



# **THE WYE VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB**

ID No 2045

## **12 DOG OPEN FIELD TRIAL A/V RETRIEVERS**

Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations 'J' & the rules of WVRC

**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**Batsford Estate, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. GL56 9QE**

**By kind permission of Lord and Lady Dulverton**

**JUDGES: Mr Brian Barker [A2456] Mr Steve Richardson [A2849]  
Mrs Kim Jinks [B3430] Dr Nicola Reynolds [B3574]**

**Meet 9am, for a 9.30am start  
Directions will be sent with the draw**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>The Agrigame Cup</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>£30</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>£20</b>	
<b>Guns Choice</b>		<b>The Legges of Bromyard Trophy</b>

**Entries: £45 Members, £60 Non-members**

**Paper entries to the Field Trial Secretary, online entries via FTMS**

**Payment must accompany entry**

**Closing Date of Entries: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Draw Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**(The Draw will be automatically performed by FTMS at 6pm at Oakdale, Preston Wynne, Hereford HR1 3PE)**

**Stamped Addressed Envelope or email address for result of the draw**

**Conditions of Entry: please see overleaf.**

**Field Trial Secretary: Mrs Anna Crampton**

**Oakdale, Preston Wynne, Hereford HR1 3PE**

**Tel 01432 820155**

**Mobile 07976 842245**

**Covid Safety Officer: Mrs Anna Crampton**

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## Conditions of Entry for Open Field Trials

All Field Trials will be conducted in accordance with the Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations (section J) together with these Conditions and the Rules of the Wye Valley Retriever Club. All participants should be fully conversant with the Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations.

Definition of an Open Stake: A Stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship or Champion Stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds except that such Stakes may not be confined to Any Variety Spaniel [except Spaniel (Cocker) and Spaniel (English Springer)]. It may be limited to a prescribed number of runners (J4 refers), in which case these shall be decided by a draw conducted in accordance with Regulation J7.i. so that preference is given to previous performance.

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at The Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. Wye Valley Retriever Club (“the Society” / “the Club”) reserves the right to refuse any entry.
3. Substitution of dogs may be allowed up to 7 days before the Trial.
4. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
5. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
6. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to The Kennel Club.
7. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of The Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.
8. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
10. Welfare of Dogs: An exhibitor (or competitor) whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
11. Dogs in cars on hot days: Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
12. **If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the event and should self-isolate in line with government advice.**  
**[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/)**
13. The Kennel Club's Codes of Conduct specify the sort of behaviour expected of those who take part in competitive gundog work. Participants should never publicly impugn decisions of the Judge or Judges. Neither should they criticise the host, ground or guns.
14. All persons attending the Field Trial must consider themselves under the control of the Judges and Chief Steward of the Club. They must be dressed appropriately and conduct themselves according to shooting field practices and traditions.
15. Any existing member whose subscription has not been paid in full 14 days before the closing date of entries will be treated as a non-member in the draw.
16. The order of running is the order of the draw. All dogs and handlers must be present at the commencement of the Trial, as announced by the Chief Steward. Those who are not present will forfeit their run and their number will be allocated to the next available reserve(s). If exceptional circumstances prevail this will be dealt with in accordance with KC Field Trial Regulation J9b(1).
17. Any withdrawals need to be confirmed with the Field Trial Secretary via telephone only and must be in line with Kennel Club rules.

18. An applicant, having accepted a run and subsequently withdrawing, may forfeit their entry fee unless certain conditions are met – see KC Field Trial Regulation J7f.
19. If a member enters more than one dog in a Trial, the dog entered in Box 1 of the Registered Name of Dog section on the Field Trial entry form will be balloted in the first draw after which a second draw will take place which will include any second dogs and then non-members; the results of this ballot will be added to the end of the first.
20. Where the Club runs more than one Open Stake in a season, members may make separate entries for each of the Open Stakes but having been successful in one, will rank below other unsuccessful members for any other Open Stake that season.
21. It is at the discretion of the Club to confine the handling of dogs to one dog per owner unless the trial is under subscribed. Only the handler whose name appears on the official entry form may handle the dog on the day.
22. The date of the draw will be as published in the Field Trial Schedule. Any fully paid up Club member is welcome to attend the draw by contacting the Field Trial Secretary by telephone a minimum of 24 hours in advance.
23. Any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease must not be brought to the trial ground (as required by entry declaration). Wye Valley Retriever Club recommends that competing dogs are fully vaccinated.
24. Bitches in season must not be brought to the trial ground.
25. A cheque for the entry fee must accompany the entry form where a paper entry is submitted. A stamped addressed envelope or email address is required for the results of the draw. Cheques for those not successful in the draw or as reserves will be shredded.
26. All trophies are held for one year and it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the safe return to the Field Trial Secretary at least one month before the following year's Trial, at the recipient's cost. The recipient is responsible for any engraving required and must return the trophy in the condition it was received.
27. Once the Trial is deemed to have commenced (as announced by the Chief Steward) all mobile phones must remain switched off.
28. Failure to return arm bands will incur a fine of £20.00.
29. The Club accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property however occasioned.

