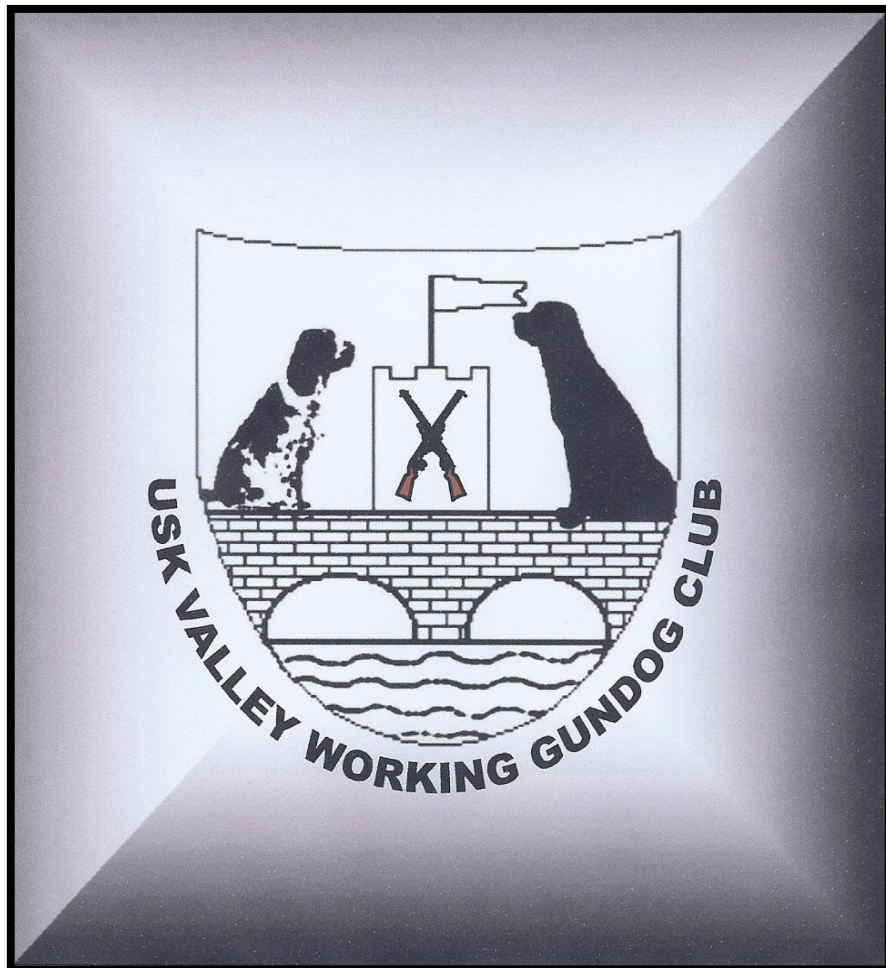


# Usk Valley Working Gundog Club



ID 718

## Newsletter 2016

# Chairman's Report

Dear Members,

I am very pleased to inform you 2015 was another busy year for the Committee once again they organised a number of very successful and enjoyable events. You will find full details of all of the events held during 2015 within the Secretaries reports including the successes of our Retriever and Spaniel Teams at the Sherborne Country Fayre and our first HPR Working Test.

During the summer the Club were invited to put on Gundog Displays at three Country Shows, Monmouth, Llangyndir, and Usk and the Club was invited to provide a demonstration at Greenmeadow Community Farm. Thank you very much to everyone who gave up their time to participate on the day and for making them all a great success. Thank you to Johnny Morris, Julian Price and Tyrone Axford for taking on the task of putting together the well-received displays.

The Training Classes' are going from strength to strength and judging by the positive feedback received they were enjoyed by all, thank you Alan, Glyn and Tyrone.

Organisation of the 2016 schedule has already started full details are published in this newsletter, on our Website and this year on our Facebook page.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many people who without their generosity, co-operation and willingness your Committee could not offer you, our Members a full schedule of events.

Thank you very much Skinners who generously sponsor all of our events. Thank you to the Land Owners and Game Keepers who generously allow us to use their land for Field Trials, Working Tests and Training; Thank you to the Teams of Guns who expertly shoot for us at the Field Trials; Last but not least thank you to our dependable Volunteers who Steward, Carry game, Throw Dummies, Organise Refreshments or help with the administration; without you all the Club would not be able commit to a busy schedule of events for our members. I apologise if I have missed anyone thank you all very much. If there is anyone reading this who would like to help at any of our events please get in contact, all help is very much appreciated.

Before I close I would like to say a personal thank you to the hard working Committee for your commitment, support, dedication and organisation of the many events without you giving up your time the events would not be as successful.

As I say every year we welcome feedback from you our Members so we can tailor these events to suit as many as possible. If you have any suggestions on future events or how we can improve those already in place please contact either myself or one of the Committee members  
Wishing you and your dogs an enjoyable summer.

Best regards

*Debra Bird*

# Secretary's Report

They say "time flies when you're having fun" and I think it is fair to say that it has been another busy and productive year here at Usk Valley Working Gundog Club for both our Committee Officers and for our members.

We have successfully run our working tests, field trials, demonstrations and training events, welcoming new members to the Club and also introducing the HPR provisions. We have seen a number of our committee, officers and members represent both Usk Valley WGC, England and Wales in Regional and National competitions, with some very exciting results.

All our news, updates, feedback and event information can be found on our website, [www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk](http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk) and this year, we've also launched our Facebook page.

The feedback we receive from our members is welcomed with open arms and enables us to continue providing you with events that suit your interests. Without your input and cooperation, combined with the commitment from our Committee, Usk Valley would not be the successful club that it is today. We wish to continue going from strength to strength, therefore, if you have any suggestions that you would like us to consider, please email me, [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com) and we can put these forward.

