

Berkshire Downs & Chilterns Golden Retriever Club



Any shade of gold or cream

Welcome to the Spring 2013 Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter, which will replace our old Yearbook. We hope you enjoy this method of communicating with you. We trust that you have had an enjoyable winter whether it was shooting, beating, picking up, competing or helping at Field Trials or just spending time with your dogs!

The Club had another successful year in 2012, with two very well supported shows, including our first Champ Show in the KC building at Stoneleigh. This involved a lot of effort on the part of our Show Secretary Liz Fisher, but the team pulled together, as ever, to make this one of our best shows to date.

Our Working Test day in April at the Hall Barn Estate in

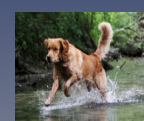
Beaconsfield had a good number of entries in Special Puppy, Novice, Open and Veteran classes despite the wet weather.

Our training days proved popular again, with members enjoying a day on dummies with Ricky Moloney in May, when handlers from as far a field as Sweden participated in a day with this very knowledgeable and successful trainer. Whilst in September we had a Field Trial training day on the same ground near Evesham where we held our Novice Field Trial in November.

A huge thank you to all the Committee and helpers who work so hard to make these events successful for the Club.

APRIL 2013

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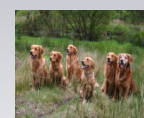
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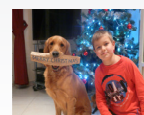
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The website – www.bdcgrc.org.uk

Don't forget you can keep up to date by checking the website. Entry forms are available to download from the site & all sorts of useful information such as Club Rules, Regulations, Diary Dates & Committee members contact details



WORKING TESTS 2013

Our Working Test day took place on 13 April at The Manor Shoot, Chobham. The results were:-

Special Puppy

- 1st Tullysedge Myboytroty Sue Jordan
- 2nd Karnoosty out Of Bounds Mrs AM Baker
- 3rd Dairycott Populis Tremula Andrew England

Novice

- 1st Norden Lights Cheyanne of Gospelash Nick Coates
- 2nd Alamy Dunbar of Auro Roy Wort
- 3rd Gortons Lomans Lad Maurice Saunders
- 4th Lilleburne Colnepoint Peg Jon Debnam

Open

- 1st Echobrook Fergus Mhor of Ashmhorgold Karen McCarthy
- 2nd Holway Phantom of Tarinomagh Toni Sanders
- 3rd Echobrook Baxster RonTaylor
- 4th Deadcraft Charlotte of Tarinomagh Toni Sanders

Veteran

- 1st Auro Rimu Roy Wort
- Congratulations to all award winners

Huge thanks to all who helped make the Berkshire Downs & Chilterns Golden Retriever Club Tests such a success despite the weather. Judges & helpers were outstanding and competitors kept in good spirits.

More photos of the day are on the website: www.bdcgrc.org.uk

STOP PRESS

We are very conscious of the fact that as a Club, we cover a large geographical area and in these times of escalating fuel costs we would like to hold events throughout the area we cover, but we can only organise events on ground that we are aware of. If you know of any ground that would be suitable for Working Tests or Training please let us know.



TRAINING

The Club organizes training days throughout the year and we aim to cater for all ability levels from complete beginner to field trialing. Training is open to all members and suggestions are always welcome so if there is something you would like please let us know.

There is currently a monthly field trialing group who train with Norman Onens near Evesham and we are happy to organise Field Trial training days on game, if there is sufficient demand.

Contact Karen McCarthy (karen@planetmccarthy.com) for details.



Training with Norman Onens



Show dogs do it too

Working Gundog Certificate

We are holding a Working Gundog Certificate day on 23 June with KC Assessor Mervyn Philpott at a cost of £25. Preference will be given to members, but booking is essential.

More details and booking forms are available from Dawn Rose or via the Club website.

