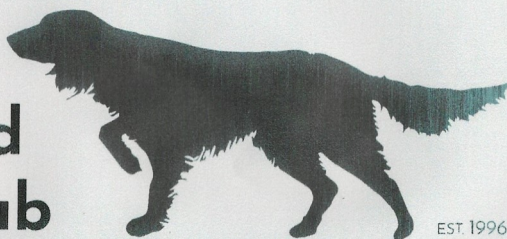


# German Longhaired Pointer Club



## NEWSLETTER



**Autumn 2021**

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Front cover: GLP's at the Game Fair - from right; Jon Gallant with Tilly and Willow, Kathy Connor with Lutz, Coshy Kimberley with Beattie, Steve Kimberley with Cracker and Frances Smart with Layla and Rizzo

## Editor's Note

It has been sometime since the last newsletter as, with the exception of one very successful Field Trial, all the Club activities were cancelled in 2020 and early 2021 because of the difficulties with running trials during the COVID pandemic. As a result there is some catching up in this edition, including Crufts 2020 results and the report from the single Field Trial which did go ahead.

We are now able to get out and about again, to everyone's relief. It has been a busy period - the Club has welcomed a new Committee and thanks must go to the previous longstanding members who have stepped down this year - notably Eileen Winser as Secretary, Chris Hartnoll as Treasurer and Sheila Kuban as Vice Chairman, all of whom have been devoted supporters of the German Longhaired Pointer for many years.

There was an excellent turnout for the Game Fair HPR Home International in July and this proved to be a fantastic show case for HPRs as a group. All credit to Howard Kirby and his team for a great day featuring an exciting competition, as well as educational demonstrations. The English and Welsh teams both had a Longhair selected for their squad, although both dogs were held in reserve on the day. A brilliant effort from the English team won the competition - we look forward to the rematch next year.

I have been lucky enough to get up to Northumberland for several days of grouse counting. For the first time my young dog Rizzo came out as a fully paid up member of the counting team - it is such a pleasure to watch the young dogs develop their natural ability, learn and grow. As I sign off this edition another young dog from the same litter has gained the Guns Award at a Novice grouse trial-report in the next edition.

Some of the moors have been hard hit by the weather this year and young birds are scarce - spare a thought for the keepers whose job it is to manage these amazing areas.

Our newly appointed Show Secretary Julia Tuck has just

secured a venue and date for a Club show to be held in 2022. This will be the first Club show since 2015 so get the date, 28th May, in your diary and be there to support your wonderful breed.



**Rizzo learning to point grouse**

By the time you read this the season will be in full swing. If you are trialling this season - good luck, but in any event enjoy your dogs.

**Frances Smart  
Editor**

### **Welcome to new GLPC members**

John Cullen  
Matthew Ball  
Mark & Beverly Cranston  
Jackie Lane  
Graham & Georgina Brown  
Line Bundgaard-Hansen  
Gary Vallins  
Mr & Mrs Paul Burdett

Darryl Elliot  
Peter & Brenda McKenzie  
Russ & Mandy Hicks  
Michael Rogers  
Damien McCabe  
Paul Davies  
Sue Murray

### **SUBS ARE DUE ON THE 1ST OCTOBER.**

Most members have set up their standing order for prompt payment. We would strongly advise members who have not, to kindly do so, it certainly makes life a lot easier and means your subscription has not lapsed by accident just when you need it.

If you are not a fully paid up member by the 15th October your membership will be deemed to have lapsed and you will lose benefits including preference for entry in trials and other events.

On another note, if you do not want to remain as a member, it is your responsibility to cancel your standing order.

## Chairman's Report

Well it's been quite a busy time since our AGM in April. A new committee has been formed and is moving forward at a rapid rate. We subsequently held a Special General Meeting to update the Club's Code of Ethics which hopefully will now be agreed by the Kennel Club.

Our newly appointed Field Trial Secretary ran a fantastic GWT at Ducklington with the whole committee helping out.

We fielded a team of GLP owners to represent the breed at the Game Fair and generated a great deal of interest (see front cover). I was fortunate enough to be invited to judge the first HPR Home International match, which also ran at the Game Fair and was great fun.



**Cracker and I enjoying  
a cuddle**



**Showing what an amazing  
all rounder the GLPs are**

In Ireland one of our members has had a litter of GLP pups, a couple of which will be coming to the UK, which is great news for the future of the breed.

The Field Trial dates are now out so we look forward to those.

Julia Tuck, the new Show Secretary, has been busy behind the

scenes preparing for Discover Dogs at ExCeL in November and events in 2022, including a breed show.

A big thank you to all members for your support for this new committee and the work it's undertaking to elevate the GLP.

Many thanks  
**Steve Kimberley**

## **Secretary's Update**

After many years at the helm, Eileen Winsor has stepped down from her role as Secretary and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of the membership, for her many years of service to the club and the breed. Chris Hartnoll has also stepped down and our thanks go to him for his excellent work to date as Treasurer. The April AGM saw six committee members take on their new roles and the club thanks the outgoing committee for their dedication over the years.

