

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

NEWSLETTER



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Of Frying Pans and Fires

I thought we had had our fair share when a snake in Scotland bit one of the dogs. Not on your life!

After a day out with the Syndicate I popped down to the flight pond to have a quick go before the Shoot Dinner later that evening. It was OK. – The dinner was to be at our house and the pond is only two hundred yards away. So the flight saw me after dark with a trusty hound and a torch looking for the fallen in the long grass and bushes around the pond. Mr. Reliable had got nearly all of them and was doing fine. I only needed the torch to keep a check on him in the dark so that I could monitor each area that he was bringing me a duck from – that way I would know which ones had been picked and which ones would need a second look in the morning should we be unsuccessful.

Then I realised I could no longer hear the dog. Flashing the torch around I saw him nearby eating something. On the ground was part of a decomposed body and just sliding out of sight down his throat was the tail of a rat.

I threw the gun and torch on the ground and dived in after it, but to no avail. He had swallowed it!

OK, so dogs eat some awful things and seem to do so as a matter of course. Why panic? Well, first it is most unusual to find a dead rat above ground and second, like most other gamekeepers, I poison rodents near to my wheat supplies. There is a poison hopper nearby. I did not know how much of the rat he had swallowed, but there was a possibility that he had taken in a dose of something quite nasty.

The last duck quickly took a back seat as I hurried back to the house with the dog on the lead.

The old-fashioned remedy in such cases is a crystal of washing soda the size of a hazel nut. It is pushed to the back of the dog's throat and, within 15 to 20 minutes, there should be a reaction.

"Where's the washing soda – dog's swallowed a rat?" say I. "I think it has been thrown away, says she."

Don't panic, Mr. Mannering. Dump the dog in the kitchen, where it can be watched and drive quickly to the local Spar shop; hoping all the way there they have got some. They had – but I drew a few suspicious looks as I went through the packets looking for one that had started to go lumpy. Why has everything got to be powdered and refined these days – there is nothing wrong with old-fashioned crystals? Drive quickly back. Hold dog down, push in a lump, and wait.

Eileen had been cooking dinner for our twelve guests. Fortunately No2 son (policeman) and his fiancée (paramedic) were among them and arrived early, so there was a very common-sense response to our predicament. They would stay and watch the dog whilst Eileen carried on cooking the meal. I would flit between them and our guests, who were already assembling in the drawing room, to keep the lid on things. Keep calm.

Fifteen minutes passed without anything happening, so the poor old boy got a second dose. A short time later there was a kafuffle as he brought up part of a decomposed rat (including tail). It made an awful stench but, **oh, joy!** Bless him – he deposited it in a dog's bed, so we were able to carry it all outside in one go.

So, once again, there is a lesson for all of us. It is most unusual to find dead rats above ground. If you do – smell a rat! We all work our dogs on shoots and in countryside where game is reared and kept. Where there is game there is vermin and all keepers take steps to deal with it. They do so responsibly, but occasionally there is a slight chance that your dog could be eating something that has been poisoned. If it does, the best thing to do is

make it sick with a lump of washing soda the size of a hazel nut. Rob Gould tells me that the most number of times he has ever had to do this to a dog is three, and the response is quite quick. Last – always carry a torch when working your dog in the dark.

Oh – also **never** be tempted to bag a quick duck or two (*seven, actually*) when twelve guests are expected to dinner.

The duck? – Mr. Reliable picked that first thing the next morning.

Good Luck.

David Winser, Chairman.



Notice Convening The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club will be held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH, on Sunday 21st May 2006 at 11am.

Nomination papers for the Committee and Officers of the Club must be submitted on an official Nomination Form available from the Honorary Secretary.

Completed Nomination Papers should be returned to the Honorary Secretary, Points, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH. by not later than 22nd April 2006.

Resolutions in accordance with Club Rule 10(e) must also be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by not later than 22nd April 2006.



After the AGM and Lunch we will be holding an informal retrieving test. It is intended to be fun so stay for the afternoon and have a go.

Please return the form to book lunch.

Entries taken on the day. £2 per dog.

Rosettes for 1st 2nd and 3rd in each class.

