



# BULLETIN

## DIARY OF EVENTS 2016

### 17th April

Working Test, West Wycombe

### Judges Seminars

Requirements of a Dog Show Judge; Points of the Dog; Conformation and Movement; Breed Specific—Judges Assessment

### **DATES TO BE ADVISED**

### 17th July

Open Show, Horspath, Oxford.  
Judge Nancy Bassant

### 15th October

AV Novice Field Trial, Checkley, Staffs

### 6th November

Championship Show, KC Building, Stoneleigh.

Judges:

D Mrs Pauline Bevis

B Mrs Gloria Gargan

### 12th February, 2017

Championship Show, KC Building, Stoneleigh.

Judges:

D Mrs Pat Easton

B Mrs Sally Roberts

### November 2017

Championship Show KC Building, Stoneleigh

Judges:

D Mrs Jane Wild

B Miss Angie Cooper

Welcome to our new look Bulletin, where you'll find news of coming events, and results from shows, tests and trials. We hope there will also be anecdotes and items that might be of interest to members and Golden Retriever owners.

As this is a new layout, it felt right to include a small article on how the Club first came about. John Tiranti trawled his memory banks to give us a short insight into how it all started.

Dawn Rose attended a talk on glaucoma, and made a few notes which are also included.

We have been criticized for not producing a news-sheet of some description. There's no excuse for this apart from there being only eight committee members, with limited time on our hands. We really could do with some new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to help carry the Club forward with what we propose for the year ahead, and beyond. If you think you can help, please let us know.

However, these things cannot come about by inputs purely from the Committee. If you have stories, information, training tips, photographs, please let us have them. Serious or funny, it makes no difference, provided it is not offensive or inappropriate.

You will see that we are planning to field a complete suite of Judges Seminars throughout the year. There are no dates set for these yet, but we do have a speaker and assessors deliberating a date for the Breed Specific seminar. Once these have been decided. They will be published.

Derek Lade

## **BERKSHIRE DOWNS & CHILTERN'S GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB—HOW IT ALL STARTED**

The Golden Retriever Breed blossomed in the late sixties and seventies. At one of the GRC Annual General Meetings around 1972 there was some discussion about setting up branches or areas, much on the lines of the United Retriever Club. However, this did not find favour and the matter was dropped.

In the early seventies, there were moves in many areas of the country to form local Golden Retriever Clubs. In 1970 there were four Clubs, GRC, GRC of Scotland, GRC of Wales, Northern Golden Retriever Association. By 1976 there were 7 clubs, by 1977 there were 11 Clubs, and to-day there are 13 Clubs and a Breed Council.

There was a lot of activity in this area to form a Club. At my instigation, Elsie Henbest, Liz Borrow and I made efforts to gain support to form a new Club. We were joined by Mr & Mrs Trippree, Aisla Dewar, Mr & Mrs Iles (Jimmy became Chairman), Moira Burden, Kathy Honess (later Chairman), Mary Jones, Peter Cullen (later Secretary) and Lou Melville.

There is a long process, to collect together and form a basic membership, decide the aims of the Club, write rules which everyone agreed to, and to arrive at a name which reflected the area. This was in the days before mobile phones, computers and emails, which considerably slowed the process. I remember writing the rules out long hand on a sheet of paper, and then typing them a number of times to incorporate all the amendments. We communicated by post – how old fashioned and slow is that!

Eventually, we had an inaugural meeting, and applied to register our new Club, We had to be sponsored by two Clubs, including one Breed Club, and we were fortunate to be sponsored by the GRC of Scotland and Windsor Gundog Society (of which I was Chairman!).

In 1977 the Club was up and running. Due to personal circumstances, I had no further part in the running and evolution of the Club.

I have written this from memory, and think it is a fairly accurate account of how the Club began.

John Tiranti

## **COMMITTEE**

### **President**

Mr Roy Maynard

### **Vice Presidents**

Mr P Cullen, Mrs Ann Hagger, Mr R Wort, Mrs J A B Davis

### **Chairman**

Mr Derek Lade

**Secretary** Mrs Gloria Gargan **Vice Chairman** Mrs Dawn Rose

**Treasurer** Miss Hilary Scoggins

### **Executive Committee**

Mrs Judy Gregory, Mrs Jan Muncey, Mrs Lesley Furbank

Ms Liz Fisher, Mrs J Bridges

## **Animal Health Trust Glaucoma project**

Notes taken by Dawn Rose, from a talk by James Oliver and Dr Cathryn Mellersh.

'Primary glaucoma is a painful and blinding disease associated with high eye pressure. The disease affects over 40 breeds of dog worldwide and at least 1,500 dogs in the UK each year. Treatment is usually unsuccessful and most affected dogs ultimately require removal of their eyes on welfare grounds.' Taken from the AHT website 2015

As many people may be aware the AHT are researching the incidence of Glaucoma in the Golden Retriever and James Oliver is the lead ophthalmologist in charge and is working with Dr Cathryn Mellersh. They have been testing dogs at shows and collecting DNA samples to isolate the genes responsible.

Glaucoma is a painful and life affecting condition where the fluid around the eye is unable to drain and causes pressure to build up in the eye. This almost always leads to the eye having to be removed and often it will attack both eyes leading to both eyes being removed and leaving the dog totally blind.

James Oliver has been testing dogs for goniodysgenesis which is an early indicator of the possibility of Glaucoma and by taking DNA swabs they hope to be able to isolate the genes which cause this disease and help breeders in the future to eradicate it.

