

SHELTIE AT WORK

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Spring 2014



Jean Tuck holding Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G) (Glen) with Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) (Scott) on the right.

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Editorial

Thank you to everyone who has sent articles, photos and information. What busy and exciting times you have with your lovely Shelties. There are so many activities to try – something for everyone.

I recently accompanied a friend to her first lesson in “Push Ball”. The training was very interesting and the dogs were having lots of fun. There was a lady there with a Sheltie so of course we got talking, and it turned out that she had sent me a letter for “Sheltie at Work” that very weekend. What a small world!

I managed to see much more of Crufts on the Internet coverage this year. I couldn't find any Obedience, but cried at the ‘Friends for Life’, smiled at the HTM (loved the Toy Maker routine) and cheered on the clever Agility Shelties – two of them are featured in our cover photo. Jean Tuck has also sent a little write-up to go with the photo (see her letter on page 4). She says “I am hoping it will encourage people as I'm no Bernadette Bay, Nicola Garrett or any kind of athlete - just someone with a good little Sheltie.... who has got much further than ever expected, despite being a grandma.” An inspiration to us all.

Happy training!

Trisha Harding

Thanks again to Kevin Hicks for permission to use his lovely photos of last summer's Sheltie Camp. Happy memories!

Dates for your Diary

Sheltie Camp Training Weekend

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2014

Venue: Tillingbourne School, New Road, Chilworth, Nr Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB

The E.S.S.C. Centenary Show

Saturday 7th June 2014

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Nr Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ

The E.S.S.C. Championship Show with Obedience Classes

Saturday 11th October 2014

Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Nr Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ

Agility Show

Sunday 2nd November 2014

Venue: The Dog Training Barn, Main Road, Middleton Cheney, Banbury, Oxon OX17 2PW

Obedience Training Day with Keith Gwillim

Sunday 22nd November 2014

Venue: Grazeley Village Hall, Reading, Berks RG7 1LD

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Your Letters

Scott, Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G), and Glen, Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G), are my third and fourth agility dogs. And my last, as my husband retires next year and we'll shortly be doing other things together. First was Louis, Lysbourne Aramis of Craygill AW, and then Smooth Collie Ross, Ch Dark Motif from Misstoft AW(G), both of whom reached grade 5. Louis preferred training to competition, but when Ross won out of Elementary (now grade 1) in a class of 100 dogs, at his first show, I was hooked!

Scott is a careful dog, and somewhat erratic as to speed, but he steadily worked us up to grade 7 at a time when progress was rather slower than now. He is 9 and we've had some great agility times together. In 2008 he won the Working Section *Three Ds Trophy* (for Runner-up in Agility), he has also done very well in the Section's Agility leagues. A major highlight has been qualifying for Crufts Medium Team Agility every year from 2009 to date, being 2nd in the 2009 Final, and winning in 2011. Having been involved in breed showing too, Crufts is always our major event of the year.

Accompanying Glen round the Crufts Singles qualifying shows in 2012, Scott unexpectedly qualified too, so Crufts 2013 saw them both there as individuals. Scott's careful rounds gained minor time-faults, but he made the finals, and came 3rd! That was despite the fact that I didn't find out he was even *in* the finals until after the course-walking was finished, though luckily I'd walked it for Glen. In 2012 Scott gained his KC stud-book number for 3rd in a championship final, and in 2013 gained two Agility RCCs. For both 2012 and 2013 I was thrilled to find he'd won the Working Section's *Three Ds* and *Rosemary Seys* trophies, runner-up to Glen. This is all far more than I ever expected and well above the targets I'd hoped to reach with him. Special dog.

And then there was Glen. What can I say, but that everyone should have a 'Glen' at some point of their life, and what an amazing time we're having together. Barely 12" high, and only 4kgs, he is a bundle of energy and concentration. I'm not even sure how much I teach him and how much he teaches himself, and we've been lucky to have been training with Nicola Garrett since he was a pup. We took his Agility steadily at first, so it was a while before I realised he was a bit extra special – since when I've been trying to keep up. He is now 5.

Highlights have included successes in the Section's Agility leagues and being three times winner of the *Tony Seys* and *Night Shadow* trophies. At both Crufts 2013 and 2014 he reached the Crufts Singles Finals (coming 4th and 3rd) and the Championship Finals (6th and 7th), with all clear rounds. Despite being rather shy he doesn't find that big arena intimidating. As well as the two CCs he also has several RCCs. I enjoy breed history and appreciate the fact that for every 3rd or above in championship finals the dog's name is recorded in the KC's annual studbook for posterity. As with Scott, Glen has exceeded all my plans for him. We were having loads of fun in Agility before Glen, but he has taken it to an extra dimension and challenged me to improve as a handler. We've been able to achieve things I previously could only admire in others. My star.

We lost both Ross and Louis in 2010, so we've just the two dogs – family pets first and foremost, and companions to our daughter, son and grandsons. I'm lucky to be self-employed and part-time, so have the lads around me all day. I was given my first Sheltie when I was four, though after him it was a long wait before I could have another. But how could one ever willingly be without?

Jean Tuck

Just to let you know that Lu, (Samphrey Star Performer), has managed at the ripe old age of 8½, to be picked for the Southern Team for Crufts. He will be working "C"! This will be our 3rd time at Crufts on the green carpet. I must say, he loves it in the hub-bub of the NEC, even if I feel sick. But we will do our best and be proud of a Sheltie competing with the top Collies from the other regions.