All competitors must please note that when a run is accepted, it is understood that:

1. They have not committed the entered dog to any other Stake on the same date
2. They are not in contravention of the Kennel Club Limited Field Trial Regulations (section J)
3. They are not depriving someone else of a run by entering a dog with an eliminating fault

# WYE VALLEY



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## OPEN FIELD TRIAL FOR A/V RETRIEVERS

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### INSTRUCTIONS

**WRITING MUST BE IN INK AND CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS. USE ONE LINE ONLY FOR EACH DOG. CHECK ALL DETAILS BEFORE POSTING.**

This form must be used by one person only (or partnership). The name of the dog and all the details as recorded with The Kennel Club must be given on this entry form. If an error is made the dog may be disqualified by the Committee of the Kennel Club.

ENTRIES FOR FIELD TRIALS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM GUNDOGS REGISTERED AT THE KENNEL CLUB IN THE GUNDOG GROUP (vide Reg. J1a, J7a and B20) and if a registered dog has changed ownership the TRANSFER must be applied for before the closing of entries.

On no account will entries be accepted without fees.

### ENTRY FEES

..... @ £45 members (£60 non-members) Total £.....

Please make cheques payable to 'WVRC'

Entries Close: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**SEPARATE CHEQUE FOR EACH DOG PLEASE**

	CLASS	REGISTERED NAME OF DOG	KC REG. NO., STUD BOOK NO., OR ATC NO.	FULL DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	SIRE (BLOCK LETTERS)	DAM (BLOCK LETTERS)
1			BREED	BREEDER			
2			BREED	BREEDER			

### QUALIFICATION – SEE SCHEDULE

	DATE	AWARD	STAKE	PROMOTING SOCIETY
1				
2				

### DECLARATION

I/We agree to submit to and be bound by the Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations in their present form or as they may be amended from time to time in relation to all canine matters with which the Kennel Club is concerned and **that this entry is made upon the basis that all current single or joint registered owners of this dog(s) have authorised/consented to this entry.**

I/We also undertake to abide by the Regulations of this Trial and not to bring to the Trial any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infectious disease during the 21 days prior to the day of the Trial, **or which is suffering from a visible condition which adversely affects its health or welfare.**

I also declare that I am fully conversant with the Field Trial Regulations and have studied the guide to Conduct at Field Trials. I/We further declare that I/we believe to the best of my knowledge that the dog(s) are not liable to disqualification under Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.

USUAL SIGNATURE OF OWNER(S) .....DATE.....

**NOTE: Dogs entered in breach of Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was aware of the breach.** © Kennel Club. WVRC Form Version 2021

NAME OF OWNER(S): (MR/MRS/MISS) .....

ADDRESS: .....

TEL: ..... E-MAIL : .....

NAME OF HANDLER: (MR/MRS/MISS) .....

ADDRESS: .....

TEL: ..... E-MAIL : .....

Your address will appear on the card. Tick to object to publication  See our GDPR Privacy Notice for more information. This sets out how we keep your data safely and compliantly.

**ENTRIES AND FEES, WHICH MUST BE PREPAID, TO BE SENT TO:**

Mrs Anna Crampton, Oakdale, Preston Wynne, Hereford HR1 3PE, Tel 01432 820155, Mobile 07976 842245



## CODE OF BEST PRACTICE FOR RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL COMPETITORS

**The Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations**, sometimes known as the J Regulations, are vital reading. No competitor should enter a field trial unless they are fully conversant with the current Kennel Club Field Trial J Regulations relevant to Retrievers:-

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/3465/field-trial-j-regulations.pdf>

### **Regulation J(B) Retrievers**

This section lays out what is required from your dog in a field trial for Retrievers. It is important to understand these requirements. Take note of the eliminating and major faults under Regulations J(B)5. and J(B)6., respectively. Does your dog repeatedly show any of these traits? Is it ready to trial? If you are in doubt, seek a Panel judge's advice.

Details of Kennel Club Panel field trial judges can be obtained by using the Find a Judge facility which is available on The Kennel Club website.

