

German
Longhaired
Pointer Club



NEWSLETTER



Spring 2025

Committee 2024

Chairman	Steve Kimberley Tel: 07932 640061 Email: chairman@glpclub.org.uk
Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary	Jon Gallant Tel: 07771 755513 Email: membership@glpclub.org.uk
Honorary Secretary	Kathy Connor Tel: 07802 187752 Email: secretary@glpclub.org.uk
Honorary Treasurer	Frances Smart Tel: 07774 866280 Email: treasurer@glpclub.org.uk
Honorary Show Secretary	Julia Tuck Tel: 07732 973098 Email: showsec@glpclub.org.uk
Field Trial Secretary	Coshy Kimberley Tel: 07930 817373 Email: ftsec@glpclub.org.uk
Breed Health Coordinator	Sarah Gale Tel: 07764 564400
Breed Education Coordinator	Tracy Boyles Tel: 07821 674619
Committee Member	Jo Croft Tel: 07817 422948
Hon Vets	Rob Gould BVet.Med.MRCVS Theo Gould MA, Vet.MB,MRCVS
Newsletter Info	Please send to Treasurer or FT Secretary

Front Cover: Credit to Nick Ridley, Steve Kimberley's first GLP Rizla (Wamilanghaar Gemini of Caldera) in the snow.

Back Cover: Father and son, Jack and Bono having fun.

Editor's note

Another shooting season is over and the working test season is now well under way, and we are seeing German Longhaired Pointers continuing to be in the awards at both.

Once again Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera excelled at the Championships in November and was awarded the Best Hunting Dog trophy for the second year running.

Last shooting season also saw the trialling sisters Cadanbyrig Maestral with Annie Jones and my own Cadanbyrig Marin gain first places at Open, and so they are now focused on repeating that achievement.



An end of season GLP party!

Another promising dog and handler combination is Sean Connor with Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles winning a Novice trial in style. All these awards and others gained by Longhairs in the 2024-25 field trial season are listed later in the newsletter.

Reports from all the trials run by the Club are included here so enjoy reading about the variety of grounds and challenges that face our shooting dogs in a competitive environment.

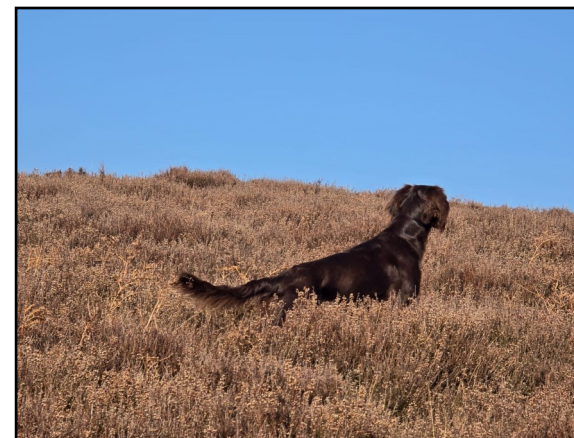
One of the HPR world's best known and respected trainers and handlers is Steve Kimberley, who has been training a multitude of breeds across Spaniels, Retrievers and HPRs for many years. Steve's account of his career from training his first English Springer Spaniel to winning the HPR Championship in 2023 makes fascinating reading, along with some hints and tips which he has picked up along the way as he has developed his training ethos.

Crufts 2025 saw reduced entries at 24 dogs against the record turnout of 33 last year, but still a good opportunity to catch up especially with GLP friends from abroad. It was pleasing to see some of those puppies born last year, with a short qualification window, had made it to Crufts. I was especially encouraged to see new handlers to the breed showing and enjoying their dogs.

We also had a very busy few days with the Discover Dogs stand at Crufts and again, new handlers to the team manning the stand help to spread the load and the word.

This summer the Club is holding two working tests - in July at our usual venue at Ducklington and a second one in August at Emblehope - plenty of opportunity to get out there and have fun whilst testing your training progress. Whatever you are doing this Summer - enjoy your dogs.

Frances Smart
Editor



Macey learning her craft on the Grouse Moor

Chairman's Report Spring 2025

What a fantastic year 2024 has been for our membership and the club in general with 3 spring pointing tests, and our very well attended working test along with a season's worth of field trials completed.

The showing side and instructional show training classes organised by Julia Tuck have been a great success and that is down to the level of commitment that goes with being a Show Secretary for a breed like ours that does not have many exhibitors.

