



Royal Kennel Club



Field Trials Newsletter

Summer 2026

The Pointers & Setters Champion Stake 2026 report

By Jon Kean

There are many great moors throughout this country and Burncastle Estate in the Scottish Borders is one of them. I have been going to this moor since the mid 1980s. It is perfect ground for Pointers and Setters to show their paces on rolling moorland. It has many fond memories for me as well. I made up my very first Pointer Field Trial Champion on this moor – Here We Go at Traigmhor. He had all the qualities I look for in Pointers and Setters – pace, drive, stamina, and game finding ability. Those qualities were in abundance at Burncastle for the 2026 Champion Stake for Pointers and Setters by kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Northumberland. The Royal Kennel Club Championship organised by the Scottish Field Trials Association was staged in association with sponsors Red Mills and BASC. The Judges for the championship were Colin Adamson, Nicky Ackerley Kemp

and Colin Forde. Headkeeper Craig Dickman had everything running like a well-oiled machine. Craig is a keen dog man and understands what is needed in Pointer and Setter field trials.

To win the highly coveted Heywood Lonsdale Trophy, you need a flawless performance.

This is the first time the championship had taken place on Burncastle. In his opening remarks in the official programme, the Duke of Northumberland said: "It is both a privilege and a responsibility to care for landscapes here in the Scottish Border and across Northumberland. Over many generations, the Estate has evolved to encompass a diverse range of rural businesses, and we continue to strive for a balance between traditional land stewardship and a long-term commitment to conservation,



Left to right - Jon Kean, runner up Steve Robinson, Champion Stake winner Duncan Sutherland, Wilson Young, Gerry Devine and Richard MacNicol. ©Jon Kean

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A round-up from the editor

Welcome to the summer 2026 edition of the Field Trials Newsletter.

As the 2026/27 season gets underway, we would like to wish everyone the best of luck and success in the months ahead. Here's to a competitive, rewarding, and enjoyable season for all involved!

This edition of the newsletter hosts The Pointers & Setters Champion Stake 2026 report, as well as some of our usual features including reminders to judges, secretaries and competitors, the list of Gundogs that were made up to Field Trial Champions during the 2025/26 season, Working Gundog Certificate awards, and the dates for the Royal Kennel Club Championships for 2026.

The annual Royal Kennel Club trophy winners are also listed in this edition, and we would like to extend our

congratulations to Mrs Dingle on being awarded all three trophies!

If you have any questions relating to the Royal Kennel Club's field trials or Championships, please contact Kate Broers at the following email address – **ft.secretary@royalkennelclub.com**

If you have any queries relating to your society or licences, please email your Regional Support Advisor directly or **RSN@royalkennelclub.com**

For more information on the RSN team please go to **Regional Support Network | The Royal Kennel Club**

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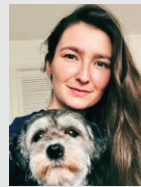


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farming, forestry, sport and the needs of the local communities. We are immensely proud of these landscapes and of the role they continue to play in supporting both heritage and modern rural life."

There are a lot of historical facts about the estate. Burncastle and Braidshawrig were purchased by the Duke in the early 1990s and today extend to almost 9,100 acres of moorland and hill ground. While the land was once regarded as harsh, careful stewardship and investment over the years have strengthened and enhanced the Estate whilst preserving its wild character and natural beauty. Across the landscape can also be found a number of ancient scheduled monuments, including cairns, forts, standing stones and the remains of historic settlements, all of which serve as reminders of those who have lived and worked on this land before us.

The Duke added: "The moorland, hill ground and woodlands also provide an important habitat for a variety of wildlife. Curlew, black grouse, lapwing and, more recently, golden

eagles, can all be found across the Estate, alongside many other species that depend upon healthy and carefully managed upland environments. Protecting and enhancing biodiversity remains a central part of our long-term management, and we recognise the importance of maintaining a landscape where wildlife, farming, forestry, and sporting interests can co-exist."

Field trials remain an important part of the sporting and rural calendar, celebrating not only the extraordinary skill and instinct of the dogs, but also the traditions of sportsmanship that are so closely associated with the countryside.

The Royal Kennel Club Championship is organised in alternate years by the Scottish Field Trials Association and the International Gundog League (Pointer and Setter Society). The Champion Stake Roll of Honour, as recorded in the Royal Kennel Club Stud Book, dates to 1869 with the title of Field Trial Champion being introduced by the Kennel Club in December 1898.

The Championship is for Pointers and Setters which have won a first or second award in Open Stakes or a First award in an Open Breed Stake since 30 July 2024. The Winner and Runner-up in the 2024 and 2025 Champion Stakes and the winner of the 2026 Puppy Derby Stake are also entitled to run. Recently the winner of the 2025 Irish Championship for Pointers and Setters is also eligible to compete, as is the winner of the Partridge Challenge Stake 2026. The Champion Stake is held over two days with an unlimited number of entrants. In the event of there being less than 40 entries, the organising club will have the discretion to run the Championship over one day instead of two. The 2026 Champion Stake was held over one day as the entry was less than 40 runners.

