

The Working Spaniel Association 2018 National Field Trial

**held at Boavida Estate
Hartebeeshoek**

Date and Starting Time

Novice & Open Stake
Saturday 15 September 2018
Starts at 07:00
Roll Call at 06:45

Judges

Charles Duff (Snr) & David Twedell

Field Trial Manager

Adamson Nyirenda

Guns

Glenn Devine (Snr)

Vet on call

Broederstroom Vet - 079 353 6757.

Committee

Bobby Lotter (Chairman),
Marius Coetzee (Vice Chair) & Marie Wynne (Secretary & Treasurer)

Chairman's Welcome

I would like to thank Matthew Berry for the use of this lovely Venue.

The venue was used for the WSA Field trials in 2016 and we are very fortunate to have such excellent facilities once again.

A big thank you to the people who have contributed to holding this trial – judges, field trial manager, guns, throwers and helpers.

Thank you to our Sponsors, and the team, Marius Coetzee and Marie Wynne for the hard work in making this possible. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Glen Devine for hosting our birds. I must also thank the spouses/family of the team, without your support and help this would have happened.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the training of their dogs, without this it would not be possible to hold a trial.

Last but not least, thank you to our competitors who entered and the spectators that will be joining the gallery. Best wishes for the trial. Go out there and have fun and may we all go away with more knowledge and enthusiasm.

I would like to leave you with this thought:

"It's is all about the Spaniels"

Bobby Lotter

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Tony Wynne

As well as everyone who has helped to make this trial a great success!

Pictures used in this magazine were provided by Club members

General Information

The Club accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury to any person or property, however occasioned.

The use of the venue has been granted on the premise that it will be left in the same clean and tidy condition in which it is found.

All dogs must be under control throughout the trials. If any dog / person causes annoyance or disrupts the trial, the Field Trial Committee may, at its discretion, request the owner/handler of the dog or person to remove it from or leave the trial and the venue immediately as appropriate.

Smoking during the trials is strictly prohibited, except where and when permitted by the Field Trial Manager.

Spectators are requested to remain in the areas as indicated by the Field Trial Manager and not to wander, as this could be dangerous, as well as spoil the ground to be worked by the dogs.

Spectators are requested to be quiet while a dog is working. Noise can distract both dog and handler.

All persons attending the trials are requested to conform to the above and to ensure that their children do so as well.

Definition of stakes

Novice Stake: is confined to dogs which have not been placed first, second, third or fourth in an Open or Championship Stake, or have won three Novice Stakes prior to the date of the closing of entries.

Open Stake: is for dogs without restriction as to age or previous performance. In order for an Open Stake to carry championship status, the minimum number of dogs to actually take part in the trial shall be eight.



Right of admission reserved

Notice to competitors

All competitors are expected to report to the Field Trial Manager 30 minutes before the start of the trial to collect their numbers.

At the start of each stake, the Senior Judge shall call all competitors, whereupon a roll call will be held. Any dog and handler not reporting to the line within 15 minutes of this roll call shall be disqualified from the stake and will not be entitled to any further participation in that stake.

It will be the practice at these trials to summon competitors at the beginning of each retrieve, to describe the nature of the work to be done. Handlers must ensure that they are present at these briefings.

These trials are held under Schedule 5C(2) Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Union of Southern Africa.

Training of dogs on the venue is not permitted, except where designated by the Field Trial Manager.

All dogs not participating in a particular retrieve, shall be kept on a lead whilst retrieves are in progress. Any dog which is not in the line and which disturbs the work of the one under Judges' orders, is liable for disqualification.

The Judges' decision is final!

What can the competitors expect in the various stakes?

Guidelines for the various retriever stakes have been drawn up to assist judges in setting the courses. They outline what judges can expect from the dogs in each stake. Handlers must be forewarned however, that these are merely "guidelines" and judges are not bound to adhere to them. [Kindly refer to Schedule 5C(2) - Spaniels for clarification]

Limitation of liability!

Due to the nature of this sport, competitors, spectators and officials are invited to enter the venue at their own risk and, in so doing, absolve the Kennel Union of Southern Africa, the Working Spaniel Association and landowners from any claim whatsoever, arising from injury, loss or damage to any person, animal or property.