It is difficult to assess how many dogs it affects as there is no system of reporting diagnosed dogs to a central register and so this research will also enable us to quantify if it is a numerically significant problem in the breed. From the research done on Golden Retrievers so far 217 dogs have been tested and DNA swabbed and 69 of these dogs are affected which gives a prevalence of 31.8% in Golden Retrievers from the sample taken.

Research has been undertaken in a number of other breeds and there is a new test developed for PGBV which was launched at Crufts 2015. They are working on 'fine tooth combing' samples from WSS and Flat Coated Retrievers at the moment and once tests have been developed for those breeds it is hoped that research will continue faster to develop DNA tests for all other breeds where it is a significant factor.

What can we do?

There are three types of dog that are useful to the research:

- i) Dogs of any breed that have been diagnosed by a veterinary ophthalmologist as affected by goniodysgenesis
- ii) Dogs of any breed that have been diagnosed with primary glaucoma by a veterinary ophthalmologist
- ii) Dogs of any breed that have been examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist at the age of five or greater and are clear of goniodysgenesis

If you would like more information about our research into goniodysgenesis/glaucoma, or would like to enquire about submitting a DNA sample from your dog to aid our research, please contact James Oliver at [james.oliver@aht.org.uk](mailto:james.oliver@aht.org.uk).

**Can you commit to a few days and evenings a year to become a Committee member? We need younger enthusiastic people to help run your Club.**

**If you are interested, contact a Committee member, or email, [general@BDCGRC.org.uk](mailto:general@BDCGRC.org.uk)**

## WORKING TEST RESULTS

The Club ran three working tests during the off season. We had generous sponsorship from Skinners Pet Foods, Firedog Gundog Training Equipment and Tymors Rosettes.

### Open AV Working Test Results Sunday 22 March

**Judges:** Mrs Jayne Coley, Mrs Paula Cullis, Mr Steve Cullis and Mrs Allie Hogsbjerg.

Results:

- 1 - Overthwarts Berwick (Lab D) - Mr A S Wright...
  - 2 - Karnoosty Tee Off (GRD) - Mr Adrian Phillips
  - 3 - Frizelwood Emony (GRB) - Mr S Pullin
  - 4 - Overtwards Tweed (Lab D) - Mrs J Wright
- COM - Chancelend Pithc of Heathergay (Lab B) - Mrs Heather Bradley  
COM - Kestrelway Othello (Lab D) - Mrs Astrid Lever

### Golden Only Day Results Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Judges:** Karen McCarthy and Marilyn Squires.

Results:

#### Special Puppy

- 1 Abbotshall Scotch (GRD) - Jacqui Crew

#### Novice

- 1 - Wadesmill Apple - Mrs M Quincey
- 2 - Copleybent Ballistic of Foxcote - Jill Gardner
- 3 - Meteora Golden Fleece of Auro - Mr R Wort
- 4 - Brodene Tempestivity to Mossburn - Mrs S Pounds-Longhurst

#### Intermediate

- 1 - Holway Flint of Foxcote - Jill Gardner
- 2 - Ardyle Cotillion - Mrs P Adams
- 3 - Scherzando Applause - Mrs B Haydon

### Novice (AV) Working Test on Field Trial Lines Sunday, 16th August 2015

**Judges:** Mr Phil Bruton and Miss Clare Baker.

Results:

- 1 - Hyndford Rasay (Lab D) - Heather Bradley
- 2 - Quarnford Prochard of Rufriver (Lab D) - Allie Hogsbjerg
- 3 - Dashwood Nimrod (Lab D) - Rufus Ulyet
- 4 - Kaliture Cathmor (GR D) - David Godding



**Open Show, Sunday, 12 July, 2016**

**Judge:** Mrs Melissa Loverock (Lovissa)

**BIS:** Mrs Linfield's Tonara Rio Grande, JW

**RBIS & BOS:** Mr & Mrs Leonard's Wynrita Hot Gossip, JW

**BPIS:** Mr & Mrs Rains' Lillieslea Am I Bovered at Gunhills

**BOSPIS:** Ms Y Froud's Mafleurdean Charlie Coker

**BVIS:** Mrs Smith's Lucastes Sweet Sensation

**Obedience, Sunday, 12 July, 2016**

**Judges:** Mr Neil Short and Mrs Pearl Bray

**Introductory:** Mrs Francis' Tiltham Isla Santa Lucia at Velvenya

**Pre-Beginners:** Mr & Mrs Taylor's Rosinante Loverboy by Tannadice JW

**Beginners:** Mr & Mrs Rose's Azteca April Quest, JW

**CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW Sunday, 15 November, 2015**

**Judges:** Mrs L Kipps (D); Dr R Barbour (B)

**Referee:** Mrs G Gargan

**BIS:** Mrs Joy's Sh Ch/Lux Ch Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell (Imp Esp), JW

**RBIS:** Ms K J Williams' Catcombe Country Tzar of Busheyhall ShCM

**BOS:** Kurek & O'Gorman's Rathcloon Hunter in Pink for Berrymeade JD

**BPIS:** Mrs Falconer's Siatham Ivy Leaf

**BOSPIS:** Mrs & Miss Driver's Kingsfleet Moondust

**BSVIS:** Mrs Bufton's Wylloh Dark Side of the Moon ShCM