

UTILITY GUNDOG SOCIETY KCID 499 FOUNDED 1923

2020/21 SPANIEL Schedule, to be held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

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Stake 1 – 16 Dog Open Cocker Spaniel Stake – Wednesday 25th November 2020 at Brook Farm Shoot, Cuffley, Hertfordshire by kind permission of David Thomas.

JUDGES: Peter Avery (A2404), James Luxford (B3440)

Closing date for entries: 4th November 2020, draw date 11th November 2020

Stake 2 - 16 Dog Open Qualifying AV (ex Cockers) Spaniel Stake – Wednesday 16th December 2020 at Brook Farm Shoot, Cuffley, Hertfordshire by kind permission of David Thomas.

JUDGES: Andy Waterhouse (A3543) Alex Hayes (B3748)

Closing date for entries: 25th November 2020, draw date 2nd December 2020

Stake 3 – 16 Dog Novice AV Spaniel Stake – Tuesday 19th January 2021 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Martin Deacon (A2242) Dave Gosling (NP3641)

Closing date for entries: 29th December 2020, draw date 5th January 2021

Stake 4 – 14 Dog Novice Cocker Spaniel Stake – Monday 25th January 2021 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Rod Chapple (A2531) Arthur McGregor (NP)

Closing date for entries: 4th January 2021, draw date 11th January 2021

Please look at our website www.utilitygundogsociety.com or our Facebook page Utility Gundog Society (Spaniel Section) for more information. Directions for Trials, times etc of the meet will be sent out by post/email with the result of the draw.

Cost per dog at all Trials - £30.00 for Members £40.00 for Non Members. Cheques payable to UGS, one cheque per dog. All draws will be at the FT Secretary's house via FTMS at 20.00 hrs on the draw date, all welcome.

RULES (Full list available on the website or on request)

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Rules & Regulations.
2. The Society may reserve to itself, the right to refuse any entry, except that this shall not apply in terms of the preference in the draw.
3. If a Member's entered dog is unable to compete and they have a substitute they may run that dog instead, so long as they advise the Secretary of such.
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 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 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. If a Member applies for more than one entry, such may be granted by the FT Secretary providing the Stake has not received its full compliment of entries.
10. Open - 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 (English Springer)].
11. Novice - A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open Stakes
12. Reserves will be notified by telephone in draw order. If contact cannot be made the offer will be passed to the next on the list.
13. The Committee shall be empowered to abandon or postpone the Trial as they find necessary. In the event of abandonment all entry fees will be returned.
14. 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.
15. Welfare of dogs. A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of the 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.
16. For withdrawals, see Regulation J7f.
17. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the Host.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SEASON

The Utility Gundog Society (“**UGS**”) plans to hold four Spaniel Field Trials in the forthcoming season. In light of the Kennel Club’s ‘Operational Plan for the Resumption of Field Trials’ and the relevant Government guidelines, the Committee has agreed to implement the measures set out below at all UGS Field Trials.

These measures are not exhaustive. The Committee may at any point adapt these measures following the completion of a Field Trial specific risk assessment or as necessary to meet updated Kennel Club advice and/or Government guidelines. Any such changes will be communicated in advance of the next Field Trial.

The Committee will be producing a Risk Assessment specific to each Field Trial, which will be displayed with UGS’s public liability insurance documents.

General

- All attendees must provide their own facemask and hand sanitiser to use at appropriate times.
- UGS will keep a register of all attendees at its Field Trials (“Attendee Register”). The Attendee Register will contain key contact information reasonably required.
- Spectators and other non-essential attendees will not be allowed to attend UGS Field Trials this season, unless express permission has been obtained from the Field Trial Secretary in advance.
- A Covid Officer will be appointed by the Committee for each Field Trial. This person will be named on the card. It is anticipated that the Covid Officer will be the Chief Steward.
- Nobody may attend a Field Trial if they reside in an area covered by a local lockdown imposed by the Government.
- Everyone attending a Field Trial must be aware that if they, or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must not attend the Field Trial and should self-isolate in line with Government guidance. There will be no physical contact between anyone attending a Field Trial. Appropriate social distancing will be required at all times, including during any announcements, in the gallery and when in line.
- Any individual not following Government guidelines, or who is deemed to be putting the wellbeing of others at risk by the appointed Covid Officer, will be asked to leave the Field Trial immediately.
- Reasonable efforts will be made to ensure there is enough space around parked vehicles to maintain social distancing.
- The UGS will endeavour to ensure that attendees at Field Trials will be able to travel around the shoot either on foot or in their own vehicles. However, this will not be possible at some Field Trials, where it is necessary to use transport provided by the Host. In such circumstances, announcements will be made on the day as to the necessary arrangements and precautions to be taken.
- The UGS will not provide any refreshments. All attendees are asked to provide their own refreshments.