Before the premier event at Burncastle, the summer grouse field trial circuit began on July 15 with the Dukeries trials held at Burncastle, followed by Pointer and Setter trials in County Durham and North Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Gundog Club hold trials at Nookton and Newbiggin Moors. The English Setter Club, founded in 1890 and to my knowledge this club is the oldest gundog club running under Kennel Club rules, hold their trials at Eggleston moor. The IGL hold their events at Muggleswick Moor. West Dartmoor Gundog Club's trials are at Allenheads. The Irish Setter Association, England and the Setter and Pointer Club, events take place at Swinton Moor. The English grouse circuit ended with the Gordon Setter Field Trial Society trials at Grinton Moor and the Pointer Club trials on Reeth Moor. Then the triallers headed to Scotland. The Pointer Club of Scotland and the Northern Counties Field Trials Society held their trials over 4 days at Cawdor Moor. The North of Scotland Gundog Association's grouse trials take place at Gairnsheil and the Micras, and the Scottish Gundog Association's trials are staged at Dinnet Estate in Aberdeenshire. The circuit ended with the Scottish Field Trials Association trials at Burncastle in the Scottish Borders. This year, the Puppy Derby had an exceptionally good entry of 20 puppies. Over the last 4 years the pointer and setter field trial clubs in England and Scotland have really struggled to get qualifying puppy stakes and this has been a big concern going forward.

For decades, my summer holiday consisted of all the field trials in the North of England. Before the trials, we did serious grouse counts at Kilhope Moor with Headkeeper Nick Walmsley. Then I competed for 10 days at trials throughout Scotland. Following the trials, the icing on the cake for me was shooting for a week at Charles Connell's vast estate at Garrogie near Whitebridge in Invernesshire and at Logiealmond in Perthshire with Lord Mansfield. I had a big team of Pointers then.

This year's Champion Stake was made up of 11 Pointers, 11 Irish Red Setters and

11 English Setters. The RKC Puppy Derby was won by Gerry Devine's English Setter puppy Gardenfield Victor, and this win qualified his dog for the Champion Stake.

The championship winner, Duncan Sutherland's 2-year-old Pointer dog Morness Echo had a brilliant circuit. He won 2 Open Stakes in quick succession and became a Field Trial Champion, subject to RKC approval.

Judge Nicky Ackerley Kemp said: "This was a very high calibre stake showcasing the best of the UK's and Europe's working Pointers and Setters. Competitors travelled from Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Slovakia. We were blessed with perfect conditions for a trial, a warm breeze, beautifully managed moorland, plenty of game, and great visibility for the many spectators who came from as far as New Zealand, Germany, Hungary, Finland, and Sweden. With many Uk field trailers in support.



The Duke of Northumberland presents the Heywood Lonsdale Perpetual Challenge Trophy to Duncan Sutherland ©Jon Kean

"Our host the Duke of Northumberland and his team of gamekeeper's led by Craig Dickman gave us the opportunity to access as much ground as was required into a perfect wind, creating an opportunity for all competitors to show off their dogs' pace, style and game finding skills. Most dogs had the opportunity for game in the first round, and we took 9 dogs to the second round."

"The winner was the unanimous decision of the three judges. This young Scottish bred Pointer had qualified for the Championship in the past few weeks on the circuit. He runs with pace and style, he maintains focus and his systematic quartering is a joy to behold. Lovely head carriage. Excellent ground treatment, starting from the first cast. Covering the beat effortlessly, extending to the wings, but always in sight, and with the minimum of whistling from his sympathetic handler. He swung onto point in the middle of the beat without hesitation and produced birds in both rounds, again with the minimum of handling. There were no faults in the judges' books this was a master class of dog work and handling. A joy for us to judge."

Of the 9 dogs in the second round we had our winner, and 2 dogs who were well placed to compete for 2nd and 3rd. The judges sat in the heather in contemplation and referred to their books to separate these two dogs. The deciding factor between these two exceptional running dogs was an unproductive point.

The game supply was tremendous; there were birds for every brace often more than one opportunity. Lovely coveys of well grown grouse, who could on occasion be seen on the hill ahead of us. Every dog in the second round had already been shot over

Nicky Ackerley Kemp added: "A high calibre Championship with the opportunity for all dogs to show their merits. The three Championship judges had a fabulous day together, in agreement on what we were looking for and in our results. It was a privilege and an honour to be invited to judge.

"The SFTA secretary Jon Kean his team and the team of keepers at Burncastle ensured the day ran smoothly. It was a privilege that his Grace the Duke of Northumberland attended the trial and awarded the gifts and prizes."



The Trophy Table ©Jon Kean

Awards

1st Place - Morness Echo (Pointer),
owned and handled by Mr D Sutherland

2nd Place - FT Ch Coldcoats Ginny (Irish Setter),
owned and handled by Mr S Robinson

3rd Place - Raigmore Daring at Gerensary (Pointer),
owned and handled by Mr R MacNicol

4th Place - FT Ch Gortinreagh Orra (English Setter),
owned and handled by Mr G Devine

Diplomas of Merit were awarded as follows:

Morness Drover of Burncastle (Pointer),
owned and handled by Mr W Young

FT Ch Gortinreagh Quiz (English Setter),
owned and handled by Mr G Devine

Coldcoats Scout (Irish Setter),
owned and handled by Mr S Robinson

Royal Kennel Club All Aged AV Retriever Stake

The Royal Kennel Club All Aged AV Retriever Stake, shot over Pointers & Setters was held yesterday, Wednesday 19 August at Burncastle, the Borders. The trial was generously hosted by The Duke of Northumberland and Eskdale Shooting Services and sponsored by Skinner's.

