

# SHELTIE AT WORK

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## **Editorial**

So sorry that there won't be a Sheltie Camp this summer – it feels like the end of an era – but it is good news that the training days are continuing to go from strength to strength and that the number of working disciplines covered is increasing. The Rally Training Day sounds very interesting, and I can recommend the Obedience Day with Sarah Delany as I know from training with her what a deep understanding she has of people and dogs, with the ability to sum up their personalities and tailor the training accordingly to get the best out of any partnership.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'. I hope you all have a successful season with your dogs.

*Happy training!*

*Trisha Harding*

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Sheltie Camp Training Weekend in May**

Due to lack of interest shown in the 2014 camp, it is with regret the Committee will no longer run the Camp Training Weekend. This decision was very difficult to make and not taken lightly. So many families and their Shelties have had so much fun over the years that it has been held. But times change and members require different things now. That is not to say this decision is set in stone, and cannot be altered if required.

## **Obedience Classes at the E.S.S.C Championship Show**

### **Saturday 10th October**

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

Judges: Gerard Paisley Pre-Beginner, Novice & Test 'B'  
Jane Sutherland Beginner & Test 'A'

## **Agility Show**

### **Sunday 18th October**

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

Judge: Deena Freeman

## **Obedience Training Day with Sarah Delany**

### **Saturday 7th November**

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

## **Rally Training Day with Lynne Moulson & Karen Marek**

### **Saturday 21st November**

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

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**Obedience League** link from our website under "OBEDIENCE"

**HTM & Rally League** link from our website under "RALLY / HTM"

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## **Your Letters**

### **Ag. Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill**



Thank you very much indeed for the lovely A-frame model, engraved to commemorate Glen gaining his Agility title. A very special item to add to his incredible collection. A good opportunity too for me to thank the whole Committee for all the effort put in to ensure that Working Shelties are well-promoted and encouraged.

Jean Tuck

### **HTM and Rally-O Leagues**

The Committee have kindly approved TWO NEW leagues, with rosettes offered to third place in each class.

Everyone please start sending in your results!

Jean Tuck

# Obituary

## Niaben Gaelic Storm – Ace

11.11.98 – 11.1.15

After a short illness on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 we said farewell to a very special boy.

I am grateful for the 16 years we spent together and will treasure the amazing memories that I have of him in all aspects of his life.

He was a very versatile, outgoing Sheltie who loved to please. In his early life not only were we training for Agility but we did some Obedience competitions at local shows. He was even seen in the show ring occasionally, qualifying for Crufts in the year 2000.

At 18 months he started Agility competitions and it was clear that this was what he loved the most. We competed together in many major events.



Some of my favourite memories are winning the Dogs in Need Midi Finals in 2002, competing at Olympia Kennel Club Midi Finals on two occasions, being part of the ESSC team at Crufts 2008 and the IFCS team with UK Agility competing in Belgium in 2008.

At the age of 12 he retired from Agility but still enjoyed his trips to shows and going camping.

He is very much missed by us all.

Karen James

# **Working Section A.G.M. 2015**

**at Grazeley Village Hall, Reading**

**Sunday 22nd February 2015**

I was a little disappointed we did not have many members attending the A.G.M. this year.

The business of the meeting took a while as a lengthy discussion was had about the new leagues Heelwork to Music and Rally.

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 news on our events for the year in this issue of 'Sheltie at Work'.

**Donations to the Working Section have been received from the following:**

Wendy Ashby, Pat Daniels, Gillian Eales, Joyce Gibson, Mary Glover-Guest, Roz Grey, Barbara Grounsell, Indira Helsby, Angela Hopkins, Jo and Judith Hughes, C LePoidevin, Bridget Jamieson, Janet Kingsley, Donna Mair, Jane Martin, Deirdre Matthews, Jennifer Miller, Helen Mordaunt, Brian Olby, Joanna Pidduck, Christine Powell, W Rutland, Dawn Wood, R Yeowart.

It is very kind of you and very 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.

The Section's members have had much success in all of the disciplines in 2014, with two of our members' Shelties gaining the title of Agility Champion: Jean Tuck with Japaro Cool Jazz At Craygill and Christine Wingate-Wynne with Obay Tiz Wild. 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 so many of them will be at Crufts this year. We have members' Shelties not only in the Breed Ring, but also in Agility, Inter Regional, World Cup, Obedience Training Demo, as well as putting in an Obreedience Team 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 our Obedience Show Chief Steward. Jeanette Maggs, Pat Thompson for all their work to maintain the Leagues, which are very popular. I would also like to thank all of the Committee on your behalf for their hard work. Unfortunately Lian Knight has decided to resign from the Committee and we thank her for all she has done and wish her well for the future. However for the Committee to run the Section for you, we do need your support.

The Section has made a small profit. So this year we are putting on Obedience and Rally training days in November as well as the Agility Show in October. The Dog Training Barn at Banbury, Oxfordshire was liked by most members, but unfortunately we will no longer be running the weekend camp due to lack of interest.

