remained overcast and dry for the test. Several of the dogs entered showed great enthusiasm to find game and would have benefitted from a little more team work with their handlers. Two dogs were graded:

Winterwell Inca Gold to Evagrove. Adult GSP b. Owned by Mesdames Mellor and Heath. Handled by Libby Mellor.

On its first run this dog set off in a measured and determined manner, working the wind perfectly and to an even distance either side of the handler, who controlled her charge quietly. Ground treatment was good until at one stage on the left hand side the dog pulled forward on a scent parallel to a hedge and footpath. The handler went straight forward with the dog until it decided there was nothing to find, as which point she called the dog back across the wind. However quite a bit of ground had been missed to the right of the dog and when we moved forward two partridges flushed. The dog had never been in contention with them. On the second run the dog set off in the same measured manner, pulling a little forward on the left hand side but soon coming back and making good the ground on her beat. A short time later she pointed a pair of partridges on the left hand side, sitting to flush and immediately returning to the handler when asked.

Graded GOOD.

Sutchest Fraser. Adult GSP d. Owned and handled by Tom Bird.

This dog set off in a determined fashion, quartering into wind evenly with a hedge to his right hand side. He soon winded birds, feathered onto them and staunchly pointed on the right hand side, still some distance from the hedge. Two partridges flushed and the dog remained steady, returning to the handler when called.

When cast off again this dog soon encountered scent and moved forward parallel to, but still some distance from, the hedge. No birds were found and when he returned to his beat his manner became somewhat erratic and ground was missed on the left hand side for the remainder of the ten-minute first run.

Graded GOOD.

Overall the standard of the one Munsterlander and six German Shorthaired Pointers running on this day was quite good. Some would benefit with much more quartering experience, which in turn would (or should) instil teamwork between each dog and handler. This, coupled with intelligent use of available ground, would make a huge difference to the outcome on an otherwise difficult, but far from impossible, day.

Brian Botterman and David Winsor.

Working Test

Sunday 8th July 2018

Graham Water, Gill Mill, Ducklington, Oxfordshire

By kind permission of our host Mr John Smith

Puppy

Once again fantastic weather for the working test at Graham Water on Sunday 8 July. I have competed here myself many times, it's a lovely ground and don't think I've ever experienced bad weather. In fact it was a little too hot at times but we shouldn't moan about that!

I was judging puppy and was taken to see my 'test area' prior to commencing. It was a lovely shady area for the duration of our tests. The excellent organisation meant that no-one would be walking through or near to any of our tests so the pups could concentrate.

Unfortunately the class was very small but this meant that I could give some advice and tips following each test where necessary, I hope that handlers found this useful.

Hunting was along the bank of the lake and included an area of denser, wooded cover. It was clear to me which dogs had experience of working this type of terrain and those with less experience. A twist at the end of the hunting was that dogs were required to be steady to a thrown dummy and then return to the handler WITHOUT picking the dummy to end the exercise. All dogs achieved, were under control whilst hunting and worked well with their handlers.

Memory/obedience was only about 30 yards but the dogs were required to go out of sight of their handlers. All dogs marked very highly on this test although there was a little trepidation from some handlers when I explained the test.

Seen was a good 80 yards with some dogs short-marking and thereby struggling to find the dummy. To me this highlighted a problem in training where I feel that people try to "run before they can walk" and train for blinds before the seen retrieve is 100% reliable.

Water was a simple thrown dummy to which all dogs were steady. The entry was friendly as they could step in but quickly had to swim as the floor sloped away. A nice set of water retrieves and some happy handlers.

Thank you to the German Longhaired Pointer Club for inviting me to judge and for the, now legendary, delicious lunch.

I enjoyed watching the pups, all of which were bold and full of enthusiasm – I hope that everyone continues to work with their dogs and I wish you luck on your journeys together.

Deb Bowns

Novice

I really enjoyed judging this well run Working Test on lovely ground and thank the GLP Club for inviting me and providing such a lovely lunch.