The new committee is keen to raise the profile of our breed and encourage new ownership so we have been actively working behind the scenes to increase awareness of the GLP and its versatility. To better reflect today's Longhair a new website is in the pipeline which will provide information on the breed as well as events and updates across all the disciplines including the show ring, the field, agility, obedience and canicross, not forgetting the GLP in the home.

GLP litter numbers are still low, Covid restrictions having made it difficult for breeders to travel for matings, so there was only 1 litter registered last year. Happily, a club member in Ireland recently had a litter with two of the pups coming to England, so things are looking up. I am delighted to say that enquiries for puppies are on the rise and the club has a waiting list of keen new owners. I'm also encouraged by the increase in new membership applications.

At the Game Fair this year, the GLP was very well represented in the Sporting Gundog Pavilion and our thanks go to Jon and

Lynn Gallant, Tristan and Sarah Gale, Frances Smart and Coshy and Steve Kimberley for taking the time to man the stand. I was also there with a dog and it was great to see so many people keen to chat and know more about the breed.

The Club has been busy, busy in the last few months and following on from the success of the Ducklington Working Test, we have a whole host of events for your diary, our Field Trials are all lined up, on the show scene there are GLP classes at Championship Shows in Darlington, Driffild, National Gundogs Association, Gundog Society of Wales, Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland and Ladies Kennel Association.

We are keen to see what you have been up to with your Longhairs so if you have some photos you would like to share for the next newsletter, please get in touch and if there is anything you would like us to feature in the newsletter, let us know.



On a final note, the committee look forward to increasing the number of events in the calendar including training days and spring pointing days as well as Show events and seminars. If you want to get in touch with us the contacts for the new committee members and officers are on the inside front cover of this edition.

Enjoy your dogs and happy hunting.

**Kathy Connor**

## Dates for your Diary

### Field Trials

**Open Trial - Mindrum, Northumberland**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Novice Trial - Kilverstone Hall, Thetford**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**AA Trial - Kilverstone Hall, Thetford**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**AA Trial - Ditchley, Oxford**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Novice Trial - Emblehope and Burngrange**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**see page 23 and [www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk](http://www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk) for full details**

### Discover Dogs - ExCeL

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - If you own a GLP and would like to get involved with part of this weekend or find out what's involved please contact our Show Secretary, Julia Tuck, via email [showsec@glpclub.org.uk](mailto:showsec@glpclub.org.uk)

### Shoot over days - TBC

Keep an eye on the GLPC facebook page for any details.

### Spring Pointing

**Emblehope and Burngrange, Northumberland:**

February 2022 dates and judges TBC

**Newmarket:** March/April 2022 dates and judges TBC

**GLP Breed Show 2022** - held as a partnership show at Bath General Championship Show on Gundog Day: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### GLP classes at Championship Shows

Gundog Society of Wales: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Ladies Kennel Club: 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Crufts: 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Gundog Day is 13<sup>th</sup> March)

In case you weren't aware, if your dog has a Stud Book number for Field Trials, you are eligible to enter the breed classes at Crufts without further qualification.



## **Breed Health Coordinator Annual Health Report**

The German Longhaired Pointer Club continues to promote sound breeding by encouraging hip scoring, eye testing and heart testing in all breeding stock. We are also recommending a DNA test for thyroid cancer which has become more prevalent on the continent, and a DNA test for E-locus which results in unacceptable coat colour.

The Covid pandemic and lockdown has, as expected, had a negative impact on the number of litters being produced.

It has also seen laboratories and other testing facilities being unavailable for routine testing. Sadly The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket has been completely closed down. Fortunately their DNA work on goniodysgenesis will continue at The Queen's Veterinary Hospital in Cambridge with much of the same team.

The BHC's health report is required to list the three health and welfare conditions that the club considers to most important to deal with.

1. Thyroid cancer - approximately three dogs have been diagnosed over the last 20 years. The club is not aware of any recent cases but it is becoming more of a concern in Europe. The GLPC is encouraging as many people as possible to submit hair samples for processing in Holland so that we can collect data on thyroid cancer in the UK. We have recently submitted DNA samples from 12 dogs from several different lines.
2. Goniodysgenesis - an abnormality in the eye that can lead to glaucoma. Approximately three GLPs have been diagnosed with glaucoma over the last 4 years. There are several ophthalmology departments in the UK that will carry out the test. It is also recommended that a cheek swab is taken so that a correlation between the DNA and clinical disease can be established.
3. Gastric Torsion - this is a condition that can affect all deep chested breeds.

## Health Status of German Longhaired Pointers

The GLPC aims to collect information on the health status of GLPs in the UK to improve our understanding of the current health status of the breed.

If you have owned or currently own a GLP, we would be really grateful if you could email Theo Gould (Breed Health Coordinator) with details of any health issues (and age and cause of death where appropriate).

The results can then be presented to the Kennel Club for their records.

Many thanks.