**J Regulations Training Programme.** This programme has been created to manage the understanding of the J Regulations for field trial judges, societies and competitors. This is done through a seminar followed by an optional multiple-choice exam. Attending a seminar is strongly recommended. Even if a candidate refrains from taking the examination, they should find the seminar useful and beneficial. The seminar script for the Retriever sub-group is available on The Kennel Club website:

[ft26-seminar-script-for-retriever-ft-judges.pdf \(thekennelclub.org.uk\)](https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/3465/ft26-seminar-script-for-retriever-ft-judges.pdf)

**Success in working tests does not mean your dog is suitable to be trialled.** Working tests are great fun and a good benchmark to see how you and your dog are progressing. It also enables you and your dog to get used to competing in company and under the scrutiny of the judges, as well as being watched by other people. Although working tests and field trials are 'poles apart', if a dog does not handle well on dummies, in most cases it is unlikely to handle proficiently on live game.

**Offering to help** (or request to view) before entering your first field trial is highly advised. Find out if there are any trials taking place near you. You learn so much from watching both handlers and dogs, and asking questions. Contact the Field Trial Secretary prior to the trial.

Email: [gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:gundogs@thekennelclub.org.uk) for a list of all the gundog societies and field trial dates.

**Before you enter a driven Retriever field trial**, ensure that your dog has been shot over, or at least has sat near a gun so you know it is steady when birds fall close by, especially when they drop on open ground.

**Handler and dog must have had plenty of experience picking warm freshly shot game.** This includes picking wounded birds.



**Standards will be expected.** Do not enter a field trial if you know your dog persistently commits any eliminating or major faults. A field trial is a competition, not a training day.

**Dress appropriately.** Wear conventional and acceptable clothes. No bright colours or denim jeans and no white baseball caps. Looking tidy and presentable in muted or neutral country attire shows respect for the event and the landowners. This is a country sport.

**Manage your expectations.** The extra pressure and nerves of working under a judge can affect your decision making and handling. Mistakes often occur through 'pilot error' so be ready for disappointments. Never publicly impugn decisions of the judge or judges. Neither should you criticise the host, ground or guns. If you are not sure why you have been put out of the trial, have a word with the judges at the end of the trial when they have completed their official duties. Questions should be restricted to the performance of **your** dog and not the dogs of other competitors. Social media should never be used to discuss grievances.

**Should you be put out of the trial.** You must not leave the trial ground without the permission of a judge or Chief Steward. You will learn from watching.

**When you win a Novice Trial**, you have a Novice Trial Winner. Should your dog win after a couple of trials and, especially if it is young, it is most likely to need more 'miles on the clock' before you consider entering it in Open field trials. Competing in All Aged Stakes with a Novice Trial Winner is an ideal way of giving an inexperienced dog (and handler) invaluable proficiency before you consider entering it in Open field trials.

**A higher standard of work** is expected in all open stakes, which carry a qualification for the title of Field Trial Champion.

**Harsh handling of dogs** will not be tolerated.

**The welfare of your dog is your responsibility.** You may need to carry drinking water, especially in hot weather. Likewise, you may have to consider taking an appropriate dog coat for protection from wet and cold as well as from the sun. Have a drying towel in your vehicle should your dog need to be dried off before you drive home.

**Any concerning issues you may see at a Trial** should be reported to the Chief Steward on the day, if possible.

**Be respectful at the end of a Trial.** A lot of people will have given their time to make your day take place. Regardless of what has happened to you, it is good manners to thank the judges, the keeper and the host/landowner, and the Field Trial Secretary. It is important not to forget the guns. They may have paid for the day. To say 'thank you' costs nothing, but goes a long way. Show good sportsmanship by congratulating the winner and those in the awards.



THE FOLLOWING TARGETS ARE **VOLUNTARY AND SELF-ADMINISTERED**, AND SOMETHING NOVICE HANDLERS CAN STRIVE TO ACHIEVE BEFORE ENTERING A FIELD TRIAL.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TARGETS IS TO GET NOVICE HANDLERS TO READ THE J REGULATIONS TO GAIN A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION THEY PROPOSE TO ENTER. THIS WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE HANDLERS TO TAKE A DOG OUT ON A PROPER SHOOTING DAY INSTEAD OF JUST RELYING ON A FEW TRAINING DAYS, WHICH MAY GIVE A FALSE IMPRESSION OF THEIR DOG'S ABILITY AND SUITABILITY FOR FIELD TRIALS.

## **TARGETS TO ACHIEVE BEFORE ENTERING A FIELD TRIAL**

### **The handler:**

- Attends a Kennel Club seminar on J Regulations.
- Helps at a Kennel Club licensed field trial on three separate occasions.
- Helps on an organised shoot as a picker up for a minimum of one season.

### **The dog:**

- Has worked on an organised shoot as a picking up dog for a minimum of one season before being entered in a field trial (training days do **not** qualify).
- Has no recurring eliminating faults and has had sufficient experience on live game before being entered into a field trial.

**The Kennel Club recommends that these targets are achieved before entering a licensed field trial.**