There will be three classes:

Beginners and puppies – (under 18 months)

Improvers – (dogs which have not received an award in a working test or field trial.

Field Trialers – (dogs that have received an award in a field trial or working test)

German Longhaired Pointer Club Accounts at 1st October 2005

Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	600.00	Maintenance of Title	45.00
AGM	102.00	Postage	64.05
Club Shop	29.00	Newsletter	292.04
Training Day	150.00	AGM	70.12
Spring Pointing Tes	116.00	Training Day (birds)	140.00
Working Test	340.50	Gifts/Lunches/Teas	45.00
Raffle	69.00	Working Test	232.71
Scurry	15.00	Spring Pointing Test	65.81
Donation	15.00	HPRFTA	10.00
	<u>1,436.50</u>	Insurance	131.25
		Gift	10.00
		Web Page	58.74
			<u>1,164.72</u>
Opening Balance	1,807.95	Closing Balance	2,079.73
	<u>3,244.45</u>		<u>3,244.45</u>

I have checked the German Longhaired Pointer Club's records and Confirm that the above receipts and expenditure account accurately reflects the transactions that have been made during the year ending September 30th 2005 and the Club's financial position as at that date.

Sheila Kuban

1st November 2005

Seminar

It's hard work organising a Seminar and we thank and acknowledge the efforts of the committee of the GLP Club who organised and hosted this milestone event and made the day such a pleasurable one.

It was reassuring to see so many distinguished Gundog Group judges who were interested in knowing more about our breed. An imposing audience including Carol Coode, Pam Blay, Maureen Nixon, Jean Bates as well as Dr Ruth Barbour and Margaret Holmes who were both so supportive of our application onto the Register, sat back attentively to listen and learn.

The speakers on the day were Larry Wilks and Patsy Hollings. Larry gave an in-depth presentation of the history of the breed, what is a Longhair and the definition of "breed type". Punctuated with photographs, books and a unique porcelain model Larry gave a definitive history of the development of the breed from it's early origins of a long haired spaniel type hunting dog to the formation of the GLP as a breed in 1879 and up to the present day.

Ably assisted by "Baiser" a discussion on breed type and the characteristics of the GLP was followed by a presentation on conformation by Patsy Hollings.

Patsy, who is famous worldwide for her Gunalt Weimaraners, certainly knows about "type", breeding and the development of a breed. Her "male model" Buchse quickly became bored with the whole thing but he dutifully stood still long enough for Patsy to cover all aspects of the dog's structure in relation to it's ability to perform. His co-operation demonstrated the desire to please which is so evident and appealing in this breed.

We all then moved outside to watch his movement as it related to the anatomy we had just discussed.

Following a superb lunch our gastronomic feasting was unfortunately replaced with one for the brain. Several dogs of all colours, shapes and sizes came into the hall and five were selected at random as exhibits for our assembled audience to participate in a "hands on". Each of the judges then assessed each of the dogs against the breed standard and was then asked to place them in order of merit and the reasons behind their decision.

Every one present thought the day had been most illuminating and they all remarked on the impeccable temperament of all of the dogs especially those who had never been in such an environment before. The breed had a great future they thought and they would be looking forward to seeing all of them again in the ring.

Brenda Moss



Health Matters

This Newsletter's Health Matters deals with one of the problems that all of our 'girls' are at risk from. As a breeder it is probably the thing we dread most. We spend two to three years training, the hip scores are fine, eye test is clear and then just when you think she will produce some very nice puppies she gets Pyometra. Well I certainly hope not.

We are very grateful to Rob Gould and Theo Gould who have kindly written this article to help you detect the early symptoms.

An Owners Guide to Pyometra

PYO = Pus [may be bloody, yellow or cream]

METRA = Uterus

PYOMETRA A build up of pus within the cavity of the uterus.

Open Pyometra An open cervix allows the pus to drain from the [often swollen] vulva. This may be mistaken for an early season.

Closed Pyometra The pus does not drain but accumulates within the uterus, which may weigh several kilos. Toxins leak into the blood stream and affect all body organs leading eventually to death from dehydration, toxemia and kidney failure.