I judged two retrieving tests. The first was a seen retrieve of a thrown dummy over a ford to the far bank with a shot fired. All the dogs entered the water willingly but several dogs were unsteady and two didn't retrieve to hand. A dummy was lost to one dog as he dropped it in the water and it floated off down stream. The second test was a split retrieve of a thrown dummy followed by a blind retrieve. Most dogs appeared to mark the fall and went out to the area and then had trouble locating the dummy, possibly due to the intense heat and very dry ground. Most dogs seemed to need a lot of handling on to the blind retrieve. All dogs which completed this exercise delivered their dummies to hand. The winner Kate-lands Cosmic Encounter, although a little slow at times, was biddable, took directions from his handler and delivered his retrieves to hand. The second placed dog Galfred Pitty Point was steady, marked well and very quick to complete his retrieves to hand. He gained full marks for both the ford retrieve and the split. The third placed dog, Tournesol Lagan was also steady, biddable and completed the retrieves to hand.

Sheila Kuban



German Longhaired Pointers were well represented this year at the Working Test

Open

I had a great day judging the Open Test with Jim Bird and thank the GLP Club for putting on such a good test for HPRs. Special thanks to Eileen for, as always, a great lunch.

I judged the split retrieve which consisted of a 60 yd+ seen retrieve and, at approx. 90 degrees a 50+ yd. blind retrieve with the blind required to be retrieved first. On the whole I thought some of the dogs lacked enthusiasm and seemed to be a bit bored by it all. Although it was a hot day we were in a shaded area. Four dogs received a zero score, three failing the blind retrieve and one ran out of steam on the seen.

Jim and I judged the water test together and it was very pleasant sitting on the bank watching the dogs carry out a blind retrieve placed on an island. We made particular note of their willingness to enter on command and the four dogs in the awards completed the test in a satisfactory manner.

Working Test Results

Puppy	1st	S Bennett	Tweed Mull (HWV)
	2nd	Gary Latchford	Indijazz Designer Genes (GSP)
	3rd	Heather Gray	Fassfields Silver Lining (HWV)
	4th	Chris Hartnoll	Questor Nancy (GLP)
Novice	1st	Sue Adams	Katelands Cosmic Encounter (GSP)
	2nd	J Bennett	Galfred Pitty Point (HV)
	3rd	J Wordsworth	Tournesol Iagan (Brittany)
	4th	-	
Open	1st	Simon Kirby	Lady Gipsy Rose @ Helwyrecwm (GSP)
	2nd	Suzi Burton	Trubon Grafyte Treve (Weimar)
	3rd	C Kimberley	Questor Karson of Caldera (GLP)
	4th	Leigh Miller	Oakberrow Ginasmuch (HWV)



The Red Arrows put in an appearance during the Open water tests



1st Puppy - S Bennett
Tweed Mull (HWV)



1st Novice - Sue Adams
Katelands Cosmic Encounter (GSP)



2nd Novice - J Bennett
Galfred Pitty Point (HV)



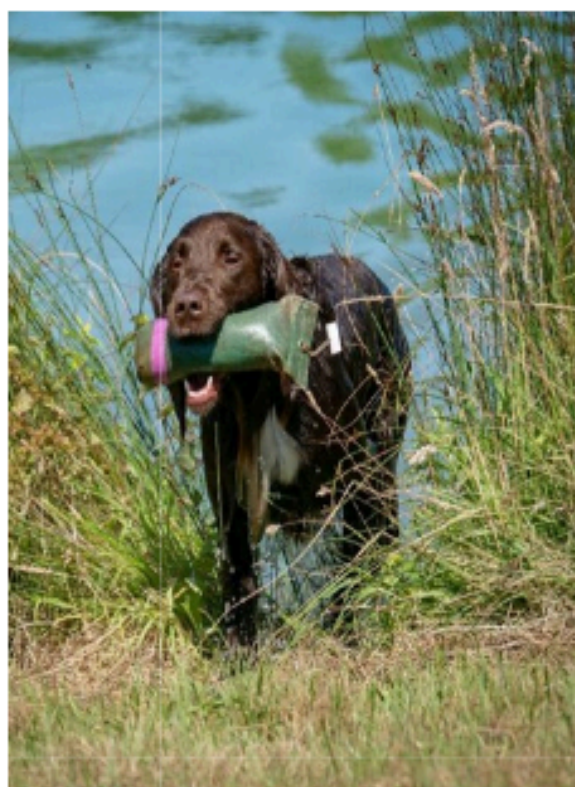
1st Open - Simon Kirby
Lady Gipsy Rose @ Helwyrecwm (GSP)