**Theo Gould**  
**Breed Health Coordinator**



**Ready to go**

## **Travelling your dog to EU countries and Northern Ireland**

The old UK-issued pet passports are no longer valid for travel to EU countries and Northern Ireland. You will now need an animal health certificate which can be issued by your vet within the 10 days before travel unless you have a valid EU pet passport. This certificate will allow travel within the EU for up to 4 months but applies for one trip only so you cannot re-enter the UK then use the same certificate to go out again.

Your dog (cat or ferret) will need a valid rabies vaccination to have been given at least 21 days prior to the date of certification and a microchip that has been implanted at or before the date of the rabies vaccination. There is also a requirement for tapeworm treatment for animals travelling directly to Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta.

You will need a tapeworm treatment to be administered (and certified) to your dog (cat or ferret) between 24 hours and 120 hours (5 days) of coming back into the UK. This can be done in the UK if you are only going for a short trip.

The animal health certificates are really detailed and take a considerable amount of time to complete. It is really helpful if you can contact your vet well before travel so that they can prepare as much of the supporting evidence as possible and make copies where necessary. I have also seen EU pet passports that have not been filled in correctly so would not be guaranteed to get your pet out of or back into the UK. If you have one of these it is worth getting it checked well before travel.

More information can be obtained by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**Theo Gould**

## **Ivy the GLP Goes Hunting**

### **By Tristan Gale**

Grouse - the sheer mention of the bird and my mind begins to drift towards thoughts of beautiful purple heather coated moors, with an army of beaters pushing hundreds of birds towards waiting guns. However, if you own an HPR you will know there is a far more rewarding method of finding the birds.

The last weekend in July marked the Grouse Pointing Experience Day followed by a Grouse Pointing Test run by the Norfolk and Suffolk HPR Field Trial Club at Roxby Estate in North Yorkshire. I brought Ivy my 2 year old German Longhaired Pointer. Neither of us have been on the moors before, so we were keen to get going and find some grouse. After briefings from the organiser, two trainers and a quick chat from Mark (the most relaxed gamekeeper I have ever encountered), we were off!

Ivy was first to run as she is fairly sheep proof. I was quickly reminded how fast the GLP can cover ground, as Ivy sprinted her pattern into a face wind. As the day progressed, I learned much about the grouse, the heather and the monumental amount of work Mark puts in to keep wildlife flourishing on the moor.

During the afternoon I learned more about how to approach the wind and letting the dog run. Unfortunately, due to a lack of young birds surviving the late winter along with lack of food this year, the grouse were wise and in the air before Ivy had an opportunity to point, a problem encountered by most dogs over our weekend. Charlie (our trainer) and Mark were incredibly helpful throughout, providing tips on areas grouse were likely to be and how best to approach little issues thrown up during the day. It was a poignant reminder that I have a cracking dog with a handler that needs work!

We retired to the hotel that evening trying to digest all that had been learned.

The following day was the Grouse Pointing Test! We ran third and had a good run, having tried our best to cover the ground. Unfortunately, we were not graded this time but this being said, the judges gave us some great feedback: "You worked really well together, she is attentive to your commands and body language, some very quiet handling and you covered all the ground methodically. You should be really proud."

So there it is, my first experience on grouse and we are now hooked. I write this following our second weekend on Roxby Estate, this time for an introduction to field trialling where we came away with a Certificate of Merit.



**Ivy practicing water retrieves**



**Ivy sets off**

## Grouse Training and Mock Field Trial

After a successful Grouse Training and Pointing Test weekend the Norfolk and Suffolk HPR Field Trial Club had to cancel their field trial which had been planned to run on the same moor. Instead they held another grouse training day followed by a mock field trial to introduce new handlers to the sport.

Thanks to the Keeper Mark Taylor and The Roxby Estate for their flexibility which allowed the N & S HPR FT Club to put on an extra day facilitating a two day training weekend. Willow is a 2 year old GLP and this was only her second experience of hunting on a grouse moor.

As in a true field trial we had 12 runners with a variety of breeds represented. As well as 2 GLPs, the field included GWPs, GSPs, a Hungarian Vizsla and a Weimaraner.



**Jon and Willow survey the moor**

We ran our dogs to hunt, point and flush game on our beats; in addition to grouse there was an abundance of ground game to test the steadiness of the dogs. I was fortunate to have a point on a Snipe early in my run. We then hunted on and flushed a grouse which Willow acknowledged. No dogs were eliminated on their first run to enable the continuation of the learning experience.

On our second run we quartered our dogs, then a shot was fired and a cold grouse thrown. Willow was steady to shot and then retrieved to hand on command. We were able to comply with all the required elements and proudly came away with a First place.

All competitors found this to be a great introduction to Field Trialling, run under the instruction of our two experienced HPR trainers and judges Lucie Hustler and James Reavil.

The weather was kind even if the accommodation proved challenging as we were late assignees for the weekend. I can recommend the places **not** to stay unless you are desperate!



**Tristan and Ivy with Jon and Willow  
showing off their awards**

We all gained knowledge from the two day session with some excellent feedback from our trainers. I can recommend these days as a great introduction if you would like to enter the fascinating and competitive world of Field Trialling. I would certainly like to see our club and many other clubs/societies hold similar days.