We have had a few more forms for the Trophies this year which is good news. If any of you at shows see someone 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

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

Awarded at the 2015 AGM for points gained in 2014

## Mixed Discipline Trophies

### The Tony Seys Sheltie of the Year Trophy

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jean Tuck – Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G)	Dog	457
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On	Bitch	310
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Burdett – Licosateria Mai Rising Star	Bitch	195
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Is Amusing	Dog	119
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy Baudains – Carollelen Cause A Dillema	Dog	110
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erklenzer Land	Dog	110

### The Rosemary Seys Award (Runner Up)

Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On Bitch

### The Moonen Shiel Trophy

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	14

### The Fairmead Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)

No Claims

### The Javis Plate (Junior Handler)

No Claims

### The Suky Trophy

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Is Amusing	Dog	119
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rocking On	Bitch	108
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue	Dog	94
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn	Bitch	80
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Wallis – Peartbrook Out Of The Blue	Dog	79

### The Stella Trophy

Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rocking On Bitch

### The Stornaway Dual Purpose Shield

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tracy Baudains – Carolelaen Cause A Dillema	Dog	128
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol	Bitch	47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Loveable Rogue at Tarasol	Dog	34



### **The Pixham Shield (Best Opposite Sex)**

Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol Bitch

### **The Knight Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist At Sunset Dog 5

### **Agility Trophies**

#### **The Night Shadow Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Jean Tuck – Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill AW(G) Dog 457

2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On Bitch 310

3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Burbett – Licosateria Mai Rising Star Bitch 195

4<sup>th</sup> Jenny Strike – Licosateria Is Amusing Dog 119

5<sup>th</sup> Jenni Hilliard – Sanscott Ski Blue Dog 94

#### **The Three D's Trophy (Runner Up)**

Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On Bitch

#### **The Foula Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Amy Janye McKnight – Cinbaramy Black Angel Bitch 89

2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois Dog 88

3<sup>rd</sup> Rowena Steady – Ramavale Twist at Sunset Dog 5

4<sup>th</sup> Rowena Steady – Shaeuin Autumn Sun Dog 2

#### **The Jazzie Cup (Runner Up)**

Janet Menage – Sandwick Menage A Trois Dog

### **Obedience Trophies**

#### **ESSC Obedience Section Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dilemma Dog 110

1<sup>st</sup> Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land Dog 110

2<sup>nd</sup> Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief Dog 82

2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn Bitch 82

3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol  
Bitch 42

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Townsend – Dalaph Skeroq Skedercey Bitch 42

#### **The Doris Powell Memorial Trophy (Best Opposite Sex)**

Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn Bitch

### **The Hildarke Trophy**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dilemma	Dog	18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land	Dog	8

### **The Expresse Trophy**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief	Dog	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land	Dog	40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tracey Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dilemma	Dog	36

### **The Vines Perpetual Trophy**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	Dog	32
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Midnite Shadow	Dog	24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol	Bitch	24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land	Dog	22
4 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Lovable Rogue at Tarasol	Dog	14

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

	Margaret Horsfield – Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol	Bitch	
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### **The Obedience Champion Purdy Trophy**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way	Dog	58
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey	Bitch	40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land	Dog	10

### **The Rose Bowl (Best Opposite Sex)**

	Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey	Bitch	
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### **The Quaich Trophy**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gabriele Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land	Dog	110
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond	Dog	24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle OW	Bitch	14

### **Working Trials Trophy**

### **The Lonicera Shield**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Louise Saunders – Torriglen Trailblazer AW(S)	Dog	35
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Rhoda Burdett  
Trophy Secretary

## **A Trip Down Memory Lane**

Jean Tuck has done some research and found the handlers of two of the trophies awarded over the years at the AGMs.

She says “I was myself surprised to see who the owners were of these top dogs! Most are still in action in the ring.”

### **Tony Seys Trophy:**

Roider Royal Frolic 1990, 1991  
Margrove Maelstrom 1992, 1993  
Goldcrest Black Diamond 1994  
Kahlistelle Coppelia 1995  
Dilysen Dawn Mist 1996  
Teddy A Go 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000  
2001, 2002 not recorded  
Ag Ch Torriglen Taking Steps CDex 2003, 2004  
Ag Ch OBay Truly Balanced 2005, 2006, 2008  
Ag Ch OBay Truly Wicked 2007  
Mountland Made in Heaven AWG 2009, 2010  
Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill 2011, 2012, 2013

*Handlers are not recorded, but are believed to be, in order:*

*Pam Brooker, Glenys Phillips, Hayley Clayton, Pat Warwick, Karen Bugler, Christine Moodie, Louise Saunders, Bernadette Bay, Bernadette Bay, Matthew Burdett, Jean Tuck.*

### **Night Shadow Trophy:**

Roider Royal Frolic 1990, 1991  
Margrove Maelstrom 1992, 1993  
Heldean Kiri 1994  
Lythwood Fair Trader 1995  
Dilysen Dawn Mist 1996  
Teddy A Go Go 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000  
Torriglen Takes the Biscuit 2001  
Ag Ch Torriglen Taking Steps CDex 2002, 2003, 2004  
Ag Ch OBay Truly Balanced 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Mountland Made in Heaven AWG 2009, 2010  
Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill 2011, 2012, 2013

*Handlers are not recorded, but are believed to be, in order:*

*Pam Brooker, Glenys Phillips, Heather Morris, Shirley Turner, Karen Bugler, Christine Moodie, Louise Saunders, Louise Saunders, Bernadette Bay, Matthew Burdett, Jean Tuck.*

I thought this would be of interest, so I have looked back through the records and added the winners of the ESSC Obedience trophy:

