

Gundog News



D. Kidd - VGC Ch Sh 09

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW & OPEN IN SHOW

Irish Setter ~ Aust Gd Ch & NZ Ch Setterlands Tamburello At Pendoric (Imp NZ) ~ (L & A Hearn and J & L Heskett)

VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB INC. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2009

RUNNER UP TO BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

Cocker Spaniel ~ Aust Gd Ch Cleemist Mad Max ~ (M & W Dreckovic)



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DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010



**BABY PUPPY IN SHOW
SANDICAM RIVER OF DREAMS**



**AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW
AUST GD CH DIVANI NEW KIDN TOWN TD**
(Cricket is also VGC 2009 Show Dog of the Year)

**OUR IN SHOW
WINNERS**

**JUNIOR IN SHOW
HEYYOU LOOK AT WHAT I STARTED**



**INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW
AUST CH ATORAE SOHO NICETO MEETU**



**MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW
TRISETER CELTIC ICE**



**PUPPY IN SHOW
KIRKDELL DESTINED FOR FAME**

Victorian Gundog Club Inc. 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Once again our Championship Show was held at Lancefield Park Reserve on Saturday 31st October. The weather was the best for many years with a warm day from the start til the end. We often have a typical Melbourne 'four seasons' in one day at Lancefield with a freezing morning and late afternoon but this year the day was absolutely glorious.

Judges for the day were Mr Stephen Hollings (UK) and Mr Ole Nielsen (Can). Somehow both judges kept their jackets on for the entire day and stood in the bright sunshine without even a hat!

Our judges were an absolute delight and thoroughly enjoyed their day of judging. Ole Nielsen was so thrilled to have such a wonderful Gundog appointment. He told me that he usually has groups of only 40-50 dogs in Canada. With a breed such as the Irish Setter he may only have 3-4 entered on any given day – at our show he had 47 Irish to go over. Ole said "I usually go, can't move, can't move, ok I'll have to give the breed to this one Here, the Open Dog class alone [7 entries] were just so superb!" When asked about the highlight of his day's judging, Ole said "the Irish Setters" and obviously Stephen Hollings agreed as his choice for Best In Show was a magnificent Irish Setter.

Both judges did a marvelous job and selected lovely exhibits for their winners – both judges expressed their thanks to the Club for this appointment. The day was very long again and next year we are determined to have three judges and make the day a shorter one for our entrants to enjoy to the end.

Our stewards Anthony and Les did a great job again and our thanks also to our ticket writer Pam and our VCA rep Lea Cogley. We can't run our show without these people putting in a long days work so our sincere thank you to you all.

Thanks again to Mary Conheady for all your help on the day and leading up to the day with the schedule work, ribbon ordering etc., to Maria Cave was on hand and did so much to help us out throughout the day and to my husband, David, who got roped in once again to do the photography and whatever he was asked to do!

Results and photos are listed at www.victoriagundogclub.com

Lee Petering



**LEFT – VETERAN 7-10 YRS
AUST GD CH BUSHMAN BRING IT ON**

**RIGHT – QC CLASS
AUST CH VALLENDAR SPECIAL BLEND (AI) ET**

**VETERAN 10 YRS OVER
AUST GD CH WALDARLEA WATZIT**
(no photo)





PRESIDENTS REPORT – AGM November 2009

It is with great pleasure that I write this report after what I believe has been the most successful year for the Victorian Gundog Club since I have been in the Chair.

This year we have achieved a great deal with all aspects of the club activities represented and success has been forthcoming.

Our Shows have been again a success, well organised, well patronised and enjoyed by all that attended from Show entrants to Spectators. One of our judges for the Championship show, Mr Neilson from Canada, was thrilled with the number and quality of the entrants and found it very difficult to make a choice due to the number of entrants in many classes. This is not only a plus for the VGC but for Australian Gundog enthusiasts in general and a legacy to the dedication of those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make a show like this a success.

The VGC stand at Caulfield was a great success during the Dogs Day celebrations, with many people coming up to the stand to find out more about Gundogs. Our members in attendance were kept very busy. Thank you to the organisers and those that went along to wave the flag. It was great publicity for the club.