This one-of-a-kind trial is a privilege to watch, the hard running pointers and setters sought out the grouse for the labradors which made for some challenging retrieves, with the retrievers often having to work out of sight from their handlers due to the fall of the game on the undulating moorland terrain.

Those dogs that excelled themselves showed good marking sense, their ability to handle direction and independent hunting skills. Many of the card were able to show off their talents during the course of the day and judges Phil Goulden, David Jackson, Chris Kettle and John Yarwood had the enjoyable but challenging job of splitting the field.



The Judges for the Royal Kennel Club All Aged AV Retriever Stake ©RKC

Thank you to all involved in the trial, in particular the Head Keeper Craig Dickman for allowing the Royal Kennel Club to run on the moor, and especially to the Pointer and Setter dog handlers. We were fortunate enough to have the last 5 year's Pointer & Setter Championship Stake winners in attendance and the dogs worked tirelessly to produce for the guns and retrievers. A very special opportunity to see multiple breeds in the field and all round quality dog work.



1st place to Laggengill Loganberry of Oakholland, owned and handled by Lauren Oakes ©RKC

Awards

1st - Laggengill Loganberry of Oakholland, owned and handled by Lauren Oakes

2nd - Lowtreys Midsummer, owned and handled by Paul Downs

3rd - FTCh Gunnerspeg Gambler, owned and handled by Simon Capstick

4th - Glenpatrick Crusoe of Garshake, owned and handled by Donald Leitch

Guns' Choice - Cardueae Lilac owned and handled by Becky Thistle

Royal Kennel Club Open AV Retriever Stake

The Royal Kennel Club 2 Day Open AV Retriever Stake was held on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August 2026 at Grinton Moor, generously hosted by Lord Peel, Viscount Clanfield and the Trustees and sponsored by Skinner's. The judges were Kirsty Cousins, David Logan, Ian Openshaw and Andrew Slingsby.



It is always a very special experience to run on the Yorkshire moors in August and this trial was no exception. Plenty of grouse challenged the dogs, and a number of rabbits showed the field's natural game finding ability. The judges tested the dogs with long retrieves across the hill and those dogs that were in the awards had shown the whole package.

The gun team, lead by gun captain Orrin Ingram shot well for the dogs, and the judges were able to award the following: The gun team, lead by gun captain Orrin Ingram shot well for the dogs, and the judges were able to award the following:



1st place to Mikamores Fahrenheit, owned by David Latham, handled by Louise Munchaus Adbol ©RKC

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2nd - Chatsworth Boots of Buccleuch, owned by the Duke of Buccleuch, handled by David Lisett

3rd - FTCh Columbine of Leacaz, owned and handled by Lee Hartis

4th and Guns' choice - Allmikamores Glorious Day, owned and handled by Louise Munchaus Adbol

A Certificate of Merit was awarded to:

Haggisbank Loky, owned and handled by Billy Steel

Dates of upcoming Royal Kennel Club field trials

Novice (AV Retriever) Stake

Venue: Little Pixel Farm, Kent

Date: 27 November 2026

Open HPR Stake

Venue: Tullybeagles Estate, Perthshire

Date: 26 October 2026

Judges: Steve Kimberley (2571) and Mick Canham (2220)

Novice HPR Stake

Venue: Hawnby Moor, North Yorkshire

Date: 27 October 2026

Open AV Spaniel (Ex Cocker) Stake

Venue: South Farm Manton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

Date: 25 November 2026

Novice English Springer Spaniel Stake

Venue: Stubton, Grantham, Lincolnshire

Date: 26 November 2026

Open Cocker Spaniel Stake

Venue: South Farm Manton, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

Date: 2 December 2026

Novice Cocker Spaniel Stake

Venue: Strines Estate, Derbyshire

Date: TBC

All Aged AV Spaniels (excluding [Spaniels, Cocker] and [Spaniels, English Springer])

Venue: Witham on the Hill, Lincolnshire,

Date: TBC

All Aged Pointer & Setter Stake

Venue: Six Mile Bottom, Newmarket

Date: 10 April 2027

Judges: Dominic Goutorbe (A2648) Duncan Sutherland (NP3475)

Preference in the draw for Novice Dogs

Open Pointer & Setter Stake

Venue: Six Mile Bottom, Newmarket

Date: 10 April 2027

Judges: Dominic Goutorbe (A2648) Duncan Sutherland (NP3475)

Dates of upcoming Royal Kennel Club Championships

HPR Championship

Venue: Roxby Estate, North Yorkshire

Date: 20 & 21 November 2026

Judges: Peter Bakewell (2568) & Jean Robertson (2798)

Cocker Spaniel Championship

Venue: Woodhead, Derbyshire

Date: 15 & 16 January 2027

Judges: Ian Clarke (A3222), Damien Kelly (A2630), Jeremy Organ (A2063), Victoria Williams (A3552)

AV Spaniel (excluding [Spaniels, Cocker]) Championship

Venue: Faccombe Estate, Hampshire

Date: 4,5 & 6 January 2027

Judges: Mark Colclough (A1952), Aled Jones (A3412), Jeremy Davies (A3316), Gary Veasey (A2753)

Working Gundog Certificate

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have achieved the Working Gundog Certificate on dummies.