On behalf of everyone involved within the Club, I would like to share our thanks and appreciation to our Chairman, Deb Bird, who without her hard work, commitment and determination, we would all be lost.

I hope you were able to enjoy the shooting and trialling season and wish you all a happy, healthy and progressive summer season.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible over the next 12 months,

Best regards

*Trudy Hillier*

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# Treasurer's Report

The past year has, it almost becomes boring to say the same thing in each consecutive report (but boring in a good way!), been another successful one for the Club. As our Chairman has already set out in detail, we ran many well-attended tests, five field trials, took part in ever-

popular gundog displays at various country fairs and once again did exceedingly well at interclub competitions. It is therefore hardly surprising that we gained many new members. But I would like to add a note of caution to that last statement: the total membership has not increased by quite the same number as there were applicants, as inevitably some members of longer standing decided, for various reasons, not to renew. Even so, there was a net gain in members, bringing the total membership close to 550.

Financially it was a year of consolidation, and our bank balance remains pretty healthy, despite the ever-increasing costs, especially of running field trials. It is a credit to the organisational skills of the various people involved in running those trials that we can go on affording to offer them to our membership.

Of course the membership fees are the main source of the Club's income, but putting on the demonstrations at fairs provide us with a very welcome extra – so thank you all who gave your time and took part in them in one way or another.

As our financial year runs from 1st March to 28/29th February I am, at the time of writing this, not in a position to give exact figures, but they will be available at our AGM in May, or afterwards from me, by sending me a SAE. In the same context, may I remind you that membership fees are due shortly – 1st March, they remain at £10.00 for a single and £12.00 for joint membership. Membership and Standing Order forms are available by visiting [www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk](http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk)

*Sonja Forest*  
Treasurer

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## In this year's edition:

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## Officers & Committee Members



Usk Valley  
Working Gundog Club

### Officers

Patron	The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke		
President	Mrs G Wright		
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Chairman	Mrs D Bird	07989 926925	<a href="mailto:debra.bird@hotmail.com">debra.bird@hotmail.com</a>
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Retriever Field Trial Secretary	Mr C Perry	07724 312547	<a href="mailto:perrygolf@btinternet.com">perrygolf@btinternet.com</a>
Spaniel Field Trial Secretary	Mrs D Bird	07989 926925	<a href="mailto:debra.bird@hotmail.com">debra.bird@hotmail.com</a>
Retriever Working Test Secretary	Mr T Axford (Sarge)	07890 751733	<a href="mailto:donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk">donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Spaniel Working Test Secretary	Mr G Hillier	07523 523770	<a href="mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com">maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com</a>
HPR Working Test Secretary	Vacant		
Official Trainer	Mr G Hillier	07523 723770	<a href="mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com">maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com</a>

### Committee

Jill Bowler	01291 650206	<a href="mailto:jillbowler@hotmail.com">jillbowler@hotmail.com</a>
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# Meet the Team



Pat Williams & Gill Wright



(L-R) Debra Bird, Trudy Hillier, Sonja Forrest, Craig Perry, Tyrone Axford, Glyn Hillier, Jill Bowler, Don Elson.



(L-R) Joy Elson, Paul Hulin, Jane Stenner, Hayden Morgan, Johnny Morris, Julian Price, Dr Richard Price, Nigel Probert, Darren Smith, Alan Willis.

# Dates for the Diary

For all the latest updates on our news and events within the Club, please continue to check our website [www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk](http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.

## March 2016

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

- Retriever Training begins, 2.30pm-4pm Big Pit. Booking required, maximum of 8 per class. Contact Glyn Hillier on 07523 523770 or email [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com) for further information

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

- Committee Meeting, Clytha Arms, Abergavenny

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

- Deadline for members to register their interest in either our Spaniel or Retriever Judging Seminars. Please contact Jill Bowler on 01291 650206 or email [jillbowler@hotmail.com](mailto:jillbowler@hotmail.com). We require a minimum of 8-10 people per group to be able to book and confirm a date.

## April 2016

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

- Spaniel Training begins, 6pm-8pm, Monmouth. Booking required, maximum of 8 per class. Contact Alan Willis on 07932 633148 or email [peter@peterwillis4.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:peter@peterwillis4.wanadoo.co.uk)

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 **THIS IS NOT AN USK VALLEY WGC EVENT**

- 2016 Wales International Retriever Team Selection
  - A selection test will take place at Pantyrhaud Farm, Llanddowror, St Clears, Camarthen SA33 4JD on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April starting at 11am. The selected squad will compete at both **Irish Game Fairs** and the **Anglesey Country Show**. If you are interested in attending the selection test, please contact **Huw Jones** for an entry form as NO ENTRIES will be taken on the day.
  - **Huw Jones, 07891 175858 or email [huwh@aol.com](mailto:huwh@aol.com)**

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016

- Spaniel Working Test 1, Wentwood, Monmouthshire

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

- HPR Working Test 1, Big Pit, Blaenavon

## May 2016

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- Committee Meeting, Clytha Arms, Abergavenny
- AGM, Clytha Arms, Abergavenny (Members welcome)

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

- Retriever Working Test 1, Glan Usk Estate, Crickhowell

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

- Sherborne Castle Country Fair. Will Usk Valley get drawn to run?
  - If any of our members would be interested in representing Usk Valley at this event or any of our other events, please contact Trudy Hillier, [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com) in the first instance.