Many thanks to the N & S HPR FT Club, particularly Denise who was always smiling and gracious, and her husband for carrying most of the cold game as well as his gun! Thanks also to Mark Taylor for his hospitality and wisdom about running HPRs on grouse, plus the educational information he imparted about the management of the moor. Lucie and James were outstanding - thank you for your constructive criticism which is always gratefully received.

**Jon Gallant**

## Pop Up Training Days

These were great fun and we were very pleased to be able to run them for Club members, opening places up to non members as well. We were able to arrange one day in the Godalming area and one in Kent. A big thank you to both the hosts, Neil and Suzanna Mills and Sean and Kathy Connor.

The day at Godalming was particularly for Novice standard dogs who were keen on doing working tests. Our trainer for both days was Steve Kimberley whose experience with HPRs is well known. Steve was able to help handlers with a variety of issues, from delivery problems to handling their dogs at distance. It was extremely hot on that day and I commend one and all for working so hard in the heat - all the dogs did really well.

The day at Woodchurch, Kent was aimed at young dogs and beginners, starting from scratch. A couple of handlers had slightly older dogs who were at beginner level. This course worked really well and there was plenty of time for handlers to discuss various problems they were encountering. Steve was able to set up scenarios for handlers to work on with their dogs.

We will be planning more of these days in 2022 and would suggest if anyone is interested they should either contact Coshy Kimberley at [ftsec@glpc.org.uk](mailto:ftsec@glpc.org.uk) or follow the GLPC on Facebook as that is where they will be advertised initially.



**Relaxing in the shade**



# Show Results 2021

**BATH CANINE  
SOCIETY  
Saturday 21 July 2021**

**Judge: Mr R Bott**

**Best of Breed**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Jr Ch/Benelux Win  
SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA Ir Jnr Ch/Deu  
Jnr/Lux Jnr W/W Jnr 17 W/W 18 (Thomson)

**Best Dog**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Ch/Dut Ch SARSCOTTAH  
ARRIS Ir Jnr Ch/Cjw 16 17 (Thomson)

**Best Bitch**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Jr Ch/Benelux Win  
SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA Ir Jnr Ch/Deu  
Jnr/Lux Jnr W/W Jnr 17 W/W 18 (Thomson)

**Reserve Best Bitch**

CALDERA BOURBON QUEEN  
(Kimberley)

**NATIONAL GUNDOG  
ASSOCIATION  
Sunday 01 August 2021**

**Judge: Mrs V Brown**

**Best of Breed**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Jr Ch/Benelux Win  
SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA Ir Jnr Ch/Deu  
Jnr/Lux Jnr W/W Jnr 17 W/W 18 (Thomson)

**Best Dog**

SARSCOTTAH ASTRO (Speck)

**Reserve Best Dog**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Ch/Dut Ch SARSCOTTAH  
ARRIS Ir Jnr Ch/Cjw 16 17 (Thomson)

**Best Bitch**

Ir Sh Ch/Lux Jr Ch/Benelux Win  
SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA Ir Jnr Ch/Deu  
Jnr/Lux Jnr W/W Jnr 17 W/W 18 (Thomson)



**GLPs at Bath Championship Show**

## Championing Showing With The GLP

I was showing German Shorthaired Pointers when I first saw the German Longhaired Pointer at a championship show in Tipperary, this was at a time when you couldn't show the GLP in the UK.



**Sarah with Sarscottah Arris  
Best of Breed at Driffield Championship  
Show**

Within two years I was hooked and had two Longhairs and have been showing my girls and boys all over the UK, Ireland and Europe ever since and my dogs are World and European show winners.

I really enjoy going to shows and introducing people to the breed as they are such beautiful teddy bears (as I like to call them).

In the ring you meet many styles of dog which you don't see in the UK and it's always interesting to note the differences between the German and Dutch lines.

I show my own dogs and handle other people's dogs as well, it's great fun and gets me out and about. In my experience, the show scene is one big happy family as there's always someone there to help or give guidance if you need it.

In the past I've shown many people how to groom the dogs as many folk have different methods. Unless I'm in the ring I'm always ringside and on hand to help anybody with handling and movement etc. Interestingly, the GLP is the only HPR breed which is stacked but doesn't have it's tail held out; this gives our breed a different stance to say the Large Munsterlander.

Showing can be hard work as there's a lot of travelling involved but I'm passionate about the breed and it really pays off as the longhairs are so special. They make the ideal family dog and are very versatile which is why you will see them taking part in many disciplines as well as showing; for instance agility, obedience and working to name but a few.

I would like to encourage any GLP owners out there to come along to a show and have a go with their dog. There are many classes at Championship Shows as well as a match and meet the breed where we have adult and junior handlers taking dogs into the ring.

I look forward to seeing you ringside.