A big thank you must go to John Gallant our Membership Secretary, who has a thankless task of keeping all members in line. He also organised those that attended the Game Fair.

Thank you to Frances Smart and Sarah Gale for all their hard work along with other members of the committee for the year's Newsletter publications.

The GLP is going from strength to strength with great performances from our triallers. Huge congratulations to Annie Jones and Frances Smart, who again competed at 2024 HPR Championships, but also congratulations go to Sean Connor for his Novice win, onward and upward.

Unfortunately, I was not able to retain my Championship winning ways but was very pleased to be awarded the best hunting dog for the second year.

I am really looking forward to this coming year, we have a lot to live up to but with such a strong and forward-thinking committee this should be no problem.

Stephen D Kimberley
Chairman



Steve and Cracker with their award for 'Best Hunting Dog' at the HPR Championship 2024

Secretary's Report Spring 2025

Reflecting on the last shooting and trialling season, I am really pleased to report that the Longhairs in the field continue to hold their own, with a record number of GLPs competing at the 2024 Royal Kennel Club HPR Championships. Four Longhairs performed splendidly with Steve Kimberley and Cracker, aka Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera, coming away with the Best Hunting Dog Trophy. Many congratulations to Steve, Annie Jones with Weasel (Cadanbyrig Maestral), Frances Smart with Rizzo (Cadanbyrig Marin) and Sean O'Carolan with Caldera Ballerina on their achievements and for showcasing the breed at the Championships.

Remaining on the subject of Field Trials, Sean Connor won his first field trial award at the Club Novice Field Trial held at Lothian Estates, achieving 1st place with his young dog Connie aka Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles, congratulations to them both.

The number of Longhairs entering classes in the show ring remains consistent, with no downturn over the last two years which is very encouraging since the GLP remains the only recognised gundog breed as yet not eligible for CCs.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their consistent hard work for the Club and take this opportunity to thank the Field Trial Secretary and Show Secretary as well as their helpers, for organising all our Trials and the Club Show, it's a mammoth task and we are very grateful to you both. My thanks also to our wonderful sponsor Mike Ede of Working HPRs dog food.



The Club has plenty of events scheduled for the coming months, so do keep an eye on our Facebook page for more info.

Kathy Connor
Hon. Secretary

Ella 'Cadanbyrig Ice and Roses at De Melvilles' in the snow.



Field Trial Secretary Report

Our 2024 season has now come to an end. This was a special year as it marked the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the GLP to the UK back in 1994. Thank you to all members who have supported our events, whether it be entering them or helping at them.

We have had a busy year with the usual Spring Pointing Test events, training days, Working Test and finally our Field Trial season which ended in January 2025.

We ran 2 Open Field Trials this season very successfully, one being in the Borders and the other in Suffolk. At both of these the winning dogs were made to Field Trial Champions (subject to RKC ratification).

One of our All Aged Trials was cancelled due to weather conditions unfortunately.

We are fortunate that we are able to run our trials up and down the country, thus being able to offer our members from different regions the ability to be included in our event calendar.

Huge thanks must also go to our sponsors - Mike Ede of Working HPRs dog food who continues to support our trials, and Elevenses Gin.

By the time this goes to print, we will have run Spring Pointing Tests and be gearing up for summer with-

Working Test - Ducklington, Oxford in July.
Working Test - Emblehope, Northumberland in August.
Dates and entry forms etc can/will be found on our website: www.glpclub.org.uk They will also be put out on Facebook.

I have started working on our 2025/26 Field Trial season schedule, which is now taking shape and should be out in the summer.

I would like to wish our members a good summer of competition and training, in whatever areas they work in, after all it's all about the dog, isn't it?

Thank you to the committee for their support. We don't always agree, but as a committee we are able to keep focus on the sometimes difficult areas of running a successful club.

Coshy Kimberley
Field Trial Secretary



Caldera Bourbon Queen aka 'Beaty'

Dates for the diary

13th July - Our fabulous GLPC Gundog Working Test at Ducklington, Oxfordshire- entries are now open. Please go to our website www.glpclub.org.uk for schedule and entry forms.

25-27th July - The Game Fair at Ragley Hall, with the HPR Home International Competition taking place on the Friday. There will be GLPs in the 'Sporting Dog Pavilion' for all 3 days of the fair. If you are interested in coming along to help then contact Jon Gallant membership@glpclub.org.uk.