## **June 2016**

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

- Retriever Working Test 2, Clytha, Abergavenny

## **July 2016**

### **Date tbc**

- Committee Meeting, Clytha Arms, Abergavenny

## **August 2016**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

- Retriever Working Test 3, Big Pit, Blaenavon
- Results of the Skinner Fleece Challenge 2015/16 will be announced and awarded

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

- Spaniel Working Test 2, Big Pit, Blaenavon

## **September 2016**

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

- Retriever (AV) Novice Field Trial Stake 1, Riverside Shoot, Sedbury

## **October 2016**

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

- Retriever (AV) Novice Field Trial Stake 2, Riverside Shoot, Sedbury

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

- Spaniel (AV) Novice Field Trial, Riverside Shoot, Sedbury

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

- Spaniel (ESS) Open Field Trial, Riverside Shoot, Sedbury

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> / Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016**

- Retriever (AV) Open Field Trial, New Farm, Norton, Evesham



Notice is hereby given that the  
**Annual General Meeting**  
of the Usk Valley Working Gundog Club will be held on  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 8.00 pm**  
at Clytha Arms, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 9BW

**Election of Committee Members:**

Members may submit nominations for election to the Committee or for any vacancies that may exist.

Current vacancies we have are:

- HPR Working Test Secretary
- 1 committee member

One Officer and two Committee members retire by rotation, but are willing to offer themselves for immediate re-election; they are Debra Bird, Hayden Morgan & Jane Stenner.

**Nominations:**

Members nominated for any of the appointments above must be proposed and seconded by fully paid-up members of the Club. Nominations must also be accompanied by written consent from the Nominee which must include a brief summary of themselves and an overview detailing their skills or areas of expertise they would you like to share. We currently have a preference for anyone with HPR experience that may be able to assist us in growing this provision within the club.

Please submit either by email or letter to our Chairman by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

FAO Mrs Debra Bird, Chairman of Usk Valley Working Gundog Club, 7 Heol Isaf, New Inn, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 0QD or alternatively email; [Debra.Bird@hotmail.com](mailto:Debra.Bird@hotmail.com)

**Agenda:**

Items for inclusion in the Agenda must reach the Honorary Secretary by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 correctly proposed and seconded. Email: FAO Trudy Hillier, [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com)

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## THE KENNEL CLUB

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Usk Valley Working Gundog Club are aiming to host two events;

- **FIELD TRIAL JUDGES SEMINAR & EXAM FOR RETRIEVERS**
- **FIELD TRIAL JUDGES SEMINAR AND EXAM FOR SPANIELS**

Which will be presented by KC Registered Personnel

At present, we are looking for a **minimum of 10 people** per seminar to register their interest in the course, in order to be able to confirm a date and venue for this event.

£25.00 for members £35.00 for non-members

Price includes refreshments, a light lunch, Kennel Club J Regulation Booklet and briefing notes (Exam is optional)

Please contact **Jill Bowler** on Tel **01291 650206** or email [jillbowler@hotmail.com](mailto:jillbowler@hotmail.com)  
**before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

Booking forms will be sent once we have confirmed if these events are running and please note that payment will be required in advance to secure your booking.

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## Training Equipment:

Are you in need of any gundog training equipment?

Please contact Jill Bowler on

01291 650206 or email [jillbowler@hotmail.com](mailto:jillbowler@hotmail.com) .

Jill attends many of our working test events and has a wide variety of items for sale. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please ask.

We can also recommend Sporting Saint and Quest for all your training needs;

[www.sportingsaint.co.uk](http://www.sportingsaint.co.uk) or [www.questgundogs.co.uk](http://www.questgundogs.co.uk)



# USK VALLEY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB (ID 718)



## HPR WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016

**Please note: We no longer accept entries ON THE DAY at Working Tests**

### Acting Working Test Secretary:

Mr Johnny Morris, Tel: 01633 485283, E-mail: [cwmbranlabrador@yahoo.com](mailto:cwmbranlabrador@yahoo.com)

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**TEST 1: to be held at BIG PIT, BLAENAVON on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

*by kind permission of Mr Alan Llewellyn.*

**Closing date for entries: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Judges:** Mr Mark Firmin (A2788), Mr Lee Loveridge (B3307), Mr Ray Davies (B2956)  
& Mr Darren Layton (NP)

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy & Novice (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £10.00 per entry, Non-Members: £13.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Johnny Morris, 43 Worcester Close,  
Llanrhyon, Cwmbran, NP44 8TE Tel: 01633 485283

**Directions:** M4 follow the brown Tourism signs from J25a (westbound) or J26 (eastbound). Also, signposted off the A465 at Brynmawr and Abergavenny. On arrival at the visitor car park you will see a road to your right hand side with a white gate, please open the gate (please close it after you) and make your way down the road to the end.

**Postcode:** **NP4 9XP** *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TESTS:

**Please note that all entrants for Junior Handler must be 14 years of age or under, and the dog should not have received an award in any test or trial, other than in puppy class.**

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| <b>Open</b>         | Open to all dogs although preference may be given to dogs which have gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial or been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open GWT or won a Novice GWT                            |
| <b>Novice</b>       | Confined to dogs which have not gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial, been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open GWT or first in a Novice GWT held in accordance with KC Rules and Field Trial Regulations |
| <b>Puppy</b>        | Confined to dogs less than 18 months of age on the date of the test.  |
| <b>Unclassified</b> | We also run other unclassified tests such as Special Puppy and Novice Dog Novice Handler.   |

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## USK VALLEY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB (ID 718)



### **RETRIEVER WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016**

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Gundog Working Test Regulations)

**Please note: We no longer accept entries ON THE DAY at Working Tests**

#### **Retriever Working Test Secretary:**

Mr Tyrone Axford (Sarge), Tel: 07890 751733 E-mail: [donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk)