2nd Open - Suzi Burton
Trubon Grafyte Treve (Weimar)



3rd Open - Coshy Kimberley
Questor Karson of Caldera (GLP)



Questor Karson of Caldera

Game Fair July 2018

The Game Fair at Ragley Hall in July this year saw GLPs in the Sporting Dog pavilion as usual. For the first time the demonstrations in the International Gundog Arena, usually limited to spaniels and Labradors, also included a demonstration of HPR training and work. This was undertaken by Howard Kirby and the team from Mullenscote Gundogs and included 2 very experienced German Longhaired Pointers Tashi (FT Ch Wamilanghaar Tash at Mullenscote) and Rory (Questor Llewellyn), and a less experienced dog Troy (Wamilanghaar Hurricane of Mullenscote) in the team. Howard talked about the breed from a working perspective and with help from Linsey Whitley, demonstrated his method of training from a young puppy through to a fully trained dog. It was an amusing and entertaining hour and was a great showcase for the breed.



Field Trials 2018

Monday 15th October
Novice Stake

Glaston, Leicestershire, by kind permission of Mr. Percy Gilman.
Judges: Steve Kimberley (2571) and Eileen Winser (2419)

1st	Sutchest Fraser	GSP	Tom Bird
3rd	Questor Lara	GLP	Steve Farr
C of M	Sutchest Frieda	GSP	Jim Bird
Guns Choice	Questor Kite	GLP	David Forsyth

Questor Lara



Monday 22nd October
Novice Stake

Tixover, Leicestershire, by kind permission of Mr. Percy Gilman.
Judges: Trevor Horsefield (2149) and Steve Robson (2863)

Cancelled—Lack of Cover crops

Tuesday 13th November
Open Stake

Elveden, Norfolk, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Iveagh.
Judges: Chris Gray (3223) and Steve Pleasance (3364)

1st	Aytee Isadora	GSP	Lucy Hustler
Guns Choice	Questor Fleurie	GSP	Eileen Winser

Monday 19th November
Novice Stake

Croxton, Norfolk, by kind permission of Mr Dennis Woods.
Judges: Sheila Kuban (2152) and David Pilkington (3039)

No Awards
Guns Choice

Sutchest Braun Gino	GSP	Jim Bird
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Tuesday 27th November
All Aged Stake

Croxton, Norfolk, by kind
permission of Mr Dennis Woods.
Judges: Peter Bakewell (2568) and
Jim Bird (3501)

1st

Warrendown Eva

GSP

Steve Pleasance

2nd

Ellepas New Moon

GWP

Charles Grewcock

Guns Choice

Questor Lara

GLP

Steve Farr

From Zero to Hero **The GLP Did Good: World Championships 2017**

Where to start when detailing an experience I will never forget. Coming third place in the World Championships and the separate Mediterranean Cup in Hermes, France is something I would never have imagined.

My love of GLPs began through my first, Boswell, bred by Frances Smart who has bred and trialed GLPs for a number of years. He was largely a pet and not a shooting/trialing dog but with Boswell I began to get some experience of gundog training. I'll be honest in that we only "dabbled" but had a great time together.

In December 2014 I acquired a new GLP pup, Rory (Questor Llewelyn), bred by Eileen and David Winsor. From there I made it my business, and have been lucky enough, to surround myself with some of the most experienced HPR handlers. Stephen and Coshy Kimberley, Rob and Theo Gould and instrumentally my partner Howard Kirby have all been incredibly supportive in helping Rory and I get to trialing standard. We put the hours and miles in all over the UK on different grounds, shooting trips, shot over days and training sessions, we were committed to the cause and loving it.