3rd August - GLPC Open Show - 3 Counties Showground, Malvern, entries are open for our Open Show, held alongside the National Gundog Show. We will also have special award classes. If you've not shown your dog before, this is a great show to start at. Schedule & entries for our Open Show can be found at www.highampress.co.uk

10th August - ***NEW*** GLPC Gundog Working Test at Emblehope & Burngrange A fantastic opportunity to run your dog on these fabulous grounds. Entries are open! Please find schedule & entry forms on our website.

Field Trial Schedule to Follow Soon



Loki and Lara, ready for action- as featured in the Skinners
2025 Calendar
9

GLP Field Trial Results 2024-25

Below are the Field Trial awards achieved by German Longhaired Pointers during the 2024-25 Field Trial season, many congratulations to all of those in the awards, showing just how fabulous our numerically small breed can be!

Congratulations to Annie Jones and Cadanbyrig Maestral (Pictured opposite centre) for retaining the Bryantscroft Trophy for excellence in field trials. Weasel gained the most points over the season to achieve this award.

12.8.2024	N & S HPR FTC Open	COM	Cadanbyrig Marin F Smart
16.9.2024	Dukeries Gundog Club Open	Guns Award	Cadanbyrig Maestral A Jones
28.9.2024	Ulster Gundog League Open	1st	Ir FT Ch Caldera Ballerina Sean O'Carolan
19.10.2024	Hungarian Vizsla Club Open	1st	Cadanbyrig Marin F Smart
24.10.2024	GLPC Novice	1st	Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles S Connor
8.11.2024	Usk Valley Working Gundog Club Open	3rd	Cadanbyrig Maestral A Jones
7.11.2024	Large Munsterlander Club Open	1st	Cadanbyrig Maestral A Jones
18.11.2024	HPR Championships	Best Hunting Dog	FT Ch Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera S Kimberley
16.12.2024	GLPC Novice	Guns Award	Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles S Connor
19.12.2024	Weimeraner Club Of Great Britain Open	3rd & Guns Award	Cadanbyrig Marin F Smart
17.01.2025	HPRGA	3rd	Cadanbyrig Maestral A Jones



Above - Caldera
Crimson Glory at
De Melvilles
S Connor



Above- FT Ch
Wamilanghaar
Point Blanc of
Caldera
S Kimberley



Below-
Ir FT Ch Caldera
Ballerina
Sean O'Carolan

Below -
Cadanbyrig Marin



Discover Dogs at Crufts 2025

We had a fantastic offering of dogs on our Discover Dogs stand at Crufts this year.

Our show secretary, Julia Tuck pulled together a whopping 12 dogs to man the stand over the 4 days of the show, which is no mean feat when you consider how few GLPs there are in the country. We had a few new members to the GLP Discover Dogs team and they all did a fantastic job. The dogs were all wonderful ambassadors for their breed, the public clearly agreed as we had a few new additions to our puppy register also.

On the Thursday, we had seasoned pros Hannah and Mark Walker with Seren-who was absolutely born for the role. She greets her 100th visitor with just as much enthusiasm as the first! They were later joined by Karen Cunningham with young boy Dash, who took to his first Discover Dogs' shift like a duck to water.



On Friday morning we had litter sisters Lulu and Olive, with their owners Pat Loustau and Sarah Denton doing a wonderful job representing our fabulous breed. The afternoon shift was taken by Jon and Lynn Gallant with Willow and Jessie, and Frances Smart with Rizzo and Macey.

Saturday was Gundog day! Young Ryker with his owner Hayley Perry joined Tristan and Sarah Gale with Ivy and Erik, with plenty of visits from other GLPs who were there to show on the day too.

Ivy and Erik were back again on the Sunday, this time joined by Siobhan and Otto - their first foray into the Discover Dogs

world and they did a sterling job.

Many thanks to all who gave up their time to showcase our wonderful breed and to Julia Tuck for organising it so well! If you have a GLP who you think would enjoy greeting the public and would cope well in the bustling atmosphere of Crufts, please let our Show Secretary Julia Tuck know - showsec@glpclub.org.uk

Already looking forward to next year.
Sarah Gale



Pathway to Success

Steve Kimberley, trainer, handler and A Panel Judge shares his gundog journey, leading to his HPR Championship win with Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera in 2023. Here he provides some insights into his training philosophy.

I have been asked to write about my involvement in the gundog world culminating in winning the HPR Championship in 2023 and top hunting dog award of 2024 Championship.

