

**UNITED RETRIEVER CLUB : NORTH MIDLAND AREA
WORKING TEST DETAILS 2010**

OPEN TEST: Sunday May 9th 9.30 for 10am. Shirebrook Country Park, Notts by kind permission of Notts County Council & Forest Enterprise. Judges: Mr G Lowe & others to be confirmed. Directions: From A60 at Church Warsop between Worksop and Mansfield turn West onto the B6031 towards Shirebrook. After Warsop Vale turn left onto B6047 Longster Lane. Park entrance is 1 mile on right just before Sookholme. Meet at 9.00 to drive in convoy to test area. This test will be used to help select the teams for the Area Finals and Chatsworth Country Fair. Entries £5.00 required by April 25th.

INTERMEDIATE & VETERAN TEST (incorporating Novice Cold Game): Sunday May 30th 10am. Carlton Towers by kind permission of the estate. Carlton Towers is in Carlton village, between Snaith and Selby on the East side of the A1041. Judges: Mr M Newsam, Mrs S Lowe, plus AN Other. Cold game will be used. There will be one set of tests open to 3 classes:- **Novice** = dogs which have not gained 1st in Novice or Intermediate tests, 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open tests, or any FT award. **Intermediate** = dogs which have not won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Field Trial or 1st in Open or Intermediate Tests. **Veteran**=dogs 8 years or older on the day of the test. Entries £5.00 required by May 16th.

PUPPY & NOVICE TESTS : Sunday July 4th. Welbeck, Notts Judges: Mrs AM Crookes, Mrs JM Allsop, Mrs D Thompson. Entries £5.00 per stake required by June 20th. **Both tests will start at 10am.** **Puppy** = any retriever less than 18 months old on the day of the test. **Novice** = any retriever which has not won 1st in a Novice or Intermediate Test, 1st, 2nd or 3rd in and Open Test or any FT award. From the B6034 Worksop-Budby road turn West at Carburton crossroads, near the Tea Rooms. The car park is in a field on the left 1 mile from the crossroads.

INTER BREED TEAM TEST : Monday 30th August. Hope Show. An invitation test between teams representing different breeds demonstrating gundog work at the Hope Show. Judges Mr D Haycock & Mrs EK Whittaker.

OPEN COLD GAME TEST : Sunday 12th September 10am. North Notts. Judges : Mr D Capel, Mr A Richardson. Limited to 30 dogs. This test will be run on FT lines, mostly walked up in roots. Eliminating faults will apply. Preference to qualified Open dogs and to N.Midland members. Entries £6.00 required by August 30th. The meet will be signed off the A6075 between Mansfield and Edwinstowe. SAE if further details required.

TRAINING CLASS TEST: Sunday September 19th 9.30am. Cunliffe House, Hathersage by kind permission of Mr & Mrs R Dickson. Judges : Mr T & Mrs H Richards. This is an "unclassified" test limited to members who have attended 3 or more training classes during the year. Three classes: Puppy & Beginners, Novice, Open. Entries £2 on the day. Cunliffe House is situated off the A625 Hathersage-Hope road. Look for URC ½ mile W of Hathersage.

*SPONSORS : Many thanks to Alpha Feeds
for sponsorship of prizes of dog food for our Working Tests.*

WORKING TEST INFORMATION

ENTRY RULES. Tests are run under Kennel Club Rules and Gundog Working Test Regulations. Tests are open to any breed of retriever owned by a member and registered with the Kennel Club. Entries should be made on a copy of the official form and should reach the Hon.Sec. TWO WEEKS before the test date, together with the entry fee. Cheques should be made payable to URC. Please send separate cheques for each event. The Open Cold Game Test is limited to 30 dogs. Other tests normally have unlimited entry. Cheques for notified withdrawals will not be cashed. Competitors who fail to turn up without notice will forfeit their fees. *Please photocopy the official entry form for further use.*

TESTS will be designed to simulate natural working conditions appropriate to the level of competition. This will include steadiness and heelwork, control and handling, marking ability. According to the venue there will be work in different types of cover, water, jumps etc. Club dummies will be used, either canvas or fur, or cold game as advertised. The setting of tests is the responsibility of the Area committee and stewards appointed to organise the tests and assist the judges. The judges will be appointed by the Club. Additional judges to those advertised on the schedule may sometimes be required due to number of entries.

PRIZES AND AWARDS. Prize cards and rosettes are awarded from 1st to 4th place, plus Certificates of Merit as determined by the judges. The winner receives a permanent memento. Sponsors may provide other prizes. Perpetual trophies will be listed on the programme for each test.

Annual awards: Tankard to the highest placed member representing the North Midlands at the Inter-Area Finals. Tripwire Shield to the dog attending training classes which the Committee considers has made most progress during the year. The Enterprise Trophy for special endeavour. The Monty Carter Memorial Trophy to the Area Member's dog which scores the highest points total in trials and tests during the year ended 31st January. The dog must have been placed in one of the area tests and in a field trial. Points are awarded as follows:- 1st=5 pts, 2nd=4pts, 3rd=3pts, 4th=2pts, CoM=1pt. *Claims to the Hon.Sec. prior to the AGM.* Annual awards will be presented at the AGM.

KENNEL CLUB EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR FIELD TRIAL JUDGES

A Retriever Judges seminar will take place in Worksop on Sunday 17th January 2010. The Approved Presenter will be Mr Philip Wagland. The object of the programme is to provide an opportunity for Field Trial Judges, officials or competitors to gain familiarity and proper understanding of the Kennel Club J Field Trial Regulations. The seminar consists of a script based on the Guide to Retriever Field Trial Judges. Following this there will an opportunity to take an examination paper. As from 1st January 2010 a pass in the examination will be mandatory before anyone can be promoted to the B or A panels. Cost £15 including lunch. To obtain further details and an application form please send an SAE or email to Phil Wagland.

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