That is on the Thursday, on the Saturday we have been asked, by the Kennel Club, to be in a demo team for "Promoting Obedience" with other breeds. We did it last year and what fun it was. No pressure.

I have another puppy, who loves doing heelwork, she is 8 months old now. Daisy (Briggs View Crazie Lady) – and she is crazy! – thinks she is a Collie. I have entered her in the Spring Sheltie Show for a bit of fun. At 5 months old she was tested for her Bronze Good Citizen award and passed with flying colours. She is no good for showing, very miss-marked and a small head, but with a very big brain.

Teresa Davies

I am enclosing a cheque to cover 'Sheltie At Work' for another year. I always feel terribly guilty when I read through it and see what fun all the Shelties are having, especially at Agility.

I know from the little I do with pet obedience, Good Citizen tests and teaching tricks how much fun they get. I hope to retire this year and maybe then spend a bit more time with my dogs and I might even see if the younger one will take to Agility if I can get into a local class.

A few of us have started meeting on a Monday evening and are having a go at "Push Ball". The class consists of a Leonberger, Bernese Mountain Dog, three Labradors, two Collies and Bailey my older Sheltie. They all think it cute that he can't actually see over the gym ball, but he is currently second best in the class at sending away around the ball and getting it back to me in goal and we are up to about 15-20 feet in distance now. The Leonberger is top of the class at the moment but he has the advantage of seeing where he is heading for!!

I am going to take Trisha's recommendation and get "Scaredy Dog" as I realise Breeze's problems are mainly fear related and not just him being really naughty. He has come on tremendously well since we rescued him 18 months ago but he was only 15 months old and five months of that he had been in kennels as his owner was ill and subsequently died. It is such a good job "Sheltie Rescue" exists for such cases and we were able to give him a home. He is so loving and has gained his Silver Good Citizen. He would probably pass Gold on a good day but in keeping with the spirit of the test I am holding off until he is more socially stable around other dogs. I feel we cheated slightly on Bronze & Silver as he was tested amongst dogs he had got used to! I think this book will help with his final re-hab.

Forgive my ramblings – what I am trying to say is that I really enjoy my Shelties and reading about how others are doing – so would like to thank the Committee for all your hard work in arranging all that you do and one day I may even get to come along.

Denise Thurlby

Rhoda Burdett asked me if I could send a photo of our Shelties with the trophies they won from the ESSC Working Section as between the four of them they won five trophies and Rhoda thought a photo might be nice for 'Sheltie at Work'.



The photo is of left to right: Carolelen Crystal Ace (Acer) with the Quaich Trophy for Veteran, Carolelen Cause a Dilemma (Indy) with the Vines Perpetual Trophy for Novice and Carolelen Causing Mischief (Tai) with the Expresse Trophy for 'B'.

Tai also won the ESSC Obedience Section Trophy for overall points but we have not had this one sent to us.

Also Carolelen Crystal Blue (Chas), who I recently lost with Lymphoma, won the Hildarke Trophy for 'C'. Unfortunately I did not have Chas long enough to be able to have his photo taken with his trophy. He meant such a lot to me and I am so proud of him for winning the ESSC 'C' trophy, which Pat Daniels is very kindly having engraved for me so his name will be on it for future winners to see.

Tracey Baudains
Guernsey

Carolelen Crystal Blue (Chas)

25.04.2006 –22.02.2014

Owned, Loved and Adored by Tracey Baudains



At the age of 7½ my beautiful blue eyed boy was diagnosed with Lymphoma, 3½ months later and I had to make the dreaded decision to let him go, he went quickly and peacefully in my arms.

Chas was a very complex chap; he was affectionate and very sensitive, he was very willing, but liked to do things on his own terms, but above all else was a real thinker. He was very clever and enjoyed learning new things, but I had to really consider how I would teach him something before I started, because otherwise he would put his own “spin” on it, having thought it through for himself!

Chas thoroughly enjoyed his training, and right up to the day I lost him he would “light up” if I did a little “work” with him. He started in Novice and went on to compete in and win both Limit and Open ‘C’ classes in the Channel Islands, giving the Border Collies a run for their money. He needed to get his confidence from me, but as long as I went in the ring with a positive attitude he was always consistent and a pleasure to work, he always gave it his all and I am very proud of him and what we achieved together.

During our time together, we enjoyed many lovely walks; in the summer Chas really enjoyed going climbing over the rocks and paddling in all the rock pools on the beach and wading up to his tummy in the sea on a hot day. He loved the sea from the first time he saw it as a puppy. He was very nosy and loved to investigate, he thought nothing of jumping on walls and banks to get a better view of his surroundings, or trotting up people's driveways to see what was in their gardens! He also loved playing chase with his mates Tai and in the past couple of years, Indy; he was great with each of the puppies we brought into the family, teaching and disciplining them simply through play.

Chas was my best mate, we did such a lot together and he gave me enormous pleasure, I miss him so much. I miss him sitting on my lap and taking up all the bed of a night, his nudging my leg with his nose to remind me he was there when out on a walk and his hugs, and I miss seeing him sat on the front seat of my car when I return to it, something he always used to do when I left him, so many things I miss. I am so grateful to have had the privilege of being owned by such a fantastic dog as Chas, he was as they all are very special, but somehow he was just that little bit more so because he was so different. I just wish our time together had not been cut short. There will be another bright star in the sky tonight.



Chas trying to work out how to reach an old chicken bone which had washed up on the beach, and which I had thrown out to sea to stop him eating – always the thinker!