### **ESSC Obedience Section Trophy:**

Dennis Farenden – Lyngold Ilex 1990  
Anne Clarke – C'Ur C'In Mr Big 1991, 1992  
Heather Rayment – Lirren Belfairs Becky 1993  
Hayley Clayton – Goldcrest Black Diamond 1994  
Pat Warwick – Kahlistelle Coppelia 1995  
Anne Clarke – Suncharm Mr Tinker 1996  
Mrs C. Wise – Deloraine Royal Blue 1997  
Pat Lilley – Kodie Expresse 1998  
Anne Clarke – Suncharm Mr Tinker 1999  
Theresa Elsom – Mohnesee Paper Romance  
equal with Trestus Little Michael 2000  
Theresa Elsom – Trestus Little Michael 2001  
Theresa Gitner – Trestus Little Michael 2002  
Pat Thompson – Trestus Dusky Expresse 2003  
Pat Warwick – Kahlistelle Coppelia 2004  
Pat Warwick – Azure Sky Kahlistelle 2005  
Amy Bennett – Heidron Dream Come True for Xotica 2006  
Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle 2007  
Teresa Davies – Samphrey Star Performer 2008, 2009  
Tracy Baudains – Carolelen Crystal Blue 2010  
Margaret Horsfield – Tarasol Blue Diamond 2011  
Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn 2012  
Bernadette Baudains – Carolelen Causing Mischief 2013

# Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st December 2014

I am glad to be able to report that the Section has had a successful year again, returning a surplus of £303. 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 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 the only reason the Section has managed to run without making a loss for the last four years is thanks to the voluntary efforts of trainers at various events and very kind donations received for events such as the Sheltie Agility Show. Were it not for these donations, both the Agility Show and the Section as a whole would be running at a loss.

After four 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 given our current finances, making a loss should be acceptable, that is assuming any losses are managed and are sustained for the benefit of our members.

In conclusion the Auditor was happy with the state of the Section's finances for 2014.

Matthew Burdett  
Hon. Treasurer

## Trading Account, 31st December 2014 (2013)

	£		£		
Opening stock 1.1.14	251	(295)	Sales	252	(442)
Purchases	72	(257)	Closing stock	167	(251)
Surplus C/D	<u>96</u>	<u>(141)</u>			
	<u>420</u>	<u>(693)</u>		<u>420</u>	<u>(693)</u>

## Income & Expenditure Account, Year Ended 31st December 2014

<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>
£	<u>Income</u>	£
141	Surplus from Trading Account B/D	96
0	Subscriptions	0
(1698)	Training Days – Income	(960)
<u>(1281)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(920)</u>
417		40
(1196)	Agility Shows – Income	(1191)
<u>(1134)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(691)</u>
63		500
119	Donations	144
1	Bank Special Deposit Interest	1
0	Current Account Interest	0
(932)	Sheltie at Work Magazine – Income	(862)
<u>(743)</u>	– Less Expenditure	<u>(628)</u>
189		234
151	Raffles	119
<u>0</u>	Sundries	<u>0</u>
<u>1081</u>	Total	<u>1134</u>
	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
73	Donations & Presentations	39
0	Purchase of Equipment	0
64	Postage, Stationery & Telephone	61
147	Spring & Ch Show Expenses	246
113	Hire of Hall & AGM Expenses	177
0	Subscription to parent body	0
319	Sundries	257
50	Auditor's Payment	50
<u>315</u>	Surplus/Deficit for Year	<u>303</u>
<u>1081</u>	Total	<u>1134</u>

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2014

<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>
£		£
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
2362	Cash at Bank – Current Account	2748
2660	– Special Deposit Account	2661
251	Resale Stock at Cost	167
0	Sundry Debtors	0
<u>0</u>	Prepaid Expenses	<u>0</u>
<u>5273</u>		<u>5576</u>
	<u>Representing Accumulated Fund</u>	
4957	Balance at 1st January	5273
<u>315</u>	Surplus/Deficit for year as per Income/Exp. Account	<u>303</u>
<u>5273</u>		<u>5576</u>
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>0</u>	Income Received in Advance	<u>0</u>
<u>5273</u>		<u>5576</u>

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

## Working News Update

The main news at this time of the year is the preparation for Crufts Dog Show in March 2015. However I have been getting news of people's achievements in all disciplines since the last update.

### **OBEDIENCE**

Pat Daniels has had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 'C' with Miranda, Azure Sky Kahlstelle, and with Hovelt Honeysuckle at Felthorn she has had two 6<sup>th</sup>s, two 5<sup>th</sup>s, one 4<sup>th</sup>, one 3<sup>rd</sup> and two 1<sup>st</sup>s in 'A'.

Gaby Recker and Fabio, Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land have gained a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in C.

In the Channel Islands, Bernadette Baudins with Carolelen Causing Mischief have had a 1<sup>st</sup> in B, and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in A.

Tracey Baudins with Carolelen Cause a Dilemma have had a 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in A.

Amy Bennett and Heidron Come True For Xotica have won 'A'.

Margaret Horsfield and Dream, Marricksham Secret Dream at Tarasol, have had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in 'A'.

Janette Mitchell and Finlo, Shelridge Special Diamond, have come 5<sup>th</sup> in Novice.

Doreen Goodwin has come 2<sup>nd</sup> in Beginners with Dellaph Shripalm Matilda.

Jenny Miller and Forestland Spring Footstep were also 2<sup>nd</sup> in Beginners.

In the new National Obedience Class Championships finals Margaret Wildsmith and Jodie, Tachnamadra Laurencin with Sandiebeck, came 6<sup>th</sup> in Pre-Beginners.

