## **SHELTIE AT WORK**

## No. 81

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A clear Scent exercise !

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## Editorial

Plenty of news this time! Thanks to all contributors. We have articles covering a wide range of disciplines, Rally, Obedience, HTM and also Agility with Zoe Fillery-Hammond's inspiring account of her journey to compete at the PAWC (ParAgility World Championships) in the Czech Republic. Well done to you all.

## Happy training! Trisha Harding

## **Dates for your Diary**

### Obedience Classes at the E.S.S.C. Championship Show Saturday 14th October 2017

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

#### Agility Show

#### Sunday 29th October 2017

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

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## Working Section A.G.M. 2017

#### at Grazeley Village Hall, Reading

#### Sunday 26th February 2017

It was great to see our members and have a catch up on what everyone has been up to. The business of the meeting took a while as a lengthy discussion was had about the running of the Section. You will find a copy of the Chairman's Treasurer's and Trophy Secretary's reports and results of Crufts and the Leagues, as well as the dates for this year's events in this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'.

## Donations to the Working Section

## have been received from the following:

Tracey Baudains, Joyce Gibson, Mary Glover-Guest, Barbara Grounsell, Indira Helsby, Bridget Jamieson, Janet Kingsley, Carrolyn Le Poidevin, Deirdre Matthews, Helen Mordaunt, Brian Olby, Joanna Pidduck, W Rutland, Rosemary Turner.

It is very kind of you all and very much appreciated.

Lesley Lubbi Hon. Secretary

## Chairman's Report

#### English Shetland Sheepdog Club Working Section

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

The Section's members have again had much success in all of the disciplines in 2016. As we deal with so many disciplines now, it is very difficult for us to keep up with all of your achievements. It is important that you keep us up to date with them for inclusion in SAW. So please let Lorna or Lesley know when your Shelties have done well. It shows just how well your Shelties have done as many of them will be at Crufts again this year. Very well done to you all, enjoy your day and Good Luck.

Our thanks go to Trisha Harding for the excellent job of the "Sheltie at Work" magazine, Graham Kersey and Karen Marek for all their work at the Obedience Show last year. Our thanks go to Jeanette Maggs, Pat Thompson and Jean Tuck for all their hard work to maintain the leagues. This year Jeanette has stood down from doing the Agility League and it will now be run by Rowena and Nigel Steady. A new setup has been put onto our website. So our thanks go to them for taking that on. We are also doing a Facebook page now. I would also like to thank all of the Committee on your behalf for their hard work. However for the Committee to run the Section for you, we do need your continued support.

This year we are putting on a Rally Training Day in April as well as the Limited Agility and Obedience Shows in October. The main body will only be doing one "Nutshell" a year.

If any of you see someone at shows with a Sheltie that is not a member, please let them know about the Working Section, it would be much appreciated.

This concludes my report.

Peter Lubbi, Chairman

## E.S.S.C. Working Section Trophies

## Awarded at the 2017 AGM for points gained in 2016

## **Mixed Discipline Trophies**

#### The Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy

<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Jean Tuck - AgCh Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(D) P-Beg Ex RL</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Janette Mitchell - Shelridge Special Diamond</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Karen James - Licosateria Iconic Dream</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6</li> </ul>	.6 324 238 135 106 92 88
The Rosemary Seys Award (Runner Up) Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite	
<u>The Moonen Shiel Trophy</u> No claims	
<u>The Fairmead Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)</u> No Claims	
The Javis Plate (Junior Handler)	
No Claims	
<b>The Suky Trophy</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Janette Mitchell - Shelridge Special Diamond 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite 3 <sup>rd</sup> Karen James - Licosateria Iconic Dream 4 <sup>th</sup> Sue Lang - Chelmarsh All The Way 5 <sup>th</sup> Rosie Pearson - Shammie Ebony Diamond	135 95 87 74 39
<u>The Stella Trophy (Runner Up)</u> Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite	
<u>The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christina Graham - Shadoway a Game of Chance RL5.Ex	109 96
<i>The Pixham Shield (Best Opposite Sex)</i> Christina Graham - Shadoway a Game of Chance RL5.Ex	
The Knight Trophy	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist at Sunset	8

## Agility Trophies

#### The Night Shadow Trophy

1 <sup>st</sup> Jean Tuck - AgCh Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(D) P-Beg Ex RL6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite 3 <sup>rd</sup> Karen James - Licosateria Iconic Dream 4 <sup>th</sup> Peter Gibbons - Whiterocks Chancer at Fetherland 5 <sup>th</sup> Rosie Pearson - Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee 6 <sup>th</sup> Patsie Goulding - Willowgarth Winter Hazel	5 278 238 92 82 77 67
The Three D's Trophy (Runner Up)	
Rhiannon Thomas - Channerswick Kryptonite	
<u>The Foula Trophy</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Rowena Steady - Shaelith Autumn Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist At Sunset	16 8
The Jazzie Cup (Runner Up) Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist At Sunset	
Obedience Trophies	
ESSC Obedience Section Trophy	
<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Baudains - Carolelen Cause A Dillema</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Janette Mitchell - Shelridge Special Diamond</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> Pat Daniels - Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> Sue Lang - Chelmarsh All the Way</li> </ul>	106 88 80 76 58 50
The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)	
Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6	
<u>The Hildarke Trophy</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Tracey Baudains - Carolelen Cause a Dillema 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bernadette Baudains - Carolelen Causing Mischief	68 14
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<u>The Vines Perpetual Trophy</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sue Lang - Chelmarsh All The Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Janette Mitchell - Shelridge Special Diamond 3 <sup>rd</sup> Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jenny Miller - Forestland Flute 5 <sup>th</sup> Pat Townsend - Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey	44 26 10 10 8

#### The Flintstones Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly

#### The Obedience Champion Purdy Trophy

<ul> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Heidi Dixon - Lightning Lilly</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Tuck - AgCh Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(D) P-Beg Ex RL6</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Pat Townsend - Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey</li> <li>4<sup>th</sup> Jenny Miller - Forestland Flute</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> Jenny Miller - Forestland Spring Footstep</li> </ul>	96 88 48 24 24 18
<u>The Rose Bowl (Best Opposite Sex)</u> Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6	
<u>The Quaich Trophy</u> Jean Tuck - Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G) P-Beg Ex RL6	88

## Working Trials Trophy

The Lonicera Shield

No Claims

## **Treasurer's Report**

#### Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

I am glad to be able to state that the Section has had a successful year again, and has returned a surplus in excess of £5,000 in 2016.