Working Section A.G.M. 2014

at Grazeley Village Hall, Reading

Sunday 16th February 2014

I was delighted to see that 22 members attended the A.G.M. this year. The business of the meeting took a while as a lengthy discussion was had on our events.

You will find a copy of the Chairman's, Treasurer's and Trophy Secretary's reports, as well as news of our events for the year in this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'.

Everyone and their Sheltie had fun, with a lot of laughter, as we got into the games after lunch.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were available during the day.

There were some very nice prizes for the raffle organised by Pam Albrow.

THANK YOU ALL for your help and support.

Donations to the Working Section have been received from the following.

Wendy Ashby, Bernadette & Tracey Baudains, Gillian Eales, Beryl Forge, Joyce Gibson, Mary Glover-Guest, Barbara Grounsell, Indira Helsby, Bridget Jamieson, Val Johnson, Janet Kingsley, Deirdre Matthews, Helen Mordaunt, Brian Olby, Joanna & Hannah Pidduck, Christine Powell, W Rutland, Mavis Vincze, Carol Wood

It is very kind of you and much appreciated.

Lesley Lubbi
Hon. Secretary

Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming, your support is much appreciated with the uncertainty of the weather.

Unfortunately I start this meeting with some very sad news. Rosemary Seys passed away last year. Rosemary and Tony were the founders of the Working Section. So I would like to ask if we could start with a minute silence please.

The Section's members have had much success in both Agility and Obedience and the leagues seem to be popular. Our thanks go to Jeanette Maggs and Pat Thompson for all their work to maintain these sites. Our thanks also go to Trisha Harding for the excellent job of 'Sheltie at Work' and Val Winfield for updating the website. Graham Kersey our obedience show Chief Steward. I also include Lesley for organising us all and the Committee for their work. However for the Committee to be able to run the Section for you, we need your support. We do need to be kept informed of your achievements. So please let Lesley or Lorna know when you and your Sheltie have done well. Then everything can be kept up to date.

The Main Body have decided that after this year the Obedience classes at the Spring Show will not be held any more. This is because of the poor attendance on previous years. They are holding a Club Centenary Show on 7th June at the Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh. The theme of course will be 1914. We hope that some of you will be able to come to support the Section.

Unfortunately we can no longer get the plates and trophies for our shows that we have given in previous years. But we have got an alternative.

You will have seen the point system for the AGM trophies has been amended, which should make it easier for you to understand.

Our Agility Show has changed its date to November and the venue will be 'The Dog Training Barn' at Banbury, Oxfordshire.

This concludes my report

Peter Lubbi

Awards at the 2014 AGM

for points gained in 2013

Mixed Discipline Trophies

The Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy

1 st	Jean Tuck – Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G)	Dog	506
2 nd	Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)	Dog	113
3 rd	Louise Eden – Obay The Boyz High Voltage	Dog	111
4 th	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	110
5 th	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee	Bitch	92
6 th	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause a Dilemma	Dog	82

The Rosemary Seys Award (Runner Up)

Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)

The Moonen Shiel Trophy

1 st	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	46
2 nd	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	18
3 rd	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Sunshine	Dog	4

The Fairmead Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Margaret Horsfield - Tarasol Sunshine

The Hildarke Trophy

1 st	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue	Dog	62
2 nd	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	18

The Javis Plate (Junior Handler)

No claims

The Suky Trophy

1 st	Louise Eden – Obay The Boyz High Voltage	Dog	111
2 nd	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee	Bitch	92
3 rd	Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue	Dog	60
4 th	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	50
5 th	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	46
6 th	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Sunshine	Dog	32

The Stella Trophy (Runner Up)

Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee

The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield

1 st	Louise Saunders – Torriglen Trailblazer	Dog	67
2 nd	Lorraine Bedford – Seavall Tri The Piper	Bitch	23

The Pixham Shield (Best Opposite Sex)

Lorraine Bedford – Seavall Tri The Piper

The Knight Trophy

1 st	Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset	Dog	10
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Dukeson Memorial Rosette for Obedience and Breed

Lorraine Bedford – Seavall Tri The Piper Bitch

Agility Trophies

The Night Shadow Trophy

1 st	Jean Tuck – Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G)	Dog	506
2 nd	Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Claygill AW(G)	Dog	113
3 rd	Louise Eden – Obay The Boyz High Voltage	Dog	111
4 th	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee	Bitch	92
5 th	Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue	Dog	60
6 th	Rosie Pearson – Chalmoor Mystical AW(G)	Bitch	35

The Three D's Trophy (Runner Up)

Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)

The Foola Trophy and the Jazzie Cup (Runner Up)

No claims

Obedience Trophies

ESSC Obedience Section Trophy

1 st	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	110
2 nd	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause a Dilemma	Dog	82
3 rd	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue	Dog	62
4 th	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelan Crystal Ace	Dog	56
5 th	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	50
6 th	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	46

The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn

The Hildarke Trophy

1 st	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue	Dog	62
2 nd	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	18

The Vines Perpetual Trophy

1 st	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause a Dilemma	Dog	58
2 nd	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	30
3 rd	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	20
4 th	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Sunshine	Dog	16
5 th	Margaret Horsfield – Maincksham Secret Dream at Tarasol	Bitch	10
6 th	Karen Marek – Mohnessee Man on a Mission	Dog	2

The Flintstones Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Margaret Horsfield – Maincksham Secret Dream at Tarasol

The Obedience Champion Purdy Trophy

1 st	Jennifer Low – Forestland Flute	Dog	20
2 nd	Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset	Dog	10

The Rose Bowl (Best Opposite Sex)

No claims

The Expresse Trophy

1 st	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	30
2 nd	Karen Marek – Mohnessee Man on a Mission	Dog	10

Dukeson Memorial Rosette for Obedience

Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset Dog

The Quaich Trophy

1 st	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Ace	Dog	56
2 nd	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	50
3 rd	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	18
4 th	Margaret Horsfield – Shaded Lady of Oldland	Bitch	10

Working Trials Trophy

Lonicera Shield

1 st	Louise Saunders – Torriglen Trailblazer	Dog	13
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Rhoda Burdett
Trophy Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st December 2013

I am glad to be able to report that the Section has had a successful year again, returning a surplus of £315. This is particularly pleasing given our not so promising financial expectations for this past year.