The new website is up and running and has been a great addition to our club. It was a project for this year and together with the new club logo has resulted in a very professional look.

The members of the VGC were at the forefront of the debate regarding the re-naming of Group 3 dogs as some people associated with Dogs Victoria felt that the name Gundog was no longer representative of the breeds we hold dear. Thank you to everyone who stood up to this nonsense, the proposal was dismissed and thrown out. It remains a testimony to those who stood up for tradition and common sense.

This year the VGC ran a Working Test for Spaniels & Retrievers. This, as far as I know, is a first in Australia. Run on Field Trial lines it was well attended with participants keen to try their dogs and see what they could do. We had 18 entries on the day and the consensus of opinion was that the VGC should try and promote more of this type of "hands on" work for their members. Certainly food for thought for next year.

The Field Trial season was a success for all disciplines and refreshing to know that we achieved a result in every discipline. This has been the first year for some time where all our disciplines have held trials and been successful. Congratulations to all the winners.

As I have said in previous years the Trials only take place due to the diligence of the Trial Managers who give up their time to find suitable paddocks to run the trials. These people are the unsung hero's of trialling and the club owes all of them a big thank you for the effort this year.

2010 is the 90th anniversary of Trialing in Victoria and under the guidance of a steering committee the VGC will be organising a celebratory weekend, where we can get together and enjoy some good dog work and fellowship.

2009 has been a good year for the VGC. The club has gone from strength to strength and it has been a pleasure to be involved. Thank you to all of you who have helped to make this year a success. I look forward to working with you next year.

Stephen Sapsead



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Editor's Scribble

Another year is close to over! Can you believe that a decade has almost past since we were all awaiting the arrival of the year 2000 – what a fast ten years when you look back.

Our AGM saw almost the same committee returned for duty in 2010 – a couple of names have disappeared from the listing but those people will continue to work hard on sub-committee's and we welcome Penny Sohler to our committee.

We will be trying a new approach with our newsletter in 2010. For those who are happy to receive an electronic copy, emails will be sent out with a PDF newsletter attached. Anyone who wishes to continue receiving their copy by mail will do so. Please be patient with us while we get our listings correct for all of this and forgive us if we make a mistake early in the process. If you receive an electronic copy and want a mailed copy, don't scream, just email me and I'll pop a copy in the mail for you. We will also be trialing a new mail distributor which will speed up the printing and postage process.

BACKCOPIES of some newsletters are available at our website – if you'd like to see past magazines in full color you can view them online.

With Santa's arrival just around the corner and this magazine almost in the post it is time to wish you all a very happy, safe and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Until 2010

Lee



ADVERTISING – NOW AVAILABLE

\$30	front cover – offered to VGC members only (color)
\$20	inside front cover – offered to all (color) **
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LAUGH STOP

Catch the Dog! (Sung to "Deck the Halls")

Catch the dog, she stole the presents!
Fa la la la la la la la.
She thinks they're ducks or upland pheasants!
Fa la la la la la la la.
Took them all while I was napping!
Fa la la la la la la la.
Ripped the boxes and the wrapping!
Fa la la la la la la la.

See her running right before us,
Loves the chasing and the big fuss.
Follow her, your steps don't measure
Or we'll never get her treasure.
Fa la la la la la la la.

Give it up, I think we're beaten.
All the gifts are torn or eaten.
Get the checkbook ready honey,
Cause this year we're giving money!
Fa la la la la la la la!

Gift Wrapping with a Puppy

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from puppy.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box.
11. Take scissors from older dog & sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box & put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog.
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting the way as she "helps".
17. Let puppy tear paper remaining to be cut.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from her mouth.
21. Tell older dog to hold tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
30. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
31. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it & put away.
34. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with roll of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are.

CLUB AWARDS 2009

SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR Aust Gd Ch Divani New Kidn Town TD owned by Grauhund Kennels

Carol Wright (Grauhund Kennels) is shown below showing Cricket and receiving her award from Club President Mr. Steve Sapstead.