Timing Pyometra is usually a problem of older females some 5-80 days after the end of a season but can occur after the first season. Pyometra is more common in bitches that have not had pups but can occur in bitches that have been bred from. Breeding does not guarantee freedom from risk of Pyometra. Some hormone treatments e.g. for misalliance may increase the risk of Pyometra.

Symptoms Your bitch may be off colour, off her food, have an increasing thirst [may start to urinate in the house], the vulva may be swollen with or without a discharge, she may start to vomit, become very depressed and unwilling to get out of bed. She will deteriorate over a period of days to weeks and will progress to dehydration, collapse and death from toxic shock.

Diagnosis Your vet will probably suspect Pyometra from the history but may wish to investigate further with blood tests and x-ray and ultrasound imaging of the distended uterus.

Treatment The only guaranteed solution is to remove the uterus. This is major surgery in a very weakened bitch but with early diagnosis, modern anaesthetics, intravenous fluids and antibiotics the prognosis is very favourable compared with even a few years ago.

It is possible to treat Pyometra with hormone injections to empty the uterus but this is risky, is very painful for the bitch and has a low success rate.

In extreme cases euthanasia may be the kindest option

Prognosis In those bitches that survive the operation [happily the majority of cases] owners often report that the bitch is healthier than she has been for a long time underlining the chronic and insidious onset of this condition.

Summary Pyometra is a potentially fatal condition, be aware of the symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment give the best prognosis.

Theo Gould MA, VetMB, MRCVS
Rob Gould BVetMed, MRCVS

Working Test

Mr John Smith has invited us back again this year to Gill Mill to hold our annual working test. For those of you that have been to our working test before you will know that the tests are held around the lake with the quartering test on nearby set aside. It is beautiful and quite idyllic and we are very grateful to everybody who supports the club especially Mark Firmin who does so much to help with this very popular Club event.

July 9th is the date this year. It is also Silverstone weekend. To avoid the extra traffic you will have to allow a little more time for the 9.30am start. The test will be open to all hunt, point and retrieve breeds.

The judges will be:

Tim Wignall	PUPPY
David Pilkington	NOVICE
Tony Russell	OPEN
Roy Cullen	WATER TESTS



A schedule and entry form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

All schedules and entry forms for Club events are now downloadable from the web site.

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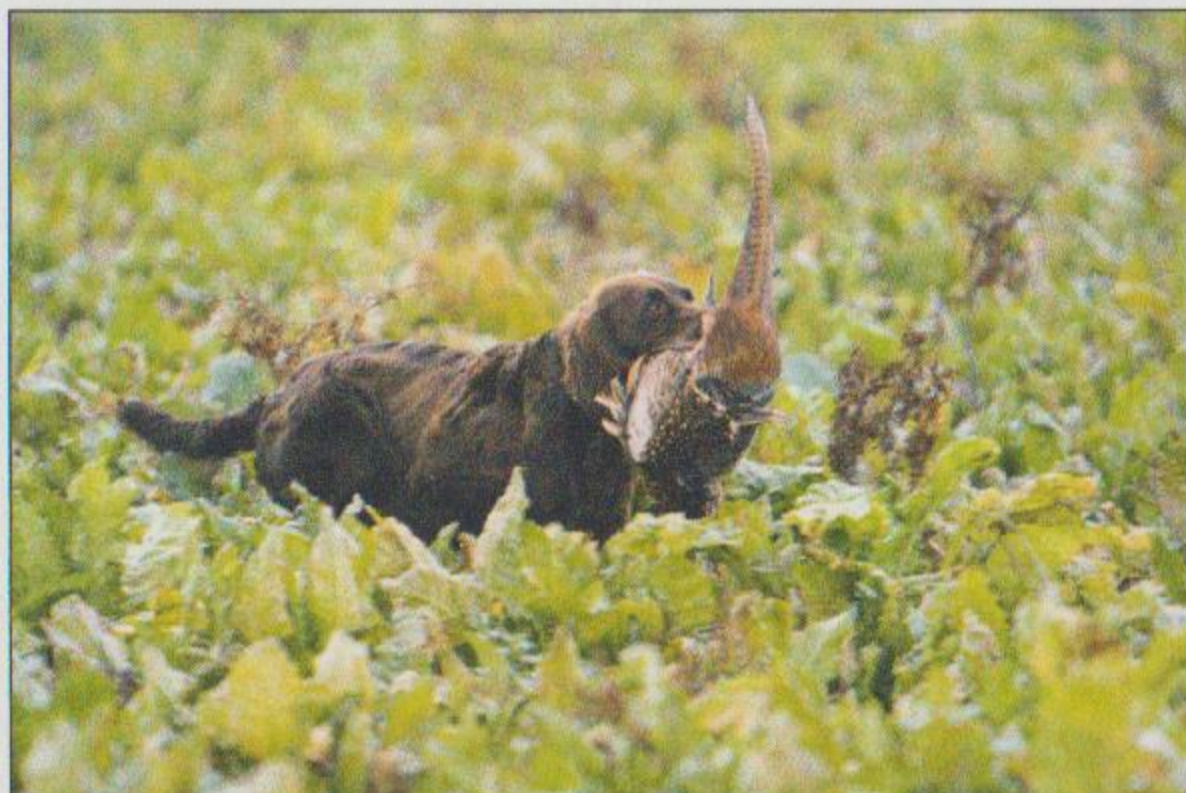
Skinner's have agreed to sponsor the event and there will be vouchers for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners in each class.