I started trialing with Rory in 2016 when he was almost 2 years old. Our first season was eventful with a number of awards and top placed dog but that first place evaded us. When Howard talked about trying out for the GB team in Spring 2017 I looked forward to driving to the selection with him and watching dogs run. Howard was hoping to take Tash, his 2015 HPR championship winner to the World Championships for the second time. A few days before the event we decided to take Rory up too to see if they would let him run. He had a Stud Book number from his efforts that season.

Up we went, and the selection team were happy for us to run - result! I was thrilled with Rory's run and he held his own. I was even more delighted when we got the news that both Howard and I were selected to be on the GB team!

Between then and France Howard and I worked hard on training our dogs to be ready for the cause. In France we would run in braces of 2 dogs and with bells on our dogs' collars - it's what they do! The distraction of another dog, whistling handler and the bells had to be familiar if we were to get the best out of Tash and Rory.

On the Ferry over to France in Oct 2017 my heart was in my mouth with excitement but as the Novice underdog I didn't feel the pressure. Rory and I had achieved a 2nd then that elusive win at Novice just prior to our France trip.

On arrival at the competition it was all go. The meeting point at the local town hall was a bustle of varying HPR breeds and language tongues, an incredible experience. After the initial organiser's speech on each day, 58 dogs and their handlers in vehicles would bomb burst to their allocated ground of 10. This was a challenge in itself and you had to be on it to locate and not lose sight of your guide or judges van. Organised chaos, and it even makes me anxious at the thought now!

When I was at my ground and with Rory I could not wait. Fellow competitors from all over the world were an absolute delight. Such a variety of folk from single handlers to professional trainers in fully kitted out "dog vans". The first two days was the Mediterranean cup, with a day's break in between then the World Championships for two further days.

I was so proud of Rory - he ran his heart out. Running in a brace did not faze him at all and if anything, made him take the bull by the horns. In the first day's run he found 2 birds ahead of his brace partner and didn't put a foot wrong and the stars continued to align themselves from there. Off we went to water. He won his group (28 dogs) achieving CACT and we ran off in the Barrage against the winner of the other group to achieve a RCACIT. After the second day we again had a run off in the Barrage and achieved a third place in the Mediterranean Cup. This was something I never dreamt would be achievable, and definitely brought a few tears to my eyes. I was over the moon.

Now for the World Championships. After Rory's achievement in the Med Cup, the pressure was off - I'll be happy with that thanks, so we had a blast. The little chap dragged me down to our runs like a blooming racehorse and pulled it out of the bag again on both days. After going to water both days we achieved a RCACT and were thrilled.

When the final results were announced at the closing ceremony that evening I didn't expect to be called up for third place in the World Championships. It is a moment and experience I will never forget. 4 days, 4 grounds, 8 judges, 58 competitors, the boy did good.

I could never have achieved this with Rory without the hours and miles put in under the wisdom of those mentioned above and especially my personal dog training guru Howard Kirby.

Linsey Whitley



Forthcoming Events

Steve and Coshy Kimberley would like to try and organise a GLP hunting training day at the Kennel Club ground at Emblehope, Northumberland, to be run in the second half of March or April. This will be open to club members at a competitive rate to cover costs. There will be limited spaces, but if interest is very high another trainer could be organised. Firstly though, we wish to ascertain if there would be sufficient take up for this event, so please email Coshy at enquiries@kimberleygundogs.com if this is something that would be of interest.