If any successful candidates wish to proceed to their Certificate on game then we will organize a day in January 2014, subject to there being sufficient interest

SHOW DATES



OPEN SHOW – SATURDAY, 6 JULY 2013

At Horspath Village Hall, Oxford Road, Horspath, Cowley, Oxford
OX33 1RT

BREED JUDGE – Mrs Jenny Johnson (Jenric)

OBEDIENCE JUDGES – Mrs M Kirk and Mr R Alexander

Postal entries close 8 June 2013 (postmark)

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2013

At the KC Building, East Hall, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
CV8 2LG

JUDGES: **Dogs – Mrs I Holloway (Cattrysse)**
 Bitches – Mrs G Hewitson (Seruilia)
 Referee – Mr R Maynard (Chinnordale)

Postal entries close Saturday, 12 October 2013
Entries to both Shows are available on line through Fosse Data
Download at www.fossedata.co.uk

Schedules and further information from:-
Mrs E Fisher

"Palizolla", 31 Staffordshire Croft, Warfield, Bracknell RG42 3HW
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Schedules will be posted to members and last year's exhibitors



COMMITTEE NEWS

A special message from your Committee

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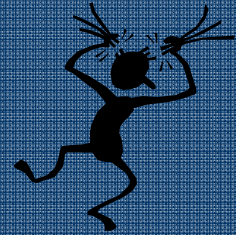
Judy Gregory

WEBSITE:

www.bdcgrc.org.uk

There have been a number of changes in the make up of the committee in the last few months and we ask you to continue to support us whilst people settle into their new roles. The committee is determined to bring together the show and working side of the Club and working in harmony, we will be a dynamic Club providing an exciting range of activities for all our members.

Your input can help us achieve this and we welcome your ideas, comments and criticisms (constructive please).



*A plea from the Treasurer
If you currently pay your annual
subscription by cheque please
consider paying by Standing
Order in January*

*If you do currently pay by
Standing Order please make sure
that your reference makes it easy
to recognize who the payment
comes from*

THANK YOU!



NEWS FLASH

**2013 is Berkshire Downs & Chilterns 35th Anniversary please support the
Committee and help to make this year's Shows truly memorable**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The proliferation of tests for a wide variety of conditions and diseases is quite contentious. Below is the view of vet Vicky Payne on the merits of DNA testing.

WHAT I THINK ABOUT DNA TESTS...

DNA tests are developed for one of two reasons.



1) Pressure from a breed for a test to help them eliminate either

a) a common disease in their breed or

b) a rare but devastating disease in their breed

2) Developed where a dog disease has been used as the model for a human disease.

Reason 2 is often for very rare problems but where a large population of affected dogs can easily be created in the research lab by crossing close relatives so the mutation causing the dog and human disease can be isolated.

If you have an article or story that you'd like to share we'd love to hear from you!

SO....just because a new test comes out doesn't mean it will be useful either clinically or in pre-breeding screening.

As I see it at the moment breeders and breed clubs need to be carefully assessing the disease risks in their breeds and offering 'traffic light' advice on which dogs should have which tests to avoid unnecessary costs for breeders and buyers.

Green would be the DNA (and other) tests which all breeding dogs should have. These would be common diseases or less common, devastating diseases.

Amber would be tests which all stud dogs should have (because of their ability to influence a breed much more than females through the number of pups they produce) and any female related to dogs which have been diagnosed with the problem. For uncommon diseases.

Red would be tests which are useful for diagnosis of rare conditions and would only be used for screening relatives of affected dogs.

Vicky can be contacted at www.holisticvetsussex.co.uk



2013 DIARY

3 MARCH	HIGHCLERE VILLAGE HALL	J REGS SEMINAR PRESENTED BY HEATHER BRADLEY
13 MARCH	FITZWILLIAM CENTRE, BEACONSFIELD	AGM – all members welcome
13 APRIL	THE MANOR SHOOT, CHOBHAM	WORKING TEST DAY
6 JULY	VILLAGE HALL, HORSPATH, OXFORD	OPEN SHOW
12 OCTOBER	SOUTH LAWN FARM, SWINBROOK, OXON	FIELD TRIAL
17 NOVEMBER	KC BUILDING, STONELEIGH, WARKS	CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW
18 NOVEMBER	NEW FARM, NORTON, WORCS	FIELD TRIAL