

Usk Valley Working Gundog Club

Members Newsletter 2019



Welcome to this year's edition of our Members Newsletter. True to form, we have had another busy but successful year and lots of fun along the way.

This year has seen the growth of our HPR provisions, courtesy of Mr **Simon Kirby**, who has joined our committee and provided training and working tests for the HPR community. Simon also held a "Field Trial" themed training day in November and again in December, which received great interest and was well supported on both days.

Mr **David Thomas** stepped up to the role of Retriever Working Test Secretary and did a fantastic job with all three tests held this season. The offering was changed this year and next year promises to be a little bit more exciting and different again...watch this space.

Thank you to Ms **Jane Stenner** who continued to fly the flag and run two Spaniel Working Tests. Jane has done a fantastic job for a couple of years and next year will step down from her role and support Mr **Steve Erasmus** who will take over the reins.

We have run 5 field trials successfully this year at Sedbury, courtesy of Mr **Colin Markey** and his wonderful team of guns. We held 2 Novice Retriever Stakes, 1 2-Day Open for the Retrievers, 1 Novice Spaniel and 1 Open Spaniel trial. Thank

you to our Field Trial Secretaries, Mr **Nick Price** and Mrs **Debra Bird** on a fantastic job organising and coordinating these events over the last few months.

Thank you to our Training Team, Mr **Alan Willis**, Mr **David Thomas** and Mr **Simon Kirby**. They ran a number of training sessions across various grounds during the spring. We welcomed new and experienced handlers and dogs to the sessions and saw many go on to compete in our and other local working tests during the year.

Thank you to our Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Mrs **Sonja Forrest**, who has done a fantastic job again this year keeping the club finances in order and our membership data organised.

Thank you to Mrs **Trudy Hillier** and Mr **Rhys Carpenter** for maintaining the website and our social media sites, ensuring you are all kept up to date with the latest news and events within the club.

This year we continued with our demonstrations at the **Usk Show** and would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to our committee and members who are always happy to demonstrate the enjoyment of our sport and share their experiences with the public.

There are many people that provide hours of their valuable time on a voluntary basis to include our landowners, judges, dummy throwers, stewards, caterers, administration team and game

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carriers. Without this generosity, combined with the time and commitment of our Committee and Officers, we would be unable to continue to successfully run our events. THANK YOU.

Thank you to our event sponsors, Skinners Dog Foods who provide for all our events and to BASC for sponsorship of our Field Trials.

Without our competitors, members and non-members, who continue to support the club and enter our events, the Usk Valley WGC would not be able to run successfully.

The Club activities always need helpers, often behind the scenes, all of who are vitally important to us in order to host our events. Help can be, for new members especially, an excellent way of actually seeing what is required from both you and your dog to compete successfully. If you are interested in helping in any way please do not hesitate to contact our Chairman, Secretaries or any of our Committee members.

Finally, last but not least, we would like to thank our Officers and Committee who do so much work behind the scenes as well as on the day to ensure that you and your dogs can enjoy your experience whilst competing with us.

If you have any suggestions on future events or how we can improve those already in place, or if there is anything that you would like to see on our web-site

or Facebook page please contact either myself or one of the Committee.

We thank you for your continued support, wish you every success for the continuation of your season and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the future.



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Dates for your Diary

Following the success of 2018, we have a number of dates ready for you to put in your diary. Please keep an eye on both our website;

www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk

or our Facebook page

@uskvalleyworkinggundogclub

for all the latest news and updates.

January 2019

- No events scheduled

February 2019

- **Sunday 17th February**
 - Spaniel Working Test

March 2019

- **Sunday 3rd March**
 - Retriever Training Commences
- **Saturday 23rd March**
 - Retriever Working Test
- **Date**
 - HPR Training Commences

April 2019

- **Friday 5th April**
 - Spaniel Training Commences
- **Saturday 27th April**
 - David Latham Training Day
- **Sunday 28th April**
 - Spaniel Working Test

May 2019

- **Monday 13th May**
 - AGM (members welcome), 8pm
- **Monday 27th May**
 - Sherbourne Country Fair

June 2019

- **Saturday 8th June**
 - HPR Working Test
- **Saturday 22nd June**
 - Retriever Working Test