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**TEST 1: to be held at Glan Usk Estate, Crickhowell, NP8 1LP  
on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

**Closing date for entries: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Judges:** Brian Gregory, Julian Price, Andy Fisher, Haydn Wilmott

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy, Novice, (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £6.00 per entry, Non-Members: £10.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Tyrone Axford, 95 Gifford Close,  
Two Locks, Cwmbran NP44 7NY

**Directions:**

**Postcode:** NP8 1LP *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TESTS:**

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**USK VALLEY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB (ID 718)**



**RETRIEVER WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016**

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Gundog Working Test Regulations)

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**Retriever Working Test Secretary:**

Mr Tyrone Axford (Sarge), Tel: 07890 751733 E-mail: [donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk)

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**TEST 2: to be held at CLYTHA PARK on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

*by kind permission of Mr Jack Hanbury-Tennison*

**Closing date for entries: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Judges:** tbc

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy, Novice (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Novice Dog Novice Handler, Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £6.00 per entry, Non-Members: £10.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Tyrone Axford, 95 Gifford Close,  
Two Locks, Cwmbran NP44 7NY

**Directions:** Take the Old Raglan Road (B4598) towards Abergavenny

**Postcode:** **NP7 9BW** *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

**Please respect Mr Hanbury-Tennison wishes do not drive or park on the grass at this venue and please do not enter via the main entrance. Entrance to the Working Test will be sign posted off the main road.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TESTS:**

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### RETRIEVER WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016

(To be held under Kennel Club Rules and Gundog Working Test Regulations)

**Please note: We no longer accept entries ON THE DAY at Working Tests**

#### Retriever Working Test Secretary:

Mr Tyrone Axford (Sarge), Tel: 07890 751733 E-mail: [donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donargegundogs@hotmail.co.uk)

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**TEST 4: to be held at BIG PIT, BLAENAVON on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

*by kind permission of Mr Alan Llewellyn.*

**Closing date for entries: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**Judges:** tbc

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy, Novice, (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £6.00 per entry, Non-Members: £10.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Tyrone Axford, 95 Gifford Close,  
Two Locks, Cwmbran NP44 7NY

**Directions:** M4 follow the brown Tourism signs from J25a (westbound) or J26 (eastbound). Also, signposted off the A465 at Brynmawr and Abergavenny. On arrival at the visitor car park you will see a road to your right hand side with a white gate, please open the gate (please close it after you) and make your way down the road to the end.

**Postcode:** NP4 9XP *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

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**USK VALLEY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB (ID 718)**



**SPANIEL WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016**

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**Working Test Secretary:**

Mr Glyn Hillier, Tel: 07523 523770, E-mail: [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com)

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**TEST 1:** to be held at **WENTWOOD FOREST, MONMOUTHSHIRE**  
on **Saturday 9th April 2016**

*by kind permission of The Woodland Trust*

**Closing date for entries: Saturday 2nd April 2016**

**Judges:** Mr Simon Jones & Mr Paddy Williams

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy, Novice (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £6.00 per entry, Non-Members: £10.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Glyn Hillier, 23 Ty Coch Lane, Ty Coch, Cwmbran, NP44 7AD

**Directions:** The nearest postcode to Foresters Oak Car Park is **NP26 3AZ**, which will take you onto Millbrook Lane by Wentwood Reservoir. If you continue along this road, passing the reservoir on your right, you will then come to the car park also on the right.

**Postcode:** **NP26 3AZ** *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

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# USK VALLEY WORKING GUNDOG CLUB (ID 718)



## SPANIEL WORKING TEST DATES FOR 2016

**Please note: We no longer accept entries ON THE DAY at Working Tests**

### **Working Test Secretary:**

Mr Glyn Hillier, Tel: 07523 523770, E-mail: [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com)

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**TEST 2: to be held at BIG PIT, BLAENAVON on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

*by kind permission of Mr Alan Llewellyn.*

**Closing date for entries: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**Judges:** tbc

**Classes:** **AM:** Puppy, Novice (9am for 9.30am Start)  
**PM:** Open (not before 1pm)

**Entry Fees:** Members: £6.00 per entry, Non-Members: £10.00 per entry  
*(please make cheques payable to Usk Valley Working Gundog Club)*

**Entries Forms available on the Usk Valley website and sent to:** Mr Glyn Hillier, 23 Ty Coch Lane, Ty Coch, Cwmbran, NP44 7AD.

**Directions:** M4 follow the brown Tourism signs from J25a (westbound) or J26 (eastbound). Also, signposted off the A465 at Brynmawr and Abergavenny. On arrival at the visitor car park you will see a road to your right hand side with a white gate, please open the gate (please close it after you) and make your way down the road to the end.

**Postcode:** NP4 9XP *Club signs will be out from 08:30 on the day.*

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL TESTS:**

**Please note that all entrants for Junior Handler must be 14 years of age or under, and the dog should not have received an award in any test or trial, other than in puppy class.**

- Open** Open to all dogs although preference may be given to dogs which have gained a place or certificate of merit at a Field Trial or been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open GWT or won a Novice GWT
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# Training

## **Retriever Training:**

Training Officer: Mr Glyn Hillier, 07523 523770, [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com)

Retriever training will commence from **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016** from **2.30pm-4pm** at **Big Pit, Blaenavon**.

We will run **12 sessions** in total at a price of **£108.00**, which is required to be paid in advance. If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Usk Valley Working Gundog Club".

We are able to take a maximum of 8 people per group and you will be required to complete the booking form which is available to download by visiting

<http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk/training.aspx>

This group is almost full, so please ensure you make an enquiry beforehand as we may be running a second group.

Venues include Big Pit & Keepers Pond Blaenavon and Wentwood Forest Monmouthshire.