**Sarah Thomson, Sarscottah**



## **Crufts 2020 Results**

### **BREED & CLASS RESULTS**

## **German Longhaired Pointer**

**Judge(s): MRS J COURT**



### **BE CH/NL CH/LUX CH OLD BEN VAN DE BOTERAKKER WW18 [ATC AX00569BEL]**

<b>Best of Breed</b>	BE CH/NL CH/LUX CH OLD BEN VAN DE BOTERAKKER WW18 (ATC AX00569BEL) Dog Owner: Mrs Konings
<b>Best Puppy</b>	CADANBYRIG MARIN Bitch Owner: Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart
<b>Best Dog</b>	BE CH/NL CH/LUX CH OLD BEN VAN DE BOTERAKKER WW18 (ATC AX00569BEL) Dog Owner: Mrs Konings
<b>Best Bitch</b>	IR SH CH SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA IR JNR CH LUX JNR DEU JNR W/W JNR 17 WW18 Bitch Owner: Ms S Thomson
<b>Reserve Best Dog</b>	IR SH CH/LUX CH SARSCOTTAH ARRIS IR JNR CH CJW16 CW17 Dog Owner: Ms S Thomson
<b>Reserve Best Bitch</b>	SARSCOTTAH CATCH A RAINBOW Bitch Owner: Mrs H Walker
<b>Best Veteran</b>	CADANBYRIG EVENING BREEZE Bitch Owner: Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart

<b>Veteran - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	CADANBYRIG EVENING BREEZE (Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	BLEYOS ANKA (Mr Cottam)
<b>Junior - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	IN YOUR DREAMS (Miss S L M Pearse)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SOPHISTICATED LADY (Miss S F Richards)
<b>Puppy - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	CADANBYRIG MARIN (Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	CADANBYRIG KHAM SIN (Mr T & Mrs S Gale)
<b>Open - Dog</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	BE CH/NL CH/LUX CH OLD BEN VAN DE BOTERAKKER WW18 [ATC AX00569BEL] (Mrs Konings)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	IR SH CH/LUX CH SARSCOTTAH ARRIS IR JNR CH CJW 16 CW 17 (Ms S S Thomson)
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	INT SH CH/NL CH KIRAN V D LAARSCHE VELDEN/NJK16/NJW'16/ NLW'19 [ATC ATO1999NLD] (Mr E J Siebers)
	Res	SARSCOTTAH ASTRO (Mr J & Mrs S Speck)
<b>Open - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	IR SH CH SARSCOTTAH CHARIZMA IR JNR CH LUX JNRDEU JNR W/W JNR 17 WW 18 (Ms S S Thomson)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	QUESTOR KHIE (Mr D & Mrs E Winser)
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	QUERA [ATC AWO2933BEL] (M Adyns)
	Res	SARSCOTTAH CLOUDBURST (Mr Cottam)
<b>Post Graduate - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	SARSCOTTAH CATCH A RAINBOW (Mrs H Walker)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	QUESTOR NANCY (Mr C Hartnoll)
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	ESRAH VAN DE OUDE WIJNGAARD ATC AWO2001NLD] (Mrs S Panier)
	Res	SARSCOTTAH CLOUDBURST (Mr Cottam)
<b>Field Trial - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	QUESTOR LAYLA AT CADANBYRIG (Mr R J R & Mrs F C Smart)
<b>Good Citizen Dog Scheme - Bitch</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	SARSCOTTAH CATCH A RAINBOW (Mrs H Walker)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	QUESTOR KOKO (Mr C Hartnoll)

## Field Trial Secretary Report

As we approach the Field Trial season, we are pleased to announce that we have 5 Field trials scheduled.

We have moved one of the Novice Trials from November to January to avoid a clash with the Championships - one GLP is qualified and others are seeking qualification so we are looking forward to supporting them.



On the subject of the Championships, the Club has donated a trophy to the event which will be awarded to the Best Hunting Dog or Bitch. The trophy is a solid bronze pheasant on a marble plinth and the Kennel Club are creating a silver plaque as we speak.

We would like to hold a couple of Shoot over days in January, but these will be subject to availability of ground. We will only be able to give a couple of weeks notice because we have to consider the weather conditions at the time, the field trial calendar etc., so keep an eye on the GLPC Facebook page for updates as any events will be posted here first.

We have 4 Spring Pointing days planned for February 2022, of which two are at Emblehope and Burngrange in Northumberland; the dates are yet to be confirmed but they should be around 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> and/or 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

There are another two Spring Pointing days in the pipeline which will be held near Newmarket—more news to follow on this in February. Don't forget, keep an eye on our FB page for details of events.

On a final note, I would personally like to wish all those field triallers out there jolly good luck for the forthcoming season.

Best wishes  
**Coshy Kimberley**

## **Schedule of Field Trials 2021/22**

### **MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - OPEN STAKE**

Mindrum, Northumberland

Judges: Mr Bill Muircroft (A panel 3610)

Mr Peter Howard (A panel 2172)

Entries close: Monday 18th October 2021

Draw: Tuesday 19th October 2021

### **MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - NOVICE STAKE**

Kilverstone, Thetford, Norfolk

Judges: Mrs Jean Robertson (A panel 2798)

Mrs Kathy Connor (non-panel)

Entries close: Monday 25th October 2021

Draw: Tuesday 26th October 2021

### **WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER - ALL AGED STAKE**

Kilverstone, Thetford, Norfolk

Judges: Mr Rob Gould (A panel 2902)

