

News from The Marsh Spring 2023

Well! It's been a rollercoaster of a year as far as I am concerned. The year started with Pneumonia, then 8 weeks in hospital and the untimely death of my Daughter, Gloria, but the committee and supporters have rallied round and Romney Marsh ran 5 summer trials.

We are indebted to our land owners and stock keepers who prepare the sheep and fields for our use and support us in our activities. The committee and helpers have done an excellent job, setting up and running each trial. Special thanks go to the Bastable family and, to Trevor and Andrew Head and family for going the extra mile with their support.

I am confident that with the continued support of committee members, friends and land owners the future of Romney Marsh and District Sheepdog Society is bright.

Dave

AGM news

At our AGM held in December we introduced 2 new trophies:

*Bill Fairhall "Keep smiling when trialling", donated by the Fairhall family in memory of Bill, for the handler who just gets on with it no matter what happens on the trial field.

*Les Ramsden "Young handler" shield, donated in memory of our late President Les, to be presented to the young handler with the most qualifying points from all trials Snargate to Snargate trials. To be presented annually at Snargate.

New President

Following the death of our President Les Ramsden, Dave and the committee invited Martin Morris to be our next President.

Martin is a native of the marsh and has supported the Society as long as we can remember. He has a passion for the working dog and is a good handler. He has served on the committee and helps out whenever he can. He has taken on the role of President and will continue to support and promote the Society.

Missing trophies

Please keep your eyes peeled for our missing trophies:

***Godmersham Cup-small silver**

***Silence is Golden Cup-Modern style**

Trial etiquette

It was discussed at the AGM that an article needs to be written to suggest an etiquette for older triallists to assist new handlers to get them accustomed to the unwritten rules of trialling.

Anybody willing to write this??

Summer Dates 2023:

Sunday 11th June- Starter and Open/Novice,
Lynsted, ME9 0RH

Sunday 2nd July- Starter and Open/Novice,
Westwell, TN25 4NH

Sunday 6th August- Kent
Championship (Open/Novice), Snargate, TN26
2NH

Sunday 3rd September- John & Molly Memorial
Starter and Open/Novice, Ringlestone, ME17
1NU

Sunday 24th September- Open/Novice,
Tonbridge, TBC

Sunday 1st October- Open/Novice, Lydden,
TBC

Entries now open for our summer
2023 trials. Please find entry forms
and membership forms on our
website

www.rmdsheepdogsociety.com

English Nursery Final

This year's nursery final was held on Sunday 26th February, at Tean in Staffordshire by kind permission of the Minshull family.

The South East sent a full team consisting of:

Mark Banham, Steve Burton and Graeme Eusden. The team worked incredibly hard on the day and the dogs excelled themselves to work hard under their handlers. Although they didn't come away with a win, we are still incredibly proud of their achievements and for some it was their first time in this style of competition.

Well done to all involved.

WINTER SERIES RESULTS 2022/23

13th November 2022

Judge: Dave Thompson, Lynsted

17 ran

Cradle:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Cai, 74
2. Ian Robinson, Essex, Lexi, 48tu
3. Roger Levy, London, Aine, 36

Nursery:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Pentir Beau, 92
2. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Rick, 88
3. Jackie Marsh, Golden Cross, 86
4. Joanna Dorrell, Dover, Tip, 83
5. Rob Hawke, Salisbury, Mirk, 79
6. John Marsh, Golden Cross, Paige, 77

Novice:

1. Grace Gower, Lydden, Jim, 84tu
2. Karen Gearing, Hove, Swan, 52tu

11th December 2022

15 ran

Judge: Dave Thompson, Lynsted

Cradle:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Ghyl, 42
2. Roger Levy, London, Aine, 32

Novice:

1. Roger Levy, London, Meg, 73

Nursery:

1. Mark Banham, Surrey, Brooke, 94
2. John Marsh, Golden Cross, Paige, 83
3. Mark Banham, Surrey, Madog Bedw, 82
4. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Rick, 80 olf
5. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Pentir Beau, 80
6. Joanna Dorrell, Dover, Tip, 68

8th January 2023

17 ran

Judge: Dave Thompson, Lynsted

Cradle:

1. Roger Levy, London, Gencarrick Aine, 57tu
2. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Ghyl, 41tu

Novice:

1. Francis Rolton, Finn, 77
2. Roger Levy, London, Ellen Vannin Meg, 61tu

Nursery:

1. Mark Banham, Surrey, Brooke, 92
2. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Pentir Beau, 89
3. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Rick, 85
4. Joanna Dorrell, Dover, Tip, 78
5. Mark Banham, Surrey, Madog Bedw, 72
6. Graeme Eusden, Surrey, Dale, 64

29th January 2023

23 ran

Judge: Dave Thompson, Lynsted

Cradle:

1. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Ghyl, 57
2. Mark Banham, Surrey, Shabden Glen, 56
3. Roger Levy, London, Aine, 45tu
4. Ian Robinson, Essex, Lexi, 30

Novice:

1. Francis Rolton, Firle, Finn, 80
2. Karen Gearing, Hove, Swan, 61
3. Steve Gearing, Hove, Ben, 47tu

Nursery:

1. Mark Banham, Surrey, Brooke, 95
2. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Rick, 90
3. Joanna Dorrell, Dover, Tip, 87
4. Mark Banham, Surrey, Madog Bedw, 81
5. Steve Burton, Herons Ghyll, Pentir Beau, 77

Open:

1. Harvey Lauder, Lynsted, Rosa, 85
2. Peter Gent, Blean, Enzo, 50

Awards:

Cradle aggregate-Roger Levy, Glencarrick Aine

Nursery aggregate-Steve Burton, Rick

Novice Aggregate-Francis Rolton, Finn

Puppy cup-Steve Burton, Ghyll

Novice handler-Roger Levy

Young handler-Grace Gower

Ron Willis service to the Society award: Harvey Lauder

Don and Jeanne Fathers most improved

combination award: Steve Burton