

NEWS FROM THE MARSH

Autumn 2021

With the support of land owners, stock owners and handlers we were able to run four trials over the summer period, each an open qualifying trial, so a big thank you to all involved. We also added a starter class to three of the trials to allow handlers and dogs, who had missed out on the winter series, a chance to gain experience.

We kicked off the season at Westwell, courtesy of Doug Millen and the Lister family. All ran smoothly with Jill Bastable and Suze taking a well-deserved first place.

Next Stewart Wood, Gill and Martin Swainson and Ellen Eagles came up trumps with a new venue in Lynsted. A great field, we have been invited to return in 2022. Wendy Cole and Tess took the honours.

Ed Lovejoy welcomed us back to the Marsh for the Snargate trial, and Martin, as always, gave us his invaluable support. Unfortunately, the weather was awful with wind and rain making it almost impossible for the dogs to hear. Mark Banham and Rob, once again, became the Kent Champions and we were all pleased to get home and dry out.

The John and Molly Vant memorial trial hosted by the Vant family had to change fields due to the late harvest. We were introduced to a HUGE field at Ringlestone. It proved a very pleasant day and, once again, Mark Banham, this time with Jock, took first place.

Finally, as the society enters its 90th year I would like to thank every member of the hard working committee, land owners, supporters and anyone who has contributed to the running of Romney Marsh trials. All committed to keeping the society alive and its aim of improving the shepherds' dog.

Many thanks

Dave Thompson (Chairman)

RESULTS

Westwell 13th June 2021

Starter:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Moss, 36

Open:

1. Jill Bastable, Tonbridge, Suze, 75
2. Mark Banham, Surrey, Rob, 74
3. Mark Banham, Surrey, Jock, 73 OLF
4. Mark Banham, Surrey, Bob, 73
5. Jackie Marsh, Golden Cross, Star, 71
6. Paul Griffiths, Glynde, Maggie, 70

Novice:

1. Jill Bastable, Tonbridge, Suze, 75
2. Mark Banham, Surrey, Bob, 73
3. Paul Griffiths, Glynde, Maggie, 70
4. Sarah Walker, Stelling Minnis, Finn, 69
5. Jackie Marsh, Golden Cross, Kath, 65
6. Eamonn Lawless, IOW, Ned, 62

Young Handler:

1. Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake, 59

AWARDS:

KMG Trophy for Highest Lady: Jill Bastable

Kathmick Shepherds Cup for highest place Shepherd in Open: Paul Griffiths

Maurice and Joan Upton Cup for best drive: Mark Banham with Jock

Hocky Hoare Memorial Cup: Jill Bastable

Hocky Hoare Shield, Novice winner: Jill Bastable

Starter class trophy: Steve Burton

Lynsted 3rd July 2021

Starter:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Moss, 46
2. Kaley Cooper, High Wycombe, Stan, 27

Open:

1. Wendy Cole, Tillingham, Tess, 92
2. John Marsh, Golden Cross, Hutch, 91
3. Paul Griffiths, Glynde, Maggie, 90
4. Mark Banham, Surrey, Jock, 81
5. Jackie Marsh, Golden Cross, Kath, 80 OLF
6. Bob Powell, Cold Ashby, Blake, 80

Novice:

1. Jackie Marsh, Golden Cross, Kath, 80 OLF
2. Sarah Walker, Stelling Minnis, Finn, 80
3. Eamonn Lawless, IOW, Ned, 79
4. Ray Wickens, Sevenoaks, Robin, 53
5. Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake, 51

Young Handler: Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake, 51

Kent Championship 7th August 2021

1. Mark Banham, Surrey, Rob, 74
2. Mark Banham, Surrey, Jock, 74tu
3. Wendy Cole, Tillingham, Mheg, 72
4. Mark Banham, Surrey, Taff, 68tu
5. Wendy Cole, Tillingham, Tess, 61
6. Louisa Taylor, Surrey, Meg, 52

AWARDS:

Ernest Finn Shield: Mark Banham

Presidents cup highest placed farmer: Mark Banham

John Gascoinge Silence is golden cup: Wendy Cole, Mheg

Kathmick trophy highest placed lady: Wendy Cole

Best Pen: Wendy Cole, Tess

Young Handler Rosette: Grace Gower, Geddinge, Cap, 34

John and Molly Vant Memorial trial, Ringlestone 5th September 2021

Starter class:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Moss, 54
2. Louisa Taylor, Surrey, Jess, 44

Open class:

1. Mark Banham,, Surrey, Jock, 75
2. Bob Powell, Cold Ashby, Blaze, 65
3. Jill Bastable, Tonbridge, Suze, 62
4. Louisa Taylor, Surrey, Meg, 60
5. Paul Griffiths, Glynde, Maggie, 48tu

Novice

1. Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Jake, 21tu

AWARDS:

John and Molly Vant Memorial shield: Mark Banham, Jock

OLF cup: Paul Griffiths, Maggie

Novice Cup: Harvey Lauder

Young Handler Rosette: Harvey Lauder

TRIAL DATES 2022

Sunday 12th June: Lynsted

Sunday 3rd July: Westwell

Sunday 14th August: Snargate, Kent Championship

Sunday 4th September: Riggs Hill

Sunday 18th September: Tonbridge

Sunday 2nd October: Lydden

Membership now due for
2022
£6

Anybody want to volunteer to
organise the raffle at our trials.
Please let us know!

AGM to be held after the trial on
12th December @ Whitehall. Please
let us know if you want anything to
be discussed beforehand

ROMNEY MARSH 2021 WINTER SERIES DATES

Cradle, Nursery and Novice

November 14th @ Whitehall ME9 ORF

December 12th @ Whitehall (AGM to follow) ME9 ORF

January 9th @ Whitehall ME9 ORF

January 30th @ Tonbridge TN11 8PN

10am start

£3 per dog

Refreshments available @ Whitehall

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