

# The German Longhaired Pointer Club

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## From the Chairman . . .

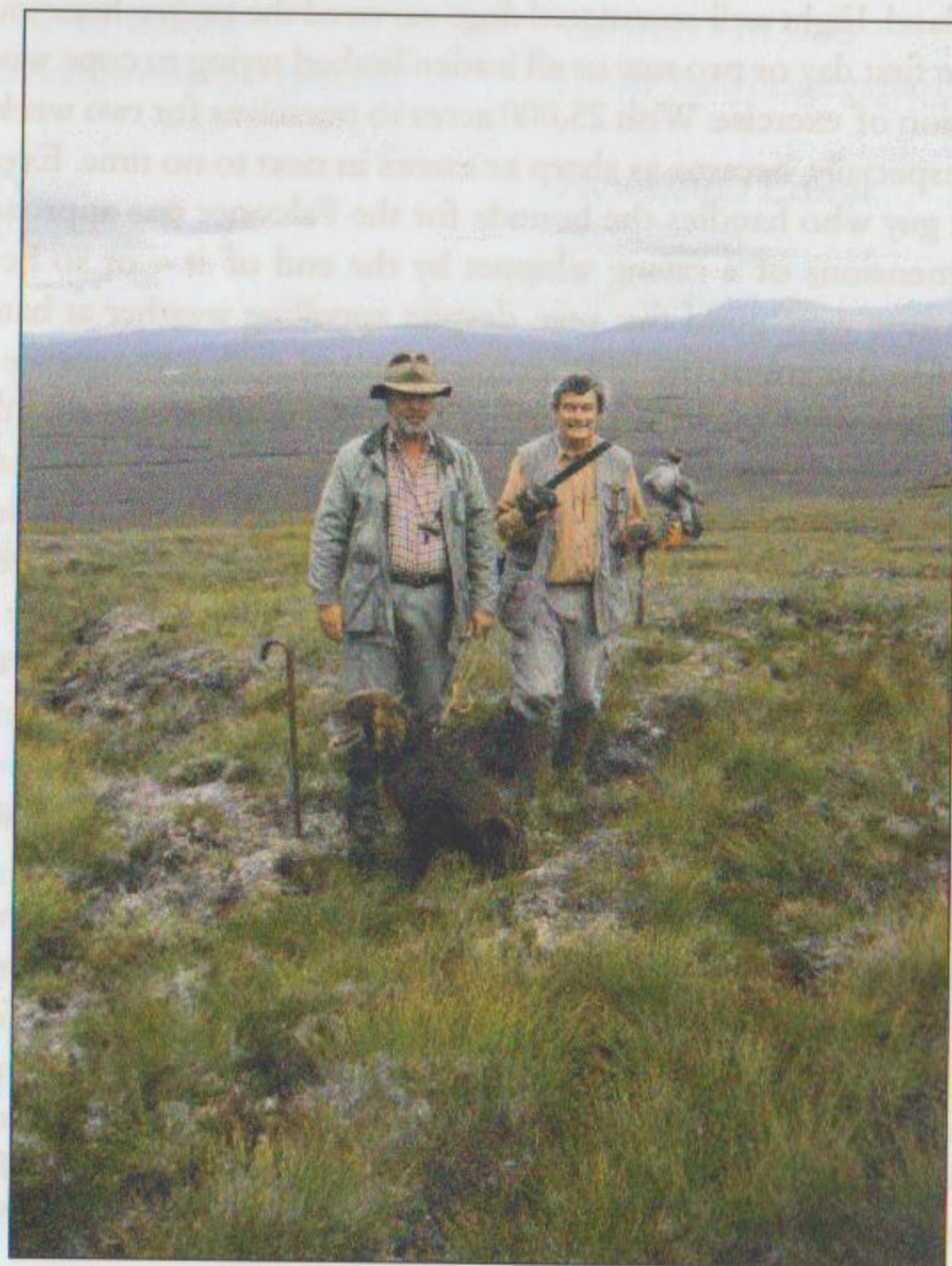
Sadly, Gordon Court passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Gordon will be remembered as a quiet, unassuming man who was always there in support of Maureen, our Show Secretary. He had his own Longhair, Brocket, one of the first, and they were inseparable, always together either at home or rough shooting. Our condolences go to Maureen, Jill, Steve and, especially Matthias, who has been a pillar of strength to others at this difficult time.

Well, it has all started again. The opening foray was for grouse in Sutherland. Eight well-summered dogs survived the twelve-hour journey and the first day or two saw us all leaden limbed trying to cope with the explosion of exercise. With 25,000 acres to ourselves for two weeks the dogs, especially, became as sharp as razors in next to no time. Even the big fat guy who handles the hounds for the Falconer was approaching the dimensions of a racing whippet by the end of it – or so he says. The grouse were good this year, despite appalling weather at hatching time. On our moor the heather has returned with a vengeance after being decimated by heather beetle. Grouse numbers are slightly up, and they can only (hopefully) get better as they follow the food supply. Whatever, Annie, the nine-year-old grouse expert excelled herself, as usual, and provided many opportunities for the birds. On our moor any opportunity is hard won. It was Sundowner, the Gyr/Peregrine cross who won the title of assassin of the year, neatly putting one or two in the bag to make his boss very happy indeed.