## **AGILITY**

Amy McKnight tells me that at the Northern Ireland Agility Awards Dinner her Kalay, Cinabaramy Black Angel, was awarded Best Grade 1-3 Medium Dog Overall. She also came 5<sup>th</sup> in 2014 Medium Agility Dog Of The Year, all grades, 6<sup>th</sup> in 2014 Medium Jumping Dog Of The Year all grades and 2014 Medium Dog Of The Year Overall. She is very proud of him.

Matthew Burdett and Brooke, Licosateria Mai Rising Star were runners-up in the Agility Club 2014 Annual Awards in Small Grade 4, while Rhoda Burdett and Brodie, Chandling Ebony Charge came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the UKA Team Tournament.

Lian Knight with Sonic, Licosateria Mai Rising Son has qualified in Mini Dogs, and with Sizzle, Blenmerrow Sizzling Star in Toy Dogs, for the FAB IFCS Team GB competition in Italy 2015

At the 2014 IFCS World Agility Championships Matthew Burdett and Bracken won a Gold Medal in the Team Triathlon and Lian Knight and Sizzle won a Bronze medal in the same event.

There were two new Agility Champions in 2014, Jean Tuck and Glen, Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill, and Christine Wingate-Wynne and Zev, Ag Ch Obay Tiz Wild.

## **CRUFTS**

As usual the ESSC. Working Section was well represented at Crufts this year. For the first time we had a team of Shelties in the new Obreedience competition. They were: Amy Bennett and Heidron Come True For Xotica (Taz), Vanessa Hardin and Sheltysham Miss Mayhem (Tutti Frutti), Margaret Horsfield and Marricksham Secret



Dream at Tarasol (Dream), Sue Lang and Chelmarsh All the Way (Kate), Sue Robinson and Calambray Back Chat (Daley), and Karen Smith and Samphrey Wild About Saffron (Foxy)

In the Regional Obedience Teams competition Sue Robinson and Shelridge Distant Laughter worked 'A' for the South East and East Anglia team, and Janette Mitchell with Shelridge Special Diamond (Finlo) worked Novice for the Northern Ireland team.

Gaby Recker with Magic Monty von Erkelenzer Land (Fabio) travelled as reserve for the German World Cup team.

In the Crufts Small Agility Teams competition Amanda Rogers and Malaroc Moving Water ran for the North Downs Maggots.

In the Crufts Medium Agility Teams competition Jean Tuck and Myndoc Minstrel for Craygill were Reserves for the RSCTA Rough With the Smooth.

In the Championship Agility Small, Jean Tuck competed with Ag. Ch. Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill (Glen) and

in the Championship Agility Medium, Christine Wingate-Wynne competed with Ag Ch Obay Tiz Wild (Zev).

In the Crufts Medium ABC (Anything But a Collie) Eleanor Balchin ran with Sheldray Smoke On the Water (Smo)

### ***KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME***

Jean Tuck and AgCh Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill (Glen) have gained their Gold certificate. Denise Thurlby and Breeze have also gained their Gold award, as have Nina Woodhouse's Wispa and Robbie.

***RALLY*** I have had no reports from Rally competitors.

***HEELWORK TO MUSIC*** Similarly, I have no reports from HTM competitors.

Please let me know of your achievements, even if you think they are insignificant. It would be lovely also to hear about achievements in Rally and HTM.

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# Crufts Results 2015

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)***

- 1<sup>st</sup> British Open Small
- 1<sup>st</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Singles Heat Small Final
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles Heat Small Overall Ranking
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Championship Small – Jumping
- 1<sup>st</sup> Championship Small – Agility
- 5<sup>th</sup> Championship Small – Final

### ***Amanda Rodgers with Malaroc Moving Water***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Small Team North Downs Maggotts Semi-Final
- 1<sup>st</sup> Small Team North Downs Maggotts Final

### ***Jean Tuck with Ag Ch Japaro Cool Jazz at Craygill***

- 11<sup>th</sup> Championship Small – Jumping
- 5<sup>th</sup> Championship Small – Agility

### ***Jean Tuck with Myndoc Minstrel For Craygill AW(G) (non-running reserve)***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Medium Team RSCTA Rough with the Smooth Semi-Final

### ***Amy Lawson with Ag Ch Millie On to One***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 1
- 5<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Overall Ranking

### ***Karen Gibbons with Riverbend Mitzie AW(G)***

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Medium ABC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Championship Medium – Jumping
- 7<sup>th</sup> Championship Medium – Agility
- 6<sup>th</sup> Championship Medium – Final
- 7<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Medium Round 1
- 8<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Medium Round 2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Medium Overall Ranking

***Christine Wingate-Wynne with Ag Ch Obay Tiz Wild***

12<sup>th</sup> Championship Medium – Jumping

9<sup>th</sup> Championship Medium – Agility

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

4<sup>th</sup> Novice Cup Medium

***Louise Eden with Obay The Boyz High Voltage***

6<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 2

7<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Overall Ranking

10<sup>th</sup> Singles Heat Small Round 1

***Eleanor Balchin with Sheldray Smoke On The Water AW***

7<sup>th</sup> Medium ABC

**Obreedience Team**



***Amy Bennet with Heidron Dream Come True For Xotica***

***Vanessa Hardin with Sheltysham Miss Mayhem***

***Sue Lang with Chelmarsh All The Way***

***Karen Smith with Samphrey Wild About Saffron***

***Margaret Horsfield with Marricksham Secret Dream At Tarasol***

***Sue Robinson with Calambray Back Chat***

1<sup>st</sup> Team Sheltie

## **Inter-Regional Obedience Team**

***Bobby Austin with Colroy Carbon Copy***

***Janette Mitchell with Shelridge Special Diamond***

3rd Team Northern Ireland

***Sue Robinson with Shelridge Distant Laughter with Alnac***

5th Team South East & East Anglia

## **World Cup**

***Gabriele Recker with Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land***

5th Team Germany

## **Go Team Sheltie!**

I still can't believe that the Shetland Sheepdog Team won the Obreedience at Crufts 2015 and I am extremely proud to have represented our wonderful breed in this innovative and new event. When we qualified I was surprised, when we rehearsed I was worried as my set exercise did not go to plan and when we competed at Crufts and won as a team it was something very special.

