

# Watchdog!

WALLINGFORD DOG TRAINING CLUB

October 2012



*Well done to all the members who attended the very successful demo at Farmer Gows Dizzy Dogs Day.*

*Thank you to Wendy for organizing this!*

***Congratulations to the WDTC Juniors for winning the invitational Junior Teams event at the Royal Berkshire Show!***



## Highlights from WDTC Committee Meeting



The WDTC committee met on Wednesday 26th September 2012.

### **Treasurers Report**

We have approx £36,300 in the bank approx £300 down from last meeting's report.

### **Agility Report**

Ant Clarke will be a guest trainer for us in November. Numbers are dwindling at the Thursday club night and so the committee is looking at another assessment course for those on the club's waiting list.

The annual club match against Andover will occur again this year, watch out for the away match in Dec and the home match early next year.

Ian has organised a weave workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov with Ant Clarke. Fee, subsidised by the club will be not more than £10. Details at club night.

We will be having a group Competition night on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a whole club competition arranged in March.

New club timing kit has been ordered, hopefully we will see this for the competition night in March if not before.

### **Christmas**

Christmas Party on the 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Arrangements for Christmas break this year. No training 27<sup>th</sup> Dec and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

### **Demo Report**

Nothing booked for next year yet. We are restocking the trailer with all the right equipment for demos and also refitting the trailer with a proper racking system.

### **AOB**

We will be purchasing tools needed for Club nights such as extra drill batteries, a foot pump for pumping up the trolley wheels, a Solar light for the container, a set of screw in pegs. Please let any committee members know if we needed any other equipment.

Juniors had a good weekend at Newbury Show, winning a trophy. They are off to teams at Chippenham in October.

Barn Dance – Save Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb in your diaries for a repeat of this popular event. Details to follow on facebook and at club nights.

### **DONM**

Weds Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 2013. If you feel anything should be discussed at a committee meeting please let any of the committee members know.

If you would like a full copy of the minutes from the meeting please contact Karen Parker by email on ([karen.parker1@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:karen.parker1@environment-agency.gov.uk)).

*Karen Parker*

## A word from the editor



It is very tempting to be doom and gloom at this time of year, the nights are getting darker, it is getting colder, the outdoor shows are nearly all done.

I always enjoy September, the weather is usually better than the “summer”, and I get a birthday, but we finished our last camping trip soaked through and then unpacked the caravan last weekend, and I was a bit sad.

Then I started to think about the winter training, we booked a couple of training days and talks, and started to make a

plan for training Basil's contacts this winter. I can't call it re-training as he never really knew them properly!

There are lots of things to look forward to – I always love our friendly matches against Andover and I was delighted to hear we would be taking part in those again. For the first time I am planning to visit the Olympia finals to cheer on Gill and Shade, and I know lots of other club members will be there too.

*Alison Pearce*

# Stop Press!

## KC Judges Accreditation Seminars

### **Rules and Regs**

Saturday 13th October at Lordswood Community Centre, Sandpiper Road, Southampton, SO16 8FU

### **Practical**

Sunday 14th October at Birchwood House Farm, Sherfield English, Romsey SO51 6FF  
(indoors if wet)

Venues 20 mins apart, arrive 9.30am for both, start 10am, students to bring their own lunch, tea/coffee/biscuits provided, priority given to students attending both days.

Please contact Dave Collis to book in 07770874578

Help with funding may be available – please speak to Jacky or Ian.

# Agility news

## Agility Boasts – up to 30th September



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### Southdowns 30 Sep

Jill & Cass 2nd C3-5 Ag (288)  
Sarah & Merlin 3rd G1 Jump (167)  
Annette & Maze 4th G3 Ag (228)  
Carolyn & Ollie - 15th C3-5 Ag (288)  
Aileen & Rockett 19th G3 Jump (227)  
Carolyn & Max - CR Allsorts



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### South Devon/Honiton 22-23 Sep

Kevin & Fell 3rd G6 Jump (75)  
Kevin & Fell CR G6 Ag (75)