**Snake Bite!** We have journeyed to Scotland for nearly twenty years and in that time have seen many adders, but there has never been a dog bitten before. This year changed all that and, when it happens, one very quickly learns all there is to know. Adder bites are worse in the spring, when their venom is stronger. This is particularly so from a big female. So if you go grouse counting be aware of that fact. Later in the year bites are normally less severe and the modern procedure is to administer antihistamine for the venom and an antibiotic, such as Synulox, for the wound. Fortunately we had both with us, so after advice over the 'phone

from the local vet, our patient, apart from having a nose like Schnozzle Durante's, enjoyed a couple of days in the lodge, lounging around near the fire or the cooker and being thoroughly spoiled by all. (The anti-histamine was my own, having been issued on prescription for insect bites and stings.)

The list of achievements for Longhairs continues to grow, with Louisa French and her dog, Dudley, about to enter their first working trial after much training. I have seen Dudley work and it is pretty impressive, particularly the tracking. Good luck to them both



The response to the field trial training day was overwhelming – so much so that a second day had to be hurriedly arranged. Our first trip to King's Lynn saw six Longhairs on the sugar beet with an abundance of game to test them all. It warms the heart to see young dogs doing so well and I am sure that not only they, but the handlers, found the experience rewarding. Rob Gould kindly volunteered to advise and pass on his knowledge. From comments already made I know he was very much appreciated.

At long last we have a new web page and for those trying to find out a little more about our breed it should be very user friendly. It is intended to be succinct but informative, with the facility of finding out important dates and downloading forms. As time marches on no doubt adjustments will be made. Have a look at [www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk](http://www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk) and see what you think.

If you want to enter a field trial or two this season please contact me for a schedule, entry form and standing instructions for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club, or look at HPRFTINFO which is the unofficial site run by Mick Philips. If Clubs and Societies have told him what they are up to, it will be there! Already I have had the opportunity in the shooting field to compare our breed with most of the others – Longhairs have a great deal to offer and should stand more than a sporting chance.

Last I refer to the transfer of our breed to the full register in January. Your Committee intend organising a seminar aimed at potential show judges to explain our breed standard. We anticipate a full house.

If I may jumble up a line from the comedian, Dave Allen – “may your dog go with you”

**David Winser**

## Kennel Club Update

Just two days before the AGM at the end of May we received a letter from the Kennel Club to say that our application to be transferred to the Breed Register had been accepted. As from January 2006 we will have full breed status and Longhairs will be eligible for competition at Crufts for the first time in 2007.

I have written to all the Championship Show secretaries asking for breed classes for German Longhaired Pointers at their shows next year and already I have heard that several have agreed. Others are waiting for Committee meetings to discuss it. Keep a look out in the dog press for announcements of classes to be scheduled.

I am told that it is very unusual for the Kennel Club to transfer dogs from the Import Register when there are so few in the country but we have fulfilled everything we said we would do when we applied for registration of the first dogs in 1994 **to promote, improve and maintain the German Longhaired Pointer as a working gundog.**

The first meeting of our Breed Club was on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1996. It has been up and running now for 9 years and was recognised by the Kennel Club in 1999.

In 1997 we were accepted on the Imported Breed Register and allowed to run in Working Tests for HPR breeds.

In 1998 we were given permission to run in Field Trials

In 1999 the Kennel Club registered our Breed Club.

In 2000 the Kennel Club agreed the Breed Standard and on 1<sup>st</sup> May that year Longhairs could be exhibited in classes for Imported Breeds.

In 2002 Larry Wilks was awarded The Best Import with Konan V.D. Hafkesdell Mit Arany.

In 2003 Theo Gould made up the first Longhair Field Trial Champion, FT Ch Wamilanghaar Drumelzier.

In 2005 Rob Gould made up the second Field Trial Champion, FT Ch Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel.

The dogs that we have so far bred and imported have been of the very best, both in working ability and conformation, but I urge you not to be complacent when you have puppies. By putting endorsements on your puppies' registration certificates 'progeny not eligible for registration' you can assess the quality of your dogs when they are of breeding age and when hips have been scored. We hear from other comparatively recently imported breeds that they are having all sorts of health problems because some people don't do the research into the breed they have chosen. If only those dogs with hip scores in single figures are bred from our Longhairs will go on as they are now. Beautiful dogs with exceptional working ability.