The journey to Crufts was not smooth! Our original team captain dropped out, one of our team members was unable to come to the rehearsal so we competed as "a team" for the first time at 12.30 on the day when we went through the heelwork. The day was very long as we were not in the ring until 4.00 pm and as I have a Sheltie who refuses to go to the toilet when out I had mental images of a huge accident on the green carpet at some stage – she held on until we got home at 8.30 in the evening (having left at 5.00 am) – wish I had the same bladder as my dog!

The day was memorable for all of us in so many ways, the other teams were all very supportive and the whole atmosphere was exciting as we decorated our benches with the Good Luck cards. I feel privileged to have had such lovely team members, Amy and Taz (captain), Sue and Kete who is a great friend, Karen and Little Foxy who were brilliant and of course our reserves Margaret and Sue Robinson.

As Taz was retiring it was emotional to know this was his last competition but what a way to go! Taz had the experience but the other three are all very young so we had no idea how they would cope with the carpet, crowds and lights – but we need not have worried, they were sheltifastic.



We would all like to thank the ESSC Working Section for our leads and smart polos, plus Lesley and Peter Lubbi for coming to the events prior and at Crufts and supporting us – especially with a nail biting run off for first place against the wonderful Toller team – Sue R coped with the pressure incredibly and did not have time to think when she was asked to get her dog and do a retrieve, so thank you Sue for winning it for us! We have You Tube to relive the day and we had a wonderful opportunity to show the public what we already know – that Shetland Sheepdogs are glamorous and with wonderful working brains –

Go the Shelties!

Vanessa Hardin

## **My Golden Boys**

I have owned Shelties for over forty five years. I have successfully shown some of them, but my real love is Obedience work. I have four youngish dogs at the moment and three years ago, I set myself the target to get all four of them to the GOLD Standard of the KC Good Citizen's Award Scheme. All four achieved their Silver and two went on to gain their GOLD.

Unfortunately, I was then hospitalised for over a year with a critical problem, which has left me partially sighted. Hence, I was unable to do any training with my dogs at all, as I was confined to a dark room, unable to cope with any source of light for several months. I became confined to the house and lost a lot of confidence and interest in my hobbies.

Things have improved a little for me and so four weeks ago, I decided to go back to my dog training. This was quite a giant step for me, as I was afraid of not being able to walk in a straight line and possibly losing my balance. I coped better than I thought and so I decided to try and get my last two dogs through their Gold awards. I was delighted when Wispa gained his after just three lessons.

I then decided to take my last dog, Robbie, to try for his Gold. Robbie is my oldest and probably the most set in his ways and having a mind of his own. I knew this was going to be a big challenge and I didn't hold out much hope for him ever doing it. I took him along last week to a local club and explained that he was going to be a challenge and that I expected to be training him for months.

I was informed that they were actually holding the Gold test the following week and that I could have an attempt at it. I said that I didn't think there was any chance of him being able to do it. I stayed for the training session for an hour and was persuaded to have a go at it.

Well, a week later, I am still reeling from the shock of it. He did every exercise perfectly, including his out of sight stay while another dog was running around him out of control!

Is this a record? Two dogs through Gold in one week and one dog only having had one training session? The last time these dogs did any training was two years ago. Not only are they a credit to the breed, they have given me back my confidence and a reason to carry on with my life again. I am just full of admiration for them.

Nina Woodhouse



Nina's dogs, posing with their Gold Good Citizen awards.

From the left: Robbie, Jack, Benji and Wispa.

# **Mohnesee's Miss Chief A.W.(G)**

## **Poppy**

Poppy is a loveable, but independent, noisy and greedy little dog.

I already owned an 8 year old blue merle Sheltie, Myndoc Sea of Dreams, (Penny), who took me to the Olympia Finals in 2008, and the Crufts Small Team final in 2011.

In 2009 I fell in love with Ava, who belongs to Linda King. She and Nicola put me in touch with her breeder Kay Hateley, who was doing a repeat mating.

I gave Poppy some basic Agility training and because it involved food for rewards, she became very keen. Unfortunately, before she was old enough to compete, I had a replacement hip, so my husband Clive had to take over.

At her first KC indoor show, she won the Grade 1-3 jumping by 7 seconds, while I was in hospital. However, at her first outdoor show less than 8 weeks after my operation, I had to run her due to Clive being called upon the last minute to judge. Poppy was a little star, running ahead and following instructions from a distance, whilst I hobbled round. She won the 1-3 Agility and became Grade 4.

When she quickly got up to Grade 6, Clive took over as I couldn't run fast enough. In 2013 she won two C.C.'s in Scotland, Kingdom of Fife and East Lothian. She also had a R.C.C. at Weardale that year.

Poppy was picked for inclusion in the Team GB squad for the European and FCI World Championships, 2014, but unfortunately, was picked as non-travelling reserve.