### Orchard Agility Ind Ltd 22-23 Sep

Jose & Pera 1st Stc S/M (10)  
Jose & Pera 1st Jump S/L (10)  
Jose & Pera 1st Stc S/M (15)  
Jose & Poppy 3rd Jump S/M (15)  
Jose & Poppy 3rd Ag S/M (15)  
Jose & Pera 3rd Jump 1-7 S/L (10)  
Jose & Poppy CR Ag S/M (15)



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### Trent Park 16 Sep

Aileen & Rockett 10th CG1-3 Jumping



### UKA Ajax show 15-16 Sep

#### Saturday

Helen & Mylo 1st Beg Stc2 Q (6)  
Jill & Cass 1st Q Std Champ Stc2 (15)  
Gill & Shade 1st Q Nov Jump (15)  
Helen & Mylo 2nd Beg Ag Q (8)  
Jose & Poppy 2nd Sen Ag Q (7)  
Gill & Shade 2nd Q Stc (15)  
Pam & Martha 3rd Sen Snooker Q (4)  
Pam & Martha 3rd Sen Stc2 Q (8)  
Pam & Martha 4th Sen Jump Q (6)  
Gill & Shade 4th Q Nov Ag (15)  
Jose & Pera CR Champ.Stc (6)

#### Sunday

Gill & Mindy 1st Q Beg Gamb (10+)  
Gill & Mindy 1st Q Beg Jump (20)  
Gill & Mindy 1st Q Beg Ag (13 dogs) - **now into Novice Performance**  
Jose & Pera 1st Sen Jumping (5)  
Jose & Pera 2nd Sen Gamblers (5)  
Gill & Mindy 2nd Q Nov Stc (15)  
Gill & Bertie 2nd Q Sen Gamb (6)  
Gill & Bertie 3rd Q Sen Ag (7)  
Pam & Martha 3rd Champ Stc2 Q (6)  
Pam & Martha 4th Champ Stc1 Q (11)



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### Southam 15th September

Annette & Maze 9th Graded 1-3 Ag (113 in G3)



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### Gillingham 8th-9th September

Kevin & Fell 4th G6 Jump (97)  
Kevin & Fell 10th G6 Jump (95)  
Aileen & Ozzie 24th G3 Jump (208)  
Aileen & Rockett CR CG3-5 Ag (127)  
Aileen & Rockett CR G3 Jump (208)



(Above: Gillingham Champ class)

## Agility Boasts cont...



**Stoneleigh Semi Finals 2nd September**  
Gill & Shade 14th KC Novice Olympia  
Qualifer (42) with 5 faults - **qualified for Olympia**



**Prestbury Park 1-2 Sep**  
**Saturday**

Wendy & Tatti 1st C3-5 Ag (44) - **up to G6**  
Gio-Gio & Bambi 2nd with glass trophy in  
YKC Medium Jumping U12 (10)  
Wendy & Bambi 4th Proplan Masters C6-7  
Ag (60)  
Carolyn & Ollie 8th Dog Vegas C3-5 Ag  
(191)  
Wendy & Bambi CR C6-7 Jump (61)

**Sunday**

Wendy & Bambi 1st G6 Ag (33) **1st G6 win**  
Gio-Gio & Bambi 2nd Agility for Juniors  
U12 Jump (22 all heights)  
Gio-Gio & Bambi 2nd overall in U12  
Wendy & Bambi 2nd G6 Jump (33)  
Gio-Gio & Bambi 3rd Agility for Juniors  
U12 Ag (22 all heights)  
Gio-Gio & Tatti 3rd Agility for Juniors U12  
Jump (22 all heights)  
Carolyn & Ollie 3rd G3 Ag pt1 (141)  
Wendy & Tatti 5th C3-5 Ag (46)  
Wendy & Bambi CR C1-7 Jump (105)  
Wendy & Tatti CR C1-7 Jump (105)



**Hawbridge 27 Aug**

Sarah & Merlin 1st Nov Stc Q (19)  
Gio-Gio & Tatti 1st Jun Jump Q (3)  
Gio-Gio & Tatti 1st Jun Ag Q (3)  
Gio-Gio & Tatti 1st Jun Jump Q (2)  
Wendy & Tatti 1st Nov Ag Q (8)  
Wendy & Tatti 2nd Nov Ag Q (8)  
Sarah & Foxy CR Nov Stc1 (24)  
Sarah & Foxy CR Nov Stc2 (19)



