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Chairmans Report

Expectations fulfilled.....

In the Summer Newsletter I invited members to a training day, to be held in October should there be sufficient interest. In the event we had an excellent day with a full complement of Longhairs at Croxton, Norfolk, which also gave us a chance to look over the new field trial ground in advance. A pattern seems to be emerging in relation to learning curves and eventual success, and, again, we were able to tailor each dog's run to its own specific needs, concentrating on those areas that perhaps needed a little honing to ensure best chances in later competitions. Of the six dogs on the day I am delighted to report that five went on to gain awards in field trials this season. I am already being asked about a similar day next autumn. Details will be published in due course.

And talking of field trials – I previously wrote to the effect I had great expectations of the four trials planned for 2010. Sadly I did not take into account the weather, which at our first trial at Tixover proved to be a day of almost horizontal rain. Of course there were very few birds in the beet and consequently no awards were made. Nevertheless, Tixover remains an exciting ground for our type of trials and, as commented by the Judges last year, is easily capable of hosting a testing Open Stake. The other three stakes were excellent, so even when other societies were cancelling trials, either through lack of entries or unprecedented snow, we were able to go ahead and get results every time.

I consider myself as fortunate in being one of the Judges at Wardy Hill, which was so good last year that we opted to have an All Aged stake there this time round. The ground was excellent – and there was plenty of it – all in sugar beet – with enough game throughout the day to fully test all the dogs. The dogs that got out and hunted hard and well were rewarded with wild birds. Our Guns were really on the ball, always being in the right place at the right time and they shot superbly. There was a terrific atmosphere from all. There were two awards at the end of the day – to two Longhairs, details of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our new trial at Croxton was equally as good, though there the birds are reared and released, which does help a bit with Novice dogs. This time there was only one award, also to a Longhair. Details of this and the Attleborough trial appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

At Attleborough we were all concerned about the amount of snow that had fallen. This meant that effectively there were fewer birds in the beet, however we more than made up for it by using light game cover and a broad belt of woodland, finishing in a larger wood to end the day with six awards and a total of 14 birds in the bag!

Of our four trial grounds it is not a question of whether any are good enough for an Open Stake (which we hope to hold in two years' time) but which of them to choose! We are very fortunate indeed.

Although it seems far off, pointing tests are only just around the corner. Again, we hope to hold two, one in Cambridgeshire and one in Moray, however, without raising hopes too much there is a chance of a third in Cambridgeshire, so do 'watch this space' and keep a special eye on the web site.

Do have a wonderful one; keep the training up; get out there and show them what these Longhairs can do.

Best wishes and a very Happy Christmas.

David.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs, on Sunday 30th May 2010 at 11am.

1) Present:

Rob Gould, Theo Gould, Eileen Winser, David Winser, Steve Farr, Shirley Farr, Paul Williams, Paul Jackson, Norman Papworth, Daphnie Papworth, Chris Hartnoll, Sarah Bond, Rhod Smart, Frances Smart. Andy Hollick, Steven Winser.

2) Apologies for absence:

Richard Kuban, Sheila Kuban, Ed Booter, Leni Booter, Maureen Court, Jill Court, Steve Kimberley, Coshy Kimberley, Richard & Jennifer Winser, Steve & Luisa French, Rory Major, Jeremy Fletcher Morris, Brenda & Jonathan Ford Dunn, Chris & Cathy Denton, Jo Hart, Terry Croft, Emma Winser, Janice Goggin, Bob Goggin, Dawn Gibson, Garry Gibson, Patrick Early,

3) Minutes of the AGM on Sunday 24th May 2009.

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

3b) Matters Arising

A Seminar was not held in February but work is in progress to arrange a Seminar in March 2011.

4) Chairman's Report

Chairman David Winser reported activities the Club had organised over the last year and informed the meeting of this years plans.

a) Seminar.

A Seminar was to be the first of the year's activities but due to the HPR Field Trial Association arranging a seminar for German Longhaired Pointers in January (only two months before our advertised date) it was felt that the support required making it worth while would not be forthcoming. The Seminar was cancelled and it is hoped it will held in the spring of 2011.

b) Spring Pointing Tests

The first of this years Spring Pointing Tests was held at Balsham, Cambridgeshire by kind permission of Robin Vestey on 5th April 2010. There were 6 dogs graded.