July 2019

- **Sunday 7th July**
 - Spaniel Working Test

August 2019

- **Saturday 3rd August**
 - Retriever Working Test

September 2019

- **Thursday 12th September (PROV)**
 - Retriever (Novice 1) Field Trial
- **Saturday 14th September**
 - Usk Show Demonstrations

October 2019

- **Tuesday 1st October (PROV)**
 - Retriever (Novice 2) Field Trial
- **Wednesday 16th October (PROV)**
 - Spaniel (Novice) Field Trial
- **Friday 18th/Saturday 19th October (PROV)**
 - Retriever (2 day) Open Field Trial
- **Wednesday 23rd October (PROV)**
 - Spaniel (Open) Field Trial

November 2019

- No events scheduled

December 2019

- No events scheduled



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Officers & Committee 2019

Chairman
Debra Bird



Vice Chairman
Richard Price



Treasurer / Membership
Sonja Forrest



Hon. Secretary / Webmaster
Trudy Hillier



Retriever WT Secretary
David Thomas



HPR WT Secretary
Simon Kirby



Acting Spaniel WT Secretary
Steve Erasmus



Training Officer
Alan Willis



Acting Spaniel FT Secretary
Steve Erasmus



Retriever FT Secretary
Nick Price



Committee Member
Rhys Carpenter



Committee Member
Paul Hulin



Committee Member
Pauline Kirby
(co-opt)



Committee Member
Haydn Morgan



Committee Member
Julian Morgan



Committee Member
Johnny Morris



Committee Member
Craig Perry



Committee Member
Julian Price



Committee Member
Jane Stenner



Committee Member
Pat Williams



Committee Member
Russ Woodward



Committee Member
Vacancy

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND UPDATES

Usk Valley Working Gundog Club are grateful to continue to receive the support and interest from you all. Without you, this club would not be able to continue growing and provide us all with the opportunities to enjoy this wonderful sport/hobby. At present, we currently have in the region of 570 members on our books and continue to see growth, welcoming existing and new members on a frequent basis.

If there is anything that you would like the club to consider to support you to continue your enjoyment with the Gundogs, please contact our **Secretary, Trudy Hillier** on 07763 888177 or email uvsecretary@outlook.com. Suggestions will be taken to our quarterly committee meetings for discussion.



MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our membership runs from 1st March – 28th/29th February each year.

Please ensure that your membership fees are up to date as of 1st March each year. If you have any standing orders in place, please ensure that they are updated to our current fees;

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| • Single | £10.00 |
| • Joint | £12.00 |
| • Juniors (Under 18) | £ 1.00 |
| • Gamekeepers | £ 1.00 |

Membership fees that have been underpaid will be donated to charity and you will be classed as a non-member when entering any of our working test, field trial or training day events.

Membership forms are available to download on the Club Form section of our website, www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact our **Membership Secretary**, Mrs **Sonja Forrest** on 01291 641383 or email uvmembership@outlook.com

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Your Personal Information

The General Data Protection Regulation became law on **Friday 25th May 2018** with its main purpose to protect individual's personal data and strengthen the rights and privacy of residents across the EU. To reassure you, this does not mean that we are changing which data we collect from you or how we use this information.

To make things easier and more transparent for you, we have updated our **Privacy Policy**, which explains in more detail what we do with your personal information and your rights relating to the information we hold about you. You can find out more by visiting the Club Forms section of our website,

<https://www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk/clubforms.aspx>

We hope that you would like to continue receiving news and updates from us as a Club, however, if you change your mind at a later date, you can always contact our **membership secretary** and asked to be removed from the list.

Kind Regards
Usk Valley Working Gundog Committee.

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Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Usk Valley Working Gundog Club will be held on
Monday 13th May 2019 at 8:00pm
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:

- Spaniel Working Test Secretary
- Spaniel Field Trial Secretary
- 2 x Committee Members

One Officer and two Committee members retire by rotation, but are willing to offer themselves for immediate re-election; they are **Simon Kirby, Paul Hulin** and **Julian Price**.