The fact that the Section has returned a surplus is wholly due to donations received totalling approximately  $\pounds 5,500$  in addition to the donation of time and training at our events. The surplus was in a large part due to the receipt of a very generous bequest of  $\pounds 5,000$  from the late Glenda Mylchreest.

I'd also like to re-iterate our gratitude to our members whose donations, be it financially or in time, sustain our events such as the Agility show, training events or the various leagues. Were it not for donations such as this the Section would not only be running at a significant loss but would struggle to operate at all.

We have recently received a further and final payment from Glenda Mylchreest's estate. Without this donation, we could have expected the section to run at a small loss again this year. The Committee are planning to investigate how we can begin to remember Glenda and this kind financial gesture, including setting up a new trophy.

To conclude the Auditor was happy with the state of the Section's finances for 2016.

Matthew Burdett Hon. Treasurer

#### Trading Account, 31st December 2016 (2015)

£				£	£	
Opening stock 1.1.16	139	(167)	Sales	40	(46)	
Purchases	0	(0)	Closing stock	<u>97</u>	<u>(139)</u>	
Surplus C/D	<u>-2</u>	<u>(18)</u>				
	<u>137</u>	<u>(185)</u>		<u>137</u>	( <u>185)</u>	

#### Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2016

<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>
£		£
	Current Assets	
2742	Cash at Bank – Current Account	8020
2662	<ul> <li>Special Deposit Account</li> </ul>	2663
139	Resale Stock at Cost	97
0	Sundry Debtors	0
0	Prepaid Expenses	0
<u>5543</u>		<u>10780</u>
	Representing Accumulated Fund	
5576	Balance at 1st January	5543
33	Surplus/Deficit for year as per Income/Exp. Account	5237
<u>5543</u>		<u>10780</u>
	Current Liabilities	
0	Income Received in Advance	0
<u>5543</u>		<u>10780</u>

## Income & Expenditure Account, Year ended 31st December 2016

	2015 £ 18 0	Income Surplus from Trading Account B/D Subscriptions		2016 £ -2 0
(790) <u>(454)</u>	337	Training Days – Income – Less Expenditure	(755) <u>(414)</u>	341
(750) <u>(803)</u>	-53	Agility Shows – Income – Less Expenditure	(715) _ <u>(687)</u>	27
	189 1 0	Donations Bank Special Deposit Interest Current Account Interest		5274 1 0
(812) <u>(608)</u>		Sheltie at Work Magazine – Income – Less Expenditure	(732) <u>(589)</u>	143
	100 0 <u>796</u>	Raffles Sundries Total		86 0 <u>5870</u>
	201 0 175 64 0 276 50 <u>-33</u> 796	Expenditure Donations & Presentations Purchase of Equipment Postage, Stationery & Telephone Ch Show Expenses Hire of Hall & AGM Expenses Subscription to parent body Sundries Auditor's Payment Surplus/Deficit for Year Total		75 0 255 115 66 0 71 50 <u>5237</u> <u>5870</u>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

## Working News Update

#### **CRUFTS 2017**

This is the time of the year when I really enjoy recording Sheltie achievements and looking forward to seeing you competing at the top level in the big arena. It is nice to see more Shelties being selected for the Inter-Regional competitions and team competitions. Here are the ones I know about:-

Janette Mitchell and Finlo, Shelridge Special Diamond, worked Class 'A' for the Northern Ireland team in the Inter-Regional Obedience competition.

Sue Lang and Kete, Chelmarsh All the Way, worked Novice for the Midlands team also in the Inter-Regional Obedience competition.

In the Inter-Regional Rally competition we had two competitors, both for the South-East and East Anglia team:- Vanessa Hardin and Tutti Frutti, Sheltysham Miss Mayhem worked at Level 2, and

Hazel Hicks and Puzzle, Myndoc Monkey Puzzle, worked at Level 3.

In the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme Special Pre-Beginners Obedience Stakes Final we had Maryliese Happel and Gigi, Dukeson Hoosier Adagio.

In the Crufts Agility competitions, Nicola Garrett and Obay One Crazy Dude competed for the Kidderminster team.

Chantal Karyta with Willowgarth Sugar 'N' Spice AW(B) ran in the British Open, and with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B) ran in the Medium ABC Agility.

Karen James and Licosateria Iconic Dream competed in the Small Novice Cup, and Clive Foden with Poppy, Ag. Ch. Mohnesee's Miss Chief competed in the Crufts Singles.

In the Young Kennel Club Agility classes, Chloe Brown and Licosateria Mai Sunbeam competed in YKC Senior Agility.

In YKC Medium ABC Agility we had Samantha Towe and Iphito of the Five Colours at Licosateria.

## OBEDIENCE

Wendy Clarke has sent me a list of her achievements with Colmae Casanova in 2016. They had a  $1^{st}$  place in Beginners, two  $2^{nd}$  places, two  $3^{rd}$  places, a  $4^{th}$  place, two  $5^{th}$  places and a  $6^{th}$ .

Heidi Dixon and Dizzy, Lightening Lilly, also had a good 2016. In Pre-Beginners they had a 5<sup>th</sup> place, three 4<sup>th</sup> places, four 2<sup>nd</sup> places and a 1<sup>st</sup> place, winning out at Halstead Championship show. They then went on to gain a 6<sup>th</sup> place and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Beginners, finishing with a 1<sup>st</sup> place in Beginners at the ESSC Championship show.

Tracey Baudins and Indy, Carolelen Cause a Dilemma, won Open 'C' in Guernsey at the Island Dog Training Club Open Show in Dec. 2016.

Bernadette Baudins and Tai, Carolelen Causing Mischief came  $4^{th}$  in Class 'B' at the same show.

Maryliese Happel and Gigi, Dukeson Hoosier Adagio, came 4<sup>th</sup> at Discover dogs in KCGCDS Special Pre-Beginners, qualifying them for the Final at Crufts.

Rowena Steady with Ollie, Ramavale Twist at Sunset just missed out, coming  $5^{th}$ .

