

# Field Trials



Watching the start of the Summer Trial

I start by introducing myself as the new field trial secretary. My name is Maggy Halliday and I have owned and shown Gordon Setters since 1982. I became seriously interested in the working side after obtaining my first dual purpose Gordon in 2001, Yennadon Gamekeeper. Since then I have worked and shown my dogs, two have gained Field Trial awards and another became a full champion. I am passionate about dogs maintaining their working ability and I draw great enjoyment watching dogs work, especially my own. As well as competing in field trials my dogs are members of a grouse counting team and they work for guns on shoot days. I am the Chair of Mid Herts Gundog Club which also hold Setter and Pointer trials, and I am on the FT sub committee of the Gordon Setter Association, so I have been involved with field trials for a number of years.



Spring Trial

It was decided to move the Spring trial back down south and hold it in Suffolk/Cambridgeshire on Partridge. It was a two day trial at the start of the circuit held at Wadlow farm, West Wratting near Cambridge, by kind permission of Mr Richard Clarke, on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11th April. The judges were Peter O'Driscoll and Jean Collins-Pitman. The weather was good, dry sunny days with enough wind. First day was a Novice stake with 15 dogs running. Unfortunately, there were no awards.



The Gun's choice went to

Ann Maddison's English Setter bitch  
Gaiasett Aefentid.

Second day was the Open stake with 30 dogs running.

Results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Dom Goutorbe's English Setter bitch

FT Ch Upperwood Clover

2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Longworth's English Setter dog

Upperwood Joie De Vivre

3<sup>rd</sup> Wilson Young's Pointer dog

FT Ch Fearn Quark of Burncastle

4<sup>th</sup> Julie Organ's

Sparkfield Bonnet of Fernglen

Gun's choice Dave Warren's Pointer dog Onwards Henry



Dom Goutorbe  
winner of Open Stake

There are trophies  
for the best Setters and Pointer at the meeting  
The Tandrec Cup for Best English Setter:-  
FT Ch Upperwood Clover  
The Rua Trophy for Best Irish Setter:-  
Rory Major's Dunroon Ginger Miss at Bryantscroft  
The Lubcroy Cup for Best Gordon Setter:-  
Tilly Thomas's Chartan Hermoine Grainger  
The Fernglen Cup for Best Pointer:-  
FT Ch Fearn Quark of Burncastle



Sara Jales's dog on point

## Summer Trial

Onto the Summer and the field trial was planned for 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July on Swintons Moor, North Yorkshire, by kind permission of Lord Masham. The judges were Heather Smith and Rob Gould.

Unfortunately, the weather was against us again this year, this time heavy rain and the stakes were cancelled. Although the breed stake did start it was cancelled after the draw for the second round.

We extend our thanks to Richard Clarke and Lord Masham for allowing use to use the land.

Thank you to the sponsor Connolly's Red Mills.

We are hoping for favourable conditions this year for our field trials. The Spring trials are on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Maggy Halliday FT secretary



Colin Forde and Sara Chichester waiting for their run



Waiting for the second round to be called