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 for the Nominee which must include a brief summary of themselves and an overview detailing their skills or areas of expertise they would like to share. We currently have a preference for anyone with Retriever or 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 **Monday 4th March 2019**. FAO Mrs Debra Bird, Chairman of Usk Valley Working Gundog Club, 7 Heol Isaf, New Inn, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 0QD or alternatively email uvchairman@outlook.com

Agenda:

Items for inclusion in the Agenda must reach the Honorary Secretary by **Monday 22nd April 2019**, correctly proposed and seconded. Email: FAO Trudy Hillier, uvsecretary@outlook.com

AGM
Annual General Meeting



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Field Trials 2018

This year we ran 5 Field Trials successfully at the **Riverside Shoot, Sedbury**, courtesy of **Mr Colin Markey**.

Colin has been a fabulous support to the Club for a number of years and continues to accommodate us and provide beautiful scenery on excellent grounds and challenging trialling scenarios for our competitors and their dogs. **Sean, Ross** and the team of guns have been a credit and provided excellent retrieval opportunities for the dogs and their handlers over the course of our events.

Debra Bird has continued to coordinate the Spaniel trials and this year, we have welcomed **Nick Price** on board for the Retriever trials. We have seen the transition from Fossedata to FTMS for online entries and continue to accept paper entries.

Our events would not be able to run successfully without the volume of support we receive from our landowners, judges, guns, game carriers, red flag marshals, stewards, caterers and volunteers. In addition, without the support of our competitors, members and non-members we wouldn't have reason to put on these events.....thank you for your loyalty. Finally we would like to say *thank you* to our sponsors, **Skinner's Dog Food** and **BASC**. Both organisations continue to support our field trial and working test events, to which we are very grateful.

RESULTS FOR 2018

Retriever Novice (AV) Stake 1 – Thursday 13th September

Judged by Mr R Atkinson, Mr M Brown, Mr A Fisher & Mr K Lewis

1 st	Delfleet Cedar	Mr Julian Price
2 nd	Morayglen Katie of Tudorcourt	Mr Phil Hooper
3 rd	Annigtonbay Maddi May	Ms Mel Brookes
4 th	Pliihale Grizzly Bear of Foxcote	Ms Jill Gardner

Retriever Novice (AV) Stake 2 – Tuesday 2nd October

Judged by Mr B Gregory, Mrs L Harris, Mrs A Wales & Mr J Price

Gun's Choice Fordbank Oaksey Mr Paul Green

No other awards were presented on the day.

Retriever (AV) 2 Day Open – Friday 19th & Saturday 20th October

Judged by Mrs H Bradley, Mrs J Coley, Mrs V Stanley & Mrs N Rudgard

2nd & Gun's Choice Rimrock Wolf Mr Craig Perry

No other awards were presented on the day.

Spaniel (AV) Novice – Wednesday 17th October

Judged by Mr K Powell & Mr H Morgan

1 st	Kirstzo Genie	Mr R Woodward
2 nd	Craigscourt Daisy	Mr C Killpack
3 rd	Tyn Y Waun Seren	Mr J McAndrew
COM	Tyn Y Waun Cariad	Mr N Brookman
COM	Creccamarsh Virtue	Mr R Biggs
COM	Steelhouse Eleri Mountain Mist	Mr M Gibson

Spaniel (ESS) Open – Wednesday 24th October

Judged by Mr S Morgan and Mr R Biggs

1 st	Dashbrook Peggy Sue	Mr S Bolton
2 nd	Barcudwen Molly	Mr A Jones
3 rd	Bucklawren Jinx	Mr M Cardwell
4 th	Cowamecourt Kai	Mr K Powell
COM	Barcudwen Mambo	Mr A Jones

Thank You!



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Working Tests Results 2018

RETRIEVERS: Saturday 24th March 2018 – Garn-Yr-Erw, Blaenavon, courtesy of Torfaen Borough Council. Judged by Brian Gregory, Craig Perry, Tyrone Axford and Glyn Hillier

	NOVICE	OPEN
	1st , Stykesboy Shooting Star, Mr P Clark 2nd , Roxhart Red Rum, Ms T Constantine 3rd , Chewkey Montarey Jack, Mr R Morris 4th Afon River, Mr A Fisher COM , Cynhinfa Ruth, Mr R Phillips	1st , Stykesboy Craig Ddu, Mr P Clark 2nd , Stykesboy Llangynidr, Mr H Willmott 3rd , Cynhinfa Neve, Mr J Morris 4th , Fendawood Ecclestone at Delfryd, Mr A Rees COM , Kalifure Rooster, Mr A Fisher