## AGILITY

Rosie Pearson's Abi, Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee gained enough points in competitions in 2016 to qualify for her Gold Agility Warrant, making her now Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee AW(G).

## RALLY

Bridget Jamieson and Berwick, Mountland Mountain Storm, in their first year of competing, started by winning Level 1 and finished the year at Level 3.

It is great to see new faces starting out in their chosen discipline and doing so well. I look forward to hearing about your achievements in 2017. Please continue to send me all your news in 2017.

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## **Crufts Results 2017**

## Agility Results

## Chantal Karyta with Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)

1<sup>st</sup> Large Novice & Medium ABC Final Round 1
2<sup>nd</sup> Large Novice & Medium ABC Final Overall Ranking
4<sup>th</sup> Large Novice & Medium ABC Final Round 2

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

2<sup>nd</sup> British Open Small Jumping Round 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Singles Heat Small Agility Round 2 4<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Jumping Round 1 5<sup>th</sup> British Open Small Overall Ranking

## Chantal Karyta with Willowgarth Sugar 'N' Spice AW

2<sup>nd</sup> British Open Medium Agility Overall Ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> British Open Medium Jumping Round 1 4<sup>th</sup> British Open Medium Agility Round 2

## Karen James with Licosateria Iconic Dream

2<sup>nd</sup> Novice Cup Small Agility Round 2 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice Cup Small Overall Ranking

## Nicola Garrett with Obay One Crazy Dude

2<sup>nd</sup> Agility Relay Crufts Team Medium Kidderminster

## Clive Foden with Ag Ch Mohnesee's Miss Chief AW

3<sup>rd</sup> Singles Heat Small Final 4<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Agility Round 2 6<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Jumping Round 1

## Louise Eden with Obay The Boyz High Voltage

5<sup>th</sup> British Open Small Agility Round 2

## Inter-Regional Obedience Team Results

Sue Lang with Chelmarsh All The Way

1<sup>st</sup> Midland Team

Carol Dare with Lavika Mirror Image 2<sup>nd</sup> Wales Team

Janette Mitchell with Shelridge Special Diamond 6<sup>th</sup> Northern Ireland Team

## Inter-Regional Rally Team Results

*Marilyn Adams with Keltihope Miss March* 2<sup>nd</sup> South & South West Team

Vanessa Hardin with Sheltysham Miss Mayhem Hazel Hicks with Myndoc Monkey Puzzle

4th South East & East Anglia

## <u>YKC</u>

**Bronagh Walsh with Fearnach God Of Thunder** 6<sup>th</sup> Starters

Congratulations to all who competed

and especially to those who took the honours.

## **Discover Dogs Special Pre-Beginners**



I thought you might like a picture of Rowena Steady and me at the Discover Dogs Special Pre-Beginner Regionals on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

Gigi (Dukeson Hoosier Adagio) came fourth.

Rowena placed 6th, but they only take the first five places to Crufts. Her little boy Ollie worked his socks off and was wagging his tail the whole time!

So Gigi and I head to Crufts to compete in the Special Pre-Beginners Finals there for the first time.

Maryliese Happel

## ESSC Championship and Limited Obedience Show

Saturday 15th October 2016

## at Stoneleigh Park, Coventry,

## Judges: Carey Holah and Val Ridgers

#### Judge: Carey Holah

First of all I must thank The English Shetland Sheepdog Club for inviting me to judge at the show. I had a lovely day, everyone was very good and I was never kept waiting. Lovely lunch too.

My thanks to Valene Montgomery steward and Margaret Kersey score board, these are the results:-

#### Pre-Beginners



1<sup>st</sup> Frances Meredith with (Bracken) Milwyr Diamond Geezer.

HOL 1½. HF  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Recall  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Stays clear. Nice little dog, lost most points for a tight lead. Losing  $2\frac{3}{4}$  altogether. Good luck in the higher class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Mair with(Mac) Silverbrink Mac.

HOL 2. HF 1. Recall clear. Stays clear. Only <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> point behind leader, nice heelwork. Very consistent, just need to be a bit closer and you will have the red one in the bag. Losing 3 altogether. Well Done.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Davis with (Raq) Rainelor Rolex.

HOL 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. HF 1. Recall clear. Stays clear. Just minor faults but they all add up, but well done. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lost altogether.

4<sup>th</sup> Bessie Westerman with (Ida) Clambach Irresistible Ida.

HOL  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . HF  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Recall clear. Stays clear. Started off lovely but got wider towards the end of the round. Keep it constant and you'll get a higher place very soon. Lost 4 altogether.

5<sup>th</sup> Bessie Westerman with (Cinders) Poundmead Dolly Blue. HOL 4. HF 2½. Recall ½. Stays clear. Well done. Lost 7 altogether.

6<sup>th</sup> Bessie Westerman with (Gemma) Clembach Georgie Girl. HOL 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. HF 3. Recall <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Stays clear. Well this is the third dog entered and all 3 in the line up. Well done, quite an achievement. Lost 8 altogether.

My Special goes to Chrissie Little with (Dusky) Mohnesee's Dusky Star. Lovely little dog, not sure he wanted to do Obedience today. But I am sure he had fun. Good Luck.

## <u>Novice</u>



1<sup>st</sup> Chris Graham with (Perry) Shadoway Game of Chance RL4 EX. HOL clear. HF ¼. Recall clear. Retrieve clear. Stays clear. Wow what can I say, fabulous little dog. Clear winner, didn't put a paw wrong. Good luck at the open shows. 2<sup>nd</sup> Heidi Dixon with (Dizzy) Lightning Lilly P Beg Ex.

HOL <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. HF <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Recall clear. Retrieve clear. Stays Clear. Another fabulous dog, worked beautifully only made 2 mistakes, knocking on that door for the red one.

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Townsend with (Darcey) Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey P.Beg Ex. HOL <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. HF <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Recall clear. Retrieve <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Stays clear. Lovely round worked very well, just a few minor faults. Well done, won the run off.

4<sup>th</sup> Alison Davidson with (Sunny) Myriehewe Sundance.

HOL  $\frac{3}{4}$ . HF  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Recall  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Retrieve  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Stays clear. After a run off this large Sheltie came 4th. Really worked nice, as with her other dog too. Good luck and keep going. Had a lovely partnership with her dogs.