## Spring Pointing Test

We held our first spring pointing test in March this year at Stoke Lyne in Oxfordshire by kind permission of our hosts Mr & Mrs C. Simons, Mr John Adams and the Tusmore Estate.

Our Judges Mr John Tindall and Mr Steve Kimberley graded 6 dogs out of a total of 14 entries, 4 of which were Longhairs with 1 GSP and 1 Hungarian Vizsla.

It was a splendid day with an abundance of game and we saw some "excellent" dog work. Cliff & Madge have invited us back again next year and we will of course accept their very generous invitation, but this act will be hard to follow.

Juniors	Wamilanghaar Aquarius	VERY GOOD
	Questor Eros at Swifthouse	GOOD
	Wamilanghaar Meadow Pipit	GOOD
	Aldom Red Grouse	GOOD
Adults	Ft.Ch. Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel	EXCELLENT
	Tarrec Try Victor	EXCELLENT



The following report by the judges sums it all up.

On behalf of John and myself I would like to thank the German Longhaired Pointer Club for inviting us to judge their Spring Pointing Test at Stoke Lyne. We were able to give six gradings, which made for a super conclusion to the end of a wonderful day.

The morning started with the juniors, running on rape, which had grown just a little too long for our liking. However this did not stop the dogs quartering well and finding game. The wind changed frequently making it quite difficult for all the dogs throughout the day to have constant face wind.

### JUNIORS

Rob.Gould's **Wamilanghaar Aquarius** G.L.P. dog handled by Theo. He started his run between the hedge and the rape field. From the moment the dog started he knew it had game running the tramlines parallel to it. A single partridge was produced followed quickly by its brace mate. The dog very quickly got into it's running and found a single pheasant, then a single partridge, continuing to find and produce three other birds, culminating in a grading of **VERY GOOD**.

Madge & Cliff Simons' **Questor Eros at Swifthouse** G.L.P. dog Handled by Madge. The dog started it's run. The pattern was a little erratic due to the wind changing three times making it very difficult for the dog to form a consistent pattern. The dog on occasions would back cast on its left side only, but this did not detract from his game finding ability. Finding a single pheasant, which was slightly off the wind to the dog and remained steady to the flush. A super find on a pair of partridges followed, again the dog remained steady honouring the birds away. Due to the difficulty of the wind we decided the dog had earned the grading of **GOOD**.

Sarah Bond's **Wamilanghaar Meadow Pipit** G.L.P. dog handled by Sarah. The dog started it's running extremely wide and fast but quickly found a pheasant and produced it when asked. Although not chasing, the dog would not sit on command, but would hunt the area from where the bird had lifted, but no more than a few feet. During it's first

find a second bird lifted some yards away, the dog was cast again and took a long left hand run finding a single pheasant very quickly, and again fidgeted after the flush. Cast again to the right this hard running dog very quickly found a pair of partridges, again producing when asked, but still fidgeted about. On his final cast he found and produced another pheasant on command, remaining totally steady this time. We were both very impressed with the dogs running and game finding ability, just a little disappointed in his steadiness. This earned the grading of **GOOD**. If he had been totally steady the grading would have been excellent.

Mrs R. Dear's **Aldom Red Grouse**, Hungarian Vizsla bitch handled by Nigel. This dog ran a very nice, clean, equal pattern. The wind changed during his run and the dog coped extremely well. Found a good pheasant which when asked to produce had to push very hard and took several yards before the bird cleared the rape and came into view. The dog stopped once the bird had cleared and remained steady. The wind changed and the dog found a pair of partridges, the pair had split with the dog holding one on point, producing the first on command the second bird lifted a few feet off the wind to the dog's right, the dog remained steady once again. The dog continued to hunt with a steady speed with good pattern that culminated in another single partridge being found. We felt that once the dog and handler become more confident they would move on and earn better gradings. A **GOOD** grading was given and this could have been higher if the pair had not been so tentative.

#### ADULTS

Rob Gould's **Ft.Ch.Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel**, G.L.P. bitch handled by Rob. This dog immediately got into it's running. Its pattern was superb it found the wind and the wind changes every time, the handler never having to say anything or turn the dog. We noticed the dog's ability to turn extremely tightly on either side ensuring no ground was missed. An excellent find on a pair of partridges trying to elude her by running the tramlines were never going to get away from this dog. The birds lifted and the dog remained steady and acknowledged the birds away. The dog continued to run finding a further five pheasants and would have gone on throughout the whole field finding every bird, if

allowed and making the job look very easy. There was only one grading which this dog could earn and that was **EXCELLENT**.

Mr & Mrs R. Kuban's **Tarrec Try Victor**, G.S.P. dog handled by Sheila. A slightly different situation as we were finishing the field off towards the wood. Again with sudden wind changes making it difficult for a lesser dog. This dog showed the ability to find the wind and hunt a consistent pattern throughout. Having the most amazing find on a pair of partridges producing what we felt was the most spectacular point of the day. The dog produced the birds and remained rock steady. Continuing his run finding a further four pheasants, pointing and flushing beautifully, both dog and handler working in a wonderful partnership. Again the only grading this dog could earn was **EXCELLENT**.