So here goes; whilst serving in Her Majesty's Royal Marines I met a former Gamekeeper who had joined up and we became friends. We used to shoot over his little springer called Tess; she was very random in her work and I made a comment to that effect!



'FTCh Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera' HPR Champion 2023

As they always say "you can insult a man's wife, but never his dog". My friend took umbrage and threw out the challenge - let's see you train a dog then!

This was 1979, and so I purchased my first springer called Suzi for £60. I read all the books I could find. Most, I have to say, gave no advice whatsoever but through trial and error I managed to achieve the results I was after. Suzi was a good hard hunting dog who loved retrieving, but she had a fault! She was prone to giving tongue when hunting rabbits which I found out later was a trait with her particular line. Suzi did compete at tests and had reasonable results but could not trial.

My second dog Digger, another ESS was great and a good

allrounder.

I then changed shooting and did a lot of wildfowling, so I bought a black Labrador called Jet from a retired Major Morty Turner Cook. Jet was awesome - he won numerous Tests and the much prized Shooting Times Retriever Test in 1983 under the late Jack Davey. We tried out for the England Team and qualified but due to my service and active duties I was unable to compete.

I was asked during this period to help owners train their dogs which I did; very often I could be seen walking around Camp with springers or labs I had in for training.

During the 1980s I went to watch an HPR demo at a Game Fair with the intention of getting a GWP. I have to say I was not impressed and this put me off until 1990 when I purchased an Italian Spinone called Colourbox Hello aka Towser. He took four awards in four trials and competed 12 times achieving 7 awards, plus numerous gun's awards in that period.

Then along came his son Calheath Firethorn aka Flame. He was a super dog and followed in his dad's footsteps running 13 times and achieving 7 awards, and like his dad, multiple guns awards.



Spinones were not looked on as serious contenders, and so I bought my first GSP Fleetapple Cracker Jack. Jack went on to qualify for the HPR Championships but unfortunately never ran as we lost the Championship from 1996 until 2013.

Caldera Bourbon Queen aka 'Beaty'

In 2003 Coshy and I purchased our first German Longhaired Pointer Wamilanghaar Gemini of Caldera aka Rizla - he was a wonderful boy and this led us into becoming avid GLP owners and handlers.

Rizla won an Open field trial and gained 6 second places but was unable to be made up to Field Trial Champion even though he was more than good enough. He competed at the first HPR Championship of 2013 and was qualified for the next 3 years and then he was retired at the age of 13.

In 2012 along came Questor Karson of Caldera aka Otto who exceeded all our expectations - he was made Field Trial Champion and ran at 4 HPR Championships; he is now retired and enjoying being a couch potato.

In 2015 we got a new puppy Wamilanghaar Point Blanc of Caldera, aka Cracker. He was bred by Rob Gould from his World Champion and Open FT winning bitch Wamilanghaar Djynn and by my FTCh Otto. We knew from the start that Cracker was special, a hard hunting, game finding machine who was responsive but equally soft.

Cracker was very lightly trialed, only competing in 12 trials before his qualification to the Championship of 2023. He was then 8.5 years old. We are so proud of him and both his runs over the 2 days were outstanding. He won the Championship and the top Hunting Dog of 2023, and retained his Best Hunting Dog title in 2024. This was the culmination of years of hard work on all our dogs, changing and modifying our training and techniques over the last 40 plus years. Having trained and handled other breeds enables me to change methods of handling when the situations require them.

We now have Cracker's granddaughter 'Nana' who we are looking forward to competing with when the time is right.

My advice to any new handler is seek help early before you create too many bad habits, learn to distinguish what works for you and your dog and what doesn't. Just because someone says they are a trainer doesn't make them right all the time.

Learn to experiment with different techniques, and use your own commands and stick to them. Use every opportunity to learn - if you are in group training listen to the advice of the trainer, it may or may not work for you but don't waste yours and other handlers' time by chatting to other people unless its break time. Use other

trainers' methods to formulate your own training ethos, as what works for one dog may not work for another.

The art of training is being flexible; you must learn to read your dog and anticipate its next move before it happens.

I have always said if you don't have a headache either when you are training or competing you are not concentrating hard enough. When competing at working tests or trials listen to what the judges say - you have a very small window to show off both your skills as a handler and your well-trained responsive dog, so don't waste the opportunity.

Learn the wind correctly and practice putting yourself at the correct start point, this will give your dog its best opportunity to shine. Learn to stretch yourself and your dogs and evolve the difficulties of retrieves so you fail. It's no good doing things you're good at and avoiding things you struggle with. You will never improve unless you both learn how to deal with failure and learn how to overcome the problems.