5<sup>th</sup> Hazel Hicks with (Puzzle) Myndoc Monkey Puzzle.

HOL 2. HF <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Recall clear. Retrieve clear. Stays clear. Lovely set exercises, just need to tighten up your heelwork. Well done.

6<sup>th</sup> Wendy Clark with (Rolley) Colmae Cazanova

HOL 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. HF 1. Recall clear. Retrieve clear. Stays clear. As the dog above, clear sets just work on the heelwork. Good luck.

## Judge: Val Ridgers

Thank you for the invitation to judge at The English Shetland Sheepdog Club Championship show at The Kennel Club Building Stoneleigh Park on October 15th 2016. I enjoyed my day judging and had a lovely time. The atmosphere was good thanks to all the competitors and their super dogs. We had a lovely lunch, and the biscuits teas and coffee kept coming.

My thanks to Beryle Inskip for giving her time to steward for me, Pat Townsend on score board (making things so much easier), thank you Pat. Graham Kersey (Chief Steward). Finally a big thank you to Karen Marek for stepping in to run the show, I hope you are feeling better soon Peter.

## **Beginners**



1<sup>st</sup> Heidi Dixon with (Dizzy) Lightning Lilly P Beg. Ex.

This little bitch enjoyed every moment of being with her handler. A sensational round today, keeping a precise position all the way. Congratulations to this enthusiastic team that shows a lot of promise. Clear Recall/Retrieve.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Tuck with (Scott) Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G).

Scott kept a nice position on his heelwork, putting in a well executed round. Scott stayed eager to please till the end, due to lots of encouragement from Jean. Congratulations to both of you, a nice to team to enjoy.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tina Cutting with (Jack) Heidron High Achiever AW(S).

I know Jack had a mishap, some time ago, which he has not forgotten. His nervousness did show up a bit in his work, but Tina helped and encouraged him round the ring today, enough for 3rd place. Nice round, clear retrieve. Well done team Tina and Jack.

4<sup>th</sup> Frances Meredith with (Bracken) Milwyr Diamond Geezer.

Well done team Frances with Bracken. A little barking to contend with, but Bracken was very keen to get on with it. This dog took my eye, a lovely marked dog. Only lost 1 on lead, & 1 for Recall. Good work.

5<sup>th</sup> Tina Cutting again, this time with (Willow) Myter Fly By Night P.Beg.Ex.

A cute little bitch, a little nervous looking around at the start with dogs passing by. Kept going, and the only dog to be marked for forward working at times today, that is a good thing Tina. Very well done, loved the round.

6<sup>th</sup> Jill Williams with (Oliver) Peerieglen Phoenix at Gleniewoods. Lovely Circle work on lead. A tight lead a couple of times, but Jill you are natural with your dog. Nice boy, only ¼ on Recall & ½ on retrieve helped getting his 6th place today. Good trotting work at his age, brilliant Jill.

My Special goes to Carole Stuckey with (Merlin) Carolelen Country Fair at Honeybears. Such a happy attentive little dog, and sympathetic handling Carole. Shame about the stays, or would have had a higher place. Nice working team together.

### Class A



1<sup>st</sup> Sue Robinson with (So-So) Sheltysham Night Song at Alnmac. This was a brilliant winning round Sue. Well deserved after nearly 2 years training him. Solid work today, it has paid off. Not only handsome So-So, but accurate. Clear A recall, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Heelwork, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> on Retrieve. Congratulations, great team. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wendy Clark with (Rowley) Colmae Cazanova.

A well trained little 4yr old dog. 1 ½ heelfree, ½ A recall & ¼ Retrieve got you both a 2nd place today. A nice steady round. Many more happy days training Wendy and Rowley.

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Townsend with (Darcey) Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey P.Beg Ex. Clear A recall and Clear Retrieve today Pat. A little hick-up on scent, otherwise a very good round with Darcey. I have seen this team before in Rally, looking forward to seeing them working again.

4<sup>th</sup> Hazel Hicks with (Puzzle) Myndoc Monkey Puzzle. Well done, a nice round Puzzle. Only lost ¼ A recall & ¾ Retrieve.

Training Round.

I would just like to mention Alison Davidson with (Sunny) Myriehewe Sundance. They came into the ring and did the most super positive training round. Most beneficial to Sunny, he loved it. When told by Alison what he really likes is music with an audience. I suggested to Alison perhaps have some ear phones fitted to Sonny next time? Lovely to watch, well done.

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#### The Miyrowan Salver

The Miyrowan Salver, presented to the dog or bitch with the highest percentage marks in Obedience classes having also been exhibited in a Breed class at this show, was won by Chris Graham's Perry, Shadoway Game of Chance (Dog) and Heidi Dixon with Dizzy, Lightning Lilly P.Beg. Ex. (Bitch).



Miyrowan Salver Dog Winner

Chris Graham's Perry, Shadoway Game of Chance

## Miyrowan Salver Bitch Winner

Heidi Dixon's Dizzy, Lightning Lilly P.Beg. Ex.



## ESSC Working Section Agility Show Results Sunday 30th October 2016

#### Class 1 Small/Vet Grades 1 – 4 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Chan - Sharndah Star X Luva
2<sup>nd</sup> Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist at Sunset
3<sup>rd</sup> Gillian Eales - Gill's Winter Folly
4<sup>th</sup> Vanessa Hardin - Sheltysham Medley of Gold
5<sup>th</sup> Apryl Britton - Never Let Go Of The Five Colors

#### Class 2 Med/Large Grades 1 – 4 Combined Agility

1<sup>st</sup> Rowena Steady - Shaelith Autumn Sun
2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Ilsley - Shemist Ice Diamond
3<sup>rd</sup> Arley Cole - Bordamour's Secret Edition
4<sup>th</sup> Michelle Chan - Romeo Sangiovese
5<sup>th</sup> Aston Hardwick - Samajans Elizabeth
6<sup>th</sup> Joyce Gibson - Pacarane Polar Comet

#### Class 3 Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 4 Combined Jumping

1<sup>st</sup> Rowena Michelle Chan - Sharndah Star X Luva
2<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Eales - Gill's Winter Folly
3<sup>rd</sup> Vanessa Hardin - Sheltysham Medley of Gold
4<sup>th</sup> Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist at Sunset
5<sup>th</sup> Joyce Gibson - Pacarane Political Pride
6<sup>th</sup> Lynne Moulson - Garmarti Inspiration