As always, thanks must go to those who have attended, helped, trained at and judged at our events.

Particular thanks must go to those who have volunteered time or kindly donated funds to help us sustain these events. There is no doubt that that the main reason the Section has managed to run without making a loss for the last three years is thanks to the voluntary efforts of trainers at various events and the kind donations received for events such as the Sheltie Agility Show.

After 3 consecutive years in the black it is possible that the Section will return to making a loss this year. The running of the Section is not about making a profit. It is for the benefit of the members, therefore making a loss should not be seen as a bad thing as long as any losses are managed, sustainable and are sustained for the benefit of our members.

In conclusion the auditor was happy with the state of the Section's finances for 2013.

Matthew Burdett
Hon. Treasurer

Trading Account, 31st December 2013 (2012)

	£		£
Opening stock 1.1.13	295 (343)	Sales	442 (318)
Purchases	257 (163)	Closing stock	251 (295)
Surplus C/D	<u>141 (107)</u>		
	<u>693 (613)</u>		<u>693 (613)</u>

Income & Expenditure Account, Year Ended 31st December 2013

<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>
£	<u>Income</u>	£
107	Surplus from Trading Account B/D	141
0	Subscriptions	0
(1230)	Training Days – Income	(1698)
<u>(919)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(1281)</u>
311		417
(1173)	Agility Show – Income	(1196)
<u>(1045)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(1134)</u>
128		63
202	Donations	119
1	Bank Special Deposit Interest	1
0	Current Account Interest	0
(909)	Sheltie at Work Magazine – Income	(932)
<u>(766)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(743)</u>
143		189
160	Raffles	151
<u>0</u>	Sundries	<u>0</u>
<u>1053</u>	Total	<u>1081</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
0	Donations & Presentations	73
0	Purchase of Equipment	0
75	Postage, Stationery & Telephone	64
182	Spring & Ch Show Expenses	147
54	Hire of Hall & AGM Expenses	113
0	Subscription to parent body	0
251	Sundries	319
50	Auditor's Payment	50
<u>442</u>	Surplus/Deficit for Year	<u>315</u>
<u>1053</u>	Total	<u>1081</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2013

<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>
£		£
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
1993	Cash at Bank – Current Account	2362
2659	– Special Deposit Account	2660
295	Resale Stock at Cost	251
0	Sundry Debtors	0
<u>10</u>	Prepaid Expenses	<u>10</u>
<u>4957</u>		<u>5273</u>
	<u>Representing Accumulated Fund</u>	
4516	Balance at 1st January	4957
<u>442</u>	Surplus/Deficit for year as per Income/Exp. Account	<u>315</u>
<u>4957</u>		<u>5273</u>
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>0</u>	Income Received in Advance	<u>0</u>
<u>4957</u>		<u>5273</u>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Working News Update

As usual at this stage of the New Year there are not many show results to report. Since the Autumn Update, at Open Shows I know of the following:

OBEDIENCE

Results taken from “*Dog Training Weekly*” up to 1st March 2014:

Bernadette Baudins in the Channel Islands has had a 3rd place in Novice and 2nd in Class ‘A’ with Carolelen Causing Mischief.

Tracey Baudins with Carolelen Cause a Dilemma has won Novice and with Carolelen Crystal Blue had a 3rd in ‘C’.

Also from the Channel Islands, Caroline Le Poidevin with Condorvean Bobbin Joan has come 2nd in Novice.

Sue Robinson and Calambray Back Chat have won ‘B’.

Sadie Fairs and Lavika Land of Love have had a 4th in ‘A’.

Peter Lubbi has had two 5th places with Sandyglow Silver Shadow in Novice.

Jenny Lowe and Forestland Spring Footstep have had a 4th place in Beginners.

Pat Daniels has had a 5th and two 6th places in 'C' with Azure Sky Kahlstelle and a 4th in 'A' with Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn.

Amy Bennett and Heidron Come True for Xotica have had a 5th place in 'A'.

Margaret Horsfield has had a 4th in Novice with Tarasol Sunshine.

Gaby Recker and Fabio, Magic Monty vom Erkelengerland, have won Beginners and come 2nd in Novice in the Netherlands competing in their English-style Obedience competition. I have heard that since then they have also won Novice there.

AGILITY

In the Agility Club Annual Awards for 2013 Christina Cutting and Heidron High Achiever AW(S) came 4th in Small Grade 4.

Matthew Burdett and Licosateria Mai Rising Star came 6th in Small Grade 5.

Louise Eden and Clanavon Misty Shadow have won their first CC (Challenge Certificate).