Dates: Sunday 13th, 20th, 27th March, 3rd, 10th, 24th April, 1st, 15th, 22nd May (2.30pm-4pm)

Friday 15th April, 6th, 27th May (6pm-7.30pm)

Members will be emailed full confirmation of venues and contacts details on receipt of payment and booking form.

## **Spaniel Training:**

Training Officer: Mr Alan Willis, 07932 633148, [peter@peterwillis4.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:peter@peterwillis4.wanadoo.co.uk)

Spaniel training will commence from **Friday 1st April 2016** from **6pm-8pm** in **Monmouthshire**.

Sessions will be required to be paid in advance. If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Usk Valley Working Gundog Club".

We are able to take a maximum of 8 people per group and you will be required to complete the booking form attached. Venues and dates will vary over the forthcoming weeks.

## WORKING TEST REPORTS AND RESULTS 2015

### Retriever Working Test, Big Pit, Blaenavon - 29th March 2015



Junior Handler - Llewlyn Price with Callowhill May of Glasybont



Novice Winner, Andy Fisher with Kaliture Rooster



Puppy Winner, Polly Gibb



Open Winner - Nigel Probert

Thank you to all our committee members, test secretary, judges, dummy throwers and members who braved the torrential winds and down pours, dodged the thunder storm and enjoyed a quick glimpse of the blue skies and sunshine, not only to support the club, but to test their dogs and themselves to the limit.

<b><u>Puppy</u></b> 1st    Killyrudden Beefheart            Polly Gibb 2nd    Tibeá Erdradour                        Nathan Quinn			<b><u>Junior Handler</u></b> COM   Callowhill May of Glasybont    Llewlyn Price		
<b><u>Novice</u></b> 1st    Kaliture Rooster                        Andy Fisher 2nd    Tay-Y-Rhallt Clorin                    Valerie Oakley 3rd    Ffynongain Xray                        Mark Stevens 4th    Artistryn Usain                         Roger Colver COM   Lamazing Melba of Glasybont    Richard Price			<b><u>Open</u></b> 1st    Slipside Danzy Jones                 Nigel Probert 2nd    Vamp Pipsissewa                        Andy Fisher 3rd    FTCH Waterford Ganton             Jayne Coley 4th    Frizelwood Emony                     Simon Pullin Shuttifield Gracon                     Julia Redpath		

#### **Competitor Feedback:**

*"Hi, just to say 4 interesting tests for the dogs and handlers to have a go at. If a dog can do well on the Big Pit ground, it can do well anywhere. Couple this with yesterday's weather then those dogs/handlers can cope with anything. Speaking for myself, I thoroughly enjoyed the challenges of yesterday, well done. Regards Roger"*

## Spaniel Working Test, Wentwood Forest, Monmouth - 12th April 2016



PUPPY WINNER: Christopher Williams & Cleopatra's Smile



Test Secretary, Glyn Hillier with OPEN WINNER Mr David Pither & Bryambor Max



Puppy & Novice Award Winners and Judges



Open Award Winners and Judges

We have seen our Spaniel Working Tests go from strength to strength over the last few years and Wentwood has proved an enjoyable venue for all those who visit as either a competitor or spectator of the event. Our thanks and appreciation to **Barry Embling** on behalf of the **Woodland Trust**, who work with us prior to the event to ensure that we can operate a smooth day with minimal disruption to local wildlife and the general public.

Thank you to **Dave Rayner** and **Aled Jones** who offer the club valuable expertise in the form of judging, to our test secretary, **Glyn Hillier**, to our administration staff, stewards, dummy throwers, caterers and members of the club and committee who offer their support with running the event.

Thank you to all our competitors who continue to support the club and welcome to the new members we have met today.

We look forward to seeing you all again in August.

**WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU** to everyone.

*Glyn Hillier*

## Puppy

1st	Cleopatras Smile	Mr Christopher Williams
2nd	Brookquest Blizzard	Mr Haydn Morgan
3rd	Vodka on Ice	Mr Christopher Williams

## Novice

1st	Helmsway Harkila	Mr David Holmes
2nd	Whiznic Waltz of Countryways	Ms Andrea Perrett
3rd	Dlutchchara Snip	Mr David Thomas
4th	Cundriebrook Nancy	Mrs Janet Righton
COM	Nederscot Gunner	Mrs Sally Cowley
COM	Aregate Buster	Ms Jane Stenner
COM	Rimrock Fluster	Mr David Pither

## Open

1st	Brynambor Max	Mr David Pither
2nd	Clearmeadow Solo	Mr David Templar
3rd	Tautavel Kirsty at Sanaigmore	Ms Ann Kedward
4th	Golastorm Star	Mr Roger Wooldridge
	FTCH Brynfedi Adel of Countryways	Mr David Templar
	Dumbleton Flyer	Mrs Fran Spencer
	Lisgarvagh Eyre of Countryways	Mr David Templar

## HPR Working Test, Big Pit, Blaenavon - 26th April 2015



For our first HPR Working Test, this event couldn't have gone better for us. We had fabulous support from competitors and spectators and considering we were in Blaenavon, even the weather was on our side.

Thank you to **Elizabeth "Sid" Davies** for organising our first HPR event and to those behind the scenes who assisted her. Thank you to all our Judges, stewards, dummy throwers, caterers and members who kindly supported the running of the day. There was a real sense of team work at the event today and as a Club we are particularly grateful to the members and non-members who helped our Committee to run the day, enabling us to learn from others expertise. Thank you to **Alan Llewellyn** for hosting Usk Valley on his lovely ground, which proved more than perfect for our HPRs. We look forward to 2016.