#### Class 4 Med/Large Grades 1 – 4 Combined Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenni Hilliard Braxway Ready To Rockit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rowena Steady Shaelith Autumn Sun
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert IIsley Shemist Ice Diamond
- 4<sup>th</sup> Michelle Chan Romeo Sangiovese
- 5th Arley Cole Bordamour's Secret Edition
- 6th Aston Hardwick Samajans Elizabeth

## Class 5 Small/Veteran Grades 5 – 7 Combined Agility

- 1<sup>st</sup> Miranda Frankham Lirren Talent Night
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Murphy Walton Chazey Midnight Special
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Becky Parks Dawnridge Doktoroo

## Class 6 Med/Large Grades 5 – 7 Combined Agility

- 1st Kerry Murray Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Titmuss Bramblecroft Misty Morn
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Walton Mistmere Elderberry
- 4<sup>th</sup> Angela Rowe Hall Of Dreams Seven Wonders AW(B)

## Class 7 Small/Veteran Grades 5 – 7 Combined Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Miranda Frankham Lirren Talent Night
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Strike Licosateria Iz Amusing
- 3rd Rhoda Burdett Chandling Ebony Charge
- 4th Apryl Britton Drystream Biblack Everlasting Love
- 5<sup>th</sup> Becky Parks Dawnridge Doktoroo
- 6th Karen James Mistmere Out Of The Blue

## Class 8 Med/Large Grades 5 – 7 Combined Jumping

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenni Hilliard Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerry Murray Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)
- 3rd Apryl Britton Belsharose Quintessia
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chantal Karyta Willowgarth Sugar 'N' Spice AW(B)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Janet Menage Sandwick Menage A Trois AW(S)

## Class 9 Small/Veteran Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1<sup>st</sup> Karen James Licosateria Iconic Dream
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Strike Licosateria Iz Amusing
- 3rd Miranda Frankham Richmaus Night Rider
- 4<sup>th</sup> Miranda Frankham Lirren Talent Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apryl Britton Drystream Biblack Everlasting Love
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gillian Eales Gill's Winter Folly

#### Class 10 Med/Large Grades 1 – 7 Combined Steeplechase

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenni Hilliard Braxway Ready To Rockit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chantal Karyta Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chantal Karyta Wavesong Ocean Blu
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kerry Murray Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Apryl Britton Belsharose Quintessia
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jean Titmuss Bramblecroft Misty Morn

#### Class 11 Grades 1 – 7 Combined Jumping Pairs

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenni Hilliard Sanscott Ski Blue AW(S)& Rhoda Burdett Chandling Ebony Charge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Strike Licosateria Iz Amusing& Karen James Licosateria Iconic Dream
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apryl Britton Belsharose Quintessia& Chantal Karyta Licosateria Mai Sunseeker AW(B)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Becky Parks Dawnridge Doktoroo
  - & Gillian Eales Keltihope Gill's Genie
- 5<sup>th</sup> Kerry Murray Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)
  - & Gillian Eales Gill's Winter Folly
- 6th Apryl Britton Drystream Biblack Everlasting Love
  - & Chantal Karyta Willowgarth Sugar 'N' Spice AW(B)

# The Marklin Hollyberry Trophy offered by Wendy Ashby for Best Small/Vet Grades 1 - 4

Michelle Chan - Sharndah Star X Luva

#### Best Medium/Large Grades 1 - 4

Rowena Steady - Shaelith Autumn Sun

Best Small/Vet Grades 5 - 7 Miranda Frankham – Lirren Talent Night

Best Medium/Large Grades 5 - 7 Kerry Murray - Clanavon Clowns R Us AW(G)

The Sweet Dreams Memorial Trophy offered by Deirdre Matthews for Best Veteran Dog Rowena Steady - Ramavale Twist at Sunset

## The Windchime Trophy offered by Becky Parks for Best Junior Handler

Murphy Walton - Chazey Midnight Special



Karen James's Icon - Licosateria Iconic Dream

## First steps in Rally Obedience



#### Berwick with his rosette for winning the Level 1 league

I adopted Berwick (Mountland Mountain Stream) a few years ago following the untimely passing away of his owner. Berwick's breeder, June Warnes, brought him to meet me and we bonded immediately so June left him with us. Berwick had clearly had a wonderful start in life and was eager to learn, so I looked around to find something that we could do together. After dabbling in Obedience, we heard of a friend who was running a small class in Rally Obedience, locally.

Berwick seemed to enjoy his first lessons, and, being very competitive myself, we were soon looking at competitions we could enter. Following the Sheltie Rally Training Day two years ago and with a little more training locally, I entered my first show at Elham DTC last April. From there, I had the bug and during the last summer we travelled around a few shows gaining experience. Berwick seems to have an aptitude for the sport and we soon left Level 1 and 2 (he gained his Rally Level 2 Ex title) and are now in Level 3 with only one more qualifying score to gain before entering Level 4. I'm proud to say that he has had at least one place at every show we have entered so far and at some shows, two places. At the end of the season he had gained 91 points in the ESSC Rally League and is the proud possessor of a red rosette for winning the Level 1 league (he also had the highest number of points overall in all the Levels).

This year we will continue to enjoy the shows but, as I am now having to teach myself as there are no classes locally, I have a feeling that progress will be slower. I have a tiny Romanian dog to introduce to the Rally world this year so lots to look forward to, in addition to competing in Heelwork to Music. If you want to do something with your Sheltie and meet like-minded friendly folk, then why not have a go at Rally. There are YouTube videos to help you and to explain what all the signs mean!



Winner of Level 1 and Level 2 at Risby, Bury St Edmunds, July, 2016 Bridget Jamieson

## Lightning Lilly – Dizzy



I have always considered myself a collie person but circumstances dictated that I would end up being the proud owner of 3 rescue cats. It was whilst visiting the vet for the cat vaccinations that I met a little sable Sheltie. I was hooked. I promptly put my name down with several rescue organisations for preferably a sable dog. The fates had other plans and I ended up re-homing a little 3 year old tricolour bitch. I strongly believe that the right companion finds its way to you. This was certainly the case with Dizzy.