The Kennel Club has chosen a squad of 40 dogs and handlers who will form its Team GB for overseas competitions. The KC will select three dogs from each height to form its teams for the World Open Agility Championships and the European Open Agility Championships, based on results up to April 2014. Shelties in this squad are: Christine Wingate-Wynne with Obay Tiz Wild (Medium); Bernadette Bay with Ag. Ch. Obay Itz Got Pizzazz (Small); Clive Foden with Mohnesee's Miss Chief (Small); Louise Eden with Clanavon Misty Shadow (Small)

The IFCS World Agility Championships are being held in the Netherlands from 7-11th May 2014 and there are five Shelties in the KC Team GB. They are Rhoda Burdett with Chandling Ebony Charge (Brodie), Lian Knight with Licosateria Mai Rising Son (Sonic) and Mark Douglas with Danfrebek Star Blossom at Starsofmars in the Mini Dogs competition. Matthew Burdett with Mountland Made in Heaven (Bracken) and Lian Knight with Blenmerrow Sizzling Star (Sizzle) go in the Toy Dogs competition.

CRUFTS 2014

As usual there are a number of Shelties and handlers who have qualified in the different working disciplines.

Teresa Davies and Samphrey Star Performer (Lu) are competing in Class 'C' for the Southern Obedience Team in the Inter-regional Teams competition.

In the YKC competitions Kirstie Sutliff has qualified both Forestland Flute and Forestland Spring Footstep to compete in the Junior Agility Under 18 competition. George Oliver is competing with Shirley Turner's Jontygray Iced Tea in the Shrewsbury Junior Agility Team.

In the Championship Agility and Championship Jumping (Small) we have Bernadette Bay with Ag. Ch. Itz Got Pizzazz; Clive Foden with Mohnesee's Miss Chief AW(G); Jean Tuck with Japaro Cool Jazz AW(G); Louise Eden with Clanavon Misty Shadow.

In both Championship Agility and Championship Jumping (Medium) we have Nancy Hudson with Obay Tiz Zensational and Christine Wingate-Wynne with Obay Tiz Wild AW(G).

Eleanor Balchin and Sheldray Smoke on the Water are in ABC (anything but a collie) Medium as are Nancy Hudson and Obay Tiz Zensational.

In the Teams competitions Hazel Hicks and Myndoc Monkey Puzzle run for Horsham & District Small Team; Jean Tuck and Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill run for RSCTA Rough with the Smooth Medium Team; Marilyn Adams and Obay It's a Secret run for Blackdown Medium Team.

In the Crufts Singles Small Competition there are Jean Tuck with Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill, Amy Lawson with Ag.Ch. Millie on to One and Clive Foden with Mohnesee's Miss Chief.

Please keep me updated with your dogs' achievements.

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Crufts Results 2014

Congratulations must go to all who competed and especially to those who took the honours. The full results are:

Agility Results

Bernadette Bay with Ag Ch Obay Itz Got Pizazz AW(G)

- 1st British Open Small Round 1 Jumping
- 1st British Open Small Round 2 Agility
- 1st British Open Small Overall Ranking
- 1st Agility Championship Small Round 1 Jumping
- 1st Agility Championship Small Round 2 Agility
- 1st Agility Championship Small Round 3 Final
- 1st Agility Championship Small Overall Ranking

Eleanor Balchin with Sheldray Smoke On The Water AW

- 1st Novice Medium ABC Overall Ranking
- 2nd Novice Medium ABC Round 1 Jumping
- 2nd Novice Medium ABC Round 2 Agility

Bernadette Bay with Obay Boyz Toyz

- 1st Novice Cup Small Round 2 Agility
- 2nd Novice Cup Small Overall Ranking
- 4th Novice Cup Small Round 1 Jumping

Wendy Ashby with Chelmarsh Finish-N-Touch

- 1st Small Team, Beacon Smalls Final
- 2nd Small Team, Beacon Smalls Semi-Finals

Karen Gibbons with Riverbend Mitzie AW(G)

- 1st Crufts Singles Medium Round 3 Final
- 4th Crufts Singles Medium Overall Ranking
- 5th Crufts Singles Medium Round 1 Jumping
- 6th Crufts Singles Medium Round 2 Agility

Paul Ysebaert with Hero Of The Golden Fir

- 2nd British Open Medium Round 1 Jumping
- 2nd British Open Medium Overall Ranking
- 3rd British Open Medium Round 2 Agility

Amy Lawson with Ag Ch Millie On to One

- 2nd Crufts Singles Small Round 1 Jumping
- 5th Small Team, Corton's Chaos Theory
- 8th Crufts Singles Small Round 2 Agility
- 9th Crufts Singles Small Overall Ranking

Karen James with Mistmere Out Of The Blue

- 3rd Novice Cup Medium Round 2 Agility
- 4th Novice Cup Medium Round 1 Jumping
- 4th Novice Cup Medium Overall Ranking

Jean Tuck with Japaro Cool Jazz At Craygill

- 3rd Crufts Singles Small Round 3 Final
- 4th Crufts Singles Small Overall Ranking
- 5th Crufts Singles Small Round 2 Agility
- 6th Crufts Singles Small Round 1 Jumping
- 7th Agility Championship Small Round 2 Agility
- 7th Agility Championship Small Round 3 Final
- 8th Agility Championship Small Overall Ranking
- 12th Agility Championship Small Round 1 Jumping

Christine Wingate-Wynne with Obay Itz Wild AW(G)

- 3rd Agility Championship Medium Round 1 Jumping
- 9th Agility Championship Medium Round 2 Agility
- 9th Agility Championship Medium Overall Ranking

Clive Foden with Mohnesee's Miss Chief AW(G)