Mr Mike Ede (non-panel 3975)

Entries close: Tuesday 24th November 2021

Draw: Wednesday 25th November 2021

### **THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER - ALL AGED STAKE**

Ditchley Estate, Enstone, Oxon

Judges: Mrs Maureen Nixon (A panel 2158)

Mr Bradley Dymond (B Panel 3599)

Entries close: Monday 24th November 2021

Draw: Tuesday 25th November 2021

### **FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY - NOVICE STAKE**

Emblehope and Burngrange, Northumberland

Judges: Mrs Theo Gould (A panel 3235)

Mrs Frances Smart (non-panel 3965)

Entries close: Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Draw: Thursday 23rd December 2021

**Entries on-line via [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk)**

The full schedule and Standing Instructions can be found on the GLPC website [www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk](http://www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk)

## **Judges Field Trial Report Kilverstone Hall Estate, Thetford**

A Novice Stake open to all HPR breeds, held at Kilverstone Hall Estate, Thetford on Monday 14th December 2020. By kind permission of Lord Patrick Fisher.

### **Weather Conditions**

The temperature started cold, gradually warming to 10 degrees throughout the day. Wind conditions were gentle and consistent throughout the Trial. Scenting conditions appeared to be straight forward but scent did not appear to be traveling any great distance.

### **Type of Ground**

Open fields of sugar beet that were moderate in height, woodland and bracken lined belt of trees.

### **Species of Game**

Pheasant and partridge  
Game Certificate signed

### **Results**

1st	No. 9	Karrouki Windfire JW...HV Dog owned and handled by Mrs S Mills
2nd	No.1	Archenfield Islay....HV Bitch owned and handled by Mr N Lambert
Guns Award	No.11	Tungadale Galatea...HWV Bitch owned and handled by Mr A Snare

### **1st - No. 9 Karrouki Windfire HV**

First Run - This dog came into Line at number 9. It was asked to work the crop, working obediently and thoroughly the dog covered the ground well and held its beat. Taking scent the dog hunted forward, carefully working a bird through the cover and skillfully 'pinning the bird.' The subsequent point and flush was superbly carried out with the dog sitting steady to flush. The bird was not shot and the dog was asked to work on before



being picked up.

**Second Run** - Once again running in sugar beet the dog worked the ground cleanly and carefully. No game was found on this run.

**Third Run** - This time running in a bracken lined woodland belt the dog ran neatly and under control. He indicated a loose bird that lifted from the woodland edge and was steady to flush. There were a number of birds moving away from the dog towards the farthest end of the belt but he continued to work methodically and under control. A loose bird was shot from further up the wood. The dog was taken forward to make a retrieve. He was 'handled' nicely onto the bird whereupon the dog picked the bird cleanly and delivered to hand.

## **2nd - No.1 Archenfield Islay**

**First Run** - Coming into line at No.1, this bitch worked the sugar beet with pace and style, she came nicely onto point flushed when asked and was steady. The bird was not shot and she was asked to hunt on. This was a very nice clean first run.

**Second Run** - Working at the edge of the sugar beet crop the dog hunted nicely, making a nice job of the ground she was given. No game was found on this run.

**Third Run** - The dog was asked to hunt a woodland belt. Working the bracken covered floor she covered the ground well indicating birds that were moving forward. One of these birds 'jumped' and was shot some distance forward. The dog was asked to continue to hunt towards the shot bird before the handler was asked to collect the dog up. A mark was then given and the dog was sent to make the retrieve. She located this 'blind' nicely and finished the retrieve with a clean delivery to hand.

**Water Test** - A shot with a mark into water tested steadiness. Both dogs made light work of the swim and retrieve, delivered to hand cleanly and completed the water test.

A superb Trial with thanks to The GLPC Field Trial Secretary

Steve Kimberley and Chief Steward Harriet Lampart. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to 'The Keeper,' Mr R Rayner and Lord Patrick Fisher for their delightful hospitality and who were kind enough to allow the GLPC to use this superb trialling ground.

A 'quality' team of experienced Guns, Steve Kimberley, Brad Dymond and Jon Gallant ensured the plentiful supply of game was accounted for.

May I also take the opportunity to thank my senior judge, Mr Steve Pleasance for his expert advice, encouragement and mentoring, making this judging appointment a real pleasure.

**Mr Steven Pleasance and Mr Howard Kirby**



**Karrouki Windfire with the spoils**

## **Working Test Report**

The Working Test was held as usual at the fantastic venue at Ducklington, Oxford by kind permission of Mr John Smith.

As always Mark Firmin and Leigh Miller were there to help with the organisation of the day. Frances pitched up with her horsebox on the Saturday evening and together we set up, ready to welcome all competitors, stewards, judges and helpers on the Sunday.

Steve Kimberley was Chief Steward and also set the tests for the day. We had decided we wanted to run the day slightly differently than usual, so we had staggered start times for each group. Puppies started at 9am and finished by 11am, Novices started at 10.30am and finished by 1pm and the Open group started at 2.25pm and pretty much finished by 4.30pm.