This concluded the gradings. Other gradings could have been given but dogs were finding it difficult to cope with sudden wind changes. There was certainly no lack of game on this wonderful ground.

I would like to thank everybody for their patience, their sense of humour and their friendliness throughout the day.

• **Steve Kimberly**



# New Insights Into The Identification And treatment of Allergic Skin Disease In Dogs

Dr. Steve Shaw

## Introduction

Skin disease is one of the most common reasons for dogs to be presented to the veterinary surgeon. Most often these problems are relatively minor and settle down rapidly with modern treatments. However, some more serious chronic diseases such as the allergic skin diseases can affect the dog over a long period and these problems will be the focus of the seminar. The treatment and prevention of these diseases has been the subject of most debate and change over the last few years.

## What is allergic disease?

The immune system of mammals makes receptor proteins (antibodies) to substances that are foreign (i.e. not part of the body) each antibody being specific to a given substance. Antibodies are of several types, immunoglobulin G (IgG) for instance being involved in protection against many viral diseases after vaccination whereas immunoglobulin E (IgE) involved in allergy is particularly concerned with protection against parasites. IgE antibodies coat specialised cells (mast cells) in the skin where they sit waiting for contact with the parasite proteins to which the animal is sensitised. If the substance is encountered, perhaps as a result of a burrowing mite or a fleabite, the mast cell releases chemicals (mast cell mediators), which try to destroy the invader. In allergic animals this whole system is oversensitive and the release of mast cell mediators in the skin occurs inappropriately to apparently innocuous substances such as food substances, pollens, moulds and house dust mites. The clinical signs of various allergic diseases are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Clinical signs and testing techniques in allergic disease

Type of allergic disease	Typical signs and distribution	Typical age of onset	Seasonality	Clinical and laboratory tests
Flea allergy	Pruritus Papular crusting rash Caudal area of the body, tail, perineum and ventral abdomen often involved. Feet and ears commonly not involved. Secondary pyoderma and Malassezia dermatitis common	Flea allergy can occur at any age, but often starts between 3 and 5 years. Rare in dogs less than 6 months old.	Often seasonal, except where fleas populations are maintained over the winter.	Wet paper test Flea saliva serology Flea elimination
Food allergy/intolerance	Pruritus Gastro-intestinal disturbances in only 10-15% of cases, but increased defaecation in 60% of dogs. Ears and feet often involved Secondary pyoderma and Malassezia dermatitis common	Food allergy can start at any age, but is often seen in young dogs.	Non-seasonal (unless seasonal food changes!)	Elimination diet trials Serology?
Atopic dermatitis	Pruritus Face, ears and feet almost always involved Secondary pyoderma and Malassezia dermatitis common	6 months to 3 years	Often initially seasonal, but becoming non-seasonal over time in many dogs	Elimination of other diseases Serology Intradermal skin testing

## Diagnosis of allergic skin disease

Although it is common for the allergic diseases to be considered to be relatively different, it is almost impossible to clearly differentiate between different types of allergy based on history and clinical signs and sarcoptic mange can closely resemble allergy. Dermatologists use a variety of techniques to exclude the various forms of disease. Blood tests or treatment trials can be used to exclude canine scabies and flea eradication is used to ensure that no flea bites are occurring in the dog's environment. Flea eradication relies on having an insecticidal agent on the animal and an environmental agent in the house, car and kennel and all animals must be treated to break the chain of possible infestation. One would normally expect to see a reduction in clinical signs over a three to four week period, although it can take longer. Similarly by using a diet containing none of the proteins previously used to feed the dog, one can look for an improvement in signs, but this can take longer, perhaps up to thirteen weeks, in some cases. When canine scabies, flea allergy and food allergy/intolerance are excluded then a diagnosis of atopic dermatitis is made. The allergens causing the problem can then be identified using serology or intradermal skin testing.

This whole process seems simple, but the primary/underlying condition is often complicated by severe bacterial or yeast infections; hot spots, superficial folliculitis and deep pyoderma can all be present as a result of the allergic skin disease, and these must be tackled simultaneously if the animal is not to suffer whilst the diagnostic process is being performed. As treatments for these conditions often bring about profound improvements, it can make the interpretation of flea eradication and food allergy difficult. Thus, with food it is imperative that the dog is challenged with the diet used before the elimination and in suspected flea allergy blood tests can be used to help confirm the diagnosis.