## Novice

1st	Sykisighs China Empress (HV)	A Miles
2nd	Cymraeg Black Beauty (GSP)	C Provis
3rd	Oxbrukheys Pages (GSP)	K Burrows
4th	Seasham Dancing Queen (GSP)	H Hopkins

## Open

1st	Katelands Californian Girl (WM)	S Sloan
2nd	Oxbrukheys Pages (GSP)	K Burrows
3rd	Beaver Point Aurora Sirius (GSP)	L Ingleton
4th	Lady Gypsy Rose at Helwycwm (GSP)	P Kirby
COM	Huwindragon Fly (GSP)	P Kirby

### Competitor Feedback:

*“Many thanks to the Usk Valley Working Gundog Club for the HPR working test on 26 April 15. I had the nicest day I can remember having at a test. The setting was idyllic, being at Big Pit and the ground was delightfully natural and varied which my dog very much enjoyed. Plus the organisation was faultless, making for an unusually slickly run event. I was already excited about the day as all judges are people I respect highly and enjoy competing under and they, together with the very friendly stewards, dummy throwers and other competitors made the atmosphere wonderfully relaxed.*

*I am looking forward to the next one!*

*Thank you again, Angela Miles”*

## Retriever Working Test "Dr Gareth Memorial Day" Clytha Park, Abergavenny - 14th June 2015



NDNH & Open Awards Winners and Judges



Puppy and Novice Award Winners and Judges

What a spectacular day we had. Thank you to **Mr Jack Hanbury-Tennison** for allowing Usk Valley to host the working test on your wonderful grounds.

Thank you to **Chris Brain, Huw Jones, Roy Morris** and **Mike Jones** for judging, to our dummy throwers, stewards, admin team and caterers. Thank you to **Angela** and **family** for attending today and for doing the honour of presenting the awards. Thank you to **Tyrone Axford** for coordinating the day and finally thank you to all our supporters, competitors and absent friends, who without, we wouldn't be able to run our days.

**Vaughan Hillier** and **Kyra Smith** raised £145.00 selling raffle tickets today, which has been topped up to £250.00 by the Committee and donated to the **Velindre Hospital** as suggested by **Angela** and **family**.

**WELL DONE** and **THANK YOU** to everyone.

*Tyrone Axford*

<b><u>Puppy</u></b>			<b><u>Novice Dog/Handler</u></b>		
1st	Trefoel Cerys	Mr Kevin Lewis	1st	Kennine Can't Go Back	Chrissie Thomas
2nd	Brockweir Lupin	Mrs Diana Wiggin	2nd	Du Leymus	Martin Carless
3rd	Arcklebear Kilbeggan	Mr Glyn Hillier	3rd	Vashti Valentin	E Giblin
4th	Trefoel Carla of Greyhill	Mrs Gill Wright	4th	Nevillebriar Emmanuel	Bella Brown
COM	Gooseberry Hill Gus	Mr Terry Dowman			
<b><u>Novice</u></b>			<b><u>Open</u></b>		
1st	Kaliture Finn	Mrs Lucy Mixture	1st	Shuttifield Gracon	Mrs Julia Redpath
2nd	Artistryn Usain	Mr Roger Colver	2nd	Luisenga Highland Lad	Mr Paul Hobbs
3rd	Loisaba Gwyneth	Mrs Helen Paterson	3rd	Stykes Boy Llangynidr	Mr Haydn Willmott
4th	Bittenam Perimmon	Mrs Jane McHugh	4th	Stykes Boy Graig DDU	Mr Paul Clark
COM	Vashi Valentine	Mrs E Giblin	COM	Slipside Danzy Jones	Mr Nigel Probert
			COM	Cypher Black Mamba of Sullington	Mrs Shirley Carew

**Junior Handlers:** Vaughan Hillier, Ffion Price, Owain Price, Llwellyn Price – All received a certificate of merit and a bag of sweets

## Spaniel Working Test, Big Pit Blaenavon - 23rd August 2015



Puppy & Novice Winners



Open Winners

**Thank you** to all the wonderful people who were able to come and support our final Spaniel Working Test for 2015. It has been a wonderful day and the weather didn't put anyone off as we welcomed our largest competitor and spectating crowd to date. Thank you to our judges, **Alistair Ross, Ron James** and **Alan Willis** who did a wonderful job, with positive feedback and advice offered to our competitors, but also received huge appreciation for their time and commitment from the Club and our guests. Thank you to **Alan Llwellyn** for kindly allowing us to use your wonderful ground again, to **Tyrone (Sarge) Axford** and **Don Elson** for stewarding, to **Johnny Morris, Craig Perry, Nigel Probert, Paul Hulin** and **Paul Williams** for dummy throwing. Thank you to **Jane Stenner** for providing lunch and to **Jane & Vaughan Hillier** for providing us all with tea, coffee and your very well received lamb cawl.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN,

*Glyn Hillier*

## Puppy

1st	Meadowchase Misty	Jane Stenner
2nd	Leeange Annabelle	Richard Mutlow
3rd	Shadow Phillips Girl	Byron Brooks
4th	Midnight Mistress	Robert Gwilym
COM	Little Ann Onyx	Emma Deadman
COM	Sunset Dragonfly	Steven Erasmus
COM	All Things Sweet	Steven Erasmus

## Novice

1st	Cleopatra's Smile	Christopher Williams
2nd	Rambling Ivy	Virginia Kidner
3rd	Whiznic Waltz of Countryways	Andrea Perrett
4th	Aregate Buster at Gatekeeper	Jane Stenner
COM	Clodahill Ozil	Gavin Lockyer
COM	Peacock Girl	Neil Turner

## Open

1st	Natcarw Woodcock	Roger Wooldridge
2nd	Peacock Girl	Neil Turner
3rd	Yildum Queen	Donna Turner
4th	Lotties Ragdoll	Alan Willis

Just a couple of snaps taken over the Working Test season.