Our judges were brilliant, they really worked hard to make the new format work. We rotated the judges so that they all judged different tests during the course of the day.

Handlers were in fine form and embraced the format of the day. They were patient when we got a bit held up prior to starting the Open tests. They were good fun and I think really enjoyed the day. We were so lucky with the weather, the rain managed to stay off until we had finished the day.

The format worked very well, but we identified some improvements we could make and these will be included for next year's working test.

**Theo Gould - Judge's report for the day.**

### **PUPPY STEADINESS AND RETRIEVE**

Walk to heel on the lead, sit stay while the handler walks forward and throws the dummy, return to the dog, walk back to the start off lead and then retrieve the dummy.

All but 2 puppies completed this test. There were plenty of distractions as we were right beside the lake with tempting long

grass and the odd dead fish! Most of the puppies scored well on the stay and the retrieve although one fell foul (literally!) of some fish bones not far from the dummy. Most marks were lost on the lead walking both on and off lead.

### **NOVICE SPLIT RETRIEVE**

Walk to heel off lead, throw a seen retrieve ahead on the side of the track, walk back to the start, throw a seen retrieve into the field, retrieve the first dummy (memory) then the seen from the field.

Most dogs completed the test nicely with only one dog fetching the wrong dummy first.

### **OPEN HUNTING**

After a period of hunting, a shot is fired and a dummy thrown, the dog is hunted on for a short while then stopped and sent for the retrieve.

All but one dog completed the test. All of the dogs were a pleasure to watch hunt.

### **Simon Kirby - Judge's report for the day.**

Thank you to the German Longhaired Pointer Club for asking me to judge at their working test 11 July 2021 at Ducklington.

It was a very well run and organised day with restrictions still in place for Covid-19 but Steve and Coshly and their team worked extremely hard to ensure everything ran to plan.

I judged puppy hunting in the morning, we had a lovely piece of ground with white grass, all the puppies hunted very well using the ground and wind which was very pleasing to watch. The puppies in the awards were very deserving. Just before lunch I judged the novice seen and blind, it was a seen across the river and then sent back for a blind - again the standard of dogs was very good.

After lunch I judged the open split retrieve; there was a short distraction thrown out and the dogs were sent for a long blind

up the hedgerow. All in all, the day was a massive success for the club. Lunch was lovely as always. Once again we should thank Steve and Coshy and all the helpers, stewards, dummy throwers and everyone who helped behind the scenes for going ahead with the test in these difficult times and providing a very enjoyable day.

### **Kathy Connor - Judge's report for the day.**

I had the pleasure of judging the Puppy Water, Novice Hunting and Open Blind Retrieve Tests at Ducklington this year, where all the tests were set to replicate how a handler might train at home.

All the competitors I judged were relaxed and keen to enjoy the day and luckily the weather held off and wasn't too hot for either dogs or handlers.

I am very grateful to the GLPC for the invitation but most importantly, I would like to thank the competitors for allowing me the opportunity to judge their dogs, it was a real pleasure to see so many different breeds and I had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

My sincere thanks to Mac Mattravers for his invaluable assistance with the Novice Test, that was an awful lot of walking about in a field and throwing of dummies for a few hours, thank you so much for your help Mac.

### **PUPPY WATER TEST**

Wait, steady to fall, enter water, retrieve and deliver dummy to hand

The test was a seen retrieve from water with handlers given a starting point ten feet from the water's edge and the option to move closer to the bank should they wish,



**1st Puppy–Suzanne Mills**

those remaining at the starting point gaining higher marks.

Entry was a shallow step down from the bank onto a sloping shelf into clear water. The handlers were asked to leave their dogs and throw a dummy about 10m into the water, then return to their dogs and on my signal, make the retrieve.

All the dogs were steady to the thrown dummy and for a few competitors, it was obvious they were worried about running in and consistently told their dogs to wait as they moved away, despite the fact their dogs weren't moving a muscle.

The standard of entry to water varied but only a couple of puppies refused to enter the water at all and a few others had to be coerced into the water. To these competitors, perhaps think about making the water fun and forget about steadiness until your pups enter water confidently. I was really pleased with the delivery by these young dogs with hardly any of them dropping the dummy.

To encourage success with the pups who failed, the test was reset and a bit of time and patience given to each of them to achieve a water retrieve on the day.



**4th Puppy & Highest placed  
GLP - David Forsyth**

There were some very smooth performances from the puppies and handlers who trusted their dogs to be steady; giving a command to wait, sending their dogs with one command and then quietly allowing them to return with the dummy to hand.

All in all, the standard in Puppy was very high and I congratulate you for all your hard work and training, there were many who achieved some very high marks.

## NOVICE HUNTING TEST

Hunting, stop whistle, steady to shot and fall with retrieve of dummy to hand

The hunting test was held in an un-mown field, with the handler asked to hunt into the wind, when the dog was seen to be working a pattern the handler was asked to stop the dog, then hunt on at my command. A shot was fired and when the dog acknowledged shot, a dummy was thrown and the dog sent for the retrieve on my signal.