Never blame your dog until you have analysed what you are asking it to do, ie did I put the retrieve off wind with no chance to get down wind of it, was it the wrong command or hand signal, has my dog got the confidence to jump a drystone wall? Has it been taught how to deal with running water or large water swims etc?

It may seem easy or common sense but you'd be amazed at how many people just think; because my dog can swim it can face any water but have you thought about steep drop entries or large drops? Can your dog negotiate straight strand wire fences, has it got the experience to find ways under fencing without your help?

These are the things outside of the normal training situations. Look to challenge yourself, create problems and try and solve them, and this will make you a more rounded and confident and trusting handler.



Caldera Cherokee Rose aka 'Nana'

I hope this has given you a little insight into how I do things - as I said no trainer is perfect. Become a sponge, absorb as much information from anyone then use what works for you and make this your training ethos.

Good luck to all our members for whatever activity you choose.

Stephen D Kimberley

Field Trial Reports

Judge's Report Novice Field Trial held at Lothian Estate, Jedburgh on 24th October 2024



Each dog had opportunity to find game and with the day being sunny, warm and with a moderate breeze this made for good scenting conditions.

1st Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles GLP handled by Sean Connor

This dog worked well on both runs covering the varied ground. The first run was with a right cheek wind working a beat with the river to the right and a flood prevention bank with trees on the left. The dog handled the cheek wind well, holding the point and flushing on command. The bird was shot and on hitting the ground ran but was located by the dog and retrieved well to

hand. The second run was over stubble with a rough grass boundary along the river boundary of the beat. The dog worked this cover with good pace and style though no birds were found on this beat.

2nd Ynyslas Decision Maker by Clackhill GWP handled by Jonathan Holmes

This dog worked its first run with a back wind on a beat of heavy grass cover. It pointed moving birds and was steady to flush. A flushed bird was shot landing over the fence in stubble and the dog undertook a good retrieve for the handler. The second run was over stubble with heavy scrub to the right. A bird lifted in front of the dog who remained steady to the shot however the bird wasn't shot.

3rd & Guns' Award Mhantain Spota GSP handled by James Gibson

This dog had its first run over stubble with a heavy grass strip and trees to the right of the beat along the boundary fence. The dog showed good pace working well though the grass cover. A bird was pointed, flushed and retrieved to hand, the dog being steady to shot. The second run was over stubble with a thick grass area beside the riverbank. Again, the dog worked the beat well with good pace however no game was found.

I would like to thank the GLPC for inviting me to judge this trial, my first non-panel field trial judging appointment, under the guidance of the experienced A Panel Judge Bill Muircroft. Thanks also to all the competitors who as always displayed the camaraderie of the HPR community and from whom we saw a good field of novice dogs.

Thank you to our host the Lothian Estate, Keeper Edward Bell, the Steward of the Beat, the Red Flag, the Guns and the picking up dog, all of whom are vital in the running of the trial. My final thanks go the Field Trial Secretary for the hours of work that go into organising this and other events which allow us to enjoy doing what we do with our dogs.

Stuart Symmers
Non Panel

Judge's Report Open Field Trial held at Lothian Estate, Jedburgh on 25th October 2024



The GLP Club held their annual Open Stake at Lothian Estate, Jedburgh on 25th October 2024. The Club has held trials at this beautiful estate for a number of years now, but this time, for the first time, we were privileged to run on the open ground around the monument. The ground was undulating with rocky outcrops, open bracken banks, whins and white grass, perfect for running HPRs. Scent was elusive at times, with a gentle breeze, warm and sunny. The card consisted of 2 GLPs, 1 Korthals Griffon, 2 Large Munsterlanders, 6 GSPs and 1 GWP.

Unfortunately, we very quickly lost a number of dogs for various reasons but mainly due to poor ground treatment and missing birds, but we were able to give a full set of results.

1st Goosepoint Gambler GSP E. Hinchliff

Brought in for a blind retrieve shot during the previous run, she made light work of this. She then ran with a bracken covered rocky outcrop to her left and lower ground on her right. She covered her guns well, coming on point at the top of the rocky outcrop, one of which was shot. She made short work of the retrieve which fell in the bracken.

Her second run was in white grass which produced no game, but she hunted enthusiastically and at one with her handler. I understand this win makes her into a Field Trial Champion and

deservedly so.