The second Spring Pointing Test was held at Dunphail, Morayshire on 17th April 2010 by kind permission of the Honourable Mark Laing. There were 5 dogs graded.

c) Working Test

Our annual working test will take place at Gill Mill, Ducklington, by kind permission of Mr John Smith this year on Sunday 11th July. Our working test has become a very popular event and the Club thanks all our supporters for their help in making it such a good day. Gundog Club insurance costs just the same for small Clubs like ours as the big Clubs and we could not do without the income from our working test. Thanks to all the competitors and to our judges who travel great distances to support us.

d) Field Trials

Four Field Trials are planned for this year, all on open ground, sugar beet, rape and root crops. They will be novice stakes at Tixover, Croxton, and Attleborough, and an all aged stake at Wardy Hill, near Ely.

We are advised that some other Clubs are increasing Field Trial entries to £25 for members and £35 for non members this year and we will have to do the same.

d) Training Days

A training day will be held at Croxton in October for those handlers that would like to see if their dogs are ready for a field trial. No dogs will be eliminated and it is not a competition. It is only an assessment where dogs can be shot over and advice given.

5) Secretary's Report

Eileen Winser reported that the Club was running very smoothly and thanked the Committee for their support over the past year.

A Seminar will be held this spring and will be reported in the Newsletter as soon as dates have been confirmed.

As the registrations of GLP's continue to go up it is thought to be time to arrange our first Open Show. Application to hold an Open Show has been approved by the Kennel Club and will be held on 25th September 2011.

6) Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

Chris reported that the Club was financially healthy and his accounts had been sent out with the notice convening the AGM. The meeting was asked if there were any questions regarding the accounts. As there were no questions the accounts were adopted. Proposed by Rob Gould and seconded by Paul Williams.

7) To elect a Committee

The meeting was told that the four committee members (Sheila Kuban, Sarah Bond, Rob Gould, and David Winser) currently serving were prepared to offer themselves for another term. In light of the fact there had been no other nominations, they were elected unanimously, en block.

8) To appoint Auditors

It was proposed by Rob Gould that Eileen Winser act as auditor as before, the proposal was seconded by Theo Gould. Voted unanimously.

9) To appoint Legal Advisor and Veterinary Surgeons

The Chairman proposed Howard Llewellyn, Barrister, who had served the Club well in the past years. There were no other nominations. Howard was re-elected legal adviser.

Both Rob and Theo Gould our Veterinary Surgeons in previous years were present and agreed to advise the Club on veterinary matters for a further term. There were no other nominations and both were re-elected unanimously.

10) Any other business

With no other business to discuss the meeting closed a 1.10 pm followed by lunch and a Vote of thanks to David & Eileen.

Results of the fun day retrieving test held after lunch and the AGM.

Puppy and beginners test
1st Steve Farr and Indy
2nd Paul Williams and Otto
3rd Chris Hartnol and Coll

Novice test
1st Andy Hollick and George
2nd Sarah Bond and Rhum

Open Test
1st Rob Gould and Carra
2nd Sarah Bond and Tarn

Working Test

Many thanks to John Smith our very generous host for taking the time to come to present the prizes and to Mark Firmin for all his help in arranging the day

Yet again our annual working test was blessed with perfect weather. The Club thanks everybody for their valued support and for making this event such a good one to look forward to. Thanks to the Puppy Judge Jo Izard, The Novice judges Chris Spree and Suzie Zarpanely and the Open Judges Costas Wilkinson and Lesley Keate and of course our 64 competitors.



Puppy Test - Judges report

We were given a very long narrow strip of mixed grass along the side of a large lake to set the tests.

The weather was perfect for working dogs. Warm with a nice breeze.

11 puppies were present.

Test 1 was a steadiness test, a dummy being thrown while the puppies were hunting and being asked to sit. It was a cheek wind, so those puppies working the wind correctly found it more testing to stop!

Test 2 was a seen retrieve with the puppy sat 10 metres away from the handler. I was very impressed by the steadiness and focus on the retrieve. Most dogs completed this test very well.

Test 3 was a seen retrieve from water. The standard of completing this test was very good.

Test 4 was heel work with a memory retrieve. This test was completed to the highest standard I have ever seen in a puppy working test. The heel work of almost every dog was excellent.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day watching some extremely promising puppies
Judge: *Jo Izard*



Results of the Novice tests

- 1st Witham Friary Corrina GSP
Melanie Baker
- 2nd Cadanbyrig Sensenac ,GLP
Frances Smart
- 3rd Ashleighs Jade GSP
Joanna Wilson
- 4th Sanjon Bravissima GSP
Nicola Johnson

Results of the Puppy tests

- 1st Moricroft My Choice (HWV)
Michael Caine
- 2nd Merchants Hill Comet at
Harrigoss (GSP)
Julian Apps
- 3rd Warrendown Flash of Atilla (GSP)
Emma Carter
- 4th Seehof Finhesse (GSP)
Jennifer Hurley



Open Test - Judges report

What a wonderful ground John Smith gives us at Ducklington which was enjoyed by a large entry in all classes, and the hot summers day meant the water test went extremely well with all dogs excellent at entering water and swimming and retrieving. The hunting phase proved to be tricky for some with the dogs having to hunt, sit to shot, turn to mark, and retrieve in long grass.