**1st Novice - Jo Wall**

With a large number of entries, we had to move about the field in small groups so as to run the dogs into the wind on ground which hadn't already been covered, it was quite a challenge as the wind constantly changed from a head to cheek wind.

Whilst it's never ideal to hunt a blank field there were a number of handlers who didn't manage to get their dogs going, with some dogs sadly going out after failing to move away from their handlers altogether.

On the flipside, there were some dogs who thoroughly enjoyed their hunting and were not thinking about their handler yet the whistles kept going and going and the dogs just kept ignoring. The stop to the whistle was very good across the board and virtually all the dogs stopped and acknowledged the fall. A few found the retrieve more difficult than others and we did lose some dogs to failed retrieves but for the successful, the delivery to hand was very good.

The hunting test was set to replicate what a handler might practice during hunting training at home. I noted that the standard of hunting, which carries the most points, was very

much split down the middle with more than half the card losing marks for weak hunting. To those who struggled with the hunting element, perhaps think about hunting your dogs without distractions until you can see them working the wind and really importantly enjoy your dogs!



**Highest Placed GLP Novice -  
Sean Connor**

It goes without saying that the dogs which scored the highest points were those which hunted well and acknowledged their handler, needed little or no whistle for stop to shot and retrieved well without handling.

I was so pleased to be able to watch such a broad range of breeds in the Novice hunting test and there were a great deal of positives on the day including some slick performances from the medium paced breeds, who worked beautifully with very little obvious handling, these dogs thoroughly earned their high scores.

## **OPEN BLIND RETRIEVE**

This test was set on a grass track with the retrieve placed unseen approximately 70m in a straight line from the starting point, the wind was coming through a hedge on the left, sometimes moving to a headwind. To the right of the track was a wide grass bank with bushes and shrubs bordering the lake.

This test produced mixed results, ranging from dogs which succeeded, to dogs which had to be handled and over-handled to the mark.

Interestingly, although the retrieve appeared straightforward, some of the dogs were distracted and the retrieve proved a difficult one for a few seasoned dogs. Some did not make the outrun in a straight line along the track and veered towards the bushes or water. Sadly, this got both dogs and their handlers





**1st Open - Emma Carter**

handlers without completing the test, which was disappointing for them.

Two dogs really stood out during this test and received full marks for making an outstanding retrieve; their outruns were fantastic, both dogs received one command to retrieve, found the dummy and delivered to hand, making the whole test look effortless, it was a pleasure to watch and very well done.

### **Paul Whitaker - Judge's report for the day.**

As a newcomer to judging working tests the Ducklington GLP test was a steep learning curve. Fortunately Steve Kimberley and the other judges were very happy to give me guidance.

A good selection of breeds were represented with some handlers new to working tests and some familiar faces and dogs from the Field Trial circuit. Puppies were given some retrieve exercises to test their memory, control and motivation. Happily most dogs and handlers were successful. It was a new environment for the dogs and the distractions were quite

into all sorts of trouble requiring them to be handled on the whistle and voice to the mark.

Some competitors remained calm and handled their dogs successfully to the retrieve whilst a few handlers found it difficult to get their dogs to the mark altogether. A couple of dogs failed the test or were picked up by their



**Highest placed GLP Open - Sean Connor**

challenging for some.

It was really great to see the enthusiasm of the handlers despite a few nerves.

Novice and Open dogs were faced with water retrieves, and for the dogs a welcome swim in the cool lake. Willingness to enter water for the retrieve was generally good. What was clear that many dogs were unfamiliar with entering water at a distance from the handlers. Certainly a lesson for myself and others, training after all is nothing if not preparation for the work we expect our dogs to do.

It was a real pleasure to watch dogs and handlers enjoying themselves.

## RESULTS

### Puppy

1 <sup>st</sup>	S Mills with Nemzet Kincse Gloria HV
2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Dockwray with Canalgame Jozef HWV
3 <sup>rd</sup>	K Parris with Bonario Galate BI
4 <sup>th</sup> & Highest placed GLP	D Forsyth with Questor Ottilia GLP

### Novice

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jo Wall with Piroseg Mandarin of Perllanside JW HWV
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C Guest with Barantop Banoffee HWV
3 <sup>rd</sup>	M Rogers with Disglairhill Apache GWP
4 <sup>th</sup>	S Mattravers with Huntstone Arya HV
COM	S Zarpanely with Kewpond Buttons & Bows GWP
Highest placed GLP	S Connor with Wamilanghaar Rudi GLP

## Open

1 <sup>st</sup>	E Carter with Pioroz Cuddownego Lasu (Imp Pol) GSP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	L Holmes with Ladyhawke Perdita GSP
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A Farley with Warrendown Genesis GSP
4 <sup>th</sup>	S Mills with Karrouki Windfire JW HV
COM	S Mattravers with Huntstone Rhea
Highest placed GLP	S Connor with Questor Lutz GLP



**Caper has found his vocation  
babysitting little sister Fergie recently  
arrived from Ireland**

The committee would like to thank everyone who made the event possible on the day. Thanks also to our new sponsor Mike Ede of Working HPR's, who very kindly donated the certificate cards and bags of food for the winners of each class.

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