RETRIEVING DOG OF THE YEAR Nat & Gd RT CH Adderslot Crackers Triga CM owned by R. & S. Whitechurch

Russell and Kelly are shown below.



FROM OBEDIENCE TO FIELD/RETRIEVING TRIALS - AN INTERVIEW WITH PRUE WINKFIELD

This is Prue's story of how she entered the world of gundogs and how just about anything can be done! In 1974 Prue and her then husband were looking for two Dalmatians for pets and to do Obedience. Because they did not want to show, no one would sell them a pup. So off to the *Observers Book of Dogs* to search out something similar - medium size, short coat, etc. Lo and behold there were these dogs called German Shorthaired Pointers - they were of similar size and even had spots of a sort! Next to *The Age* where there was one litter advertised, two males available, so home came the pups Yorick and Sancho (this is not a good call if you are at work all day!) . Thus started Prue's love affair with GSPs.

Entry into trialling was via Obedience Trials. Prue trained first of all with Hobsons Bay Obedience Club, then at Southern Obedience Dog Club where Lea Cogley and Prue trained their GSPs Yorick and Luke both gained their UD titles. In those days UD was top of the tree for Obedience so with a five year old dog - what next? Prue had actually tried a show and got 6 points but this was not their scene so she tried tracking but all Yorick wanted to do was hunt. Then Lea took Prue to a retrieving trial and this opened up a whole new world for Prue and Yorick.

At that time the GSP Club had weekly group training sessions on the Yarra at Ivanhoe so off Prue went to see what could be done. The people there told her she was wasting her time with a five year old, but nevertheless invited Prue to join the training sessions. Not surprisingly their reluctance only stiffened Prue's resolve and she entered a beginners' test in 1979 run by the Weimaraner Club of Victoria at Lancefield, judged by Jim Malone. There were 19 entries and Prue with Yorick won. The prize was a lovely leather cartridge belt which Prue donated back to the Club, not thinking she would ever be a shooter and need one!

Both Prue and Yorick enjoyed the trialling experience and the dog went on into All Age trials. Having done hand signals in Obedience meant he would look at Prue to get his instructions, and he never failed to retrieve the birds in All Age. After all the years of playing tug of war in his previous life hard mouth was however a problem! By now Prue was hooked on Retrieving Trials which the dogs loved as did Prue, especially as it involved visiting beautiful properties around Victoria. The years with Yorick passed and along came Kiri, sired by a Field Trial Champion, but she preferred to hunt rather than retrieve at least in the water - very disappointing for Prue. However, she had previously attended a Field Trial and realised this could be the dog's forte rather than Retrieving so what to do? At the GSP Club Shepparton's trial she had a chat with David Murray who agreed to train Kiri for the field and hopefully trial her. For various reasons, Prue took Kiri home to have a litter and there she stayed. What now - a well trained field dog with no handler? Another friend of Prue's, Len Giddins, said he would have a go hunting with her and see how things went. For those that know Len he is a spaniel man through and through and Kiri was not a Springer - back came Kiri and so began another phase of Prue's life with gundogs!

Prue bought a gun, got a licence and took shooting lessons. With the help of David Blacker, she then entered the entirely male world of field trials, which became her great love despite being a rotten shot and not being made particularly welcome by many in the field trial fraternity! She started field trialling in 1991 and Kiri, also having won some retrieving trials, went on to become joint winner of the GSP Club's Dunfrui Trophy for Field and Retrieving dogs in 1992 - one of the highlights of Prue's career with gundogs : she is the only woman to have won this prestigious award. Since then Prue has run other dogs in field trials with mixed success and what success there has been is in large part due to David Blacker's help and ongoing support in the face of a lot of light hearted(?) ribbing from all the men!

Field Trials can be very demanding physically so Prue has reluctantly given up competing but still goes out hunting every week during quail season - there is nothing so thrilling to watch as a brace of good pointing dogs doing their job out in a wide open paddock.