- 4th Crufts Singles Small Round 2 Agility
- 5th Agility Championship Small Round 2 Agility

- 5th Crufts Singles Small Overall Ranking
- 6th Agility Championship Small Round 3 Final
- 7th Crufts Singles Small Round 1 Jumping
- 7th Agility Championship Small Round Overall Ranking
- 11th Agility Championship Small Round 1 Jumping

Nancy Hudson with Obay Tiz Zensational

- 4th Agility Championship Medium Round 2 Agility
- 8th Medium Novice ABC Round 1 Jumping
- 9th Medium Novice ABC Round 2 Agility
- 9th Medium Novice ABC Overall Ranking
- 10th Agility Championship Medium Overall Ranking
- 15th Agility Championship Medium Round 1 Jumping

Jean Tuck with Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)

- 6th Medium Team, RSCTA Rough with the Smooth.

Peggy Briscoe with Obay Catch A Falling Star

- 8th Small Team, Horsham & District

Louise Eden with Clanavon Misty Shadow

- 10th Agility Championship Small Round 2 Agility
- 14th Agility Championship Small Overall Ranking
- 16th Agility Championship Small Round 1 Jumping

Sam Roe with Odds On Deefah Do

- 14th Agility Championship Small Round 1 Jumping
- 15th Agility Championship Small Round 2 Agility
- 16th Agility Championship Small Overall Ranking

Obedience Results

Inter-Regional Obedience Team

Teresa Davies with Samphrey Star Performer

- 1st South East & East Anglia Team

Sheltie Obedience League Results for 2013

Pre Beginners

1st Doreen Goodwin – Dellaph Shripalm Mathida 6 points

Beginners

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1st Jenny Miller – Forestland Flute 7 points

2nd Vanessa Hardin – Shelysham Miss Mayhem 3 points

2nd Jenny Miller – Forestland Spring Footstep 3 points

Novice

1st Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause a Dilema 12 points

2nd Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief 10 points

3rd Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond 6 points

3rd Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond 6 points

Test 'A'

1st Sadie Fairs – Lavika Land of Love 48 points

2nd Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn 23 points

3rd Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief 15 points

3rd Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond 15 points

Test 'B'

1st Sue Robinson – Calambray Back Chat 30 points

Test 'C'

1st Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue 15 points

2nd Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahistelle 9 points

3rd Teresa Davies – Samphrey Star Performer 2 points

Well done to everyone who took part in the Sheltie Obedience League in 2013 and many congratulations to the class winners.

The Obedience League Rules are available from the ESSC website under "Obedience".

Results can be sent by e-mail to Patsheltiethom@aol.com

or in writing/by post to Mrs Pat Thompson, 12 Hutton Close, Westbury on Trym, Bristol, BS9 3PS.

Sheltie Agility League Results for 2013

Grade 1

1 st	Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset (Medium)	340
2 nd	Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun (Medium)	195

Grade 3

1 st	Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue (Medium)	665
2 nd	Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On (Medium)	612
3 rd	Sue Rorie – Foubeck Fonetic (Small)	531

Grade 4

1 st	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi’s Jubilee AW(S) (Small)	683
2 nd	Phyllis Archer – Dunbrae Royal Emblem (Medium)	522
3 rd	Sue Rorie – Irlanvic Vanilla Ice (Small)	511

Grade 5

1 st	Bellann Hollingbury – Roger Ramjet (Small)	1244
2 nd	Janette Mitchell – Karmidale Just One Look (Small)	798
3 rd	Kay Collard – Lythwood Silhouette (Medium)	728

Grade 6

1 st	Phyllis Archer – Yewdale Lucky Charm (Medium)	918
2 nd	Jenny Strike – Shaelith Blizzard (Medium)	807
3 rd	Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us (Medium)	755

Grade 7

1 st	Jean Tuck – Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G) (Small)	4011
2 nd	Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) (Medium)	1381
3 rd	Rhoda Burdett - Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G) (Medium)	640

Thanks to everyone that has taken part in the Sheltie Agility League during 2013.

Full results and how to join can be found on the ESSC website under “Agility”.

Jeanette Maggs

ESSC Open Show Results

Saturday 22nd February 2014

Judge : Sue Robinson

Many thanks to Leslie and Peter Lubbi for the invitation to judge the Obedience section of the 2014 Spring Show at Brackley. The Working Section looked after us well throughout the day, both myself and my steward thoroughly enjoyed our day. We both appreciated the lovely gifts at the end of the day and it was a pleasure to see so many happy Shelties together with their handlers. Many thanks to Margaret and Graham, Margaret for her assistance on the scoreboard and Graham for his stay duties and his wit on quite a long day. Finally thanks to Nancy who did a wonderful job shepherding all the handlers around the ring.

Pre-Beginners

1st Mrs M & Mr S Wildsmith's Tachnamadra Laurencin with Sandlebeck (handled by Margaret). This was a nice steady round, a bit of drifting in heel free and a couple of crooked sits but you still managed to take the red rosette. Just tighten up of these little errors and you should do well in the future. Well Done.

2nd Miss J Hillard and Sanscott Ski Blue. Another good round with the only clear recall of the day, just pipped by the dog above but I am sure you will soon win. Well Done.

3rd Mrs A Hopkins and Samphrey The Jazz Singer. Drifting and crooked sits your main problem, do watch for a tight lead. Well Done on this place, keep training and I am sure you will soon be winning.

4th Mrs L Bedford and Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway. Danny could have won if he had done his stays, get this sorted out and you will certainly be successful. Well Done.