## Treatment

In food allergy/intolerance and flea allergy there is no need for additional treatment once the offending allergen has been removed from the environment and secondary bacterial and yeast infections have been eliminated. Unfortunately this can be achieved in many cases of atopic dermatitis and although allergen avoidance can play a part, most dogs

with severe disease require some form of lifelong therapy. Essential fatty acid supplements, antihistamines, steroids and cyclosporins can be used separately or in combination to damp down the allergic response and in most cases these oral medications should be helped by topical baths that can remove bacteria, yeasts and allergens such as house dust mites from the skin as well as improving the function of the skin through the application of oils. Allergen injection immunotherapy works differently by trying to change the animal's response to the allergen and may be wholly or partially effective, giving some relief in 60% of cases.

## Prevention of disease

The mechanism by which animals and man become allergic is a much-studied subject as if we could prevent the body from mounting allergic reactions occurring then there would be tremendous welfare and economical benefits. This is not an easy process as genetic factors, allergen exposure, and other environmental factors all work together to produce the allergic animal. Studies of atopic dermatitis in dogs have shown a heritability of around 50% and so this author recommends that atopic animals or dogs showing signs compatible with atopic disease should not be bred.

*This very interesting lecture was given by Dr. Steve Shaw at the Breeders Symposium organized by the Kennel Club and the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield.*

*Dr Shaw currently runs the Dermatology service at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket seeing referral cases in dermatology and endocrinology as well as teaching within the Centre for Small Animal Studies and externally. Away from the clinic he is involved in immunological research following on from his PhD in the immunology and genetics of canine atopic dermatitis.*

*We are very grateful to Dr Shaw for his permission to reproduce his notes. Editor*

## Working Test

Our fourth annual working test was held at Gill Mill, Ducklington, Oxfordshire on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005. Many thanks to our host Mr John Smith and also to Mark Firmin who does a great deal to help organise the day. The man we owe an extra thank you is Mr Peter Steffens who not only allows us to hold our annual event at Gill Mill but very kindly arranged to have the grass mown all around the lake and came along with his wife to watch and present the prizes at the end of the day. For the support and generosity of these people we are most grateful.

The Judges this year were; Larry Wilks - Puppy, Irmgard Alcock - Novice and Fred Alcock - Open. The Water tests for the Novice and Open tests were judged by Mark Firmin.

### Results of the Puppy Test and critique by Larry Wilks

This is an excellent venue and we are most grateful to our host Mr Smith and to Mark Firmin who makes all the arrangements.

These tests were held on the far side of the quarry alongside the waters edge, which allowed ample opportunity for the dogs to keep cool on what was a very hot day. There were four tests in all and although not difficult in composition all puppies needed to scent the wind to find dummies thrown into long grass and reed beds. I am happy to report all puppies completed the tests, which should after all be the object of the exercise. There were no tricks to try and find a winner, the best dogs were those that completed the tests competently with speedy retrieves delivered to hand.

**Test 1** Obedience, with the dog walked at heel to a set point. Dog to remain steady to thrown dummy. Handler to recall dog to start position, dog to then be sent for retrieve. Dogs all made a good effort on this test although the younger dogs needed verbal encouragement to leave the dummy before returning to the handler.

**Test 2** Seen retrieve with dummy thrown into long grass as for previous test. All dogs remembered where they had previously found a dummy and made the best use of conditions to locate dummy. No problems here and it was nice to see handlers leave their dogs to work it out for themselves.

**Test 3** Straightforward seen retrieve into lake. Easy entry but dogs required to make a decent swim All dogs completed well.

**Test 4** Hunting in a plantation along the lakeside with cattle field alongside. Dog required to sit on command. All dogs working well away from handlers, some more confident than others. All sat when asked to do so.

### The winners were

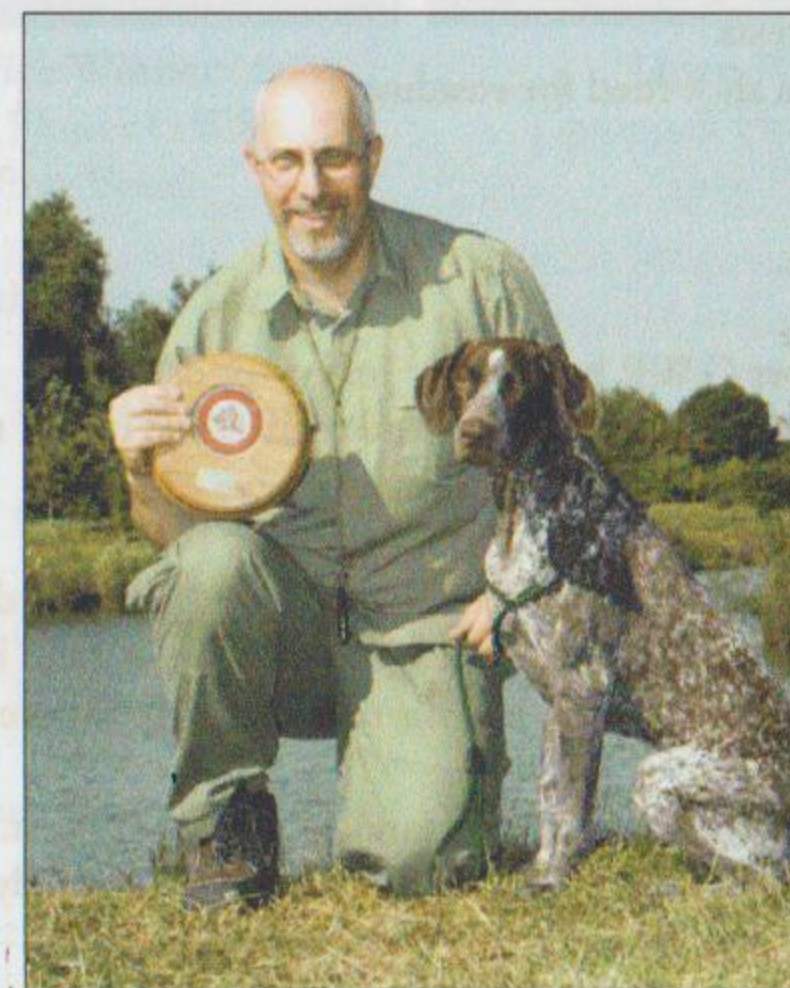
1<sup>st</sup> Collarwick Masquerade, G.S.P. handled by Steve Robson.

