

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 Open Cocker Spaniel Stake – Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at Brook Farm, Cuffley, Herts by kind permission of David Thomas.

JUDGES: Simon Jones (A2807), Richard Bunyan (B3927)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 7th November 2023, draw date 8th November 2023

Stake 2 - 16 Dog Novice Cocker Spaniel Stake – Thursday 14th December 2023 at Butterfields Farm, Latchington, Essex by kind permission of Mr Henry Carr.

JUDGES: Mark Colclough (A1952) Andy Fisher (B4033)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 29th November 2023, draw date 30th November 2023

Stake 3 – 16 Dog Open Qualifying AV (ex Cockers) Spaniel Stake – Tuesday 2nd January 2024 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Wayne Greig (A2985) John Keegan (B2858)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 18th December 2023, draw date 19th December 2023

Stake 4 – 16 Dog Novice AV Spaniel Stake – Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at Shotesham Park, Shotesham St Mary, Norfolk by kind permission of the Bailey family and Head Keeper Mr Mark Watson.

JUDGES: Mark Clifford (A2423) James Luxford (A3440)

Closing date for entries: midnight on the 8th January 2024, draw date 9th January 2024

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 at 8pm on the draw date, all welcome but notify the secretary that you are coming at least 24 hours prior to the draw.

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 FTS prefers all entries by POST with separate cheques for each dog entered.** Email can be used and will require a scanned completed entry form to be sent to the Field Trial Secretary at jimmyandnicki@aol.com. Please check your email has been received by the FTS if this is your preferred method.
- **FTMS WILL NOT be used during the 2023/2024 season.**
- Entry forms can be downloaded from the UGS website <http://www.utilitygundogsociety.com/bspan/index.html>. Those successful in the draw who have not sent a cheque must make payment of the entry fee at least 7 days before the trial 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.
- If a competitor is handling more than one dog, it is their responsibility to bring someone with them to hold the second dog.