**Adams Agility 26 Aug**

Carolyn & Ollie 1st Adams Jumping Cup  
C1-3 (154)  
Carolyn & Ollie 14th C3-5 Ag (159)



**Dordale 25-26 Aug**

Carolyn & Ollie 1st Graded 3-4 Ag (138 in  
G3)  
Sue & Bea 1st G6-7 Jump  
Aileen & Ozzie 3rd in the Tunnel  
Challenge (16 jumps!)  
Carolyn & Ollie 5th C1-3 Circ Jump (175)  
Carolyn & Ollie 8th Pro Plan C3-5 Ag  
(188)  
Annette & Maze 9th Graded 3-4 Ag (131 in  
G3) (**First clear round!**)  
Aileen & Rockett CR C1-3 Circ Jump (175)



### Wiki reminders

The WDTC Wetpaint Wiki is our website where all members can keep in touch with plans for demos, and shows, including arranging to camp together and putting yourself forward for teams. This is also a place where people post their results. It has a full library list, training class lists, and more! If you would like to join please email Ian on [jacian@ntlworld.com](mailto:jacian@ntlworld.com).

It would be useful if members could add their details to the contact page on the Wiki (this is entirely voluntary but as it is a private site security implications are minimal).

*Ian Hutchinson*

*Congratulations to the WDTIC Juniors for winning the invitational Junior Teams event at the Royal Berkshire Show*



**KC Novice Olympia Semi Final at Stoneleigh**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**



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Shade and I qualified for the Semi Finals at the penultimate event at the Agility Club show in 3rd place after an exciting round where we nearly went wrong after jump 2! I had been to Stoneleigh before when Richard and Jenny were young enough to do Juniors but never competed myself.

We arrived with plenty of time to spare, booked in, exercised Shade and walked the warm-up course. Dave Ray gave an introduction and the judge, Arthur Rodgers, did his briefing. There were quite a few people in the semis for the first time but a lot of well known handlers including Dave Munnings and Toni Dawkins.

There were 42 competitors and my running order was 23 in the warm up so I was able to watch some rounds. I was really nervous and stuttered round this course with 5 faults after I managed to call Shade off the dog walk. (I was trying to straighten her up but my command was way too late!) Shade just treated it like any agility round!

After the warm up the course was immediately changed for the semi final. It looked like a good novice course with lots of handling options. 18 dogs from the 42 in this semi-final would go through to participate at Olympia. The main aim was not to get eliminated. The first few rounds produced what seemed like a lot of clears.