Quietly handled and confident, set an excellent standard on all tests.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wamilanghaar Aramis Chilli Pepper, G.L.P. handled by Ray Davies. Another good partnership, went well all day.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sturch Blund, G.S.P. handled by Chris Maidment.

Did all things well but not with the polish of the others.



### Puppy Winner

Collarwick Masquerade G.S.P. Stephen Robson

It is always rewarding to judge this class, as it is such a pleasurable experience to watch young dogs completing a challenge and the joy it gives their handler when they do so. Today was great fun and I hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as I did.

My thanks to the G.L.P. Club for their invitation and superb lunch and to the competitors for giving me the opportunity to judge their promising puppies.

**Larry Wilks**

**Results of the Novice Test and critique by Irmgard Alcock**

I would like to thank the German Longhaired Pointer Club for asking me to judge the Novice Test. I had a most enjoyable day. Thank you for a lovely lunch and thank you to Christine Wheeler for stewarding and my dummy thrower Justin.

There were 4 tests.

Hunting with a shot fired for steadiness.

Blind retrieve.

Seen Retrieve.

Water Retrieve.

1<sup>st</sup> Moon Flower G.W.P. handled by Jeffrey Bond.

This bitch hunted the ground well and made good use of the wind and was very steady to the shot, her retrieves were excellent.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kimmax Katchwood G.W.P. Handled by Aly Branford.

This dog covered every inch of the ground, it had a good head carriage and was very steady to shot, and his retrieves were excellent.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bardantop Rochester H.W.V. Handled by Chris Guest.

This dog hunted the wind with good pace and was steady to the shot, its retrieving was good.

**Irmgard Alcock**



**Novice Winner**  
Moon Flower G.W.P.  
Jeffrey Bond



**Open Winner**  
Tiptopjack Flotilla G.S.P.  
Huw Kirby

**Results of the Open Test**

Open 1<sup>st</sup> Tiptopjack Flotilla G.S.P. bitch - Handled by Huw Kirby

2<sup>nd</sup> Eelyrags Orchid G.S.P. bitch - Handled by Garry Lee

3<sup>rd</sup> Questor Eros at Swifthouse G.L.P. dog - Handled by Madge Simons

Scurry Winner Questor Diana the Huntress G.L.P. bitch - Handled by James Walker

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 11am.

- 1) Present: Rob Gould, Theo Gould, Sheila Kuban, Stephen Winser, Emma Kelly, Rory Major, Sarah Bond, Norman Papworth, Daphne Papworth, Chris Hartnoll, Paula Bell, Madge Simons, James Walker, Wendy Walker, Janice Hawkes, David Winser, Eileen Winser.
- 2) Apologies for absence: Luisa French, Stephen French, Rhod Smart, Francis Smart, David Pilkington, Richard Kuban, Cliff Simons, Andy Bond, David Thrower, Allan Drysdale, Catherine Drysdale, Wendy Bailey, Rozanne Kennedy, David Bontoft, Pat Bontoft, Maureen Court, Gordon Court.
- 3) Minutes of the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

David Winser read the minutes of the last AGM to the meeting. It was agreed that these were a true record of that meeting.

The Chairman congratulated Rob Gould on making up Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel to Field Trial Champion. Congratulations also went to Theo. Gould for her 1<sup>st</sup> place in a novice stake with Wamilanghaar Aquarius and to Madge Simons for her 1<sup>st</sup> place in a novice stake with Questor Eros at Swifthouse. Everybody added his or her congratulations and best wishes for the next field trial season.