5th Mrs L Bedford and Seavall Tri The Piper. Piper was another naughty boy but he is still quite a 'baby' so keep training him and I am sure he will learn. Well Done.

6th Miss J Ashford and Janetstown Jacinda. Work on your stays and you could be at the other end of the line. Well Done on this place.

7th Mrs A Hopkins and Fernfara Siva Magic. Well Done.

Beginners

1st (ARO) Mrs P Townsend and Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey. You had to work hard to gain this place doing the round twice. A well deserved win, Darcey worked better in the run-off than she did in the first round. Well Done.

2nd (ARO) Mrs D Goodwin and Dellaph Shripalm Mathilda. Just pipped into second place but I know you were pleased with Mathilda as she had done well in her Novice round. Well Done.

3rd Mrs R & Mr M Burdett (handled by Rhoda) and Chandling Ebony Charge. Definitely family rivalry here with the wife winning, drifting the main fault, tighten up this and you will win. Well Done.

4th Mrs R & Mr M Burdett (handled by Matthew) and Mountland Made in Heaven. Bracken was the entertainment of the day, she is wonderful, inaccuracies are made up for by her enthusiasm. Well Done.

5th Mrs L Bedford and Watchwood Gift Wrapped for Rainway. Well Done on getting a place in Beginners.

6th Mrs R & Mr M Burdett's Licosateria Mai Rising Star (handled by Matthew). Another entertaining round, drifting the main problem. Well Done.

7th Mrs L Bedford and Seavall Tri The Piper. Well Done.

Novice

1st Mrs D Goodwin and Dellaph Shripalm Mathilda. A steady round, handled calmly, your first Novice and a well deserved win. Well Done.

2nd (ARO) Mrs W Clark and Colmae Cazanova. Another very nice round, not far behind the first dog just a bit of drifting in heelwork. Tighten this up and you will be winning. Well Done.

3rd (ARO) Mrs M Horsfield and Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol. A lovely bouncy little dog, marks lost for slight drifting. Work on this and you will be wining. Well Done.

4th Mrs L Turner and Melcette Hello Bud. Marks lost for drifting in the heelwork. The only dog to go clear in both recall and retrieve. He is just a big baby at present but I am sure he will do well when he grows up. Well Done.

5th Mrs M Horsfield and Tarsol Sunshine. Drifting in heel work the main problem, try to stand up straight and I am sure this will improve. Well Done.

6th Mrs M Horsfield and Tarosol Moonlight Shadow. Well Done.

7th Mrs Horsfield and Marricksham Lovable Rogue at Tarosol. Both of your last two dogs lost marks on drifting. This tends to be your major fault with all your dogs, concentrate on trying to walk straight looking ahead and you will find your dogs will come with you. Well Done.

Class A

1st Mrs M Horsfield and Tarosol Blue Diamond Blue worked the best of all your dogs in 'A' today. He produced the best heelwork, but I am sure all your dogs would improve if you increased your pace and focused ahead by standing upright. You tend to look down at your dogs which then pushes them away from you. If you can do this I am sure you will soon start getting places in 'A' at Open Shows. Well Done.

2nd Mrs M Horsfield and Tarosol Moonlight Shadow. The only dog to get a clear scent. Well Done.

3rd Mrs M Horsfield and Tarosol Sunshine. Well Done

4th Mrs M Horsfield and Marricksham Lovable Rogue at Tarosol. Well Done

5th Miss R Kennedy and Rosias Tiger Lily at Donbeley. It can certainly be said that Tiger enjoyed herself, but she got a rosette. Well Done.

6th Mrs M Horsfield and Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarosol. Well Done.

Class B

1st Mrs K Marek and Mohnesse's Man on a Mission. I know you were most pleased that Pip actually did his stays but he is well capable of working a good 'B' round. You must keep working him. Well Done.

2nd Ms P Albrow and Shelridge Black Pearl Produced a lovely neat round and then was a naughty girl in the stays. Well Done.

Watch Trophy Mrs L Turner – Melcette Hello Bud

Miyrowan Salver Mrs R Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge AW(G)

I hope you all enjoyed your day. I saw some lovely Shelties with great potential and hope that I will see you all being successful around the shows. Always remember that at the end of the day you take the Best Dog Home.



Pre-Beginners



Beginners



Novice



Test 'A'



Test 'B'



Watch Trophy



Miryowan Salver

Sheltie Obedience Training Day

Sunday November 17th 2013

Trainer: Jane Martin



Peter & Lesley Lubbi welcomed everyone on arrival and looked after us all throughout the day. This year our trainer was Jane Martin, who judges and stewards at all levels, and competes herself with her Border Collies. Jane admitted that she hasn't owned a Sheltie before but this certainly did not prevent Jane from putting the handler and the dog at ease from the start with her experience.

There was a range of experience from the attendees, some very experienced teams and some just starting out. Not all the handlers that came to support the day compete in Obedience, but work in other disciplines such as Agility, Heelwork to Music, Rally and Working Trials.

The day started with introductions and the day's schedule was explained. The morning was spent on heelwork with each handler having ten minutes of individual attention. This was not about "square bashing" as it may sound, but structured for the handler's own needs.

This was really helpful as not everyone wanted the same thing. Jane quickly assessed each team and gave lots of helpful tips and advice when they had their go.

After a lunch we worked on attention skills, this was really good fun, as the handler had to listen! The class was split into two sides of the hall and Jane asked the handlers to do different tasks with their dog across the hall. We then moved on to more close contact by weaving in and out of each other around the hall when Jane picked people at random to move at different times. Following this we worked on statics, left and right turn, and about turn still keeping the dog focussed on its handler.