Looking back over 35 years or so, Prue has trialled around a dozen dogs the majority of which she has bred. Overall her dog Ricky was probably the outstanding dog - a good field and retrieving dog winning in both fields - a real all rounder which is what GSPs are meant to be. For pure retrieving, Joy is by far the best, having won an All Age in Victoria and recently coming 3rd in the ACT State Championship which was the run-up trial to the 2009 National - something Prue had not imagined happening in her wildest dreams - a woman with a GSP on the podium!

Does Prue ever consider another breed? Not seriously but when it is about 6 degrees, a gale blowing, and water bitter a Lab might be nice for retrieving.

What about women's chances in the world of field and retrieving trials? With changes to the Field Trial Rules and the fact that Prue 'broke the ice', hopefully more women will start field trialling.

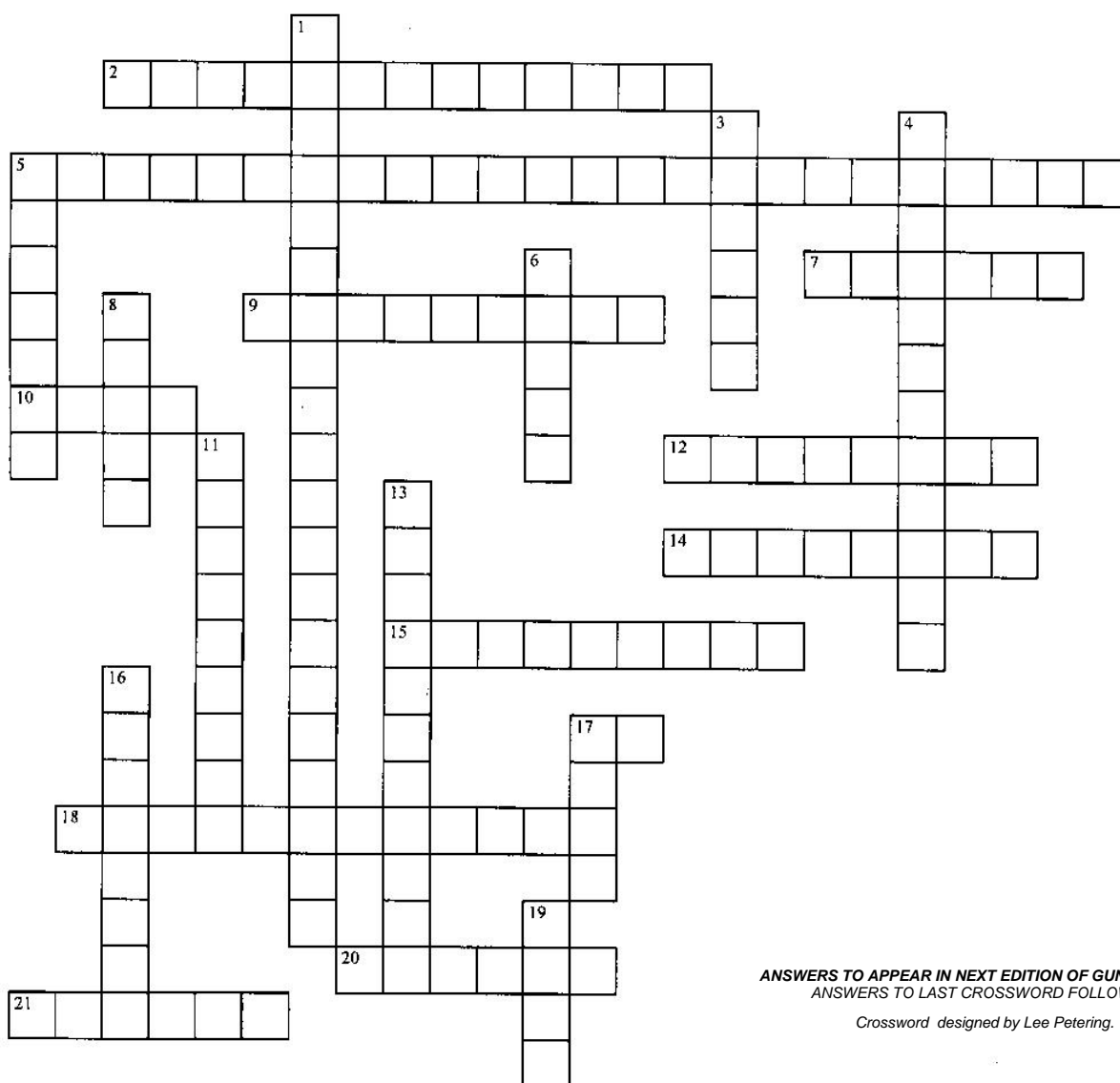
For women who want to branch out from other dog sports, Retrieving Trials are probably the easiest. However, in Victoria and NSW, the top levels are extremely competitive and male dominated. Prue is one of the few women here competing at the top level and it has taken her a long time and, for her, being retired was essential - plus of course having a good dog! Most women have family commitments which limit the amount of time they can spend training and disappearing over weekends to attend trials! It is generally women without children at home who trial - and/or those who have very supportive partners. However in England a lot of successful field triallers are women. Prue (being English) thinks Australia has a very "blokeish" culture, based on the idea of men hunting and being the 'achievers' and women caring and nurturing. In general, too, she believes women are not as driven or focussed as men and don't want to win badly enough to put in the massive effort required to succeed at the top level - serious stuff! However, at the lower levels trialling is a more relaxed and social affair so in many ways it is a lot more enjoyable. Prue suggests that to encourage younger people (and women) to take up the sport, the need to have a gun licence has to be addressed and an alternative to the simple 'win' or 'lose' aspect. This is now happening in part with a 'pass' system being introduced in Retrieving Trials at the Novice and Restricted level which brings it more into line with Obedience and Agility - two of the most popular dog sports. This will give recognition for achievement to those with fewer opportunities to concentrate on their sport, and perhaps encourage those who have other responsibilities to continue.

