

# UTILITY GUNDOG SOCIETY KCID 499 FOUNDED 1923

## 2022/23 SPANIEL Schedule, to be held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

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Stake 1 – 16 Dog Novice Cocker Spaniel Stake – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 at Butterfields Farm, Latchingdon, Essex by kind permission of LE Carr & Sons.

JUDGES: James Luxford (A3440), Ray Clarke (NP3842)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022, draw date 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Stake 2 - 16 Dog Open Cocker Spaniel Stake – Thursday 8th December 2022 at Audley End, Saffron Walden, Essex by kind permission of Mrs Louise Newman and the Audley End Estate

JUDGES: Guy Stubbings (A2404) Paul Seaman (B3859)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, draw date 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Stake 3 – 16 Dog Open Qualifying AV (ex Cockers) Spaniel Stake – Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Gerry Meehan (A3309) Steve Lewis (B3140)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, draw date 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Stake 4 – 16 Dog Novice AV Spaniel Stake – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Alan Hopkins-Young (A3297) Marion Emery (NP3673)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, draw date 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Please look at our website or our Facebook page Utility Gundog Society (Spaniel Section) for more information. Directions for Trials, times etc of the meet will be sent out by post/email with the result of the draw.

Cost per dog at all Trials - £40.00 for Members £50.00 for Non Members. Cheques payable to UGS, one cheque per dog. All draws will be at the FT Secretary's house via FTMS at 20.00 hrs on the draw date, all welcome.

RULES (Full list available on the website or on request)

1. Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Rules & Regulations.
2. The Society may reserve to itself, the right to refuse any entry, except that this shall not apply in terms of the preference in the draw.
3. If a Member's entered dog is unable to compete and they have a substitute they may run that dog instead, so long as they advise the Secretary of such.
4. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the competitor.
5. If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot.
6. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and circumstances surrounding them will be reported to the Kennel Club.
7. No modification may be made to the schedule after publication except by permission of the Kennel Club, followed by advertisement in appropriate journals if time permits before the closing of entries.
8. Judges at a Trial are prohibited from entering a dog, which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
9. If a Member applies for more than one entry, such may be granted by the FT Secretary providing the Stake has not received its full compliment of entries.
10. Open - A Stake in which dogs have the opportunity of gaining a qualification towards the title of Field Trial Champion (K Regulations refer) and towards entry in the Championship or Champion Stake for its breed; in which entry is open to all dogs of a specified breed or breeds except that such Stakes may not be confined to Any Variety Spaniel [except Spaniel (Cocker) and (English Springer)].
11. Novice - A Stake which is confined to dogs which have not gained a place which would qualify them for first preference in the draw for Open Stakes
12. Reserves will be notified by telephone in draw order. If contact cannot be made the offer will be passed to the next on the list.
13. The Committee shall be empowered to abandon or postpone the Trial as they find necessary. In the event of abandonment all entry fees will be returned.
14. Dogs in cars on hot days. Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.
15. Welfare of dogs. A competitor whose dog is entered at a Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the General Committee for disciplinary action under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.
16. The use of pinch collars, shock collars or prong collars is not permitted at any field trial licensed by The Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the trial.
17. For withdrawals, see Regulation J7f.
18. Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the Host

- The UGS prefer all entries via FTMS, or by email if a scanned completed entry form is sent to the Field Trial Secretary. However, postal entries will be accepted. Entry form can be downloaded from the UGS website- <http://www.utilitygundogsociety.com/bspan/index.html>. Those successful in the draw must make payment of the entry fee at least 7 days before the trial by FTMS, or by BACS payment directly to the UGS's bank account. Details as follows:- Utility Gundog Society Parent Body, account number 90074233, sort code 20-83-50. Please put your name and trial stake number as a reference.
- The UGS encourage members to sign up to FTMS, and would like to note that its creator has very kindly agreed to allow all new members free membership for this season. Information can be found here - <https://www.fieldtrial.info>.
- If a competitor is handling more than one dog, an individual from their own household or 'bubble' must attend to hold their additional dog. Other competitors or helpers should not be used for this purpose. Competitors are required to notify the Field Trial Secretary, electronically in advance, of the appointed person's name, address and contact number for the Attendee Register.
- At this time, certificates and trophies will be issued to award winners but that may be subject to revision if government recommendations change before the trial.