I wanted a dog that was able to go out running with me and she fitted the bill perfectly. To keep our grey matter active I looked at taking her to Obedience or Agility. It was with some trepidation I entered a local Companion Show where we met fellow Sheltie peeps Hap Happel and Gigi. This was the first foray into Obedience for us all but we held up the Sheltie end admirably, we were second to Hap and Gigi after a run off. I saw a local show advertised and I naively sent our entry for the Pre-Beginner Class. How my heart sank when I arrived at the show, Halstead may have been local but it was far removed from the Companion Show that we had previously entered. The car park was bursting with customised vehicles with gardens and pens for the dogs and lots of very professional people working their collies. All the dogs noses appeared to be welded to their handlers' hips as they strutted their stuff. I felt completely out of my depth with my little Chevy Matiz and a Sheltie. It was all I could do to muster enough courage not to turn the car around and go home.

Sue Starr was judging and did her very best to put me at ease. Dizzy tried her heart out under my totally inexpert handling but I felt we had completed a very nice test. I was thrilled to discover that we had been placed 3rd. Dizzy was even more pleased and she sashayed through the car park with her rosette and trophy. We'd got the Obedience bug. I realised that if we were to progress I would need to find a trainer specialising in Obedience training and I was fortunate that a friend introduced me to Lorraine Bennett. Not only was Lorraine local but she also had considerable experience with Shelties. Luckily she also has the patience of a saint. Recent research has shown that learning new physical/mental activities such as table tennis and dancing stave off dementia. I always call lessons with Lorraine my anti-dementia training as I bumble around trying to carry out her instructions instead of creating Heidi-isms. I definitely need to have a T-shirt printed 'If at first you don't succeed, try doing what your trainer told you'.

We have had such fun. Dizzy loves the shows and especially enjoys visiting friends with day shelters on their cars. I promised her that if she did well I would buy her a tent. Needless to say, a Quechua popup tent was ordered early in the season. The entertainment value has been excellent. The tent pops up in 2 seconds but takes 2 hours to get back into the bag. I always had to make sure it was securely strapped up to avoid causing a major incident on the M25 if it burst open in the back of the car on the way home.

We attended this year's show at Halstead with the intention of just doing some training rounds. Dizzy had other ideas and loves the show, strutting around like she owns the place. Judge Rob Summerfield had set a really nice test that I thought would suit Dizz. She loved it and I was thrilled that we won out of Pre-Beginners at this show. Our next turning point came at the BCOS South West show in Taunton. At the age of 56 I discovered the 'delights' of camping for the first time. The weather was not kind and the wind was blowing at 40 miles an hour on the beautiful but exposed Taunton Race Course. I planned to treat the weekend as a training exercise but Dizz was made of sterner Sheltie stuff and was not at all deterred by the gale force wind. On the first day she won Grade 1 and was the highest place Small Dog. We had a stab at Grade 2 (Beginner) and again she won the class and Best Small Dog. Sunday was another brilliant day and we were in the ribbons in both classes again.

Dizzy's confidence grew from that weekend and we had good results towards the end of the season. We entered the ESSC show in October with the intention of having a good time and preparing for the National Obedience Class Finals that would be held at the Kennel Club venue in December. Little girlie was on great form and loved the Sheltie only show. She produced a super test in Beginners and we won the class. I had intended to train the Novice class but the Judge had set a lovely, Sheltie friendly test so I thought I would give it a go. So did Dizzy, another brilliant test and we came second.

We finished our year at NOCF, I had held her back and worked training rounds at the latter part of the season so that we would only have to enter Pre-Beginner. I didn't want to overface either of us by entering Beginners. Just qualifying for the competition had exceeded all my expectations. The standard was exceptionally high and it was wonderful watching the teams work. I knew that even on her best day Dizzy was not working to the standard of the top five dogs and despite not having competed for two months Dizz completed a wonderful round and secured a ninth place. We were presented with a beautiful, if ridiculously large rosette. A super end to our first competitive year in Obedience.

Our taste of success is so sweet this year because it has all been achieved with a little second hand dog that had been rejected by her previous owners as a problem. Their loss is my gain as I now have my perfect companion. We still enjoy going running and we are looking forward to the next season of Obedience. We may even have a little dabble at Rally.

Many thanks to my little Second Hand Rose – Lightning Lilly.

Heidi Dixon

## HTM with Jenny and Champ



Champ also works Novice in Obedience and has been placed a few times. Between them, Champ and my other Sheltie, Star, won 22 rosettes in 2016. Champ has a lovely personality and plays Star up by pulling her tail or doing a rugby tackle on her when she is least expecting it.

Jenny Knudson

Champ will be six in May and was bred by Joy Reynolds, his registered name being Kelgrove Man in Blue. He works in Novice Heelwork to Music, and recently moved up to work Intermediate Freestyle. We live too far from a Heelwork to Music club, so train mainly on our own and occasionally attend workshops or obtain feed back from judges after competing.



# Competing abroad for the first time with my Sheltie Chip



Having competed with horses at top level for years, I found Agility so much more fun and was hooked in no time at all. I had been training a short while when I found out that you could compete abroad representing your country, so that became my dream and goal.

Life got in the way like it does sometimes, due to various injuries and then retraining my day job due to redundancy. Going self-employed meant Agility went on hold or rather became a fun pastime with the odd show until I could compete more seriously. So having given up competing with horses, I started to take my Agility much more seriously and was always in awe of the top handlers and their relationship with their dogs on course, how seamless their rounds were and the speed required at that level was something to aspire to. I then bred my first Sheltie, Wavesong Jumping Jac Flash - Chip as he is known. He absolutely loves his Agility, has drive and real attitude on course. He is fast, and consistent too, providing I get my part right. This little dog dared me to think we could eventually have a shot at champ level or even my ultimate dream of the international green carpet. So I set about trying to improve my handling, timing and training. Just when you think you are making some progress, life likes to kick you in the butt every so often and it did again....

This time a no-fault car accident damaging my neck, lower back and shoulder so badly that surgery was inevitable. Through many hospital appointments, specialists, trial and error they came up with a cocktail of drugs to reduce the pain and careful strapping of my feet allowed me to run my dogs. Just to add insult to injury Mother Nature then dealt me a dose of double pneumonia. Having suffered from asthma from the age of 15 this gave me another challenge to overcome and more training time lost.