2nd Radipole Coco KG M. Spearing

An enthusiastic hunter! Her first run was in relatively flat ground with a rocky outcrop on her left and a bracken base which was where she located her birds quickly and efficiently. She produced on command, a bird was shot and retrieved without any fuss.

Her second run was on much higher ground and a pheasant was shot by the left hand gun, falling into a dense area of white grass where there was a fair amount of game. She handled well to find the bird and made a good retrieve.

3rd Fennslane Guiding Star GWP J. Herbert

A fast running bitch she had open and flat ground interspersed with reeds and bracken, but in spite of her determined efforts no game was to be found.

On her second run she made a good retrieve on a loose bird which lifted on the left. Running on and into a narrow valley she came on point some distance ahead, but held this until the guns were in place, producing a pheasant but sadly no retrieve.

Thanks must go to the Lothian Estates Shooting Partnership for allowing the trial to take place, to Edward Bell, the keeper for taking us onto such fabulous ground, to Coshy Kimberley for her excellent organisation, to the guns for shooting so well and lastly to Bill Muircroft for judging with me.

Maureen Nixon



21

Judges' Report Open Field Trial held at Kilverston Hall, Thetford, on 25th November 2024



Weather Conditions: Dry with the temperature picking up through the day.
Variable wind throughout the day

Scenting Conditions: Not easy and close at times however fair throughout

Type of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Field of wild mix of beans to start for the first two dogs, finishing the rest of the day with open bottomed woodland interspersed with bracken, bramble and cotoneaster bushes.
Enough game to test all the dogs
Pheasant, Partridge, Woodcock and Hare

General Standard of Work and Handling:

The overall standard of work was generally good as was the handling but dogs' level of aptitude towards taking direction on retrieves was a concern.

22

1st - Sutchest Isla GSP B J Bird

First Run - This dog was our seventh dog to come into line with her beat as described above. To start, her handler cast her off with a slight left to right cheek wind in mind. Casting to the right the dog took herself beyond the furthest gun who had not moved since the previous dog. It was quickly apparent that the wind had now changed somewhat and now presented the dog with a backwind. The dog took her beat with efficiency, speed and with her casts of optimum depth for the conditions and ground whilst ensuring she covered all her guns. On occasions due to the topography, the dog was out of sight, but without panic the handler awaited her view and worked on. Acknowledging game in front, the dog drew in on its quarry and pointed. Upon command the bird was produced proceeded by the dog remaining steady however unfortunately the bird was not shot. Working on, the dog worked the ground systematically and efficiently and before long presented the handler and us with a classic, staunch point next to a tall tree. When asked to produce, she did so without hesitation producing her quarry close in. A cock pheasant lifted, curled behind the tree and out of the wood and was duly shot by a gun with the dog being steady until asked to retrieve by her handler when requested. The dog was blinded in part of the bird but instincts drew her over a stock fence to the likely area. The bird had run and the dog quickly located the point of fall and tracked the running bird up a bank and out of sight of both the handler and Judges. She made quick and easy work of the bird bringing the still very lively bird back, bright eyed and head up. This concluded her run.

Second Run - For her second run we saw the dog come into line changing her whole demeanour to that of her first run. With a very thorough, careful and considered approach it was quickly evident that the dog was aware that she had many birds in front of her. It was not long before she came on point and produced birds when requested. Unfortunately, on each of the 3 occasions of producing birds off her nose, none were able to be shot for a variety of reasons. This concluded her second and final run.
A natural, trustworthy game finder.



Sutchest Isla made up to FTCh with this win

4th: Radipole Coco KG B M Spearing

First Run - This dog was our first dog into line, starting off with left to right cheek wind, turning into a head wind with the ground being beans as alluded to above and being flanked by woodland either side. Whilst the crop was not

easy, the dog worked well covering the four guns that were there to serve her. She did however back-cast a number of times on her right-hand side which wasn't ideal however woods either side producing variable winds at times may have had a part to play in this. A bird lifted on her beat and was not shot, however it was deemed that the dog never had the opportunity to pin the bird and therefore the dog was asked to work on. Before being asked to pick up, she worked her beat well and at a quick pace that befit the ground to which she worked.

Second Run - Her second run saw her hunt with passion, enthusiasm and speed. Pleasing to see was her ability to take large pieces of her beat in whilst changing her casts to the constant changeable wind which could quite easily have tripped her up. Not long into her run she indicated birds ahead of her however it was evident that her quarry was moving on ahead. Realising that she hadn't pinned the birds, she quickly cast on with every occasion - this happened a number of times. The run concluded blank.