PHILCHRIS RAEP RANNOCK

Retriever (Golden), Mr K Shaw

FOXCOTE WINTER SOLSTICE

Retriever (Golden), Miss C Gardner

HAVERHOLME PARK YVETTE

Retriever (Golden), Mrs A Smith

SERENTAN NOCTULA

Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Mrs A Yalland

DRACO DRAGON

Retriever (Golden), Mrs G Hallett

TARNEDGE GOLDEN GOOSE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs H Vidotto

FOXCOTE WINTER EKO

Retriever (Golden), Ms S Childs

HEASLEYDRIVE GOLDEN DAFFY OF LUNFERDEN

Retriever (Golden), Mrs A Smith

WYLLMORETON PLOVER

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs L Redman

POPPYMORE STORMER

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs N Puckett

LOKI CHERRY

Retriever (Labrador), Miss B Rowley

TUNA PETUNIA

Bulldog, Miss K Maling

GROUSEBROOK BERLIOZ

Retriever (Labrador), Miss C Martin

FOXRIEVER STORM CLOUD

Retriever (Curly Coated), Mrs E Woodford

MY LITTLE LUNA

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr L Mailey

TOMLINSWOOD ARTIC

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs K Grange

AEDDAS GINNY

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Wray

KENLEAP CHATHAM FERNBIRD

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss V Sletcher

SHADED CLUSTER OF HONEY

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss M Burke

WATSON LIGHTNING

Crossbreed, Mrs S Ludlow

PIED FARMER BY HESTVALLEY

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs H Edwards

SAWTONSANDS MUTTER

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs V Ingram

VIRGO BEAUTY

Retriever (Golden), Mrs C Lainton

SMOKESHANDY LADY LESTRANGE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs M Carden-Lovell

LANDSEND ANNIE'S SONG

Retriever (Labrador), Miss E Robertson

DARCEYMILL ORANGE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs T Hatherly

SAXTHORPE TAKEOFF

Retriever (Labrador), Mr D Maskall

BOBWALDEN OSPREY

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Witwham

CECILE PEARL WITHERINGTON

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs A Witwham

IVYS BLACK PANTHER

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr G Fantom

WILTONESK EZRI

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs S Southwell

SILVERFEN WINTER ROAN

Spaniel (Cocker), Miss S Lambert

KENSESQUI ROYAL PRAGUE

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr S Allen

FAERWOOD CALLUM

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs F Robertson

GORDONSBURN ARDLE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs J Worner-Gibbs

WOODRUFF XIA

Retriever (Labrador), Dr F Spencer

LANLWYD COMANCHE

Retriever (Golden), Ms L Middleton

TENFIELD KLIPSPRINGER WITH AURYNGRA

Retriever (Golden), Miss S Moore

HOEDUN JINGLE JANGLE

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs M Edwards

KENBLOOM HARBIN ICE

Retriever (Labrador), Ms F Francis

EVERHYLLS TREY PEAKS CWAIG

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr R Thomas

ZAMYENDOR RIVER

Spaniel (English Springer), Mr K Chapple

KAISERTRUFF FANTINI

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs M Rodgers

KENAITEEN BRASS

Retriever (Labrador), Ms K Reeder

TARNCRAGS WILD THRIFT

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs N Kenny

MEADOWDALE FARTHING

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs T Holbrook

SAMAYANBROOK ESPRIT

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Butcher

KENLEAP BRAVO

Spaniel (English Springer), Mrs F King

RUDDLEBERRY LOTHLORIEN

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs J Brewer

OIYOU WALDORF

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs L Gordon

OIYOU LAYLA GOCEK

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs S Tagg

UNDERCLIFF SKYLARK

Retriever (Flat Coated), Mrs B Snudden

FLAVOUR OF TOKAJ ASZU SUCHY LAS VEGAS TO TIVALAKE (IMP POL)

Retriever (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling), Mr N Burchell

CAMBRIDGCURL FREYA STARK

Spaniel (Irish Water), Mr J Bint

CUVANA ANISE'S LITTLE STAR

Spaniel (Irish Water), Mrs S Hempstead

BUZZ'S BUSINESS

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs K England

SAMILDANACH BRAMBLE GNOME

Retriever (Labrador), Mr R Fullelove

MAPLECREST JIVE

Retriever (Labrador), Mr J Wiles

POLLGINA LUCYTOO BASIL

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs P Thomas

MOMIME'S SUNSHINE GIRL

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs L Sprouse

CUCKAVALDA RED WANYA

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs D Ramsden

SPIRITEDDAWN LYNX

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs B Atkins

CORRYVRECKAN SEA HOLLY

Spaniel (Cocker), Ms A Pykerman

QUEXSPARKLER HARRIET

Spaniel (Clumber), Mrs T Boyle

BOXSTER SUNSET PINKIE PIE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs L Davis