I began to feel my dream would never happen, then one evening after Agility training one of my students told me about PAWC (ParAgility World Championships) and how I may be able to compete for team Great Britain even with my issues. So with that in mind I applied, never thinking for one moment I would get accepted and I did! First thoughts were wow! OMG. Once the team was announced I looked down the list of handlers that had been selected for our PAWC and IMCA (International Mix & Breed Championship Agility) team. I was a bit overwhelmed as we had an incredible team of top handlers, many of them champ level and regularly representing GB, and here was me, insignificant in comparison with a young 3 year old dog in his second season with us still having so much to learn. To say I was and filled with trepidation was overwhelmed probably the understatement of the year. Well I thought, I can either carry on thinking like that, or train like mad to ensure I don't let my dog or the team down or the very people who had given me this most amazing opportunity.

Poor Chip had no idea what I had planned or any say in this great adventure I was about to bestow on him. The first realisation of how big a thing it was for us was when I received my team shirts, proudly displaying our names with Team UK underneath. That's when the real nerves set in. So the day arrived. We were heading for the Czech Republic! I was up at 3am and we drove to Whistable to catch the coach and meet everyone. I knew a few people and knew of the top handlers but not well enough to be on a coach travelling for two days each way. The dogs were amazing, 31 in total all thrown together in their cages, with short wee breaks and hours of non-stop driving. Everyone made me feel really welcome and very much part of the team. There was lots of fun on the coach, but you could tell everyone knew they had a job to do and were determined to do it to the best of their ability.

Anthony Clarke managed to find us some training time in a field not too far from the hotel. This I appreciated as I have a habit of doing really stupid things on course when I first meet or train with new people. Also the equipment is a little different from ours in the UK, especially the weaves. Once everyone had done some training, there was a silent sigh of relief from everyone.

Next on the agenda was vet checks. Again not knowing what to expect, we all flew through this. It was not as regimented as with my experience competing with horses. Then back to the hotel for the Gala Dinner. For me this was a fantastic evening where team bonding and masses of laughter was in abundance – just what I needed as for most of us on the PAWC life can be hard and tiring living with pain and illness so it can feel that we do not have much too laugh about. We retired for the evening with aching ribs and a big smile.

Everyone was on a high for our very short opportunity to train on the surface. 1 minute each was just enough time for dog and handler to get used to the astroturf surface, again this is something Chip and I have not experienced. The PAWC team members were then re-assed and allocated into a group depending upon ability, movement etc. Back to the hotel for lunch and to get changed into our team shirts. Everyone had the same shirt, again ensuring that both IMCA and PAWC were as one team and as just as important as each other. The Opening Ceremony was a very emotional time as we all got to walk round with our dogs all together as one team. Representing the United Kingdom was a very humbling experience, especially when you saw people in wheel chairs, or those with false limbs, some people outwardly looking ok but having cancer or neurological problems etc.

Then we were straight into competition with the large IMCA dog team going first. WOW what an amazing atmosphere, all of the countries cheering their team members on, watching as people got a 5 fault or worse an elimination. That's when the music comes on and everyone claps until the end of their round, I was determined not to get eliminated. There is no preparation for the noise for the dogs. The building that hosted the event was an ice rink which echoed a lot, with all the people above the arena which must feel quite intimidating for all of the dogs yet none of them showed anything other than focus on their handlers and for the job in-hand.

When our team ran, I don't think I have been so excited or cheered so loud as when our last team member went clear, putting Team UK in Silver position, something that has never happened before. UK took many medals over the three days, including 3 World Golds. As long as it was not an elimination, every run accrued points for the team resulting in Team UK ending up 3rd overall out of 17 countries. That was a great job well done by a great bunch of people.

When the PAWC sections were competing, the diversity of people's disabilities was truly humbling, how people will endure such pain to be at one with their dog and their only challenge at that moment in time is getting round the course and over the finish line. There was some superb handling from people that could not run, or were in wheelchairs. For me personally, the most memorable and tear jerking moment was when the young adults with Cerebral Palsy were carried around by their parents. When they crossed the finish line, the entire venue erupted into cheers and clapping. To have been part of something so special will stay with me forever.

Throughout the whole competition morale was high and support undisputed, no matter what happened on course. Everyone cheered as each partnership passed over the finish line. Various members videoed, many pictures were taken, which was appreciated by all. The days were very long and tiring at times, and for those with conditions, a darkened room to rest in was well appreciated. During the competition Linda Croxford our team manager was amazing, walking each of us to the start line, giving us enough space to prepare for our run in whatever way we felt right for us, ensuring we never felt rushed or fell behind our starting order and always a "well done" and smile at the end of our run, no matter what happened on course. This support was well appreciated by all team members. Within a blink of an eye, the competition was over, Closing Ceremony done, medals handed out, photographs taken and then it was time to pack up and ship out for the long journey home.

The coach was definitely quieter going home. Everyone was exhausted, not because of lots of running but just because being in the Zone and having all of your senses on high alert for that length of time is hard going. For me it was enormous fun to have that level of focus and adrenalin is very high, some might say addictive! So when the job is done, you do crash.

My little Chip was awesome beyond belief, achieving 4.58 meters per second and finishing 13th out of 72 dogs (a minor 5 faults on day 3 kept us from a possible place on the podium as we were lying 5th on day 2). After our first time international event, would I do it again? - you bet!! I could not have shared such an awesome moment in my life with a better bunch of people. So if anyone is looking for a small amazing Sheltie for a team, look no further, Chip just loves the big events.

Zoe Fillery-Hammond

## International Mix & Breed Championship Agility

## & ParAgility World Championships

Under FCI rules, only pedigree dogs are able to compete in Agility so in the year 2000, Petra Fuchs founded the International Mixed Breed Championships (IMCA) which was solely for crossbreed dogs. The first show was held in Italy as a standalone championship. The following year the show was held in the Czech Republic and, at this show, it was decided to also allow pedigree dogs to take part.

Then in 2002, in Hungary, the ParAgility (PAWC) was introduced and joined forces with the IMCA to enable international dogs and handlers – both able bodied and those with disabilities – to take part in an international event. The UK has been quietly taking part in IMCA & PAWC for a number of years, but the popularity of the event and its success have risen steadily.