The 2nd test a split (seen on a Hare dummy, blind to one side and out of sight of handler), produced some interesting retrieval techniques as a lot of dogs were unused to such a heavy and unbalanced object. All that found the hare dummy successfully retrieved same to hand.

The 3rd test and the simplest, a seen dummy launched retrieve, caused, for some the most problems. Here mainly handler error made what should have been an out and back, long and drawn out. Suffice to say the top combinations did accomplished this test in text book style.

Finally the water (blind from an island) was completed by all dogs quickly and efficiently. I think most handlers were wishing they could have joined their dogs for a swim at the end of a hot July day.

The handing was quiet and unobtrusive allowing dogs to get on and concentrate on the job in hand. Overall a good standard of work.

Costas and I enjoyed our day and judging the dogs, with a fast, biddable and businesslike bitch coming out on top although the other placed dogs were very close behind. Well done everyone!

We would like to thank Eileen, David, Sarah and all the GLP helpers who worked so hard to provide us with a fabulous day to show the dogs off, and wonderful food for everyone. The awards are as below.

Judges *Costas Wilkinson & Leasley Keate*

Results of the Open Tests

1. Huwlington Fly (GSP) handled by Simon Kirby
2. Wamlanghaar Cara (GLP) handled by Rob Gould
3. Swifthouse Crusader (GSP) handled by Jennifer Hurley
4. Eely Rags Manhattan (GSP) handled by Lee Loveridge



Simon Kirby receiving 1st in Open from our host John Smith

Your next Newsletter will be Spring/Summer 2011

To ensure you receive your Newsletter on time please send all materials and articles to be included to:

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Before the end of February 2011

Any articles received after this date will be included in the Autumn/Winter 2011 issue.

The editor reserves the right not to publish any articles or letters submitted

The Club have organised four field trials this season. Three Novice Stakes and an All Aged Stake.

**All Aged Stake at Wardy Hill, Ely. 29th October 2010
Judges David Winser and Eileen Winser**

2nd Wamilanghaar Cara (GLP) handled by Rob Gould



On her first run this dog pointed a rabbit which was not shot. She was hunted on to point a pheasant and was steady to a very long shot. The bird fell as a strong runner. The dog was sent for the retrieve but the bird had obviously run on and she hunted for several minutes without locating it. She was distracted by what was thought to be a hare that had run up a tractor wheeling but it was not produced. The handler called her back and was instructed to work her on. Some distance away she again indicated and the runner was finally caught up with and delivered tenderly to hand.

On her second run she covered the ground efficiently and located and pointed a cock pheasant in the open beet.. The bird was shot and fell across a ditch into another field of sugar beet some distance away. She marked the bird well and went directly to the fall as soon as she was sent, retrieving it tenderly to hand. Her water retrieve was carried out efficiently.

COM Wamilanghaar Meadow Pipit (GLP) handled by Sarah Bond



This dog hunted well and covered his ground with pace and style. He had a good point on a covey of partridge, one of which was shot. He remained steady to the shot and fall and although his retrieve was a bit untidy he delivered it to hand with some encouragement from his handler.

He was run on and a hare flushed. It was not shot and he remained steady to the hare's hasty retreat.

On his second run, although he hunted with meticulous pace and dedication no, other game was found. His water retrieve was carried out satisfactorily.

**Novice Stake at Croxton, Norfolk. 16th November 2010
Judges Rita Howard and Peter Howard**

1st Questor Harriet. (GLP) Handled by Eileen Winser

1st Run. Commenced with a cheek wind in roots. The bitch worked thoroughly with pace and style under difficult scenting conditions. Handler and dog worked well together.

2nd Run. This run was in roots with a head wind. Initially, the bitch was asked to make a 40 yard retrieve of a cock pheasant shot from the previous dog's run. This retrieve was executed with speed & accuracy. The bitch continued to work the roots thoroughly holding her point to allow the guns to get into position. A cock pheasant was shot and a good retrieve was executed.

3rd Run. Again in roots covering the ground efficiently and thoroughly but no further game seen.

The handler & dog team worked well together & the bitch proved to be a good all round game finding dog under difficult, varying conditions of wind & scent.

Our thanks go to the host Mr Dennis Wood for the superb ground and to the Guns for their excellent shooting and to the GLP Club for inviting us to judge. We had a very enjoyable day and saw lots of good dog work. It was unfortunate that we lost good dogs on the way.