There will also be individual awards to be won outright for 1st to 3rd placed dogs and the Club working test trophies to be held for the year by the winners in each class.

A scurry will be held with a skinner's voucher and a trophy for the fastest dog. Entries will be taken on the day.

Tea, coffee and fruit juice will be free all day from the organisers tent. Donations for the raffle and cakes for afternoon tea would be appreciated. The weather has been booked in advance, so come along and have a good day out.

Winners Gallery



Rob Gould was awarded a 2nd place at the GSP Club Open Stake at Boythorpe in November 2005 and a 4th Place at the Brittany Club Open Stake at Ampton in December. Congratulations to Rob and Morgan (FT Ch Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel)



Madge Simons was awarded a 2nd at the GSP Club All Aged Stake at Raisthorpe in November 2005. Congratulations to Madge and Ross. (Questor Eros at Swifthouse)



Brenda Moss was awarded 4th in The Hungarian Vizsla Society's All-Aged Stake at Stoke Rochford in November. Congratulations to Brenda and Arany's Baiser.



Ray Davies was awarded a 4th in the Weimaraner Association Novice Stake at Benniworth in January. Congratulations to Ray and Teak (Wamilanghaar Aramis)

Spring Pointing Test

The week before our spring pointing test was due to take place Cliff Simons went to check the ground at Stoke Lyne and decided that due to the very cold spell of weather the crops had not grown sufficiently to hold game.

This is an excellent ground and last year the results showed what the dogs could do when conditions are right. We had six awards including 2 Excellent, 1 Very Good and 3 Good.

It was decided to postpone the tests so that we can give the dogs the best chance to 'shine' again this year. The new date is 17th April (Easter Monday). The judges are the same Sheila Kuban and Peter Bakewell. We have had a very big entry of 30 dogs so it is possible that we will have two groups and another two judges. You can look for more updated information on the web site.

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The results of this Spring Pointing test and with any luck the critique of the Judges will be in the Autumn Newsletter.