BEGGARBUS MAGPIE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs J Pointon

HAZEL FROSTY TWIG

Spaniel (English Springer), Miss O Hudson

WINCHESTER HULL

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs E Snow

DEOPHAM DAPHNE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mrs D Smith

GERTRUDE GRACE OF NETTLEBRIDGE

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr K Hardy

LINDDRAIG FY FEFFRYN

Spaniel (Cocker), Mr X Silverwood

MILLIE'S VANILLA SKYE OF BOGGBRAE

Retriever (Labrador), Miss L McKittrick

LAMANCHA NEW ADVENTURE (JW)

Retriever (Golden), Miss M McDonald

JAGGYBRAE GOOFY

Retriever (Labrador), Miss M Tyeson

STRATHIEBURN STORMCLOUD OF DAVONRIDGE

Retriever (Labrador), Mrs M Bennie

LEACAMOR BERRYMEADOW LASS

Retriever (Golden), Ms J Henderson

STEVAL AGLOW WITH CRANNGARY

Retriever (Golden), Mrs G Greig

JACKALANTERN PERCEUS

Spaniel (Cocker) Mrs C Degan

BAWDENFLIGHT BIG BANG

Spaniel (English Springer) Mr D Johnson

KEVIN'S IRISH KING OF VIEWHARBOUR

Retriever (Labrador), Mr C Lambert

CRANEMEADOW PAINTED LADY

Spaniel (English Springer) Mr T Gray

FAIRCASTLE MODA MINX

German Shorthaired Pointer, Mrs T Mingo

Annual Royal Kennel Club Trophies

Congratulations to the following winners of The Royal Kennel Club field trial trophies.

The Gavosie Cup

For the lady gundog handler with the most points in field trials during the season, awarded to Mrs Sharon Dingle with Retriever (Labrador) Bellspaddle Norah, Retriever (Labrador) FTCh Bellspaddle Mungo, and Retriever (Labrador) Bellspaddle Swiftly.

The Routledge-Rank Cup

For the Retriever which had gained the most points at field trials during the season, awarded to Mrs Sharon Dingle with Retriever (Labrador) Bellspaddle Norah.

The Hanlye Trophy

For the breeder of the winner of the Routledge-Rank Cup, awarded to Mrs Sharon Dingle.

If you believe you may be eligible for one of these awards, please ensure that you submit your points in accordance with the relevant criteria by the closing date of 1 March 2027.

For more information about these trophies and the relevant eligibility criteria, please visit the Royal Kennel Club website. Already competing in field trials? | The Royal Kennel Club

Royal Kennel Club Field Trial Panel Judges List

The following judges have been added to the official panels of Field Trial Judges:

RETRIEVERS "A"

Mr Simon Capstick (3951)

Mr Matthew Gould (3776)

Mrs Kate Smith (3097)

RETRIEVERS "B"

Mr Oliver Bell (4039)

Mr James Brindley (4050)

Mr Gary Collier (4026)

Mrs Helen Ford (3945)

Mr Bill Gardiner (3570)

Mr Shane King (4060)

Miss Jessica Latham (4061)

Mr Sean Nicholson (3988)

Mr Tom Sage (4015)

Miss Rebecca Thistle (4076)

SPANIELS "A"

Mr Martyn Elliott (3861)

Mr Owen Russell (3564)

Mr Philip Taylor (3548)

SPANIELS "B"

Mr Graham Burton (4059)
Mr Sean Connor (4058)
Mr David Gosling (3641)
Mr Craig Killpack (3565)
Mr James Wardrope (3873)

HPR "B"

Mr Francis Briley (3929)
Mr Andrew Farley (4030)

Applications for permission to hold field trials

Societies wishing to register their views on the following applications should do so electronically, stating reasons for supporting or objecting to the applications. Please note that all letters should be sent by email to gundogs@royalkennelclub.com

The applications will be considered at the next available Field Trials Committee meeting and therefore responses must be with the Kennel Club by 4 December 2026.

Foyle Valley Working Cocker Club

Open Any Variety Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker])

Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain

Novice Any Variety Pointer & Setter Stake

Kennet Valley Gundog Training Society

Novice Any Variety Retriever Stake

Lagotto Romagnolo Club of Great Britain

All Aged Any Variety Spaniel (Except Spaniel [Cocker] and Spaniel [English Springer])

United Gundog Breeder Association

2 day Open Any Variety Retriever Stake

Weimaraner Club of Great Britain

Open Any Variety HPR Stake (second)

Approved applications for permission to hold field trials

Central Scotland Gundog Club

2 day Open Any Variety Retriever Stake

Grampian Gundog Club

Open AV Spaniel (Excluding Spaniel [Cocker]) Stake

Field Trial Champions

The following Gundogs have been made up to Field Trial Champions, during the 2025/26 season.