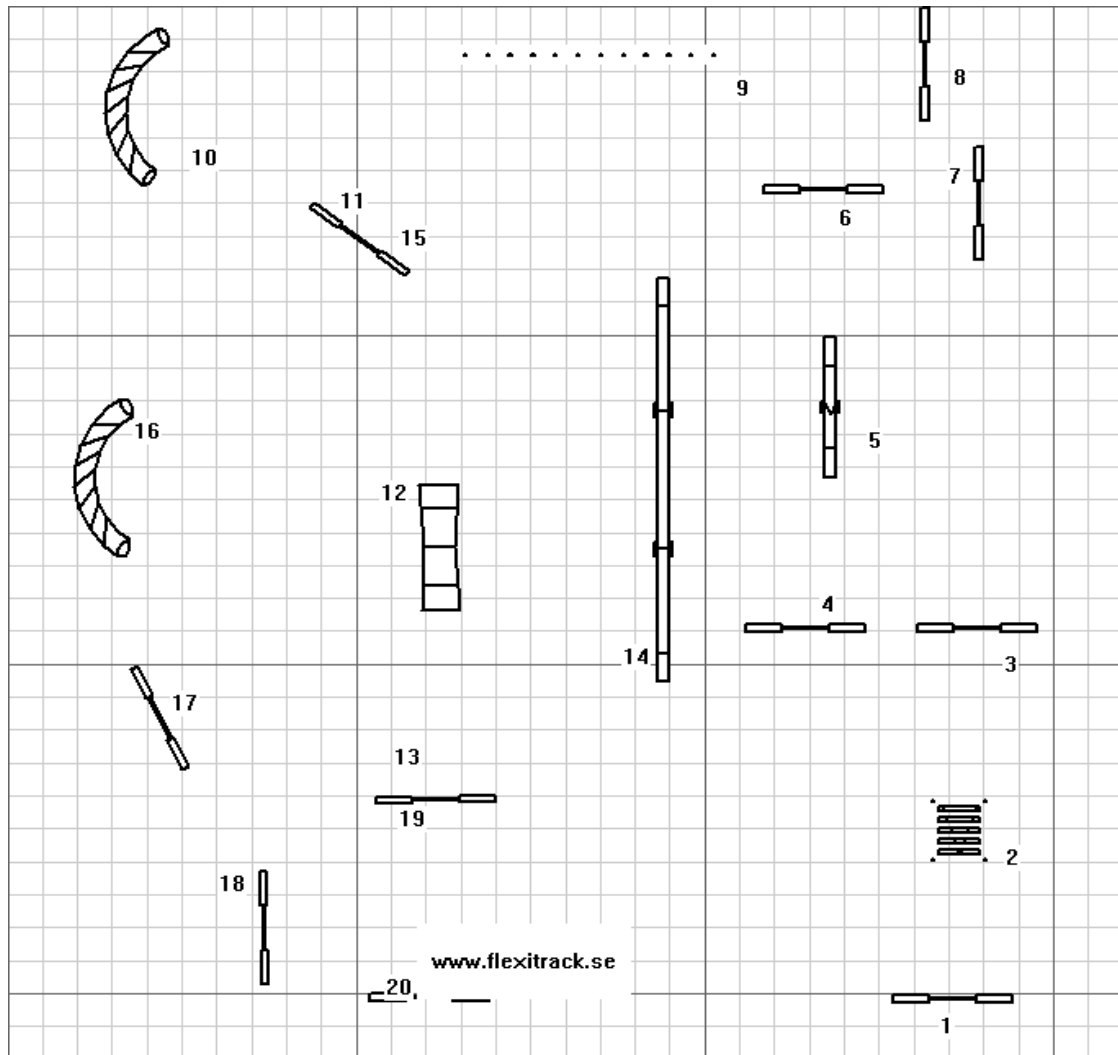
My running order was 33. I had walked and walked the course deciding my handling options. We were on the line – and then it was over. We finished with 5 faults (up on the dog walk) and then had to wait for the last 9 dogs to run to see if it was good enough! We finished 14th out of the 18 to qualify! Here's a link to the run on Youtube if you want to compare our run to the analysis <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgQppCDX5Rg>.



*(Above: the qualifiers from the second Novice Semi Final)*

## My course analysis and handling decisions

The course layout below is as close as I can remember it:



I decided to lead out to between 2 and 3. This was so I could be in place to slow Shade for 3 to 4. I went for the front cross between 3 and 4 to pull round the right hand wing of 4 – I considered this to be the safer option although the dog walk was quite close there would be more chance of back jumping coming through the gap. I called her in and straightened for the seesaw. I did not pick her up on my right and rear cross the seesaw to avoid any chance of pulling her off. I picked up after 6 and turned Shade round 7 and 8 on my right. I did not want to work 7 to 8 from behind to avoid pulling off 7. The weaves were no problem.

The tunnel entrance after the weaves looks like the wrong end. As the dog comes out of the weaves they should actually be facing the required entry. By keeping wide at the weaves I was able to stop Shade looking at the wrong end. You can see in the still photo (*right*) that Shade is looking towards me and not to the closest tunnel entry.

Some people did successful front crosses at the end of the weaves. I did not do this because if executed too slowly it shows the wrong end of the





tunnel or when turning back for the correct entrance there was a chance of pushing over 11.



I was in place to pick up out of the tunnel and push and jump 11 at an angle for a straight line to the A-frame (*below*). Then jump onto dog walk where we were given 5 faults for missing the up but a great down contact. Dog walk, jump, tunnel was fairly straight forward although there was always the possibility of the off course tunnel!

I had to make sure I stopped to catch Shade as she came out of the tunnel to turn over 17, then a call to pull off the last jump (where a few dogs were eliminated).

I did not do a front cross for 18 to 19, racing to get in the 'box' as I felt this could push the dog over the final jump, turning Shade towards me was the safer option for us. This paid off and we finished with just the 5 faults!

*Gill Kimber*



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