

## Annual General Meeting 2018

### Chairman's report

#### Looking back at 2017

The working section continues to grow, with new members and repeated interest in our different activities. None of this would be at all possible without the continuity of the committees, engaging themselves for the benefit of the members. As a society we are very lucky with our committee but we are always welcome to extend our committee and members in order to gain more support in events and within the committee itself. However a big thank you to you all on the committee and the secretaries behind the scenes that endeavours to work on the membership's behalf. Whilst thanking people, I would like to show a big thank you to the land owners and the guns that shoot at our field trials at an expense to themselves and finally a thank you to all judges. None of this would be at all possible without all of your tremendous help.

Our working calendar started with the training classes; unfortunately we do not obtain a ground large enough to hold all of the classes together, this then creates a lot of organisation on Wendy's behalf to ensure everyone has paid their membership and everyone is in the appropriate groups for the training etc... For the working test season we have seen a very busy time for both the Spaniels and the Retrievers. Our Retriever working test secretary Ellena Nunneley, unfortunately stepped down this season, we are thankful for all she did and are sorry to see her go. Now filling the role of Retriever Working Test secretary is Sue Tarrant. Sadly our Spaniel Working Test secretary also had to step down half way through this year Alan Bayliss, Janet Righton was then kind enough to cover for the rest of the year. However taking the new role of the Spaniel Working Test secretary is Ade Stride. Within the trials we have used some new venues within Retrievers and Spaniel, which have all been a success. Due to the price increase of shooting within the trials, this creates great expenditure for the club.

We are still in need of a membership secretary, as we are much appreciative of Debbie Bayliss continued to work in her position last year although as from now she has decided to step down, so a new secretary is essential. As well our website is thriving through the work of the administrator Tim Hankey. I'd like to wish all our members, committee members and volunteers a successful season.

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