Bad luck struck in July last year at the East Lothian Champ. Show when Clive tore the top of his ham-string whilst running in the Jumping qualifier. As a result he wasn't able to run her for the next few months, so I had to take over. She gradually got used to my handling again, and managed a 4th in the Dundee Champ. final.

The highlight for me was when we got the R.C.C. at the Wilton Show in August, 2014. I'm sure that if Clive could have run she would have been a Champion by now!



In spite of his injury, Clive 'ran' the Olympia Semi Finals at the KC Festival, in August, managing to qualify for the Finals, in spite of his ham-string giving way part way round. Poppy was again a little star, and kept running to come 9th. The top 10 qualify.

December 19th last year I was thrilled to watch Clive and Poppy in the Olympia Finals for the second year running, when this time she did better, coming 4th, and 2nd in the pairs with her Poodle partner. We are very proud of this independent little dog, and thank Kay for breeding her.

Dorothy Foden



Dorothy & Poppy, RCC at Wilton Champ 25.8.14

# **Sheltie Obedience Training Day**

**Saturday 7th November 2015**

**Trainer: Sarah Delany**

**Grazeley Village Hall, Church Lane, Grazeley, Reading, RG7 1LD**

Those of you who work in Obedience will know Sarah and some of you may remember the inspiring Sheltie Camp several years ago at which Sarah and her mother Barbara were the trainers.

Sarah started competing in Obedience in 1989, and won her first Novice that year (winning out of Beginners). Since then she has had 129 wins Novice to Ch 'C' (112 with Groenendaels) at Open and Champ shows.

She has qualified four dogs for Ticket, 3 Groens and a Collie. Two of the Groens became Obedience Champions, Ob Ch Vanistica Gideons Moon (who won 4 Tickets and was 3<sup>rd</sup> at Crufts in 1995) and Ob Ch Vanistica's French Eclipse (who won 5 Tickets and competed as part of the winning England World Cup team in 2009; they were also 4<sup>th</sup> in the Individual World Cup placings that year).

Sarah is currently working a 5 year old Groenendael (Wally) and a 2 year old BC (Rogan) in 'A' and 'B'. Wally won 2 'A's this year after an 18 month lay off and won the Class 'A' Championships at the inaugural Class Championships in November. Rogan won 2 Novices and an 'A' this year and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Class 'A' Championships.

She also judges up to and including Championship 'C' and currently trains seven Ticket handlers (4 with BCs, 2 with Goldies and 1 with a Groenendael). She says "I love training the other breeds as well as the Collies and I think it helps that I have trained both up to Ticket level as they are very different in their attitudes."

Training will cover all standards and will start at 9.30 a.m. and will last until 5.00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. There will also be short coffee breaks during the morning and afternoon. Teas and coffees will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you.

The cost of the training is

Dog and Handler	£30 for Section Members	£35 for Non Members
Spectators	£15 for Section Members	£20 for Non Members

Booking forms are available from Lesley Lubbi,

tel. no. 01784 258334 or e-mail: [info@esscworkingsection.co.uk](mailto:info@esscworkingsection.co.uk)

# Sheltie Obedience League Results for 2014

## **Pre-Beginners**

1<sup>st</sup> Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way 12 points

## **Beginners**

1<sup>st</sup> Sue Lang – Chelmarsh All The Way 17 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Doreen Goodwin – Dellaph Shripalm Mathilda 9 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Townsend – Dellaph Skeroq Skedercey 8 points

## **Novice**

1<sup>st</sup> Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond 16 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Gaby Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land 11 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Doreen Goodwin – Dellaph Shripalm Mathilda 8 points

## **Test 'A'**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn 41 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Robinson – Shelridge Distant Laughter 23 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Tracy Baudains – Carolelen Cause A Dillema 22 points

## **Test 'B'**

1<sup>st</sup> Gaby Recker – Magic Monty vom Erkelenzer Land 20 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Sadie Fairs – Lavika Land Of Love 4 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Daniels – Hovelt Honeysuckle At Felthorn 1 point

## **Test 'C'**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Daniels – Azure Sky Kahlistelle 7 points

Well done to everyone who took part in the Sheltie Obedience League in 2014 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](mailto: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 2014

## **Grade 1**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jill Williams – Shellouer Hawailan Sunset	(Medium)	823
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amy Jayne McKnight – Cinbaramy Black Angel	(Medium)	785
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Davina Lovegrove – Elanmore Blue Flash	(Medium)	349

## **Grade 3**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jenny Strike – Licosateria Is Amusing	(Small)	1628
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Wallis – Peartbrook Out Of The Blue	(Small)	487
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janet Menage – Sandwich Menage A Trois	(Medium)	421

## **Grade 4**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Rorie – Irlanvic Vanilla Ice	(Small)	373
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phyllis Archer – Dunbrae Royal Emblem	(Medium)	365
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Rorie – Clanavon Brown Sugar	(Small)	135

## **Grade 5**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hannah Fairweather – Amethrickeh Rockin On	(Medium)	2405
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rosie Pearson – Wallastowns Abi’s Jubilee	(Small)	559
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janette Mitchell – Shelridge Special Diamond	(Small)	503

## **Grade 6**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Emmett – Myter Who Dares Wins	(Small)	770
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phyllis Archer – Yewdale Lucky Charm	(Medium)	679
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny Strike – Shaelith Blizzard	(Medium)	478

## **Grade 7**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clive Foden – Mohnessee’s Miss Chief	(Small)	2647
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kerry Murray – Clanavon Clowns R Us	(Medium)	810
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorothy Foden – Mohnessee’s Miss Chief	(Small)	352

Thanks to everyone that has taken part in the Sheltie Agility League during 2014.