#### 4) Matters Arising

The yearly review regarding the number of committee members will be addressed in Item 11. The inclusion of colour black not being permitted is also a separate item on the agenda and will be discussed on Item 12.

#### 5) To elect a Chairman and Officers

David Winser stood down and Sheila Kuban took the Chair to elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year. Rory Major proposed and

Norman Papworth seconded that David Winser continue as Chairman. There being no other proposal David Winser was duly elected. Unanimous.

#### 6) Treasurers Report

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £1,714.13. A number of members had failed to renew their subscription. These were mostly from Associate Members. The secretary reported that the last newsletter had gone to all members, even those who had not been paid up on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005, with a subscription reminder. Further Newsletters will not be sent to unpaid members.

The biggest expenses were the Club's annual insurance of £131.25 and the Newsletter, which costs about £150 twice a year.

Madge Simons suggested that a rejoining fee be introduced, the Secretary agreed to bring the matter up at the next management meeting.

Rory Major suggested that membership forms be sent to people with puppies so that they can be handed out to the new owners.

#### 7) Working Test

The Club has been invited back to Ducklington again this year and arrangements are in hand for the Working Test on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005. Trophies similar to last years are being made. Roger Skinner has sponsored the event with 15-kilo bags of food vouchers for the first three places and the scurry winner.

Larry Wilks has agreed to judge the Puppy test. Irmgard Alcock the Novice and Fred Alcock the Open.

Entry forms have been sent to all members and everybody who has entered in the past two years.

#### 8) Training Day

The Training day held in November was thought to be a great success. It was agreed that another should be held again this year in the early part of the season. David Winser agreed to contact Dominic Symington to ask if we could have another day in late October or early November.

Cliff Simons has offered a training day at Launton in Oxfordshire. David Winser will contact Cliff to make arrangements and details of both will be announced in the next Newsletter. Rory Major agreed to assist with the training.

#### 9) Spring Pointing Test

The Spring Pointing Test held by kind permission of Cliff Simons at Launton this year was a great success. There were 6 dogs graded; 4 of which were 'Longhairs'. Congratulations to Rob Gould for his Excellent with Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel, Theo Gould for a Very Good with Wamilanghaar Aquarius. Madge Simons for a Good with Questor Eros at Swifthouse, Sarah Bond for a Good with Wamilanghaar Meadow Pipit. Sheila Kuban for an Excellent with her GSP Tarrec Trey Victor. Nigel Dear with his Hungarian Vizsla was also awarded a Good grading.

#### 10) The Kennel Club

A letter from the Kennel Club announcing that German Longhaired Pointers will be transferred from the Import Register to the Breed register in January 2006 was read to the meeting. The letter was discussed and it was widely thought that the transfer was due to the strength of the breed through its gene pool and the working ability of the dogs that have made up the current population. Eileen Winser urged all those people that were thinking of breeding their dogs to put endorsements on pedigrees to the effect that progeny is not eligible for registration. She also said that this is not to prevent people from breeding but to make sure that only the best dogs are bred from.

The code of ethics sets out that all breeding animals should be hip

scored and eye tested. The endorsement can be lifted when the British Veterinary Society has scored hips. A hip score of less than a total of 10 is recommended in our code of ethics.

#### 11) Increase in Members of the Management Committee

At the last AGM Mick Phillips and Brenda Moss proposed that the size of the Management Committee be considered on an annual basis. With the breed transferring to the breed register next year it was thought that now was the time to increase the numbers of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee discussed this matter at a prior meeting and it was decided that an acting show secretary and a treasurer should be co-opted on to the committee. David Winser proposed that Maureen Court be co-opted on to the Management Committee as Show Secretary.

At the AGM next year a proposal for a rule change to increase the number of the committee will be put to the meeting. Maureen's vast experience as the show secretary of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club was acknowledged.

Seconded by Rob Gould. Vote unanimous.

Chris Hartnoll was nominated to be treasurer and membership secretary. Proposed by David Winser seconded by Rob Gould. Chris is a chartered accountant and his knowledge and experience will be of great value to the Club.

Both Maureen and Chris are full members and own G.L.P.'s

#### 12) Breed Standard – Colour Black

Mick Phillips raised this issue at the last AGM and it was agreed that the time to make any changes to the breed standard was when we were accepted onto the Breed Register and the word 'interim' is removed from the Breed Standard. After a short discussion it was agreed that 'The colour black is not permitted' should be added. The Secretary will write to the Kennel Club accordingly.

### 13) Any other business

Rob Gould was awarded the Bryantscroft Shield for his achievements in Field Trials with Ft.Ch.Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel.

As we will be eligible to run a Novice Field Trial in 2007, it was suggested that the Management Committee should look into it.

The possibility of running an Open Show or a match with another breed club was suggested and advice on this is to be sought. It was suggested that Larry Wilks and Brenda Moss might be willing to help as they have pioneered the breed from the show side as well as the field trial side. The secretary agreed to write to them about this.

