

News from The Marsh Spring 2020

All England Nursery Final

This season's team was chosen using an aggregate score based on successes during the winter series. Paul Griffiths with Maggie, Mark Banham with Jack, and Andy Jackman with Tim represented the South East. They didn't make the ribbons but nevertheless put on a good show. The Fylde team won the team award with Megan Hutchinson taking the individual. Congratulations to all.

AGM News

The AGM was well attended, resulting in some lively discussions. It was agreed that the:-

1. The judges' fee be raised from £40 to £60 to keep pace with the rising transport costs.
2. The entry fee raised to £6 a dog for members & £8 for non-members
3. Membership fees to remain at £6 a year
4. The Association of South and South East Societies was not beneficial to the Romney Marsh Society and therefore Romney Marsh would be formally withdrawn. Friendly collaborations with the other societies would continue.

Winter series awards 2019-2020

Aggregate Awards:

Cradle: Jill Woolston, Bess

Nursery: Mark Banham, Jack

Novice: John Mitchell, Johnny

Young Handler: Grace Gower

Doug Ovenden Novice Handler: John Mitchell

Puppy Cup: Emily Killick, Wren

Service to Society Award: Ian Strang

Service rosette: Harvey Lauder

Trials Dates

31st May – Kent Championship. Dean Court, Westwell, TN25 4NH ****CANCELLED****

4th July – Starter class, Open Novice and Open Trial. Torry Hill, ME9 0EA ****CANCELLED****

9th August – Open and Open Novice. Snargate TN26 2NH

23rd August - Open and Open Novice. Tonbridge TN11 8RX

6th September – Starter class, Open and Open Novice. Riggs Hill ME13 0JD

New Website

In December it was announced that the Association would cease to exist. This led to a problem with the organisation of the website and the Romney Marsh committee decided to create a new website managed by Romney Marsh. The new web address being:

RMDSheepdogsociety.com

News, entry forms, running orders etc will be published on this website.

If you have anything you wish to post please let the secretary know via the Romney Marsh email!

Raffle

Volunteer needed!

Tilly Haycock has organised the raffle for several seasons. This is a valuable source of income and much appreciated. However she wishes to step down from this responsibility and just enjoy the trial. We are looking for a volunteer to collect prizes, sell tickets and organise the draw. Any takers??

Mike Munford, shepherd and former triallist passed away recently. He shepherded at Petleys, Staple and later for Nackington Farms, Canterbury. He hosted several good trials at the Nackington venue.

Ted Hope founded the Thanet Society with Mr Smith, owner of Monkton Court farms and breeder of Thanet Down sheep, as the first Society Chairman. Mike, Hill Weir, Charlie Upton and Dave Thompson were amongst the first members. Mike was a great supporter of our sport and enjoyed working and showing his sheep. Our thoughts are with the family.

Bena Ovenden, wife of the late Doug Ovenden dedicated triallist, recently passed away. Bena used to prepare the cooked breakfast at our trials. Our thoughts are with the family.