From the AgilityNet website

# Sheltie Obedience Training Day with Liz Evans

Saturday 19th November 2016



This was mine and Dizzy's first Sheltie Training Day and I had been eagerly anticipating the event for many months especially as the trainer was Liz Evans. Liz had been highly recommended by several Obedience friends who had been fortunate enough to attend some of her other workshops and assured me that her approach would be ideal.

It was quite a long drive to the venue but we arrived safely and despite the Satnav trying to send me further up the road I spotted a Sheltie pack in the hall car park so I knew I had found the right place. I had met Peter, Lesley and Indira at Obedience shows but I found everyone really friendly and welcoming. There was plenty of hot coffee and biscuits on the go, along with some beautifully crafted Sheltie cupcakes that looked far too good to eat – I did manage to overcome my reticence and they were delicious, every bit as good as they looked.

Liz introduced herself and outlined her plans for the day. She explained that her objective was to bring out the best of how we train and not to change our own methods of training. Introduction over and we all took to the floor to warm up and give Liz the opportunity to make an assessment of the raw material she had to play with. There were very varied levels of experience ranging from a young pup under in a year old, myself a newbie to Obedience with a re-homed dog and other experienced handlers and dogs working at higher levels in competition.

In the morning session most of us wanted some help on maintaining our dog's attention during heelwork. We each had the chance to take to the floor for 20 minutes while Liz with her very sharp eye made suggestions on improvements. Most commonly, what we thought we were doing and what we were actually doing was not the same thing at all. It is so easy to develop bad habits involving deportment and position, Liz quickly identified our individual traits and offered corrections. We all had great fun re-programming our neural pathways and trying to do what Liz told us to do instead creating our own interpretation.

It was really super to see the Shelties enjoying themselves and watching Liz bringing about big improvements with each team. Each exercise was broken down into smaller sections to help build the dogs' confidence and give them a better chance to succeed. Liz gave us much needed help on timing and the positioning of rewards. I was amazed how much I learned from watching other teams work. I made plenty of notes on different tactics that I could try with Dizzy.

Lunch time came around really quickly but gave us the chance to have a good natter and compare experiences. In the afternoon session some teams chose to re-cap or consolidate the morning session while others worked on recalls and retrieves. Again I found it was very interesting to observe everyone working and listen to Liz offering advice. Dizzy was re-homed and it has taken a lot to achieve a retrieve. Although I can get an enthusiastic retrieve, she does have a tendency to investigate any leaves or bits of paper on the send out. I was fascinated to learn that this was a typical Sheltie retrieve! Liz provided lots of ideas for creating and maintaining focus.

There was enough time later in the afternoon to try some scent work which all the Shelties seemed to love.



Liz was very generous with her experience and knowledge and I appreciate her advice to me that as a newbie to Obedience I must keep my eye on the bigger picture. She has encouraged me to have the courage to throw a competition round if Dizzy wasn't offering the standard within her capabilities. If we are to progress next year I will need to make sure that I don't reinforce poor work in the ring and let her feel that is acceptable. I will need to keep her keen and enthusiastic.

We had a super day, Dizz really enjoyed herself and I learned so much. Many thanks Liz for such an informative day and Team ESSC for organising it. I would encourage everyone to attend the training events even if you have no intention of competing, they are such great fun with a lovely bunch of Sheltie people.

See you at the Rally Training Day!

Heidi Dixon

## Sheltie Agility League Results for 2016

Grade 1	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> Rowena Steady – Shaelith Autumn Sun (Medium)	117
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset (Medium)	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rowena Steady – Tooralie's Just The Tonic (Small)	27
Grade 2	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> Sophie Jackson – Shelridge The Magician (Medium)	1080
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nicola Rowlands – Kingscote Amazing Grace (Small)	107
Grade 3	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Rachel Ward – Blazecroft Midnight Akemi (Small)	398
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rosie Pearson – Shannmie Ebony Diamond (Small)	298
Grade 4	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Karen James – Licosateria Iconic Dream (Medium)	1094
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way (Medium)	329
Grade 5	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond (Small)	680
2 <sup>nd</sup> Janette Mitchell – Karmidale Just One Look (Small)	204
3 <sup>rd</sup> Phylis Archer – Dunbrae Royal Emblem (Medium)	171
Grade 6	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Jenny Strike – Licosateria Iz Amusing (Small)	671
2 <sup>nd</sup> Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi's Jubilee AW(S) (Small)	621
3 <sup>rd</sup> Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois (Medium)	480
Grade 7	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Clive Foden – Ag Ch Mohnesee's Miss Chief (Small)	3579
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us (Medium) 82	8
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rhoda Burdett – Chandling Ebony Charge AW (G) (Mediun	n) 585

## Sheltie Obedience League Results 2016

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## Sheltie Rally League Results for 2016

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Level 1	Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Bridget Jamieson – Mountland Mountain Stream RL2 Ex	91	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dawn Wood – Janetstown Jewel Trail RL2 Ex	70	
3rd Vanessa Hardin – Sheltysham Medley Of Gold RL1 Ex	61	
Level 2	Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Karen Marek – Mohnesee Music Maestro RL2 Ex	29	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Judi Packett – Hillhenry Hudson River	10	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Judi Packett – Dukeson Oregon River	8	
Level 3	Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Rhoda Burdett – Chandling Elbony Charge AW(G) RL3 Ex	x 19	
Level 4	Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedarcey	58	
Level 5 Points		
$1^{st}$ Christina Graham – Shadoway Game Of Chance RL5 Ex	58	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lynne Moulson – Garmarti Inspiration	9	
Level 6	Points	
1 <sup>st</sup> Karen Marek – Mohnesee's Man On A Mission RL6 Ex	60	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jean Tuck – Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill AW(G)		
RL6 P-Beg Ex	12	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jean Tuck – Ag Ch Laparo Cool Jazz At Craygill AW(D) RL6 P-Beg EX	11	
Heelwork To Music League Results for 2016		
H.T.M. Novice:	<u>Points</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Jenny Knudson – Kelgrove Man In Blue	3	
Freestyle Novice:		
1 <sup>st</sup> Jenny Knudson – Kelgrove Man In Blue	12	

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