Prue hopes the changes being made to the Field and Retrieving trial Rules will encourage more people to expand their horizons and give their gundogs a go at something they were originally bred for. Trialling can be a lot of fun and, as Prue has shown, success is certainly achievable!



Prue with Joy in a double walk up retrieve in All Age at the CHWGC Easter Trial 2008, held at Benalla.
Judge: Jim Hargreaves. Photographer: Chris van Eekelen.

CROSSWORD TIME



ANSWERS TO APPEAR IN NEXT EDITION OF GUNDOG NEWS
ANSWERS TO LAST CROSSWORD FOLLOWING

Crossword designed by Lee Petering.

ACROSS

- 2 Not the American Spaniel ...
- 5 A short coat all purpose hunting dog in liver or black tone coat colors.
- 7 The roof of the mouth.
- 9 A flat foot, having spreading toes.
- 10 The coloured membrane surrounding the pupil.
- 12 A curve of the back.
- 14 The part of the body between the last rib and hip joint.
- 15 A term applied to retrievers that bring back game without chewing it.
- 17 Common term given to a dog's yearly vaccination.
- 18 The new name for the VCA.
- 20 The term applied to one's Kennel Name.
- 21 The ribs and body.

DOWN

- 1 A great instinctive hunter - it's cousin is the English Springer Spaniel.
- 3 A break in the muscles of the abdominal wall.
- 4 This Spaniel has an exaggerated long body, short legs and a heavy head.
- 5 A tail that is carried high over the back.
- 6 A hunting term to describe the 'freeze' or 'hold' position adopted by gundogs.
- 8 Horny outgrowths on the toes.
- 11 The adults live in the dog's small intestine where they lay hundred of eggs.
- 13 This setter is not Scottish.
- 16 By definition, composed of two colours.
- 17 Hair covering a dog's body.
- 19 The position upper and lower teeth are in when a dog's mouth is closed.

NATIONAL RETRIEVING TRIAL WINNER

Congratulations to Gareth and Siobhan Tawton

Congratulations must go to our Retrieving Sub committee members Gareth and Siobhan Tawton on their recent win at the National Retriever Trial Championship in ACT in October.

Gareth won the event with his dog GR RT Ch. Kadnook Pride Ov Cork CM (Lab. Dog) best known as Monty.