**Novice Stake at Tixover, Leicestershire. 26th October 2010
Judges Fred Alcock and Theo Gould.**

No awards

Novice Stake at Attleborough, Norfolk. 29th November 2010
Judges Irmgard Alcock and Mark Firmin

Irmgard and I tried to work all dogs into wind but due to conditions we had to settle for a cheek wind out on the beat and a mixed wind in the woods. All dogs had the opportunity of game on their runs and executed their chances where possible.

There was a good standard of work throughout the day with most dogs letting themselves down with small errors.

The day ended with 6 dogs going to water which was fantastic given the conditions. All 6 dogs were sent home with a water certificate due to frozen water on the estate.

Results 2nd Bryantscroft Herdwich GWP handled by Rory Mayor

3rd Blythbeck Ghillie GSP handled by Steve Pleasance

4th Andsal y not of Roman River GSP handled by A Waterhouse

COM Sh Ch Tournesol Braconnier Brittany handled by Rory Major

Tarrec Akando Quinn GSP handled by Peter Carter

Ansona Secret Whisper at Diefstock Weimaraner handled by W. Cooper

2nd Bryantscroft Herdwich handled by Rory Mayor. This GWP bitch worked sugar beet and game crop on the first run. Working with a cheek wind, she soon came on point on the edge of the crop and when asked to produce did so with no fuss. A single partridge was flushed and was shot. She was steady to shot and was sent for the retrieve. She came back with a hen pheasant shot earlier, delivered it to hand and was then picked up. The partridge was picked later by the picking up dog.

On her second run she was in woodland, working well covering the guns. She came on point but the birds ran off her nose and she worked on, and then was picked up.

Her 3rd run, again in woodland, she soon came on point in some rushes. When asked to flush she did so. A cock bird was flushed and was shot. A good retrieve was made.

3rd Blythbeck Ghillie handled by Steve Pleasance. This GSP dog was on sugar beet in his first run. He ran well covering the ground well in a blizzard at the end of the beat the dog indicated on a hedge, a partridge lifted and was shot. The dog was steady and made a good retrieve.

His second run was in woodland. He soon came on point in some bracken was asked to flush, did so and a partridge was shot. The dog was sent for the retrieve and delivered it to hand.

4th Andsal y not of Roman River handled by A Waterhouse. This GSP bitch worked in sugar beet covering guns working with good pace but had a blank run. Her second run was in woodland, ran well but again no game. A third run was the same. We decided to give the dog a fourth run and within 5 minutes she came on point, was asked to flush, did so, was steady to flush and completed a quick retrieve to hand.

COM Sh Ch Tournesol Braconnier handled by Rory Major. This Brittany bitch ran on beet and edge of cover crop with a few trees. A bird flushed and was shot, she was steady and was called up for the retrieve which fell in to some maize. She picked the bird and hunted on. She came on point was asked to flush, 2 birds lifted, one was shot but ran and was not picked.

Her second run was in woodland. She came on point in some brambles, flushed a cock bird which was shot and a good retrieve was made.

COM Tarrec Akando Quinn handled by Peter Carter. This GSP dog worked a wide hedge and soon came on point. He was asked to flush, did so, the bird was shot and a short retrieve was made to hand.

His second run was in woodland working very steadily he soon came on point and flushed a rabbit which was not shot.

COM Ansona Secret Whisper at Diefstock handled by W. Cooper. This Weimaraner bitch ran in beet on the first run being very careful and had no game. Her second run was in this wide hedge again being very careful. A bird was shot on the flank which she was steady to and was called to make the retrieve in sugar beet. She made a quick retrieve to hand. She worked on and came on point. When asked to flush did so, the cock bird was shot and she again made a good retrieve.

All these dogs were awarded these placings on the understanding that they completed a water certificate.

Our thanks to the Host and Alex for keeping us in birds, Eileen for refreshments, Janice for keeping the trial flowing and Fred for picking up with Irmgard's dog. Also to the guns, David and Rob, for shooting so well in difficult conditions.

Dates for your diaries

March 10 th to 13 th	Discover Dogs at Crufts
March	Pointing Test Dunphail, (to be confirmed)
March	Pointing Test Balsham (to be confirmed)
April	Seminar (to be confirmed)
May 29th	GLP Club AGM and fun day and bar-b-q
July 10th	GLP Club working Test, Gill Mill, Ducklington
July 22 nd to 24 th	CLA Game Fair. Blenheim Palace.
September 25th	Club's 1 st Open Show

Information will be posted on the web site as soon as dates are available.
www.glp.org.uk