SPANIELS: Saturday 28th April 2018 – Clytha Park, Abergavenny, courtesy of Mr Hanbury-Tennison. Judged by Nick Davies, Richard Heseltine and Haydn Morgan

PUPPY	NOVICE	OPEN
1st , Whitebeam Warbler, Mr N Quinn 2nd , Dakotogun Gisele, Mr G Harris 3rd , Bobby Freddie of Aberdare, Mr J Pearce	1st , Meadowchase Martha of Gatekeeper, Mr S Erasmus 2nd , Barrboyd Jack Spratt, Ms B James 3rd , Shelispooncometh the Hour, Mr S Lewis 4th , Lexi's Locket, Mr J Morgan COM , Donna Chaidh Black Opal, Mr J Robertson COM , Skirrid Fawr Casper, Mr J Pearce	1st , Cinnyn Osprey, Mr s Jones 2nd , Bellochi Barbaro, Mr P Moruzzi 3rd , Ardyle Magic Star, Mr M Lewis 4th , Tynywayn Cariad, Mr N Brookman COM , Skirrid Fawr Casper, Mr J Pearce, COM , Kirstzo Genie, Mr R Woodward COM , Kirstzo Flavia, Mr H Morgan COM , Timsgarry Alpine, Mr J Robertson

HPRS: Sunday 10th June 2018 – Charlton Park, Malmsbury, courtesy of Earl and Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire. Judged by Lesley Trow, Linsey Whitely, Louise Holmes, Bill Pearson and Mick Phillips

PUPPY	NOVICE	OPEN
1st , Lady Hawk Dizzy Miss Lizzy, Ms W Pearson 2nd , Twegomull, Mr S Bennett, 3rd , Lilli Maja, Ms R Hiscox 4th , Bryanscroft Hazel, Mr R Meadows	1st , Trining Harleigh Trojan, Mr A Lindley 2nd , Sigourney Maverick, Ms D Bowns 3rd , Bareve Buffelssurg, Mr J Ayling 4th , Indijazz Beautiful, Mr P Parker	1st , Everswell Quince, Mr M Firmin 2nd , Madrellath Escavatre, Ms M Ansell 3rd , Ismeya Saint Issac, Ms A Wyatt 4th , Lanolin Dorottya Schm, Ms H Beardshall

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RETRIEVERS: Saturday 23rd June 2018 – Clytha Park, Abergavenny, courtesy of Mr Hanbury-Tennison. Judged by Craig Perry, Johnny Morris, David Thomas and Barney Williams.

NOVICE DOG NOVICE HANDLER	PUPPY	NOVICE
1 st , Laurell Hull Barley, Mr N Price 2 nd , Masyaf Miss Sandrine, Ms L Newnes 3 rd , Beaconbanks Gem of Cwmcarrog, I Marshalsay 4 th , Gopsallview Optima, A Lewis COM, Maderablanca Lecha, A Leake	1 st , Brockweir Samphire of Spiralline, Ms A Wales, 2 nd , Brockweir Saker, D Wiggan 3 rd , Arcklebear Caribou, Ms C Baker 4 th , Stykesboy Black Dance Holly, Mr P Clark COM, Stykesboy Castlevew Di, T Gething	1 st , Constanigree Shooting Star, N Swan 2 nd , Slipside Fagan of Donarge, Mr T Axford 3 rd , Pinedale Sage, C Peers 4 th , Stykesboy Black Dance Holly, Mr P Clark COM, Barronsbridge Peterhouse, Ms E Davis COM, Mekoro Storm Surge of Wickmoore, Ms M Cox COM, Tan-Y-Rhallt Heart and Soul, V Oakley COM, Venvill Major, Ms N Waddington

RETRIEVERS: Saturday 4th August 2018 – Big Pit, Blaenavon, courtesy of Mr Llewellyn. Judged by Brian Gregory, Annie Wales, Julian Price and Tyrone Axford