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

Jeanette Maggs

## Cinbaramy Black Angel – Kalay

Thank you for the results of ESSC Working Section Agility League for 2014. This is really nice for beginners especially and I wanted to thank both Lesley and Jeanette for keeping this running. We were really pleased that our Kalay came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grade 1, even if there were not many participating in the early sections!



It was the Northern Ireland Agility awards dinner the other night but unfortunately with my back injury we were not able to attend. Our Kalay (Cinbaramy Black Angel) won 'Best Grade 1-3 Medium Dog Overall, All Classes, All Shows' in NI. This is not something that we apply for, but is kindly calculated by the coordinating team based on their record of the results of all shows in Northern Ireland throughout the year; particularly surprising as we only got to less than half of the Agility shows. She also came 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 Medium Agility Dog of the Year all grades; 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 Medium Jumping Dog of the Year all grades, and 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 Medium Overall Dog of the Year all grades. Really so pleased our Kalay has been enjoying this so much! Now to hope my back improves so I can get walking and out again.

Thanks again,  
Amy Jayne McKnight

# Sheltie Rally Training Day

Saturday 21st November 2015

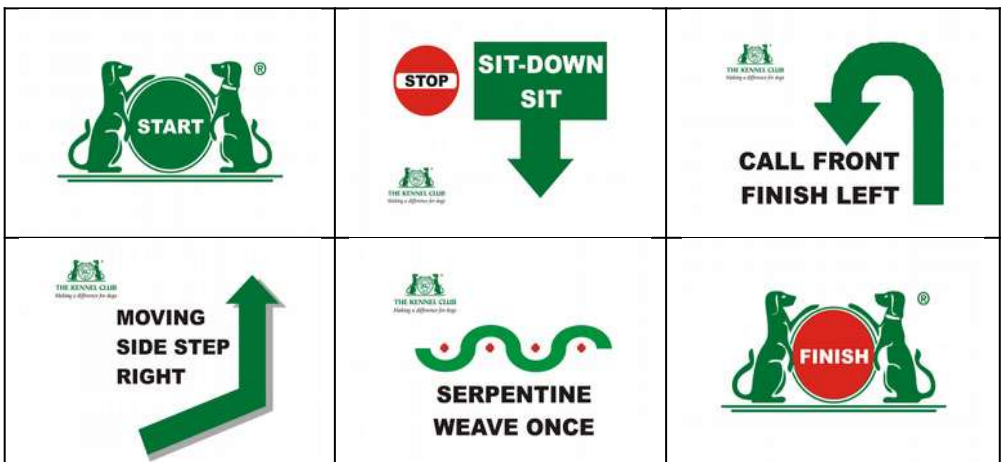
with Lynne Moulson & Karen Marek

Grazeley Village Hall, Church Lane, Grazeley, Reading, RG7 1LD

Rally is the latest discipline for dogs that has been recognised by the Kennel Club. It involves working your dog around a numbered course of Obedience-based exercises. There are six levels and each dog and handler team start at Level 1, which is performed on lead. Levels 3 to 6 are performed off lead. It is designed to be fun, yet still offering challenges, especially at the higher levels.

There are 30 exercises at Level 1 and these are the foundation for progression. In competition, you enter the ring with 200 points and the course is timed. Deductions are made for any faults, (e.g. tight lead) and in the event of a tie on points, the fastest time wins. A qualifying round is 170 points or more and three qualifying rounds take you up to the next level.

Some examples of exercises are shown below: –



The trainers will be Lynne Moulson and Karen Marek: –

Lynne has had Shelties for nearly thirty years and has a background of Agility and Heelwork to Music. Rally was taken up to help improve the focus with one of those Shelties – Tiffy – and liking it so much, they went on to compete. Tiffy excelled herself at her first Level 3 trial and achieved first place with a perfect score. Now looking to achieve their final qualifier at Level 3, they are looking forward to the challenges of competing at Level 4 and training for Levels 5 and 6. Another dog that Lynne works is Katie, who only started competing in 2014, but has steadily worked through Levels 1 and 2, achieving a placed rosette each time and will start 2015 at Level 3. Lynne also teaches Rally to members of the Agility club where she trains and a few of the people have gone on to compete successfully.

Karen has had Shelties for many years and competed in Obedience with her late Sheltie Harry and then Pippin. Rally was taken up as a change to Obedience which Pippin has excelled in, not only qualifying but gaining first place on four consecutive Rally trials in 2014. Pippin and Karen are looking to achieve their last Level 3 and qualify Level 4's in 2015, whilst training for Levels 5 and 6. Karen is also training her latest Sheltie Toby who may be ready for a trial late in 2015.

Alongside learning about Rally, the training day will revolve around having fun with your Shelties. So please bring tasty treats and/or a toy for your dogs.

The training will start at 9.30 a.m. and will last until 5.00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. There will also be short coffee breaks during the morning and afternoon. Teas and coffees will be provided but please bring a packed lunch with you.

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# **Sheltie Obedience Training Day**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014**

**Trainer: Keith Gwillim**

Can I say first of all a big thank you to our trainer for the day, Keith Gwillim, whose vast experience in dog Obedience is obvious. He was able to pass on to us his knowledge of training any dog. Although he doesn't have Shelties himself, he had a very soft and calm way of training the group, which the Shelties warmed to. Purely based on reward training, this meant that those Shelties who love food were well fed that day, and those who were keener on playing as a reward were also very happy. There were a range of dogs at the training day, from pet Obedience dogs to those working 'A'/'B' level.