Gareth and Monty did a great job to hold things together against very close competition and won the event by 3 points to Wayne Outtrim's Warwiba Braveheart (GSP Dog) - Charlie

Congratulations Gareth and Monty on this wonderful achievement.



ARE YOU IRISH???

"Can I have some Irish Sausages, please?" asked the Irishman, walking up to the counter.

The assistant looked at him and asked: "Are you Irish?"

"If I had asked you for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?" demanded the Irishman indignantly.

"Or, if I asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?"

Then, warming to his theme, he went on:

"Or if I asked you for a Kosher hot dog, would you ask me if I was Jewish?"

"Or, if I asked you for a taco, would you ask me if I was Mexican? Would Ya? Would Ya?"

The assistant said: "Well, no."

Suitably encouraged by the success of his logic, and pleased to strike a blow against the Irish Stereotype, the Irishman steps it up a gear. "And if I asked you for frogs' legs, would you ask me if I was French?"

"What about Danish Bacon, would you ask me if I was Danish?"

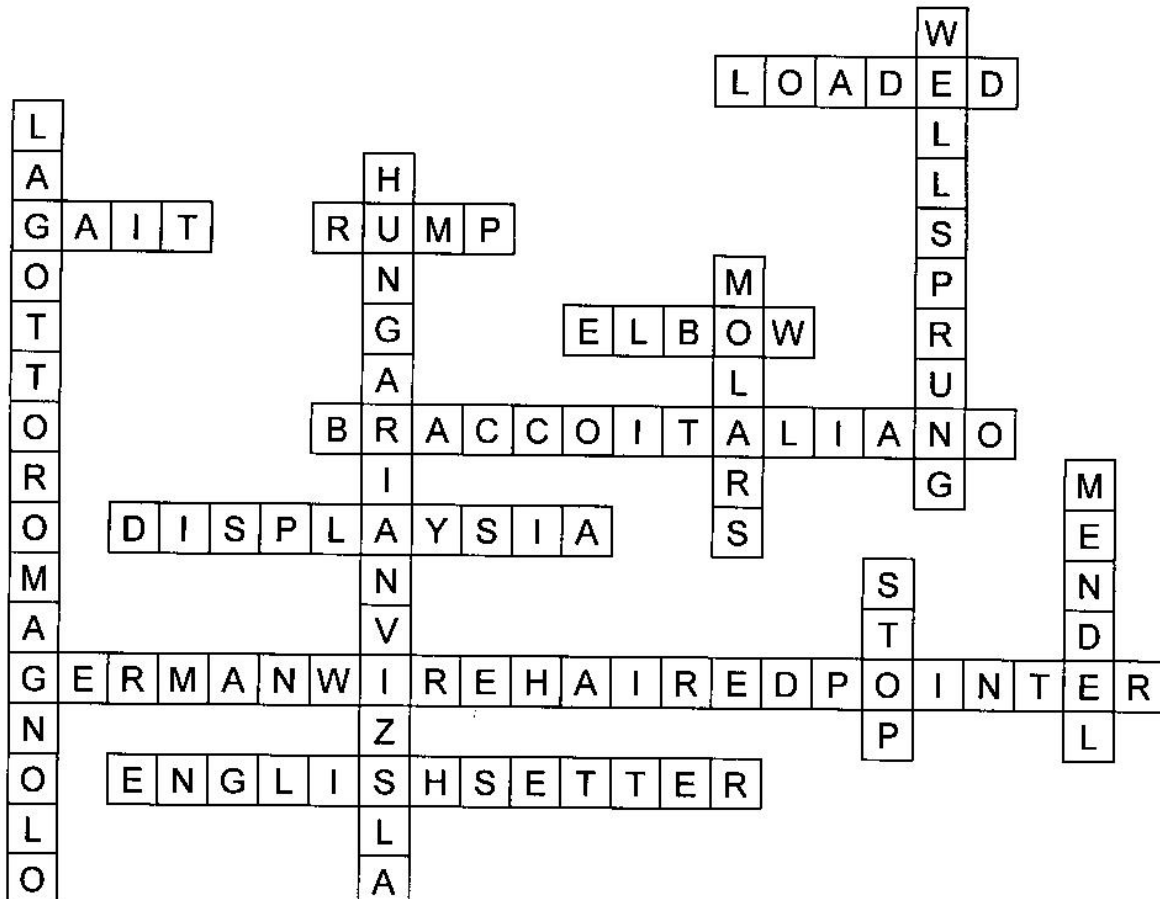
"Well no, I probably wouldn't" conceded the assistant.

