

**FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULES**

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Please read and note the General Rules and Regulations attached. All NGRA Trials are held under Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Field Trial Regulations. Retrievers which have won a CC or previously qualified for Crufts through a breed class may be entered for the Show Gundog Working Certificate at any NGRA Trial. The entry fee is the same as for that trial.

**LIST OF TRIALS 2016-17**

1. 19 September	Novice AV Retriever	Broughton, N. Lincolnshire
2. 01 October	Novice Golden Ret.	Walesby, Nottinghamshire
3. 10-11 October	Open Golden Ret.	Preesall, Lancashire
4. 03 November	All-aged AV Retriever	Preesall, Lancashire
5. 24 November	Novice AV Retriever	Preesall, Lancashire

**1. Monday 19th September 2016. 14 dog Novice Stake for AV Retriever at Broughton, North Lincolnshire.**

By arrangement with Mr W Ash & Mr G Holt.

**Judges** Mr D Probert (A2739), Mr PJ Smithies (B2367), Mr S Burns (NP3538), Miss S Kitson (NP3459).

Novice dogs as defined in KC Regulation J3(d)3. Members offered a run in this Novice stake will not receive preference in the draw in any subsequent AV Novice stakes.

**Nomination forms, £3 fee & SAE** required by 23rd August. The draw will take place at the URC training class at Hope Valley on Friday evening 26th August.

**Entries (£30)** required by 9th September. **Meet** 8:45am for a 9:15am start. Directions with the draw.

**2. Saturday 1st October 2016. 14 dog Novice Stake for Golden Retrievers at Walesby, Nottinghamshire.**

By kind permission of Mr D Goodall & Mr N Metcalfe.

**Judges** Mr K Helliwell (A58), Mr G Bird (B3147), Mrs C Hewison (NP3627), Ms AG Cooper (NP3623).

Confined to Novice dogs as defined in KC Regulation J3(d)3. Members offered a run in this Novice stake will still be eligible to receive preference in the draw in any AV stakes.

**Nomination forms, £3 fee & SAE** required by 9th September. The draw will take place after the URC GWT at Edwinstowe on 11th September. **Entries (£30)** required by 24th September. **Meet** 8:45am for a 9:15am start. Directions with the draw.

**3. Monday and Tuesday 10th –11th October 2016. Open Stake for 24 Golden Retrievers at Preesall, Lancashire.**

By kind invitation of Mr G Holden and NGRA team of guns.

**Judges:** Mr PJ Wagland (A1931), Mrs G Gent (A2848), Mr R Gent (B2265), Mrs S Lowe (B3173).

Preference in the draw in accordance with KC Regulation J7i(1) & J7j.

**Nomination forms, £3 fee and SAE** required by 9th September.

The draw will take place after the URC GWT at Edwinstowe on 11th September.

**Entries (£40)** required by 30th September.

**Meet** 9am for 9.15 start (Directions with the draw). There will be a Field Trial dinner at the HQ Hotel on the Monday evening.

**Accommodation.** The HQ Hotel is just S of Garstang, close to A6 : Guys Lodge at Guys Thatched Hamlet, Canalside, St.Michael's Road, Bilsborrow, Preston PR3 0RS (Telephone 01995 640010, Fax 01995 640140) email [info@guysthatchedhamlet.com](mailto:info@guysthatchedhamlet.com) (Tourist info at [www.visitwyre.com](http://www.visitwyre.com))

**4. Thursday 3rd November 2016. 14 dog All-aged Stake for AV Retriever at Preesall, Lancashire.**

By kind invitation of Mr G Holden and NGRA team of guns.

**Judges:** Mrs J Rainey (A59), Miss J Evans (B2898), Mr J Yarwood (NP3484), Mr P Birkbeck (NP3259)

Preference in the draw for dogs with any award or CoM in a field trial. **Meet** 9am for 9.15 start (Directions with the draw).

**Nomination forms, £3 fee & SAE** required by 8th October.

The draw will take place at the FT Dinner on 10th October. **Entries (£30)** required by 21st October.

**5. Thursday 24th November 2016. 14 dog Novice Stake for AV Retriever at Preesall, Lancashire.**

By kind invitation of Mr G Holden and NGRA team of guns.

