

The 2018 Field Trial Overview Spring Circuit

While the clubs lost access to the Spring grouse trial ground in North Yorkshire, they were fortunate to secure a temporary arrangement in the Scottish Borders. Our judges for the Spring trials were Nigel Smith and Sara Chichester.

And while all looked good, the forecast in early March informed of a Beast From The East weather system that was expected to bring heavy snow falls and present many travel challenges through-out the UK.

And that weather forecast was (regrettably) probably the most accurate as presented by the BBC. And as a result heavy snows coupled with high, cold winds arrived to create snow drifts 10-14feet high in some places. This presented challenges for councils with regard main transport links as well as the estate who went way beyond the call of duty to try and clear the estate roads to allow access to the moorland and as passable for our convoy of 4x4 vehicles.

However all these valiant efforts by the estate staff were in vain as another snow fall arrived a few days prior to the trial dates. And this effectively negated all the positive estate road clearance efforts. And this regrettably led to the two days of Spring trials being cancelled.

Both clubs appreciate the continued support of the membership, the judges (who sacrifice sport with their dogs) as well as the estate owners and estate staff who support our time honoured sport.

Field Trials

Summer Circuit

The summer trials continue to be held at Swintons, near Masham in North Yorkshire by kind permission of Lord Masham. Judges for the two days of summer field trials were Heather Smith & Nicky Ackerly-Kemp.

While the late Spring (snow) weather impacted the condition of the grouse ahead of the start of the breeding season; the soaring summer temperatures brought drought conditions to the moors, limiting impacting water availability and insect life. And these factors hindered grouse production.

This complex scenario created a nervousness within the grouse shooting community with many estates delaying or even cancelling their sporting commitments. And this was ahead of the arrival of un-seasonally strong mid-summer winds.

As a result the eventual outcome meant that the summer trials also had to be cancelled. A cancellation that led to a comment I will not forget when a most senior judge and competitor stated "this is the worst summer I can recall in 26 years of pointer & setter field trials".

Both clubs (once again) appreciate the continued support of Lord Masham and Gary Taylor in allowing Summer access to the estates' fantastic moorland.

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Pointer and Setter Field Trials Dates 2019

	DATE	SOCIETY	VENUE	VENUE
Partridge/ Pheasant	10/04/2019	Irish Setter Association/Setter and Pointer Club	Novice/All Aged	Six Mile Bottom
	11/04/2019	Irish Setter Association/Setter and Pointer Club	Open	Six Mile Bottom
	12/04/2019	The Kennel Club	Novice/All Aged	Six Mile Bottom
	13/04/2019	The Kennel Club	Open	Six Mile Bottom
	15/04/2019	English Setter Club	Novice/All aged	Great Livermere
	16/04/2019	English Setter Club	Open	Great Livermere
	17/04/2019	Southern Pointer Club	Novice/All Aged	Fulbourn
	18/04/2019	Southern Pointer Club	Open	Fulbourn
	19/04/2019	Southern and Western Counties Field Trial Society	Novice/Open	Newmarket
	20/04/2019	Southern and Western Counties Field Trial Society	Partridge Challenge Stake(All Aged)	Newmarket
Grouse	11/07/2019	Pointer Club	Puppy/Novice	Lauder
	12/07/2019	Dukeries(Notts)Gundog Club	Puppy/Novice	Lauder
	13/07/2019	Dukeries(Notts)Gundog Club	Open	Lauder
	15/07/2019	Yorkshire Gundog Club	Puppy/Novice	Newbiggin
	16/07/2019	Yorkshire Gundog Club	Open	Newbiggin
	17/07/2019	English Setter Club	Puppy/English Setter Open Breed	Eggleston
	18/07/2019	English Setter Club	Open	Eggleston
	19/07/2019	Irish Setter Association/Setter and Pointer Club	Puppy/Novice/Irish Setter Open Breed	Masham
	20/07/2019	Irish Setter Association/Setter and Pointer Club	Open	Masham
	20/07/2019	West Dartmoor Working Gundog Club	Novice	Bowes
	21/07/2019	West Dartmoor Working Gundog Club	Open	Bowes
	22/07/2019	Gordon Setter Field Trial Society	Puppy/Gordon Setter Open Breed	Reeth
	23/07/2019	Gordon Setter Field Trial Society	Open	Reeth
	24/07/2019	Pointer Club	Pointer Open Breed	Reeth
	25/07/2019	Pointer Club	Open	Reeth
	26/07/2019	International Gundog League(Pointers and Setters)	Open	Muggleswick
	27/07/2019	International Gundog League(Pointers and Setters)	Puppy Derby/Novice	Muggleswick
	28/07/2019	KC Champion Stake, organised by IGL	Champion Stake	Bollihope
	29/07/2019	KC Champion Stake, organised by IGL	Champion Stake	Bollihope
	31/07/2019	Scottish Field Trials Association	Puppy/Novice	Tollishill
01/08/2019	Scottish Field Trials Association	Open	Tollishill	
02/08/2019	Scottish Gundog Association	Puppy/Novice	Glenlivet	
03/08/2019	Scottish Gundog Association	Open	Glenlivet	
05/08/2019	Pointer Club of Scotland	Puppy/Novice	Dorback	
06/08/2019	Pointer Club of Scotland	Open	Dorback	
07/08/2019	Northern Counties Pointer and Setter Society	Puppy/Novice	Moy	
08/08/2019	Northern Counties Pointer and Setter Society	Open	Moy	
09/08/2019	North of Scotland Gundog Association	Puppy/Novice	Aberdeenshire	
10/08/2019	North of Scotland Gundog Association	Open	Aberdeenshire	
Partridge/ Pheasant	02/09/2019	Gordon Setter Field Trial Society	Novice/Open Setter	TBC
	03/09/2019	Gordon Setter Field Trial Society	Open	TBC
	04/09/2019	International Gundog League(Pointers and Setters)	Novice/Open	TBC
	05/09/2019	Pointer Club	Novice/Open Pointer	Sandringham
	06/09/2019	Pointer Club	Open	Sandringham
	07/09/2019	Mid Herts Gundog Club	Novice/Open	Houghton Hall