English Setter

FT Ch Gortinreagh Quiz owned by Mr G Devine

FT Ch Gortinreagh Rose owned by Mr G Devine

German Longhaired Pointer

FT Ch Cadanbyrig Maestral owned by Mrs A Jones

German Shorthaired Pointer

FT Ch Brookhead Edelweiss owned by Mr R & Mrs A Kay

Hungarian Vizsla

FT Ch Goldstar Miss Teeq From Szajani (IMP USA) owned by Mrs S L Harris

Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla

FT Ch Zoldmali Irka Firka At Canalgame (IMP SRB) owned by Mr F A Briley

FT Ch Zoltarous Lupin owned by Miss Z K Dicker

Irish Setter

FT Ch Ballyellen Borris (IKC) owned by Mr B Conolly

FT Ch Sheantullagh Stoot (IKC) owned by Mr B Conolly

FT Ch Ballyellen Merkel At Aurichalcum (IKC) owned by Miss L Westron

Pointer

FT Ch Hannebergh Barbara owned by Mr B Long

FT Ch Argameols Whitemoor owned by Mr T D O Hall

FT Ch Sion Mill Captain Of Koram (IKC) owned by Mr J Coyle

Retriever (Labrador)

FT Ch Gunnerspeg Excalibur Of Caytonfell owned by Mr M Demaine

FT Ch Diglake Amble Of Garronpoint (A.I.) owned by Ms A Clarke

FT Ch Diglake Alabama Jatarcon (A.I.) owned by Mr J L Murphy

FT Ch Rowpainter Othello owned by Mr J Halsted

FT Ch Cardueae Yealands owned by Miss R Z Thistle

FT Ch Bellspaddle Norah owned by Mrs S Dingle

FT Ch Fletchingly Lyon owned by Mr R N Mort

FT Ch Julval Beauty Of Druidsmere owned by Mr D Milne

FT Ch Studebaker Dodge owned by Miss K Opie

FT Ch Wauniago Dara owned by Mrs A Mayhew

FT Ch Highroost Cedar owned by Mr R W J Ketley

FT Ch Riverrush Flow owned by Mr A Holmes

FT Ch Tempurong Thrill Of It All owned by Mrs V R King

FT Ch Iroquois Prince owned by Mr A Dolan

FT Ch Trevear Constantine Of Mearecastle owned by Mr A Snare

FT Ch Ir Ft Ch Ringbarn Fletching owned by Mr M Corr

FT Ch Stauntonvale Caracal owned by Mrs P Money-Coutts

FT Ch Mekoro Shot Marker Of Waterford owned by Mrs R J Coley

FT Ch Jobeshill Barbuda Of Rimrock owned by Mr S D Hansell

FT Ch Balleyvalley Riley owned by Mr J H Dawson

FT Ch Etomanni Ludo Of Corsemalzie owned by Mrs C A Probert

FT Ch Ffynongain Buzzard Of Wauniago owned by Mr M Jones

FT Ch Rumbleton Ginevier owned by Mr D Milne

FT Ch Sorrelcott Nebraska Of Brynambor owned by Mr C Gore

FT Ch Brocklebank Yellow Rattle Of Chatsworth owned by Lady C Carter

FT Ch Carnochway Red Rooster owned by Mr F J Forbes

FT Ch Swiftlands Hela owned by Mrs E Nunneley
FT Ch Elmertown Blazer Of Sussexsharp owned by Mr R Corbett
FT Ch Gunnerspeg Gambler owned by Mr S Capstick
FT Ch/IR FT Ch Liskoney Fast Firmino (IKC) owned by Mr J Peach

Spaniel (Cocker)

FT Ch Taffswell Snake owned by Mr A LoCurto
FT Ch Craiwarn Tinkers Tidy Of Arcklebear owned by Miss C L Baker
FT Ch Strigidae Surnia Of Chequersmate owned by Mr B Chequer
FT Ch Misselchalke Green Mamba Of Dolbrenin owned by Mr J Davies
FT Ch Sliabh Nugget owned by Mr L Rice
FT Ch Matrixglen Kennedy owned by Mr M J Fallon
FT Ch Howesyke Regal Of Moonreed owned by Ms P Healy
FT Ch Woodash Beaufort Belle owned by Mr D A Rayner
FT Ch Heathcroft Karter owned by Mr A Wheeler
FT Ch Kiltonbeck Salute owned by Mr S D Winspear
FT Ch Spirocon Cassandra Of Novaton owned by Miss S Hunton
FT Ch Riverview Farm Briar Billie (Imp Usa) owned by Mr I Openshaw & Mr O Ingram
FT Ch Penwills Charlie Of Winhocklin owned by Mr C Linney
FT Ch Glenlaggan Fireflash owned by Mr M W Smee

Spaniel (English Springer)

FT Ch Belvden Yarnold owned by Mr C R Colclough
FT Ch Rhanna Matchlock owned by Mr E Scott
FT Ch Bishwell Bellino owned by Mr P D Thomas
FT Ch Rokedene Amy owned by Mr T Crothers
FT Ch Trantmoor Butch owned by Mr A Parker
FT Ch Cudannsa Skye Of Dolbrenin owned by Mr J M Davies
FT Ch Dashbrook Typhoon owned by Mr S A A Bolton
FT Ch Chadsmynydd Crystal owned by Mr N Quinn
FT Ch Anahoe Snickers owned by Mr P Cassidy
FT Ch Pittendreich Maisy Moose owned by Mr G Clark
FT Ch Broomfield Jackie owned by Mr E B Scott
FT Ch Cornermarsh Sapphire owned by Mr A Rickerby
FT Ch Spanbella Supershot Shelby owned by Mr J Gresty
FT Ch Bucklawren Koral owned by Mr S R M Jones
FT Ch Clodahill Vienna owned by Mr R Wilson