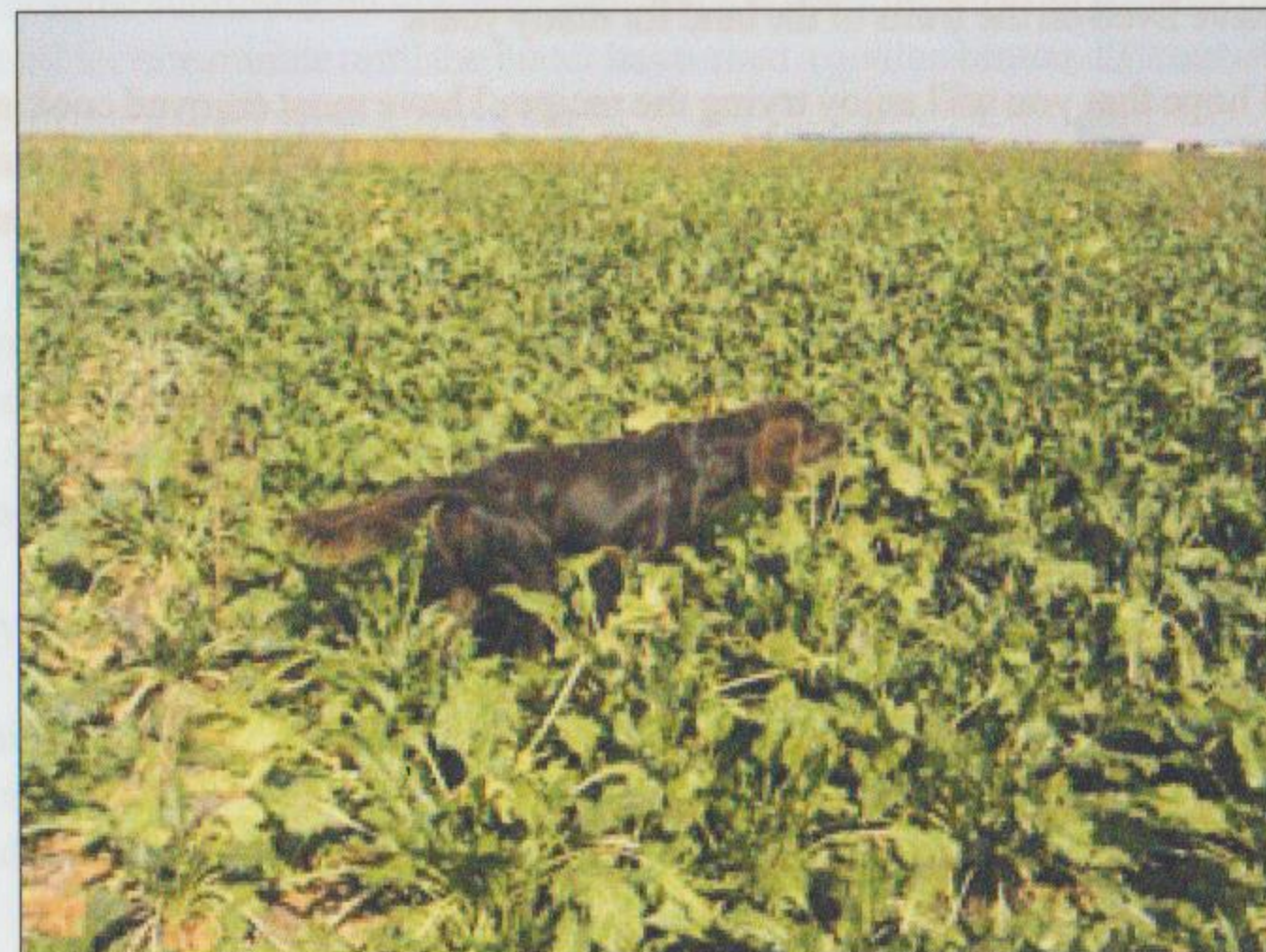
Training Days 2005

The second of the training days was on 24th October at Wormegay, King's Lynn. Rory Major assessed the young dogs and without exception they improved during the day once they got to grips with the wild pheasants in the sugar beet. These days in October are great value giving the youngsters a chance to learn about the different types of ground and crops they will be expected to run on at various trial grounds around the country in the coming field trial season.

Training Days October 2006

We will ask Dominic Symington if we can have two more days again this year in October. The trainers will be experienced judges and field trailers.

If you would like to take part please give us early notice so that we know how many days will be required. The cost last year was £20 per bird plus £5 per handler for the keeper. You can expect to have two birds shot over your dog. Only birds that are worked or pointed by the dog will be shot for them. It is not supposed to be a shooting day for the guns it is a training day for the dogs. There is no competition and dogs will not be eliminated -but they must be under control.