# FIELD TRIAL REPORTS AND RESULTS 2015

## Spaniel Field Trial Report 2015

During October 2015 we held our Spaniel Field Trials at Sedbury, Chepstow, by kind permission of Colin Markey and the generous support of the Team of Guns.

### Novice AV Field Trial 14th October 2015

**Judges Mr J Ayres and Mr H Morgan and Chief Steward Mr Johnny Morris.** The trial started and straight away the Handlers were into game, some dogs found the root field very testing. From there the Trial moved to the wood where unfortunately they lost some nice dogs.

#### **Results:**

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Registered Name of Dog</i></b>	<b><i>Handler</i></b>
1st	Clodhall Onya of Countryways	Mr D Templar
2nd	Heol Y Bwlch Lanto	Mrs S Hutton
COM	Nordmanniana Gracie	Miss E Cope
COM	Barcudwen Samson	Mr J Thomas
COM	Draigoch Brooke	Mr D Gregory



Award Winners & Judges



Mr D Templar & Judges



## Open ESS Field Trial 28th October 2015

**Judges Mr S Bates and Mr N Price and Chief Steward Mr Johnny Morris.** After a foggy start, it turned out to be a warm and sunny autumn day with a short shower early afternoon.

The trial started in a root field before moving into the wood. We saw a good standard of dog and with the game supply as always with Colin was very good. All the dogs were tested and had some tough cover at times. With the high standard the judges had 3 dogs on the same mark so a run was required with 1st going to Margret Cox.

WELL DONE and CONGRATULATIONS to all our award winners today;

### Results

Award	Registered Name of Dog	Handler
1st	Marshwood Rhona of Carkees	Mrs M Cox
2nd	Creccamarsh Ricochet	Mr R Biggs
3rd	Rosebay Harmony	Mrs A Wise
4th	FTW Sparnhill Amethyst	Mr R Lewis
COM	Alkindia Trerice	Mr S Bolton
COM	Nimoway Girl	Mr R Titchner
COM	Miskinfern Mac	Mr J Ayres
COM	Edwardianan Minstral of Halwin Ryston	Mr M Hoskins
COM	Bryngwrhyd Bruno	Mr D Dugay
GUNS CHOICE	Rosebay Harvey	Mr D Moore



**Award Winners 1<sup>st</sup> – 4th**

I would personally like to thank **Johnny Morris** for his ongoing help and support with the Spaniel Field Trials; During the FT Season as many of you know I had two operations which meant I had limited mobility. Johnny very kindly worked with me on the Trials and very kindly carried out all the tasks that I was unable to perform Thank you Johnny very much for your generous help and support.

*Debra Bird.*

# FIELD TRIAL REPORTS AND RESULTS 2015

## Retriever Field Trial Report 2015

### Stake 1: 14 Dog Novice (AV) Retriver Trial, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

We held our first novice trial at Sedbury, Near Chepstow on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September by kind permission of **Colin Markey**. The trial was judged by **Mr Brian Gregory, Mrs Lisa Harris, Mr Julian Price** and **Mr Kevin Lewis**.

A walked up day in wheat, kale and rushes. A difficult day for young dogs with lots of live game and very little scent.

Congratulations to all our award winners and to our competitors for taking part. On behalf of our field trial secretary, **Mr Craig Perry**, we would like to acknowledge our thanks and appreciation to our judges, to **Colin Markey** for allowing us to hold the trial on beautiful grounds, to the superb guns for their generous support, **Mrs Iris Wright** our chief steward, **Mrs Jill Bowler** for the lovely food, all our helpers and finally to **Skinner's** for their on-going sponsorship.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Registered Dog Name</i>	<i>Handler/Owner</i>
1st	No.14 – Cynhindfa Nat of Liliarch	Mr Shane Padbury
2nd	No.01 – Woodruff King of Wellsummer	Ms Sarah Cole
Gun's Choice	No.14 - Cynhindfa Nat of Liliarch	Mr Shane Padbury



L-R, Mr Brian Gregory, Mr Shane Padbury, Ms Sarah Cole, Mr Julian Price, Mrs Lisa Harris, Mr Kevin Lewis & Mr Craig Perry

## **Stake 2: 14 Dog Novice (AV) Retriever Trial, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

We held our first novice trial at Sedbury, Near Chepstow on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October by kind permission of **Colin Markey**. The trial was judged by **Mr S Richardson, Mrs L Hill, Mr P Hobbs** and **Mr H Willmott**.

Congratulations to all our award winners and to our competitors for taking part. On behalf of our field trial secretary, **Mr Craig Perry**, we would like to acknowledge our thanks and appreciation to our judges, to **Colin Markey** for allowing us to hold the trial on beautiful grounds, to the superb guns for their generous support, **Mrs Iris Wright** our chief steward, **Mrs Jill Bowler** for the lovely food, all our helpers and finally to **Skinners** for their on-going sponsorship.