Third Run - The dog was bought back into line and again worked well taking on the thick ground cover, indicating birds ahead of her. Finally, keeping contact, she eventually pointed however it was clear that the bird was the other side of a fence. Less than 10 feet further up, there was a large gap in the fence and the dog was asked to utilise this and produce. After a messy production a hen pheasant was produced which was

taken by the waiting guns. Initially thinking that the bird had run, it was not the cleanest of retrieves however she made it good returning the bird to hand.
An enthusiastic hunter with a desire to find.

COM: Tickencote Teach me Tonight for Gerstenfeld GWP B S Jenkins

First Run - This bitch was our last dog to come into line where she initially took her beat with a right to left wind, however the direction was interchangeable throughout. She attacked her ground with gusto, however at times this was to her detriment as the ground treatment was not ideal. This run was blank.

Second Run - She very much grew into her run getting better as it went on, covering her ground well and with enthusiasm. Towards the end of her run she located and produced when requested a hen pheasant. This was despatched by the waiting guns and remaining steady, when asked made a clean retrieve some 50 yards ahead of her which concluded her run. Young dog with potential.

Both Rob and myself were aligned throughout and very much enjoyed our day and would like to thank the German Longhaired Pointer Club for the kind invitation to judge. Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this trial are due to all those who helped organise it and those that were a part of the day, particularly our host, guns, and beat steward. A fabulous trial to celebrate 30 years of the introduction of the breed in this country.

At the end of the trial, it was brought to our attention that the winning dog had achieved her second 1st place in an Open Field Trial and so, subject to a successful Water Certificate and Kennel Club confirmation this dog will be known as FTCH Sutchest Isla. Both Rob and I took the opportunity to take the handler and dog to a body of water within the grounds of the trial. We are delighted to say the dog entered water readily and successfully achieved her Water Certificate - Congratulations!

Richard Chellumbrun (A - 3493) & Rob Gould (A - 2902)

**Judge's Report Novice Field Trial held at
Kilverstone Hall, Thetford 16th December 2024**

A Panel Judge: Steve Pleasance

Non Panel Judge: Sue Wagstaff

Chief Steward: Coshy Kimberley

Guns: Mark Firmin, Andrew Varrent, Rob Gould & Andrew Wagstaff

I would like to thank the GLPC for inviting me to co-judge with Steve Pleasance and for giving me the opportunity of my very first field trial judging appointment. I would also like to thank our hosts, Lord and Lady Fisher, for their kind permission to use this fabulous ground and to Reg Rainer, our keeper and steward of the beat, for expertly guiding us round.

The start of the day was a little overcast with a slightly chill wind. For the first round all dogs were able to work in the open having been provided a large field of beet to work. With the wind on the day, this gave the competitors the opportunity to show off their dogs' hunting and their ability to execute control having been instructed to keep the dogs out of the woods on each flank as we went round. The wind proved challenging at times and changed frequently; mostly handlers had to contend with a back or cheek wind, with only the last strip having the advantage of a true head wind. The beet was seen to hold pheasant and hare. The open nature of this ground resulted in good hunting from some of the dogs. By the time the first round was completed the sun had appeared and the temperature was beginning to rise.

We headed to the wooded areas on the estate for the second and subsequent rounds. There were some larger areas of open woods and narrower wooded strips with good pockets of cover, large shrubs and thick bramble patches. The woods held partridge, pheasant and woodcock. Although some really good

work was seen by the remaining dogs, come the end it was down to last man standing and unfortunately, on this occasion it just wasn't to be, with no awards being given. Despite this outcome, the day was extremely enjoyable with a good atmosphere amongst the gallery and the competitors.

Huge thanks should go to everyone involved in putting on and supporting this trial, not least the stewards and helpers on the day. Special mention should go to Steve Pleasance who willingly and very generously shared his insights and guidance throughout the day. I should also mention the guns who, with their experience, made managing the day easy for us and lastly, the competitors for being good fun and a very sporting bunch.

Sue Wagstaff



Sean Connor and Connie celebrating their Guns' Award in style

Judge's report All Aged Field Trial held at Ditchley Estate on 13th January 2025



Judges Lee Loveridge A Panel
Mark Spearing A Panel

Ditchley is a lovely ground comprising mostly open bottom woodland, small areas of set aside and cover crops. Wild birds in January are always going to be a struggle, even for experienced dogs - today proved no different with inexperienced dogs and some fairly inexperienced handlers. The weather was cold but bright and as always our keeper and host David Hathaway guided us around the estate.