Recipes

Or - 'Oh no, not an other brace of pheasants'

Do you get fed up with eating pheasants? Roast, casseroled, pies, curried, well so did I. So you have to become a little adventurous after 38 years of having pheasants, rabbits, grouse, pigeons, ducks, venison, salmon and trout arrive home in the raw state - you have to decide what you are going to do with it. That is after you have learned to gut it!

I was a very young 21-year-old townie that had never seen, let alone eaten many of these creatures before; it was a bit daunting. Not wanting to do anything to offend, one had to try to offer the food at the table to warrant it being killed in the first place.

Over the next few Newsletters I will try to come up with the recipes that have proved to be very popular with our family and friends who, likewise, have lived on the fruits of the land for many years.

I hope that you will enjoy trying the recipes I have most enjoyed cooking. The game we shoot is without growth hormones, it eats what comes naturally and health wise it is the best food for us because of the very low fat content.

How about Carbonnade of pigeon with garlic bread?

Smoked trout roulade with Philadelphia cheese?

Fillet of venison marinated in port?

Pheasant breast stuffed with Stilton?

Fresh (not farmed) salmon Gradvad Lax?

Game pie?

Partridge with stem ginger and orange sauce?

Deville rabbit?

Flash fried grouse breast in whisky sauce?

Trout Ve'ronique with white grapes?

Wild duck with black cherries?

Game pate'?

I haven't started on the desserts yet!

Goujons of pheasant with a sour cream dip

(Serves 4)

Breast meat from two skinned pheasants

4 tablespoons plain flour

2 bantam eggs or 1 large egg

Salt & pepper to season

1 chicken stock cube

Method

Slice the pheasant breast into Goujons.

Dust in the flour then dip into the egg that has been mixed with the stock cube. Leave to marinade in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Heat some sunflower oil in a large pan until it is smoking. Fry the goujons in the oil for one minute until the batter has turned a golden brown. Lift out of the oil and dry on some kitchen paper.

Serve with a crisp salad, game chips and dip Goujons in some sour cream.

A nice bottle of chilled dry, white wine straight from the fridge and a warm summer evening in the garden - Bliss

Now tell me you don't like pheasant!

Try different dips. Sweat & Sour, Garlic & Herb, Mint & Yoghurt.

This is probably the best, quickest and easiest of pheasant dishes. For people in a rush, as we always seem to be, you can cheat by buying prepared dips, and 'kettle chips'.

If you have a favourite game recipe please email it to Eileen and share it with all of us.

Dates for your diary

Spring Pointing Test	17 th April 2006
AGM / Fun Day	22 nd May 2006
Working Test	9 th July 2006
CLA Game Fair, Broadlands, Romsey, Hants.	28/29/30 th July 2006
Discover Dogs Earls Court, London.	11/12 th November 2006
Crufts	8/9/10/11 th March 2007
(1 st year we have breed classes don't miss it)	Gundog day 8 th March
Discover Dogs at Crufts NEC	8/9/10/11 th March 2007

Your next Newsletter will be in the Autumn of 2006

To ensure you receive your Newsletter on time please
send all material to be included to:

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Before end of August 2006

Any articles or letters received after this date
will be included in the Spring 2007 issue

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

Club Shop Items

Car Stickers	£1.50
Grooming Video	£10.00
Club Lapel Badge	£2.50
Notelets Cards	£2.00
Embroidered Blazer Badges	£6.50
Greetings Cards	£1.00
Engraved (German Longhaired Pointer) Pens	£2.50
Fleeces	from £25.00
Sweat Shirts (Terracotta coloured with GLP Club Logo)	from £20.00
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Last but not least

I am in the process of updating my records with email address of those of you that are contactable electronically.

I would like to send out the Agenda for the AGM by email to as many of you as possible. It is much faster and more efficient to send updates and details of events that have been arranged in between the Newsletters going out. Not to mention the cost to the Club of postage and stationery.

Please take a minute to email eileen.winsler@go-plus.net to make sure that I have the correct address to reply to you.

Many thanks

Eileen



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events and wish all
competitors and exhibitors
success in the coming year