	NOVICE	OPEN
	1 st , Ledumwood Turpin, J Read 2 nd , Chewky Montarey Jack, R Morris 3 rd , Roxhart Red Rum, T O'Donnell 4 th , Roxhart Aquewe, J Cornforth COM, Stauntonvale Whiskey Mac, G Herrmann COM, Beggadbush Ledbury, A Smith	1 st , Kaliture Rooster, A Fisher 2 nd , Stykesboy Craig Ddu, P Clark 3 rd , Jobeshill Blue Nile, D Hurenkamp 4 th , Stykesboy Llangynidr, H Willmott

SPANIELS: Saturday 25th August 2018 – Big Pit, Blaenavon courtesy of Mr Llewellyn. Judged by Keith Carter, Russ Woodward and Paul Hulin

PUPPY	NOVICE	OPEN
1 st , White Beam Warbler, N Quinn 2 nd , High Class Maiden, J Morgan 3 rd , Eirian Alys Ruby, J Pearce 4 th , Hazelhollow Mist, K Fanson COM, Brockatno Gamefinder, R Savage COM, Roxliam Fiona Moon, S Moon	1 st , Seamount Shot, L Canham 2 nd , Festival Bracken, P Smith 3 rd , Tregerst Tramp, G Jackson 4 th , Kimwild Silverado, P Roberts COM, Cazakara Flawless Wispa, J Robertson COM, Cazakara Darling Zara, J Robertson COM, Dolbrenin Penelope, P Lewis COM, Fitzers Finch, N Hoult COM, Freddie of Aberdare Bobbie, J Pearce	1 st , Cippyn Osprey, S Jones 2 nd , Cippyn Crystal, S Jones 3 rd , Name tbc, J Robertson 4 th , Carnival Willow, P Smith COM, Festival Bracken, P Smith COM, Shellspooncometh the House, S Lewis COM, Skirrid Fawr Casper, J Pearce COM, Tynywaun Cariad, N Brookman COM, Gannowfell Truth Willout, V Brookes

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Gundog Training

RETRIEVERS

David Thomas did a fantastic job working with our **Retrievers** over 6-8 weeks. Both novice dogs and handlers gave their all, as they grew in confidence and learnt to work their dogs in a number of scenarios, whilst also understanding and grasping basic commands. A number of trainees have gone on to enter working tests and continue to develop their confidence and knowledge in the field.

Retriever training is provisionally scheduled to start from **Sunday 3rd March 2019**. Please visit our website, www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk for full details.

SPANIELS

True to form, our **Spaniel training**, run by **Mr Alan Willis**, was well attended, largely by a number of handlers with young dogs. The six week training commenced with the basics of sit and stay, and the recall. The weeks progressed with the dogs being able to retrieve to hand following seen and blind retrieves, the ability to respond to hand directions and the handlers growing in confidence as the weeks passed. Pleasingly, a number of handlers have gone on to compete with their gundogs and some are working on shoots with their owners.

Spaniel training is provisionally scheduled to start from **Friday 5th April 2019**. Please visit our website, www.uskvalleyworkinggundogclub.co.uk for full details.

HPR

This year we have had the introduction of our **HPR Gundog Training**, courtesy of **Mr Simon Kirby**. The interest has been phenomenal and we've been able to run 2 training groups, plus host 2 simulated shoot days at Ammerdown Estate in Radstock, Bath by kind permission of Lord Hilton.

Training sessions commenced on Sunday mornings across a variety of sites, providing challenge scenarios for both land and water based. The confidence of the dogs and handlers saw many go on to compete in our HPR Working Test later in the year and we hope to grow this further moving into 2019.

If you would be interested in HPR training sessions, please email uvsecretary@outlook.com in first instance. Subject to demand, we will look to put dates on from end March 2019. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for all the latest updates.



