

# SURREY SHEEP DOG SOCIETY

(ISDS affiliated)

## NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2021

### TRIAL NEWS

After the roller-coaster that was 2020, 2021 started off rather hesitantly. Surrey decided to take up the offer of Polesden Lacey as a venue and with a Society-first held four trials over two days (morning and afternoon sessions) on the parkland fields of this Edwardian estate on the North Downs. The house welcomed royalty back in its heyday, being the honeymoon destination for Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The trials in June attracted sufficient handlers to hold three qualifying trials and many a passerby stopped to appreciate the dogs at work on the field. The Society has not held an open trial here since 2006 (2007 was cancelled due to foot and mouth) and many of the spectators were thrilled by the opportunity to watch. It was a challenging trial with tall unmown grass hindering some dogs. The strong north country mules ran consistently though were very challenging for the set-out team. The weather was very hot and was perfect for haymaking and silaging. Consequently there were several absentees and for the last session only 15 dogs ran.

Thanks go to Steve Connisbee, the National Trust, Andy Jackman and Mrs Brodie for provision of venue and sheep.

Surrey SDS, along with Sussex, Romney Marsh and Wessex Societies, has collaborated to hold 13 trials this winter which will culminate in a Championship trial for those who qualify during the winter. Further details on the following pages.

### OPEN TRIAL RESULTS 2021

#### Polesden Lacey, Great Bookham

##### Saturday 17th July 2021

##### Morning session

**Judge: Rae Lutman (Chichester) 25 ran**

##### Open

- 1 Mark Banham (Chipstead) Rob 84/100
- 2 Jed Watson (Postbridge) Ben 73
- 3 Adam Smart (Eastington) Kim 70 OLF
- 4 Jed Watson, Jock 70
- 5 Mark Banham, Jock 69
- 6 Jed Watson, Wren 68 OLF

**Best novice:** Anita Tackley (Henley) Bob 68

##### Afternoon session

**Judge: Andy Jackman (Brockham) 25 ran**

##### Open

- 1 Adam Smart, Kim 92/100
- 2 Angie Blackmore (Ledbury) Rosewood Moss 91
- 3 Mark Banham, Rob 90 OLF
- 4 Wendy Cole (Tillingham) Mheg 90
- 5 Jed Watson, Wren 84
- 6 Richard Smith (Daylesford) Cap 81

**Best novice:** Richard Smith, Cap 81

### MEMBERSHIP 2022

Membership is £1 and can be paid at the winter nurseries.

##### Sunday 18th July 2021

##### Morning session

**Judge: Robert Putnam (Kirdford) 25 ran**

##### Open

- 1 Mark Banham, Rob 92/100
- 2 Jed Watson, Ben 88
- 3 Adam Smart, Kim 87
- 4 Mark Banham, Jock 85 OLF and drive
- 5 Wendy Cole, Mheg 85
- 6 Jed Watson, Jock 84

**Best novice:** Angie Blackmore, Rosewood Ben 79

##### Afternoon session

**Judge: Rae Lutman (15 ran)**

##### Open

- 1 Angie Blackmore, Rosewood Zac 96/100
- 2 Angie Blackmore, Rosewood Moss 91
- 3 Mark Banham, Rob 90
- 4 Jed Watson, Ben 85
- 5 Richard Smith, Cap 84 OLF
- 6 Mark Banham, Taff 84

**Best novice:** Ian Wheeler (Isle of Wight) Jock 46



Angie Blackmore and Rosewood Moss at Polesden Lacey

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# South East Winter Series




2021 / 2022

## WINTER TRIAL DATES

Date	Organising Society	Venue – all venues have a 10am start	Event
7 November 2021	Sussex	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ	NN
14 November 2021	Romney Marsh	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF	CYH NN
21 November 2021	Surrey	Deanland Farm, Golden Cross, East Sussex BN27 3RJ	NN
28 November 2021	Wessex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	NN
5 December 2021	Sussex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	NN
12 December 2021	Romney Marsh*	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF	CYH NN
19 December 2021	Wessex	Glynde, BN8 6TB	NN
2 January 2022	Surrey	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF	NN
9 January 2022	Romney Marsh	Whitehall, Ludgate Lane, Lynsted, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 0RF	CYH NN
16 January 2022	Sussex	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF	NN
23 January 2022	Wessex	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF	NN
30 January 2022	Romney Marsh	Leigh Park Farm, Leigh, Tonbridge, TN11 8PN (exact location TBA)	CYH NN
6 February 2022	Surrey	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF	NN
13 February 2022	Championship	Shabden Park Farm, High Road, Chipstead, Surrey CR5 3SF	CH

\* AGM follows trials.

### Event key

-  Nursery and novice trial  
(see class classifications on next page)
-  Cradle and Young Handler trial.
-  Championship Trial – open to qualified nursery and novice dogs only

### Society contacts

For queries about individual trials please contact the relevant organising Society as below.