Crufts 2018

Best of Breed - Dog

BE/LUX CH MECK VAN BOTERAKKER WW17

Owner: Mrs Konings

Best Puppy - Dog

WHERRYPOINT KNIGHT RIDER

Owner: Mr P & Mr P Williams & Jackson

Best Dog

BE/LUX CH MECK VAN BOTERAKKER WW17

Owner: Mrs Konings

Best Bitch

SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA LUX JNR CH

Owner: Ms S S Thomson

Reserve Best Dog

DT CH VDH ARANY'S GUS WGC

Owner: Mrs A Bishop

Reserve Best Bitch

IR SH CH/LUX/DEUT CH (VDH) SARSCOTTAH AURA IR JNR CH GER/W 17 W/W 17 CW17

Owner: Ms S S Thomson



Veteran - Dog	1st	QUESTOR IZAAC (Mr T & Miss J Croft & Hart)
Junior - Dog	1st	SARSCOTTAH CALEDONIAN (Mr R & Mrs P Drew & Witheridge-Drew)
Open - Dog	1st	BE/LUX CH MECK VAN BOTERAKKER WW17 (Mrs Konings)
	2nd	KIRAN V D LAARSCHÉ VELDEN BWNL 16 BJWNL 16 NJK 16 JWNL 16 (Mr E J Siebers)
	3rd	SARSCOTTAH ASTRO (Mr J & Mrs S Speck)
Special Working Gundog - Dog	1st	DT CH VDH ARANY'S GUS WGC (Mrs A Bishop)
Veteran - Bitch	1st	CADANBYRIG EVENING BREEZE (Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart)
Junior Bitch	1st	SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA LUX JNR CH (Ms S S Thomson)
	2nd	SARSCOTTAH CATCH A RAINBOW (Mrs H Walker)
Post Graduate - Bitch	1st	QUESTOR KOKO (Mr C Hartnoll)
	2nd	SARSCOTTAH CATCH A RAINBOW (Mrs H Walker)
	3rd	WHERRYPOINT ARIADNE (Mr P & Mr P Williams & Jackson)
Open - Bitch	1st	IRSH CH/LUX/DEUT CH (VDH) SARSCOTTAH AURA IR JNR CH GER/W 17 W/W 17 CW17 (Ms S S Thomson)
	2nd	QUESTOR KOKO (Mr C Hartnoll)
	3rd	LUX CH ORFEE VAN DE BOTERAKKER (Mrs Konings)
Field Trial - Bitch	1st	QUESTOR LAYLA AT CADANBYRIG (Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart)

Whilst this newsletter is not the place to mark the passing of every GLP, those who have excelled in their working lives deserve a mention.

Wamilanghaar Gemini of Caldera aka Rizla 2003 - 2018

Rizla was Steve and Coshy Kimberley's first GLP bred by Rob and Theo Gould, out of Wamilanghaar Popacatapetl by Alfie Nederlandse of Questor.

Coshy worked, trained and trialled him until he won a Novice Field Trial in January 2008. Steve then took him on to compete at Open FT level.

Rizla achieved a leg up with a First at the Hampshire Gundog Open Field Trial in 2012 under judges Tony Russell and Ray Davies. He gained 6 seconds at Open and multiple lower placings and Guns Awards.

He ran at the first reinstated HPR Championship in 2012, and although qualified for 2013 Championships, he didn't run as Steve had taken on the role of judge in that year. He was always admired for his systematic hunting, very rarely missing anything on his beat.

In retirement Rizla enjoyed being a student dog for clients at Kimberley gundog events, and featured as part of the team of dogs used in the training DVD's. He also starred in many training articles in Sporting Shooter, when Steve wrote the gundog advice column.

In his later years he enjoyed working on the local shoot where he made friends with, and picked up, for a young girl called Ellie, only six years old. She now has her own dog called Wizzla.

Coshy said 'Rizla was a truly lovely dog, with many fans – he brought us into the GLP fold and we are forever grateful to him. He will always be missed but never forgotten'