The birds were there but pointing opportunities were few and far between and hare and muntjac added another edge to the handlers' challenge. We had 4 dogs through for a second run but unfortunately we lost these dogs as the day progressed and sadly, no awards were made today.

Mark Spearing and I would just like to thank the GLPC for the invitation to judge, our guns Sean Connor, Mark Firmin, Jan, Andy Wagstaff, our steward on the day Kathy Connor who kept us in order, and red flag Sue Wagstaff. Our appreciation also goes to the Ditchley Estate for allowing us to use the ground, and finally to David Hathaway for his time.

Lee Loveridge

Crufts 2025 Results

Judge—Valerie Mann

Best Of Breed

9835 - Sarscottah Cloudburst
(Mr N Cottam)

Best Puppy

9842 - Lindelaan Falcon (Mrs H Perry)

Best Veteran

9835 - Sarscottah Cloudburst
(Mr N Cottam)

Best Dog

9844 - Int/nl/de/be Ch Hasko Vd
Laarsche Velden (Mr E J Siebers)

Reserve Best Dog

9838 - Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice
(Mrs S & Mr T Gale)

Best Bitch

9835 - Sarscottah Cloudburst
(Mr N Cottam)

Reserve Best Bitch

9856 - Nld/bel/ger/int Ch Chivas V Fayah's Prinsenbos (Miss S.e.
Zwager)

Veteran Dog

1st 9845 - Int/nl/de/be Ch Kiran Vd Laarsche Velden Int/nl/de
Vch (Mr E J Siebers)

Puppy Dog

1st 9842 - Lindelaan Falcon (Mrs H Perry)
2nd 9840 - Lindelaan Murleon (Mrs J A Hanley-Davis)
3rd 9837 - Lord Z Dorytky (Ms K Cunningham)

Junior Dog

1st Lindelaan Murleon (Mrs J A Hanley-Davis)
2nd Sarscottah Fusilier at Lorabar Ir Jnr Ch (Mrs E & Mr D
Martin)

Post Graduate Dog

1st Cadanbyrig Fire and Ice (Mrs S & Mr T Gale)



Open Dog

1st Int/nl/de/be Ch Hasko Vd Laarsche Velden (Mr E J Siebers)
2nd Sarscottah Fearless Flame Ir Jnr Ch (Ms S S Thomson)
3rd Nld/bel/ch/de/int Ch Yosha Van De Oude Wijngaard (Mr
Hdcm & Mrs Sh Geuze & Geuze-Voors)
4th Int/multi Ch Lir Z Grygovskych Skal Ww (Mrs Mr
Rebrosova)

Veteran Bitch

1st Sarscottah Cloudburst (Mr N Cottam)

Junior Bitch

1st Sarscottah Falling Leaves (Mrs J Stone)
2nd Belle V Fayah's Prinsenbos Nld/int Jch (Miss S.e. Zwager)
3rd Sarscottah Flaming Heart (Mr N Cottam & Miss G &
Verbruggen)

Post Graduate Bitch

1st Cadanbyrig Snow Dancer (Ms F C Smart)
2nd Sarscottah Du Spektacular (Mr J & Mrs S Speck)
3rd Sarscottah Eclipse (Ms S S Thomson)

Open Bitch

1st Nld/bel/ger/int Ch Chivas V Fayah's Prinsenbos (Miss S.e.
Zwager)
2nd Ir Sh Ch Sarscottah Delux (Ms S S Thomson)
3rd Caldera Coral Dawn at Lassemista (Mr D & Mrs A Wright)
4th Sophisticated Lady (Mrs L & Mr P & Miss S Thomas &
Taylor & Richards)

Field Trial Bitch

1st Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles (Mrs K Connor)
2nd Cadanbyrig Marin (Ms F C Smart)

Special Working Gundog Bitch

1st Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles (Mrs K Connor)

Good Citizen Dog Scheme Bitch

1st Caldera Coral Dawn at Lassemista (Mr D & Mrs A Wright)



Left: Caldera Crimson Glory at De Melvilles, Owned by Mrs K Connor and Handled by Ms N Coe

1st Field Trial Bitch
1st Special Working Bitch



Kindly sponsored by