So, now bursting with righteous indignation, the Irishman says:

"Well, all right then, why did you ask me if I'm Irish just because I asked for Irish sausages?"

The assistant replied: "Because you're in Bunnings you Idiot!"

CROSSWORD SOLUTION - OCT/NOV 2009



THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB VIC INC

(Affiliated with the VCA)

NON SLIP RETRIEVING TRIAL

To be held on	Saturday 23 January 2010 Sunday 24 January 2010			
Location	Heart Morass, Sale			
Trial Managers	Russell Thomas 59 425 648 Dianne McCann 59 786 292			
VCA Rep				
VCA surcharge	Levy \$1.20 per entry (included in entry fee)			
Equipment Fees	Beginners \$4, Novice \$7, Restricted \$9, All Age \$11 (included in entry fees)			
Entry Fees	Beginners	\$12	Members	Non Members \$15
	Novice	\$15	Members	Non Members \$18
	Restricted	\$18	Members	Non Members \$21
	All Age	\$21	Members	Non Members \$24
Judges	Saturday 23		Sunday 24	
	Novice	Richard Carr	Beginners	Andrew Yeomans
	Restricted	Margaret Hall	Novice	Peter Eley
	All Age	Noel Eltringham	All Age	Bob Tawton
Entries to	Mrs Vicki Thomas, PO Box 70, Nar Nar Goon, 3812 by Thursday 15 January 2010			
Vetting Time	7.30-7.45am (Beginners will vet at 9.00am and start 9.30am)			
Starting Time	8.00am			
Camping	Is available on site or at the Thomson River Caravan Park and the Sale Caravan Park.			
Qualifications	A "Beginners Test" is confined to gundogs that have not won or been placed In any other stake. A "Novice Stake" is a stake confined to gundogs that have not won three (3) Novice Stakes or any other stake, Puppy Stake and Beginners Stake excluded. A "Restricted Stake" is a stake confined to Gundogs that have not won three (3) Restricted Stakes, or an All Age Stake or been placed first or second in a Championship Stake. An "All Age Stake" is a stake confined to gundogs that have won a Novice Stake or been placed first, second or third in a Restricted Stake.			
Please Note	At all Retrieving and Field Trials conducted in Victoria, a competitor MUST Produce a current shooters licence at vetting, or they WILL NOT be permitted At the trial.			
Trial Venues	Properties used for trials are private properties and MUST NOT be revisited After the trial. Entry for the trial is subject to this condition. All vehicles are to be left in the area identified for parking			

**THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB VIC INC
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**NON SLIP RETRIEVING TRIAL
AT CHATEAU TABILCK WINERY, NAGAMBIE**

Sunday February 28th, 2010

Judges Novice – Mark Davis
 Restricted – Jim Hargreaves
 All Age- Trevor Stevens

Trial Manager Mr David Blacker 9747 1227

VCA Rep

Entry fees	Novice	Members \$15	Non Members \$18
	Restricted	Members \$18	Non Members \$21
	All Age	Members \$21	Non Members \$24

VCA Surcharge Surcharge \$1.50 included in Levy

Equipment Fees Novice \$7, Restricted \$9, All Age \$11(is included in the fees)

Entries Close Thursday 14 February, 2010 with the Trial Secretary, Mrs Vicki Thomas, PO Box 70, Nar Nar Goon, 3812. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Vetting 7.30-7.45am

Starting Time 8.00am

Catering Bar b que lunch

Camping Is available on site – car will be directed to a specific camping area.

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ENTRIES CLOSE THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2010