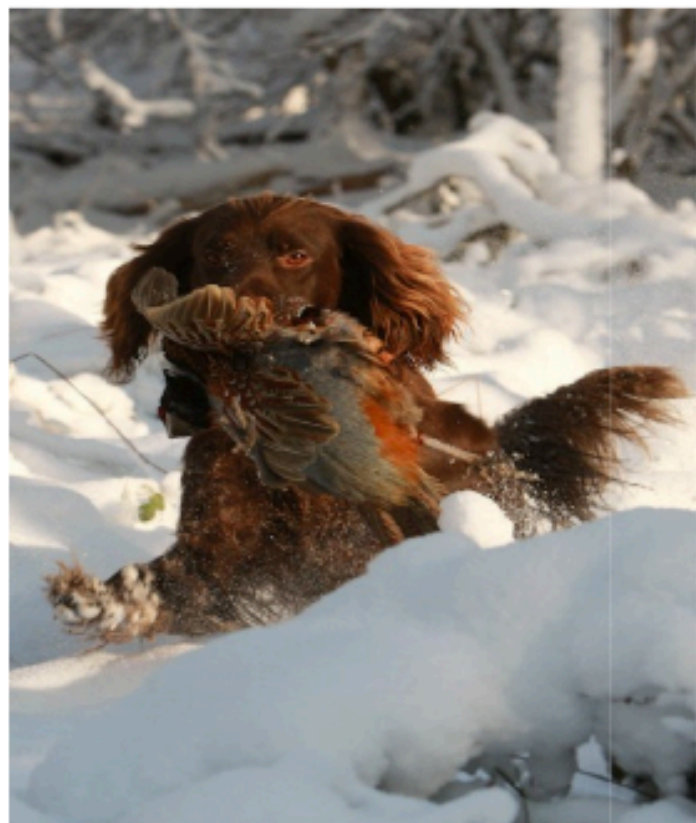


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The German Longhaired Pointer Club

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs, on Sunday 27th May 2018 at 12 noon.

1) Present:

Eileen Winser, David Winser, Sheila Kuban, Steve Farr, Amy Farr, Theo Gould, Frances Smart.

2) Apologies for absence:

Richard Kuban, Ed & Leni Booter, Maureen & Jill Court, Rob Gould, Chris Hartnoll, Jo Hankey, Shirley Farr, Rhod Smart, David Forsyth, Norman Papworth, Daphne Papworth, Leigh Miller, Mark Firmin, Tracie Rickman, Jayne Herbert, Kathy Connor, Harriet Page, Chris Spree, Coshy Kimberley, Steve Kimberley, Janice Hawkes, Simone Pearce.

3) Minutes of the AGM on Sunday 22nd May 2017.

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

Theo Gould wanted to discuss some matters but was asked to bring them up under any other business.

5) Correspondence

A letter from John Smith inviting the Club to hold the annual working test again at Ducklington the date agreed 8th July 2018.

A letter from The Kennel Club thanking members for their attendance at Discover Dogs at Crufts and also at Discover Dogs at Excel in London..

Letter from Kennel Club inviting the Club to attend Discover Dogs at Crufts, and Discover Dogs at Excel in London. .

6) Chairman's report

Following on from our last Annual General Meeting the calendar year began with the Working Test at Ducklington. It was quite well attended and the day was enjoyed by all.

We trekked to the Game Fair and had an exhausting but enjoyable time representing our breed, albeit with not much time to do anything else! Also during the

year our breed was represented at Discover Dogs, both at the Excel Arena and Crufts. Much more help is needed with these and volunteers are most welcome.

Through the shooting season we organised six licensed field trials. Glaston and Tixover were held just one week apart in October and there were results at both. The two Croxton trials were similarly held a week apart – this time in November. Interestingly there were no awards at the All Aged but a First and a Second at the Novice. We ran both trials on exactly the same ground and saw the same numbers of birds on both (which was a lot).

Of the remaining two trials Wardy Hill, an All Aged, was very tough indeed. We saw plenty of birds but they saw us first, so all got up well out of range. Sadly there were to be no awards at this trial and I felt really sorry for Tom Bird, whose dog was superb (even if it isn't a Longhair). The Open at Elveden, which was in a different area as the Kennel Club had pinched our usual ground for the Championship, was as testing as ever and in my opinion was equally as tough as Wardy Hill, with just as much hard-running semi-wild game. However here there was a full card of results from First place right through to one C of M.

Our season for 2018 started with just one pointing test this year, at Frolesworth. The weather was very unkind but, somewhat surprisingly, we did have a good result to show for our efforts. I had the privilege of judging it with Brian Botterman, a supporter of our Club since its inception, where, sadly, he announced his retirement from all dog events. This is a great shame and his vast knowledge of HPR breeds will be sorely missed by everyone.