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**PLEASE READ THE RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY ON THE NEXT PAGE. BY ENTERING YOUR DOG YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALL OF THE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ANY COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE.**

## COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

This statement is to identify risks associated with the spread of COVID-19 and outline the steps and actions taken by the Societies named on page 1 to reduce the risks.

### Identified risk

The spread of COVID-19 through respiratory droplets, and via direct and indirect contact.

### Action taken

Entry fees accepted as exact cash only in a sealed envelope.  
Any person showing signs of COVID-19 at the time of the trial will not be allowed to attend.  
Social distancing according to current government guidelines will be adhered to at all times.  
Please use hand sanitiser to ensure any equipment touched remains clean.  
Hand sanitiser will be made available at all trials.  
The pen is to be gateless at all trials.  
Attendees are asked to contact trial organisers if they test positive for COVID-19 after attending a trial.  
Social distancing will be maintained during prize giving.

## TRIAL INFO

**START TIME:** 10am. All dogs to be booked in by 11am and only one dog in each class can be run after the sheep have gone back.

**ENTRY FEE:** £5 per dog *except* at Romney Marsh which is £3 per dog. Correct payment only on the day in a named sealed envelope.

**CRADLE CLASS:** A non-driving starter class. Handler of any experience, dog of any experience but one or other must be INEXPERIENCED.

**NURSERY CLASS:** Dog or Bitch under 3 years old on 1st January 2022 and not to have won anything other than in nursery competition.

**NOVICE CLASS:** A Novice dog is one that has not been awarded two novice wins (novice aggregate counts as a novice win) or a place in an open trial.

**Once the series has commenced the dogs will maintain the status they started with throughout the winter.**

**Entries will be limited to two dogs per handler per class.**

**A Novice handler** (someone that has not previously been on the trial field on a regular basis) may run a dog of any status in the Novice class **for one season.**

**PRIZES:** There will be an **aggregate award** at the end of the series for those dogs gaining the most points in nursery and novice. Winning the novice aggregate counts as a novice win. There will be a prize for the best Novice handler. All 13 trial results (1st-6th) will count for the aggregate awards. Romney Marsh will have a separate aggregate award for Cradle, Novice Handler and Young Handler. As our judges will be running dogs in the series, a judge may have the first run of the day hors concours.

There will be a nursery and novice **championship trial** at the end of the series where **only** those dogs who have been placed in the first three in nursery or novice class will be eligible to compete. Entry will be free of charge.

## RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR WINTER TRIALS

1. The rules and conditions will be similar to those of the ISDS.
2. Any dogs injuring a sheep will be disqualified and the handler shall pay the damage.
3. Any objections shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing on the day of the trial together with a deposit of £5 (in an envelope). The deposit will be returned if the objection is found to be justified.
4. The organisers will not be responsible for any loss, damage or accident on the trial ground including injury to spectators, competitors, their cars, dogs or property. Cars are parked at their owners' risk; no liability will be accepted in respect of loss of, or damage to cars or contents.
5. No competitor shall approach the Judge during the progress of a trial.
6. The committee reserves the right to refuse entries without giving reason.
7. The committee reserves the right not to award any trophy if in their opinion a sufficiently high standard is not attained.
8. The Judge and Course Director (under judge's instruction) are empowered to direct any competitor showing insufficient merit to retire, bearing in mind the necessity to safeguard the welfare of the sheep, and dogs.
9. The committee's decision shall be final on all matters and their decision in respect of objections concerning a run will uphold that of the Judge.

**Please be aware that the fields are uneven and you may trip and, if wet, could be slippery. Please be aware of moving vehicles.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** It takes time and effort to put on these trials and help will very much be appreciated. If the trials are not up to expectations and you feel the need to complain, please don't – **just leave the field smiling!**

## TO ENTER

Entry on the field.  
Exact cash payment only in an envelope marked with your name and trial date to be handed over on arrival at the trial.  
Entries are on a first-come-first-served basis.

## ENGLISH NURSERY FINAL 27 February 2022

### Myerscough College, Preston

A team will be put forward for the English National Final.

Check eligibility of your dog to run in the final – rules below taken from English National Nursery rules:

- Each dog is to be under 3 years old on the 1st January of the year of the final
- The dog must be a Nursery dog within its own society for the current season
- Dogs can only run in one Nursery Final

**BY ENTERING YOUR DOG YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALL OF THE RULES INCLUDING ABIDING BY THE COVID RESTRICTIONS NOTED ABOVE.**

## WORDSEARCH

Test your word spotting skills and find 23 words relating to sheepdog trialling.

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COURSE  
CROOK  
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FETCH  
FENCE  
GATES  
GRASS  
HILL  
HURDLE

JUDGE  
LANDOWNER  
OUTRUN  
PEN  
SECRETARY  
SHEPHERD

SHEDDING  
TRAINING  
TRIAL  
WATERPROOFS  
WHISTLE