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Registered Dog Name</i></b>	<b><i>Handler/Owner</i></b>
<b>1st</b>	No.08 – Suthcharic Evie	Mrs Sue Berman
<b>2nd</b>	No.05 – Hassycott Whistlefish Fin	Mr Morton Redpath
<b>COM</b>	No.11 – Astraglen Imran of Delfryd	Mr Alan Rees
<b>Gun's Choice</b>	No.05 – Hassycott Whistlefish Fin	Mr Morton Redpath



**Stake 2 Award Winners & Judges**

## **2 Day Qualifier: 24 Dog Open (AV) Retriever Trial, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Thank you to **Mr Norman & Mrs Sandra Onens** for allowing Usk Valley to host the field trial on your grounds. Thank you to our judges, **Mr M Bettinson, Mr J Bettinson, Mr K Sandercock** and **Mrs G Caldwell**. Thank you to the guns, stewards and all our helpers over the 2 day event. A big thank you to **Mr Craig Perry** for organising this year's field trials and to **Jill Bowler** for the catering and **Iris Wright** for the role of Chief Steward. Thank you to **Skinner's** for their continued sponsorship of our events.

Congratulations to all our award winners, which were very well deserved after a testing 2 day trial.

<b><i>Award</i></b>	<b><i>Registered Dog Name</i></b>	<b><i>Handler/Owner</i></b>
<b>1st</b>	No.15 - Ragweeds Trigger	Mr John Halsted
<b>2nd</b>	No.23 – Bynbrig Blackthorn of Highshot	Mr Basil Smith
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	No.20 – FTCH Rimrock Hurricane	Mr Andy Latham
<b>4th</b>	No.03 – Diglake Thunder	Mr S Newit
<b>COM</b>	No.07 - Shuttifield Gracon	Mrs Julia Redpath
	No.18 – Willowych Avenger	Tess Lawrence
	No.19 – Percuil Nuvolari Tazio	Helen Ford
	No.22 – Cynhinfa Jarmen of Wauniago	Mike Jones
<b>Gun's Choice</b>	No.19 – Percuil Nuvolari Tazio	Helen Ford



# Success Stories for Usk Valley and our Members



**29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Polly Gibbs, Andy Fisher and Nigel Probert were all winners at our Retriever Working Test at Big Pit

**March – July 2015**

Training sessions developed from 1 to 2 groups and extended from 6 weeks to 12 weeks. We welcomed a variety of breeds to include Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Spaniels and Beagles.

Congratulations and well done to all our members who have represented their clubs, Country and themselves at various Gundog Sporting Events across the UK.

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Kevin Lewis, Chrissie Thomas, Lucy Mixture and Julia Redpath were all winners at our "Dr Gareth Memorial Day" Retriever Working Test. Vaughan Hillier & Kyra Smith raised over £145.00 in the raffle, which was donated to Velindre and topped up by the Club.

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Congratulations to all our members who represented England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the Irish Game Fair at Shane's Castle. Excellent results were achieved across the board. Well done.

**1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**

Congratulations to all our members who represented England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the CLA Harewood House Event this year.

**Overall Winners:** 1<sup>st</sup> England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ireland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wales, 4<sup>th</sup> Scotland.

Teams were made up of 5 spaniels & 5 retrievers, who had to complete a variety of 6 retrieves.

**30<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Usk Valley held a Gundog Demonstration at the Llangynidr Show. Thank you to all those involved including Johnny Morris, John & Jane Derrick, Jane Stenner, Paul Hulin, Craig Perry, Glyn Hillier, Trudy Hillier, Vaughan Hillier.

**28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Alan Willis and the Usk Valley team were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Skinner Challenge.

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Usk Valley held their first HPR Working Test. Congratulations to all our Award Winners including A Miles & S Sloan.

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Darren Smith & Paul Hulin were elected onto the Committee at our AGM.

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Usk Valley held 2 Gundog Demonstrations at the Usk Show. Thank you to all those involved including John & Jane Derrick, Haydn Willmott, Craig Perry, Jane Stenner, Paul Hulin, Alan Willis, Katie Thompson, Johnny Morris, Tyrone Axford, Trudy Hillier, Vaughan Hillier.

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Congratulations to our members who represented Usk Valley at Sherborne Country Fair. Our Retriever Team represented by Craig Perry, Hayden Willmott, Paul Hobbs and Paul Clark were crowned First place. Our Spaniel Team representation included Alan Willis and Dai Pither who were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done and thank you.

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Usk Valley held a Gundog Demonstration and a Meet & Greet event at Greenmeadow Community Farm. Thank you to Tyrone Axford, Johnny Morris, Glyn & Trudy Hillier, Darren Smith, Jane Stenner, Paul Hulin, John & Jane Derrick.

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Huw Jones held the Welsh International Retriever Team Selection Tests.

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Christopher Williams, David Homes and Dai Pither were all winners at our Spaniel Working Test at Wentwood.

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Usk Valley hosted a Retriever KC Field Trial Judges Seminar.

**August 2015**

Congratulations to all our members who represented their Countries in the International Working Test at Anglesey. 1<sup>st</sup> Ireland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wales, 3<sup>rd</sup> England and 4<sup>th</sup> Isle of Man

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Julian Price, Nigel Probert, Alan Willis, Lindsey Corbett, Jane Stenner, Vicky Pritchard, Iris Wright and Annie Wales represented Usk Valley WGC at the Monmouth Show, providing 2 demonstrations for the spectators. Thank you to everyone involved.

**Sept-Oct 15**

Congratulations to all our Retriever and Spaniel Field Trail Winners of 2015.

If any of our members have success stories and/or photos they would like to share, feedback on our events or would like to register their interest in participating in any of our demonstration events, please email Trudy Hillier at [maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com](mailto:maccadaizegundogs@outlook.com)

# Thank You

Usk Valley Working Gundog Club would once again like to thank Skinners Dog Foods for their continued sponsorship of our events!



For further information and entry forms for the 2016 working tests and field trials, please visit [www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk](http://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk)

Thank you to all our members who have continued support Usk Valley Working Gundog grow from strength to strength. We could not do it alone without you.

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We wish you every success for the next season and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

*Usk Valley Working Gundog Club  
Committee & Officers*