We did not hold our usual pointing test at Wardy Hill, because since the farming practices on the land have changed the syndicate shoot has also ceased, meaning there are no released birds to supplement the wild stock. Our host of many years, Nick Border, was rather upset that I am choosing not to go back until the situation improves. He lives on the land and with his two GSP's walks a part of it every day. He knows full well just how much game there is, but being wild it takes a special kind of dog, plus a little knowledge about wild birds, to deal with it. So we could really do with a good Pointing Test ground, not least because we cannot award the pointing test trophy until we have a graded dog in two or more tests in the same season.

A proposed privacy policy was sent to all Members with the notice of the AGM. A very long discussion took place regarding this matter during which each section of the proposed policy was discussed by those present and, where necessary, the wording was altered to meet the will of the meeting.

The alterations were:-

On page 2, under **"How long do we hold your personal data for"** The period of

“seven years” was substituted for the original wording of “12 months”. A new paragraph was added = “**Right to erasure**”. You have the right to have your personal data deleted from our records at any time. Please contact the secretary should this be the case. (Secretary’s note - these amendments have been published and are shown on the full data policy details on our web site)

Theo Gould asked that the joint membership application form be amended to include spaces for the email addresses for both members. (Secretary’s note - this has been done.)

Proposed Rule Change Following a discussion concerning members only re-joining just before a trial to take advantage of reduced entry fees and preference in the draw the meeting agreed the following wording to be added to rule 8(f). “Members who pay their subscription after 15th October will forfeit their privileges, including preference in all draws for that membership year.” (Secretary’s note - this proposal will be included on the agendas for the 2019 AGM)

7) Secretary’s Report

There have been no enquiries regarding the position of Secretary therefore Eileen has agreed to carry on until somebody volunteers to take on the job. Coshy Kimberley has agreed to become Membership Secretary and was co-opted onto the Management Committee.

A Seminar for judges has not taken place due to lack of interest. I will try to organise one next year but without help from interested parties I cannot do it on my own. Help and support for the Game Fair, Working Test, Discover Dogs both at Crufts and in London at Excel was needed. It was suggested an email should be sent to all members regarding help with Club events.

8) Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Accounts

The treasurer Chris Hartnoll has produced a statement of the accounts. The accounts were presented to the AGM by Steve Farr (Auditor) in the absence of Chris Hartnoll. The accounts showed the Club’s financial position to be very healthy. A copy of these accounts will be included with the next Newsletter. The accounts were accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Theo Gould and seconded by Frances Smart.

9) To elect Officers/ Committee

David Forsyth agreed to stand for the Committee. Proposed by David Winser, seconded by Eileen Winser. The honorary posts, Eileen Winser (Secretary), Chris Hartnoll (Treasurer), Maureen Court (Show Secretary) remain in post. Other members of the Committee were elected en block. David Winser, Sheila Kuban, Rob Gould, Steve Farr. Web Master Shirley Farr. Chairman David Winser, Vice Chairman Sheila Kuban

(10) To appoint members to Honorary posts upon recommendation of the Committee

Coshy Kimberley was proposed as Membership Secretary by Eileen Winsor
Seconded by David Winsor (vote unanimous).

(11) To Discuss resolutions under Rule 10 (e)

No resolutions have been submitted

(12) To Discuss resolutions under Rule 14

Rule Change – from Secretary Rule 4 (d)

From:

“The Committee may appoint any qualified person to fill honorary posts, such as **Legal Advisor**, Veterinary Surgeons and have power to co-opt any member, and shall ensure that all interests of the Club are represented. Those co-opted shall only hold office until the next General Meeting of the Club, at which an election of Officers and Committee takes place.”

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13) Any Other Business

1) Report by Sheila Kuban our Kennel Club Liaison Committee representative.

a) Applications to have Field Trials must in future state “dogs will not be hunted close to release pens”

b) Qualification in Open Preference in the draw to qualifications 1st, 2nd, 3rd in Open, 1st, 2nd in All Aged, 1st in Novice.

2) Theo Gould asked for 3 Guns at trials run by the GLP Club on the basis that sometimes a bird could not be shot because of the distance the Guns are away from it. A discussion followed and the Field Trial Secretary undertook to consider this proposal in relation to GLPC Trials.

With no other business the meeting closed at 3.40pm

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