Next the class was split into three handlers and their dogs doing the retrieve, with each handler having a turn. This highlighted how the handler can make mistakes without always realising that they are, such as the position of their feet when the dog comes in. We were shown how to bend down to take the dumbbell without pushing the dog out of position with our knees. Other tips were how to get the dog faster and not chomping the dumbbell.

Recalls were the next activity and Jane gave tips on how to get the dog closer into the front present by feeding/reward in-between the legs as some of the Shelties sat back or jumped back.

Everyone participated together on stays which was a two minute sit and then a 3 minute down stay. Handlers could choose to go out of sight (into the kitchen) if they wished or to stay within sight and feed/return to the dog to build up the skill.

Time was getting on but we managed to finish the day with scent, a choice of tiles or scent cloths. Jane explained some of the different methods to do this task, as some people were at different stages of training.

The day came too soon to a close and goodbyes were said.

Thank you Jane for such a lovely day and thank you Lesley & Peter and the Committee for enabling us to have a training day.

Karen Marek

“Sheltie Camp” Training Weekend 2014

on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May

at Tillingbourne School, New Road, Chilworth,
Nr. Guildford, Surrey, GU4 8NB

Agility

Obedience

Working Trials

Fun & Games

Talking Dogs Rally (on the Saturday only)

Bronze or Silver Good Citizen (Saturday & Sunday lunch time)

Fish & Chip Supper (Saturday evening on site)

As you can see from the list of disciplines above, we are following the same format as in previous years' training weekends. All of our trainers have been chosen for their understanding approach to the training of Shelties, and all have had first hand experience with the breed and the discipline they will be instructing.

Agility: This will cover basic training with jumps, weaves and contact equipment.

Obedience: This will cater from the pet dog and basic obedience up to Test 'C'. With Heelwork, Recalls, Retrieve, Scent, Sendaways and Stays.

Working Trials: This will cover basic training on how to start training a fun search, and tracking..

Fun & Games: Games and activities for you and your dogs to enjoy.

Talking Dog Rally: (Saturday only) Talking Dog Rally (TDR) is based on Rally-Obedience, which was created by Charles Kramer in America over 13 years ago. The accuracy required is more flexible than in other activities, so allows for more natural movement from the dog.

Bronze or Silver Good Citizen: The Working Section will hold the Bronze and Silver Good Citizen tests if there is sufficient response. Each dog that participates can enter **either** the Bronze or Silver test.

You can have a go at all of the above disciplines or as few as you want, the only criteria is that you and your dogs enjoy yourselves.



The cost will be:

1 dog and handler, one day	£30 members £35 non members
2 dogs and handler, one day	£45 members £50 non members
1 dog and handler, two days	£50 members £55 non members
2 dogs and handler, two days	£75 members £80 non members
1 dog and junior handler, one day	£20 members £25 non members
2 dogs and junior handler, one day	£30 members £35 non members
1 dog and junior handler, two days	£30 members £35 non members
2 dogs and junior handler, two days	£45 members £50 non members
Spectators, one day	£15 members £20 non members
Spectators, two days	£20 members £25 non members
Optional Saturday supper	£8.00

Handlers are reminded that instead of paying to work two dogs, you may work more than one dog but only one dog per exercise or session.

Other breeds will be welcome to attend Camp (though not to work) but must be kept under control.

The training will be from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm each day with a break for lunch. We will not be having formal stops for coffee or tea but you are more than welcome to bring your own drinks as required.

There will be a Raffle, so if you have any suitable items, they will be very welcome.

The trophy for the best-groomed dog will be awarded after lunch on Sunday.

Free camping is allowed on the site from 5 pm Friday evening to Sunday evening. There are various B&B facilities in the area and full details can be obtained from the Guildford Tourist Board.

Booking forms are available from Lesley Lubbi,
tel. no. 01784 258334 or e-mail: info@esscworkingsection.co.uk

Book Recommendation
Dog Sport Skills, Book 1
Developing Engagement & Relationship
by Denise Fenzi & Deborah Jones

Written by positive trainers Denise Fenzi and Deborah Jones, the “Dog Sport Skills” series is a wonderful resource for the dog sport enthusiast who wants a positive working relationship with their dog.

Book 1 describes how to get to know your dog, how to adjust your training to meet his needs and how to build a strong bond based on trust and respect.

The chapters cover ***Relationship*** (what it is and how to get it); the importance of ***Attitude***; recognizing ***Stress*** and techniques for lessening its impact; ***Positive methods*** for getting behaviours; developing ***Focus***; and the use of ***Trick Training*** to develop the handler's training skills and the dog's mental and physical flexibility.

It doesn't matter what genetic package or temperament your dog was born with; you can bring out the best in your dog! To train your dog, you must develop a relationship that encourages a willing and happy attitude with natural focus while eliminating undue stress in both training and competition.

If your goal is to create a world-class performance dog, then this book is for you. It can help you refine your engagement and relationship skills to a higher level.

If you have a dog who works well at home but you can't seem to maintain that connection in public, then this book is for you. You will learn the basics of recognizing stress, paying attention to your dog, and alleviating or minimizing problems so that you can focus on work rather than worry.

Finally, if you simply want to enjoy your training at a more fulfilling level, then this book is for you as well! By understanding and applying excellent engagement and relationship building techniques, both you and your dog will find more enjoyment in the training process.

Highly recommended!

Trisha Harding

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