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Game Fair 2018

Usk Valley Working Gundog Club had the pleasure of working in conjunction with the Gundog Coordinators to set the tests and provide resources for the **Euro Challenge** and **Home International Retriever Events** at this years, **CLA Game Fair held at Ragley Hall, Warwickshire** from **the 27th-29th July 2018**. Special thanks to our HPR Team for their support over the three days. The results of the Euro Challenge and Home International Events are as follows:

EURO CHALLENGE:

Best Team – The Game Fair Euro Challenge Trophy









1 st	Germany	(320)
2 nd	Italy	(298)
3 rd	Great Britain	(290)
4 th	Finland	(261)
5 th	Belgium	(260)
6 th	Netherlands	(258)
7 th	Switzerland	(257)

Best Golden Retriever – Graham Cox Memorial Trophy





Duckflight Eye on Teal
handled by Herbert Reck, Switzerland (111)

HOME INTERNATIONAL:





Overall Top Team – Shooting Times Trophy

	1 st	 ENGLAND	(928 points)
	2 nd	 WALES	(873 points)
	3 rd	 SCOTLAND	(835 points)
	4 th	 IRELAND	(752 points)

Overall Top Scoring Team (Retrievers) – Dover Street Trophy

	England	(508)
	Wales	(462)
	Scotland	(424)
	Ireland	(355)

Overall Top Scoring Team (Spaniels) Wilson Challenge Shield

	England	(420)
	Wales	(411) run-off
	Scotland	(411)
	Ireland	(397)

Best Retriever – The Game Fair Trophy

1 st	FTW Castleman's Gobi of Garron Point	Annette Clarke	England (110)
2 nd	Stauntonvale Buckwheat of Llagynidr	Nigel Probert	Wales (106)
3 rd	Stykes boy Llagynidr	Haydn Willmott	Wales (104)

Best Marking Retriever – Skinners Millenium Challenge Trophy

1 st	FTW Harold of Fendawood	David Lathan	England (57)
2 nd	FTW Castleman's Gobi of Garron Point	Annette Clarke	England (54)
3 rd	FTCH Troddedmills Beck & Call of Leacaz	Lee Hartis	(52)

Best Spaniel – Gamekeeper & Countryside Trophy

1 st	Hollydrive Defoe	Mick Walsh	Ireland (100)
2 nd	FTCH Buccleugh Honey	David Lisset	Scotland (97)
3 rd	Edwardiana Howdee	David Williams	Wales (96)

Best Hunting Spaniel – Neil Lamb Trophy

1 st	Kenquartz Ballycastle Lord	Adrian Slater	England (65)
2 nd	Edwardiana Howdee	David Williams	Wales (64)
3 rd	Hollydrive Defoe	Mick Walsh	Ireland (62)

Best Dog of either Breed – Wilson Challenge Trophy

1 st	FTW Castleman's Gobi of Garron Point	Annette Clarke	England (110)
2 nd	Stauntonvale Buckwheat of Llagynidr	Nigel Probert	Wales (106)
3 rd	Stykes Bay Llagynidr	Haydn Willmott	Wales (104)

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Key Contacts Details for 2019

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Acting Spaniel FT Secretary	Steve Erasmus	07939 586877	uvfts_spaniel@outlook.com

GUNDOG TRAINING:

Training Officer	Alan Willis	07932 633148	
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*** CONGRATULATIONS ***
Another big congratulations to Usk Valley committee member and Labrador test secretary David Thomas for representing Wales again at this years Anglesey international test... well done from everyone at Usk Valley Gundog Club (Aug 18)

*** CONGRATULATIONS *** On behalf of Usk Valley Working Gundog Club we would like to say a MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS to committee member Steven Erasmus AKA Raz not only for representing Wales at the Anglesey International test... But for winning TOP SPANIEL & TOP HUNTING dog there with his young bitch sky... WELL DONE (Aug 18)

First working test for us. What a fabulous introduction. We'll organised, great judges and helpful team. Fab venue. Look forward 2019.

HPR Training today with Simon Kirby, brilliant day and perfect for our vices, Hugo. 100% recommend. (25/03/18)

Lovely day today, thanks for organising [Debra Bird](#) & [Jane Stenner](#). Enjoyed all that Welsh banter with smashing people. 🐾🐾🐾

Just like to say a big thank you to all involved today. I really enjoyed myself. A fantastic trial all round. (24/10/18 Spaniel ESS F/T)

Thanks for a lovely day yesterday. It was well worth the journey & the test was well run... friendly, fun and you were all really welcoming. Thanks to everyone who made it happen and your hard work. The steam train was an added bonus! (Retriever WT 2018)

Good luck and thank you to the demo team at Usk Show today