I really went to the training day to pick up some useful training tips to pass on to my local group of Sheltie owners. We hire a hall once a week to meet up and do a bit of Obedience for the fun of it. I "volunteered" to act as a trainer at the group, as I have had quite a bit of success in Agility, and in training Agility. Some of them have loved it so much that they've started entering a few Obedience shows, mainly the ESSC Limited Obedience Show, but others have given it a go at a couple of local Open Shows with varying degrees of success. Having now 'retired' from Agility, I still haven't plucked up the courage to enter any Obedience open shows as I haven't felt I have the accuracy to put myself and my dog on 'public' display.

## PLAY

Keith started by getting us all onto the floor with our dogs and playing with them to warm them up. He could then also see what kind of relationship each handler had with their dogs. He then got us to practice getting our dogs to the correct heel position by asking us to step to the side a couple of inches at a time. This is to make the dogs move sideways into the heel position, having to think about where their bodies are in relation to their handler's left leg. I must admit that my little Sheltie 'Dee-Dee' struggled with this as she has really only been taught pet Obedience, having never had the perfect heel position worked on in the past.

## NOVICE RECALL

We then worked our dogs individually, starting with the Novice Recall. It was good to watch all the other handlers and dogs very carefully,



and to listen to what Keith was saying to correct their faults. He got some handlers to set their dog up in the wait, leaving their dog, walking half way down the room, then turning a full 360 degrees and continuing away until being told to face their dog. Little tricks like that get the dog thinking all the time, not knowing what will come next. Continually practicing a full Novice Recall may encourage dogs to anticipate the next manoeuvre – hence breaks in the wait, ‘finishing’ before being asked, etc. Another trick is to throw a toy or food through your legs as your dog is coming to you. This encourages a nice fast recall, so much so that some dogs slid to a halt at their handler’s legs when doing a proper recall after this exercise.

## RETRIEVE

The Retrieve exercise was also taught in different ways, according to the dog’s ability. Some handlers put their dog in a Wait and walked away holding the dumbbell, placing it on the floor and continuing to walk away from their dog. On turning to face their dog they would call it and the dog would pick up the dumbbell en route to its handler. This makes sure that the dog is always picking up the dumbbell whilst facing its handler. It also makes the exercise a lot quieter than when lobbing a hard dumbbell across the floor.

Another exercise is to hold the dumbbell while facing your dog. Get your dog to hold the dumbbell, then you return to the dog’s side. Then go back to face your dog again, and keep repeating this.

Another exercise is to throw your dumbbell out, then you race your dog to get it. This makes the dog keen to go and retrieve.

For Dee-Dee, who doesn’t like retrieving, I was told to throw out a treat, call her back to me, throw out another treat, call her back to me, then throw out a soft retrieve article. I can vouch that this does work. My next step will be to gradually introduce a lightweight dumbbell (the bought ones are far too heavy for her size). I was worried that she doesn’t ‘present’ as she should, but I was assured I could work on that at a later date. She will now bring a soft toy back to me and not drop it, so that’s quite a progression.

## HEELWORK

The standard of the dogs’ Heelwork varied greatly. The ‘A’ and ‘B’ handlers were really refining their heelwork on an individual basis with Keith. I was just amazed at how good some Shelties could be at sticking like glue to their handler’s leg.

Many Shelties, including mine, had difficulty moving their bottom on a left turn. To help with that Keith got me to turn only a fraction to my left, then wait for her to work it out that her bottom was too far out. Bless her, after several attempts she was eventually starting to move her bottom independently. I needed to slow down my right and left turns to give her time to move her body in line with my side.

Another little tip to get a good position is to hold a treat cupped in your left hand, then place your hand on your leg, the cup facing rearwards, and get your dog to nuzzle into the cupped hand without getting the treat. Once your dog is walking at heel in the correct position, let your dog have the treat – and repeat this continually. This is quite a difficult manoeuvre with a small dog (quite easy with a larger dog).

Keith was encouraging me to enter some Pre-Beginner classes as this may make me realise there are already other dogs out there competing who are of a similar standard to Dee-Dee. Maybe!

## SCENT

Many of the dogs were brilliant at the Scent exercise, but Keith started with the basic 'A' level Scent – a row of five sterile cloths with the handler's cloth somewhere in the lineup. Most of them could do this easily, with a couple having upturned saucers on top of the sterile cloths to discourage their dogs from snatching the wrong cloths en route to their own. Dee-Dee has a habit of 'tasting' each cloth on the way to her own, so Keith got me to place a tiny treat on the floor in front of each sterile cloth. Wasn't sure this would work, but hey presto she ate every treat and never picked up a wrong cloth. She then happily retrieved her cloth and came running back to me – no sit present at this stage but that's work in progress.

The more experienced Shelties tried the 'B' scent which involves a dummy scent cloth being placed amongst the line of sterile cloths, then the handler's cloth being put down too. Absolutely fabulous to watch – some dogs didn't even sniff along the cloth line – they went straight to their own cloth.

For those of you who've never been to a training day, I can thoroughly recommend it. No matter what stage you are at, the expert trainers will be able to help you. So next year we hope to see more of you there having a go.

Dawn Wood

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**2014 IFCS World Agility Championships where Matthew Burdett and Bracken won a Gold Medal in the Team Triathlon and Lian Knight and Sizzle won a Bronze medal in the same event.**