Competitors

- The UGS prefer all entries via FTMS, or by email if a scanned completed entry form is sent to the Field Trial Secretary. Postal entries can be made but note; letters will be quarantined for 7 days before opening. Entry form can be downloaded from the UGS website-

<http://www.utilitygundogsociety.com/bspan/index.html>. Those successful in the draw must make payment of the entry fee at least 7 days before the trial by FTMS, or by BACS payment directly to the UGS's bank account. Details as follows:- Utility Gundog Society Parent Body, account number 90074233, sort code 20-83-50. Please put your name and trial stake number as a reference.

- The UGS encourage members to sign up to FTMS, and would like to note that its creator has very kindly agreed to allow all new members free membership for this season. Information can be found here - <https://www.fieldtrial.info>.
- If a competitor is handling more than one dog, an individual from their own household or 'bubble' must attend to hold their additional dog. Other competitors or helpers should not be used for this purpose. Competitors are required to notify the Field Trial Secretary, electronically in advance, of the appointed person's name, address and contact number for the Attendee Register.
- Competitors will not be required to wear a mask whilst handling a dog, but they should remain considerate when standing in close proximity to others.
- Competitors will be required to provide their own number for identification purposes. This does not need to be an armband but must be clearly visible to the judge when the competitor joins the line.
- Competitors should be aware that all communication, including the results of the draw and Field Trial card, will be sent electronically.
- Competitors will not receive a printed card on the day. The Field Trial Secretary will send an electronic copy of the card to each handler in advance of the Field Trial. Others attending the Field Trial may request an electronic copy from the Field Trial Secretary no later than 24hours in advance. Updated cards will not be sent and it will be for each attendee to mark their own card with any changes announced on the day.
- Certificates will be sent by email to any award winners by the Field Trial Secretary. It will be for award winners to notify the Field Trial Secretary of their correct email address at the conclusion of the Field Trial. UGS will not be awarding any trophies or prizes, such as bags of dog food, vouchers etc.

Judges

- Judge's books and copies of the current J Regulations must be provided by the judge and only handled by them. If requested in advance, the Field Trial Secretary can send a sanitised prepared book and electronic copy of J Regulations to the judge. Any such request must be made in time to allow for time for preparation, posting and an appropriate quarantine period before opening.
- Each judge must provide their own stationery (pencils etc), which should not be shared with their co-judges.
- In accordance with the Kennel Club's Operational Plan, game certificates will not be required to be completed and it will be assumed that the conditions of the stake were such as to enable the dogs to be satisfactorily tested. If this is not the case the Kennel Club Field Trial department must be notified within 7 days of the trial.
- Facemasks should be worn during any conferring between the judges.
- When handling game passed from a competitor, a facemask should be worn by the judge and the judge's steward and/or game carrier and should be undertaken at the maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves may be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following the passing of each bird to ensure no cross contamination.
- The Kennel Club are encouraging judges to submit online judge's evaluation forms, via the Kennel Club website. Hard copy evaluation forms will not be provided.

Officials and Helpers

- All equipment used (such as game bags, note books/ clipboard, pencils etc) must be provided by the individual. If this is not possible, gloves must be worn and equipment must be thoroughly wiped down with provided antibacterial wipes before and after use.
- When handling game passed from a competitor, a facemask should be worn by the judge and the judge's steward and/or game carrier and should be undertaken at the maximum distance possible. Hands must be sanitised between passing each bird. Gloves could be worn but would need to be changed and safely discarded following the passing of each bird to ensure no cross contamination.
- Radios must be handled when wearing gloves and thoroughly cleaned using antibacterial wipes at the start and the conclusion of the Field Trial. Radios should not be swapped between users without being sanitised. Earpieces must not be worn unless these are the individual's own.

Guns

- Shotguns must be handled by the owner only and cartridges must not be transferred between individuals.
- Guns must be mindful of the location of the gallery and the others in the line when shooting. They must follow the Steward of the Beat's safety instructions.