Objections

At its meeting on 25 February 2026 the Field Trials Committee imposed the following:-

Breach of Regulation J8.b.(13) - Midland Counties Labrador Retriever Club - 2 day Open AV Retriever Trial - 3-4 December 2025 - publicly impugned the judge's decision

Mr J Halsted issued with a £100 fine and a warning as to his future conduct.

At its meeting on 28 April 2026 the Field Trials Committee imposed the following:-

Breach of Regulation J4.e - Hampshire Gundog Society - Novice AV Retriever Trial - 8 January 2026 - Failure to supply the marked card within 14 days of the trial

Hampshire Gundog Society issued with a £50 fine and a letter of warning.

Amendments to Field Trials J Regulations

[**NOTE:** All regulation changes for the forthcoming season are listed in the back pages of the J Regulation booklets for reference]

The following regulation amendments have been approved and become effective on Tuesday 2 February 2027:

Regulation J4.c.(1)(viii). Application and documentation - Schedule

TO:

(viii) The latest date for receiving applications for entry **must be a minimum of 14 days prior to the stake.**

(Insertion in Bold)

(Effective from 2 February 2027)

Regulation J8.a.(4). Control of dogs and competitors under trial - Management

The organising society must ensure that a Red Flag is available at any field trial held for all sub-groups required to retrieve. The Red Flag must be carried by a nominated person/s and must be visible throughout the stake to indicate the position of the gallery.

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective from 2 February 2027)

Regulation J9. Championships and Champion stake.

TO:

9. Championships and Champion stake.

a. The following championships and champion stake may be held annually:

- (1) The IGL Retriever Championship **(3 days)**.
- (2) Any Variety Spaniel [Excluding Spaniel (Cocker)] Championship **(3 days)**.
- (3) The Cocker Spaniel Championship **(2 days)**.
- (4) The Pointer and Setter Champion Stake **(2 days)**.
- (5) The Hunt, Point and Retrieve Championship **(2 days)**.

b. ~~The conditions governing the championships and champion stake shall be reviewed annually by the Board and published as early as possible each year.~~

b. The organising club shall have the discretion to reduce the number of days of the Championship or Champion Stake due to weather conditions or low entries in consultation with the Royal Kennel Club.

c. Other conditions governing the Championships and Champion Stake shall be reviewed annually by the Board and published as early as possible each year.

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(Effective 2 February 2027)

Regulation J(A)3.m. The Management, Conduct and Judging of Field Trials - Judging.

TO:

m. At the end of each retrieve or run, judges are advised to place each dog in a category such as A or B (+ or -) according to the work done. Such gradings may, quite properly, be supplemented on occasion by additional notation for reference purposes when judges are going through their books. It is, however, imperative to appreciate that gradings ~~should~~ **must** never be retrospectively adjusted once agreed with all judges and written in the grid. Neither should there ever be any attempt to sum sequences of grades to produce a single letter grading of a dog. When all dogs have been seen by a judge, or judges, they will wish to confer to determine which dogs they wish to discard or retain; it is vitally important for judges to make short notes of each dog's work. Judges should never expect to be able to trust to memory.

(Insertion in bold. Deletion struck through)

(Effective from 2 February 2027)

Regulation J(G)2.(4). Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Gundog Working Tests - Definition of Gundog Working Tests (GWT)

TO:

~~(4) NOVICE DOG/NOVICE HANDLER. Confined to dog and handler who have not gained any award in a field trial or classified GWT or won a Novice Dog/Novice Handler test.~~

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(Effective from 2 February 2027)

Regulation K2.c.(3). Regulations For Entries in the Stud Book, Champions and Warrants - Championship qualifications.

TO:

(3) Proviso for all Retrievers

Before any Retriever is entitled to be described as a Field Trial Champion it must also have a Water and Drive Certificate. **These must have been conducted before two Panel judges, one of whom must be an A Panel.**

The Water Certificate must have been conducted ~~before two Panel judges, one of whom must be an A Panel, at one of the following:~~ **at the Retriever Championship, a Field Trial Open Stake, or at a subsequent special test.** (J(A)2 refers.) The Drive Certificate must be conducted ~~before two Panel judges, one of whom must be an A Panel, at the Retriever Championship, or a Field Trial Open Stake, or at any other Field Trial Stake if the dog has been awarded 1st, 2nd or 3rd.~~

(Insertion in Bold. Deletion struck through)

(Effective 2 February 2027)

Reminder of regulations J6 and B20

Competitors are reminded that regulation J6 and B.20 must be adhered to, and competitors must ensure that their dog is in the correct ownership when entering a trial. Any dog entered incorrectly is in breach of the regulations and will be required to amend the ownership within one month, or by the date of the event, whichever is sooner. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued and/or any awards gained being disqualified.