A visitor's guide to spaniel trials

The whole purpose of Spaniel Trials is to simulate, under competition, conditions which are similar to those encountered in a natural shooting situation. Only too often birds are shot where no working dogs are present. This results in unnecessary suffering and waste. The reason for training Spaniels is to persuade those people that shoot and hunt that the only way to hunt is with a trained dog.

The work you will see today will generally surpass the work that is expected of a rough shooting dog.

To give you a feel of what the judges are looking for, here is a guide to assist you. Because birds are often hunted in line, it is essential that dogs quarter within gun range be steady to the flush and shot. They must not whine, nor retrieve before being sent by the handler, as this could interfere with the work of another dog.

Good marking of the position of the fall is essential in a spaniel, so as not to disturb ground unnecessarily. Judges should give full credit to a dog which goes straight to the fall, picks up and returns the game directly to hand, at a good pace.

The bird must be held firmly but gently by the dog, until it is commanded to release the bird to hand. There must be no evidence of chewing or hardmouth.

On a marked retrieve, that is a retrieve where the dog has seen the fall, the dog should not require handling; the more the dog is handled, the lower the points. On a blind retrieve, where only the handler is given a general idea as to the position of the game, the dog which takes the line offered and requires the least handling, will be awarded the highest marks.

Most important – dogs which show game finding ability and use their noses, should be placed above those which require handling or happen to stumble upon the game.

ELIMINATING FAULTS: Hardmouth, breaking before commanded to retrieve, whining or barking continuously, out of control, chasing other game, failure to enter water, blinking game.

MAJOR FAULTS: Failure to find game, unsteadiness to shot or at heel, disturbing ground not related to the fall, poor control.

GOOD POINTS: Natural game finding ability, use of nose, good marking of the fall, quick pick-up and return, good control, keenness and attentiveness.

It would be wise to train for retrieves that are more difficult than one would expect to face, thus improving the chance of success.

Entrants

1 Alexander

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Jack**
Sire: Brackenhills Aero
Dam: Dreamkeeper's Springbock (Imp UK) ZA007773B16
Breeders: Mr RJ Melck 953010000894301
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter Dob 04-Dec-2015
Handler: Bobby Lotter

2 Hillshot Abby of Landenvlei

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Abby**
Sire: Springshot Ringo Star
Dam: Hillfighter Pontipine (Imp UK) ZA008452B17
Breeders: Mr WZ Fourie 991001000548120
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter Dob 19-Nov-2016
Handler: Arnuld Engelbrecht

3 Hillshot Tessa

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Tessa**
Sire: Springshot Ringo Star
Dam: Hillfighter Pontipine (Imp UK) ZA008466B17
Breeders: Mr WZ Fourie 991001000548114
Reg Owner: Mr TD Johnson Dob 19-Nov-2016
Handler: Terry Johnson

4 Cormata Google

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Google**
Sire: Nwaswitsontso Max of Cormata
Dam: Hewville Pandamonium of Cormata ZA052475B14
Breeders: Mrs C Vermeulen 4C4B265D25
Reg Owner: Mrs C Vermeulen Dob 13-Sep-2014
Handler: CJ Danhauser

5 Springrove Rocket

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Rocket**
Sire: Hewville Hellion of Springrove
Dam: Nwaswitsontso Bella of Springrove ZA010119B16
Breeders: MRS BK Eriksen-Miller 953010000910101
Reg Owner: Mr D Smart Dob 13-Jun-2015
Handler: Darren Smart

Entrants cont ..

6 Hillshot Ella of Landenvlei

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Ella**
Sire: Springshot Ringo Star
Dam: Hillfighter Pontipine (Imp UK) ZA008451B17
Breeders: Mr WZ Fourie 991001000548115
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter Dob 19-Nov-2016
Handler: Bobby Lotter

7 Watervalridge Joshua

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Dog **Josh**
Sire: Springrove Digby
Dam: Hillshot Lady of Watervalridge ZA004170B18
Breeders: Mrs GL de Vos 933071000028422
Reg Owner: Mrs GL de Vos Dob 15-Jul-2017
Handler: Rob Eriksen-Miller

8 Hillshot Lily of Landenvlei

Breed: English Springer Spaniel Bitch **Lily**
Sire: Springshot Ringo Star
Dam: Hillfighter Pontipine (Imp UK) ZA008453B17
Breeders: Mr WZ Fourie 991001000548110
Reg Owner: Mr MJ Lotter Dob 19-Nov-2016
Handler: Arnuld Engelbrecht

Results

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Guns' choice

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