**Judges:** Mr S Richardson (A1853), Mrs S Richardson (B3214), Mr D Miller (NP3334), Mr P Dixon (NP3471).

Novice dogs as defined in KC Regulation J3(d)3. Members offered a run in Stake 1 will not receive priority in the draw.

**Meet** 9am for 9.15 start (Directions with the draw).

**Nomination forms, £3 fee & SAE** required by 1st November.

The draw will take place at Stake 4 on 3rd November. **Entries (£30)** required by 17th November.

**Alpha** generously sponsor our trials with prizes of Alpha dog food. We also thank our hosts and the Guns, who support us.

**Draws.** Where possible draws are at NGRA meetings or other events where members are welcome to observe.

**Directions** are either printed in the schedule or will be sent with the draw, together with Accommodation suggestions if available.

**NOMINATIONS FORMS** are available from the Field Trial Secretary. Please make cheques payable to NGRA.

## NGRA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIELD TRIALS (Amended 2014/15 in line with Kennel Club guidelines)

- 1 Dogs entered at Kennel Club Licensed Field Trials must be registered at the Kennel Club in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
- 2 The Association reserves the right to refuse entries.
- 3 Should a dog entered in a stake be unable to run, then the Owner may substitute another dog, provided that substitute has an equivalent qualification for preference in the draw and is eligible for that stake. Bitches in season are not allowed at the trials. An owner unable to run is requested to notify the FT Sec. immediately by telephone. Failure to notify will mean that the committee may impose sanctions. (NB KC Rule J7f applies to withdrawals).
- 4 All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
- 5 If entries or nominations exceed the number of permitted runners, the right to compete in a Trial shall be decided by ballot. Members shall receive preference in the draw for nominations in respect of their first application only. In the case of joint membership only one preference will apply. For the Open Qualifying Stake preference in the draw will be as in KC Rules J7i(1) and J7j.
- 6 Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the 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 Videography and photography will only be permitted with the express permission of the Chief Steward and the host.
- 10 Welfare of Dogs. An exhibitor (or 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.
11. Dogs in vehicles 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.

### ENTRY DETAILS

- (a) A **Nomination fee of £3** is required for each application to run. To receive preference in the draw an application for a nomination must be completed on the form provided with the schedule. The nomination fee must be submitted at the same time. As nomination fees are non-returnable one cheque may be sent to cover all nomination fees. Please send a stamped addressed envelope of suitable size for the result of the draw, or list an email address.
- (b) **Entry forms** will be sent to all those applying for nominations, who have a reasonable chance of a run. Completed entry forms must be returned to the F.T.Secretary by the closing date to ensure your position in the draw. If entry forms are not returned in time, it will be assumed that you do not wish to run or be on the reserve list. Entry forms must be completed with the correct details of dog and owner, as shown on the KC Registration, including the registration or stud book number, or ATC. To receive preference in the draw for Open or all-aged stakes the awards box must be completed. The dog entered must be eligible and properly qualified for the stake entered, otherwise it will go to the bottom of the running order.
- (c) If you desire confirmation that your entry has been received please telephone or email the F.T.Secretary.
- (d) **Members' Entry Fees: 1 day stakes = £30. 2 day = £40. Non-members £10 extra.** All cheques payable to NGRA. An Entry Fee is required for each entry. Please note a separate cheque is required for each entry. Only cheques for entries successful in the draw, or those subsequently accepting a run, will be cashed. Other cheques will be destroyed. All forms and fees should be returned to the FT Sec.
- (e) **Prizes and Trophies** will be listed on the card for each stake. Trophies are restricted to members, who may hold them until the equivalent stake next season. Last year's winners of perpetual trophies must ensure they are returned in good condition to the F.T.Sec or to a member of the NGRA FT Committee in good time.
- (f) If a stake is cancelled all the entry fee will be refunded. Nomination fees are not refundable.
- (g) The NGRA Health and Safety Policy previously circulated remains in force. A copy may be viewed at each trial and is displayed on the website.
- (h) The Association cannot accept liability for any claim arising from or relating to the running of the trials.

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Owners should be cognisant of KC FT Rules & Regulations. Dogs must be experienced on game and free of eliminating faults. The entry form includes a declaration confirming the above, and the freedom of the dog from contact with diseases.