Regulation J6. Entries

A dog must, at the time of entry for a trial, be registered on the Royal Kennel Club Breed Register or have recorded an Authority to Compete (ATC) Number as required by Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the owner's name (or registration of transfer applied for). In the case of joint registered owners the full name of every registered owner must be given. Where an owner makes an entry on behalf of another joint registered owner(s) or where an agent enters on behalf of a single or joint registered owner(s), such person must have the authority and consent from the single or joint registered owner(s) to sign the entry form on their behalf thereby binding them all to Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of any dispute, evidence of such authority and consent will be required. A dog acquired subsequent to entry having been made at a trial may compete as the new owners property provided that an application for the transfer has been forwarded to the Royal Kennel Club before the trial, and the new owner has undertaken to abide by the Regulations and conditions of the original entry form (and in accordance with the conditions set out above).

Regulation B.20. Dogs for competitions.

Dogs entered for any form of Royal Kennel Club competition i.e. show classes, field trials, gundog working tests, obedience, working trials, agility, heelwork to music, and rally must be registered in the name of the person(s) making the entry. If, at the closing date for entries, the owner(s) have applied for but have not received the Royal Kennel Club registration certificate, the dog shall be entered in the name shown as the first choice on the application form for registration and the name should be followed by the letters 'N.A.F' (name applied for). In the case of applications for transfer of ownership and change of name, the dog should be entered 'T.A.F.' (transfer applied for) 'C.N.A.F.' (change of name applied for) where application has been made but not received. Dogs are exempt from registration in the following cases:-

- Dogs either exhibited exclusively in classes specially exempted by the Royal Kennel Club Board or in special classes sanctioned by the Board.
- Hounds belonging to recognised packs.

Champion Stake for Pointers and Setters

Competitors are invited to note the following update:

The Champion Stake for Pointers and Setters will run as a two-day Stake. In the event of there being less than 40 entries, the organising club will have the discretion to run the Champion Stake over one day.

Hunt, Point & Retrieve Championship

Competitors are invited to note the following update to the qualification for the Hunt, Point and Retrieve Championship:

Entry into the Championship is open to those dogs which have gained a 1st or 2nd place in an Open Hunt, Point and Retrieve Field Trial.

The qualifying award must have been in the two preceding seasons, which for the purposes of this Championship means awards gained since 20 November 2024.

Competitors are invited to note that any dog qualifying for the Championship by gaining a 1st or 2nd in an open stake from the date of the 2026 Championship will only qualify for the Championship for one year.

Any dog gaining a qualifying award before the date of the 2026 Championship will still be given the opportunity to run in both the 2026 and 2027 Championship.

Dogs holding the title of Field Trial Champion do not automatically qualify for entry and are subject to the qualifying criteria detailed above.

The winner of the 2025 Hunt, Point and Retrieve Championship is eligible to compete without qualifying.

IGL Retriever Championship

Competitors are invited to note the following update:

The competitor placed second at the IGL Retriever Championship will now receive formal recognition equivalent to a B qualification.

Correct procedure in a run off at a driven trial

Following requests for further clarity at the 2026 Field Trials Liaison Council meeting, we would like to confirm the following guidance for Judges around the correct procedure in a run off at a driven trial :

Panel judges should be careful in delegating too much responsibility or leave unsupervised, less experienced judges which may result in procedural errors or jeopardise the outcome of the trial. It is advisable to use radio to retain communication if there is a situation where less experienced judges would be left unsupervised.

Talking to your dog or touching your dog during a trial or working test

Following requests for further clarification at the 2026 Field Trials Liaison Council meeting, we would like to confirm the following guidance for Judges and Competitors regarding talking to or touching your dog during a trial or working test.

The handler must not speak to the dog, except to instruct it to retrieve nor may the handler touch the dog if, in doing so, they are effectively restraining it. From time to time a handler may reassure their dog but should not do so when the dog is at a drive nor do so in a way which could be calculated to prevent the dog from running in.

Judges imposing their preferred style of handling into the decision-making process

Judges are invited to note the following guidance around imposing their preferred style of handling into the decision-making process:

Judges should not impose their own style of handling on to the handler or impose any penalties due to the competitor's style of handling, unless the handling was in breach of J regulations. Handlers should have the freedom to use such commands as they see fit, and to use items such as handkerchiefs should they wish to do so.

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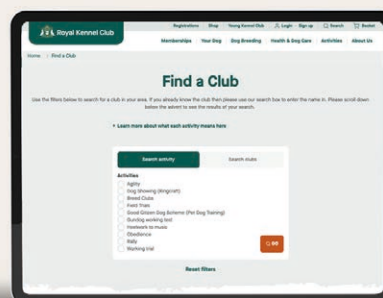
The Royal Kennel Club has announced that 'Find a Club' service is available online. The service includes a list of field trials clubs and the purpose of the service is to enable new dog owners to find local clubs in their area.

The Find a Club service can be found here:

royalkennelclub/findaclub

Please ensure that you have reviewed your club information. Any amendments, including secretary details, can be updated via your online account.

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