Sarah Bond suggested that an article should be written for one of the shooting magazines about the German Longhair coming off the Import Register. David Winser suggested asking David Tomlinson to write in the Shooting Times. The Shooting Gazette will also be contacted.

The Web site is currently under construction and should be ready very soon. As the breed will undoubtedly become more popular after the transfer to the Breed Register it is predicted that puppies will be sought after. A list of litters available and the contact number of the breeder will be included on the web page. (This will only be done by agreement with the breeder).

Chris Hartnoll proposed a vote of thanks to Eileen and David.

Rory Major added and asked for it to be minuted 'That if had not been for David and Eileen driving the Club we would not have progressed so rapidly to the full Breed Register and on behalf of the membership thanked them both for their dedication'.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.



Louisa French with Dudley

We would like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Louisa and Dudley for being the first German Longhaired Pointer to compete in Working Trials.

Louisa has been training Dudley for two years and he is to compete this year for his first trial. It is no mean task to gain his title of C.D. (Companion Dog).

His test will be:

- 1) Article search within an area of 20 yards. 4 articles in 5 minutes.
- 2) 75 to 150 yards send away to a given point with a whistle down.
- 3) Heelworks on and off lead at slow, normal and fast pace.
- 4) Jumps. 3ft hurdle, 9ft clear long jump and a 6ft scale. To finish the end of the jumps to a stop to command of sit or down.
- 5) Retrieve.
- 6) Sit stay 2 minutes handler out of sight. Down stay 10 minutes handler out of sight.

We wish you good luck and may success reward your endeavour.



The first of the two training days was held at Wormegay, King's Lynn on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005. Rob Gould and David Winser were on hand to offer advice.

Larry Wilks, Brenda Moss, Wendy Bailey and Alison Siviter ran 5 dogs all from the Arany 'B' litter. Madge Simons ran Ross.

This was the first time on sugar beet for these young dogs. Without exception they acquitted themselves very well and were well handled.

Longhair owner and host Dominic Symington continues to support our Club by providing this excellent ground and his keeper Richard Beckerlegg, a spaniel and retriever man at heart appears to be warming to the H.P.R. breeds. Whatever, he can certainly read a dog and knock birds down to order.

The second training day will be on 24<sup>th</sup> October and Rory Major will be helping with the instruction.

More about the next day in the Spring Newsletter.

Thanks to Wendy Bailey for the picture.

## Subscriptions

Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> October every year.

More than ever before we need your support financially.

We will be organising more events now that we are to be transferred to the Breed Register in January 2005. The cost of the web site will dig deeply into the bank balance that we have carefully accrued over the last few years.

For those of you that have not renewed your subscription for 2005/2006, I have enclosed a renewal slip and another standing order mandate.

For those members that have sent cheques or have paid by standing order thank you for your continued support of the Club.

## Seminar

Following the decision of the Kennel Club to transfer the German Longhaired Pointer to the Breed Register we are going to arrange a seminar for the benefit of those people who will in the future be judging Longhairs in classes at Championship Shows. It will also be of great interest to those people who are thinking of owning a Longhair.

Larry Wilks has agreed to speak on the breed standard and how the German Longhaired Pointer should be presented in the show ring. We will also try to get speakers on the subjects of how the dogs should be groomed and trimmed correctly and the history and origins of the breed.

There will be a charge to help to cover expenses and I will report more on this when I have more details of cost but I estimate a door charge of £10 with afternoon tea and light refreshments included.

As soon as I have a venue and a date it will be on the web site under the Events page so look out for it [www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk](http://www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk) there will also be announcements in the dog papers and in the breed notes.

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### Dates for your diaries

I will endeavour to keep an up to date list of forthcoming events on the Web Site but details of Working Tests and Field Trials can also be found on <http://mysite.freeserve.com/HPRFTINFO> courtesy of Mick Phillips.

Discover Dogs at Earls Court, London. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005

Seminar to promote the German Longhaired Pointer January 2006 venue and date to be arranged.

Spring Pointing Test Launton, Oxfordshire. March 2006 date to be arranged.

Discover Dogs at Crufts N.E.C. Birmingham 9<sup>th</sup>,10<sup>th</sup>,11<sup>th</sup>,12<sup>th</sup> March 2006

G.L.P.Club Working Test for all HPR's, Gill Mill, Ducklington, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2006

C.L.A.Game Fair, Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire. 28<sup>th</sup>,29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Please let me know if you can help with any of these events. Eileen Winser

### Club Items

Car Stickers	£1.50
Grooming Video	£10.00
Club Lapel Badge	£3.50
Notelet Cards	£1.50
Embroidered Blazer Badges	£6.50
Greetings Cards	£0.95

Available from the Dutch Club

Dummy Bags with G.L.P. motif	£8.50
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Pewter GLP Key Ring	£4.00

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