

Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Report for year ending 2019

December 2019

Coventry's working section had a full programme of events this year. Starting with the training in April which ran for 8 weeks, then an additional 4 weeks was added for advanced training. Thank-you to everyone who committed themselves with the training it wouldn't have gone ahead without your help, this also including the dummy throwers! Following the training ran a full season of working tests throughout the summer, where Sue Tarrant our retriever working test secretary did an excellent job of organising a great venue and gaining high attendance. Ade Stride our spaniel working test secretary did an excellent job this year of organising the spaniel working tests. Alongside this Ade was also able to find some good sponsorship for the spaniel tests, with some excellent prizes. A big thankyou to those who took part in the working tests; judges, landowners and helpers.

Moving onto September, we began our trialling season. Our retriever section is handled by Laura Marsh, once again she put on 3 excellent trials at The Olde Hemploe Shoot, Northamptonshire, alongside the support of Jason. I would like to congratulate you both for organising such great trials. Moving onto the spaniel retriever trials which is managed by Ana Holland. Four trials were held, all excellently organised by Ana, a lot of complements were received about the trials from other judges so we're all extremely proud of the trials organised. Again a very full program organised by all our secretaries.

Overall in regards to the working section, we have had a very positive outcome from 2019 which is down to having a very good committee which is prepared to work hard on the memberships behalf.

Our membership secretary Ade Stride, is constantly working at keeping all our members informed with the clubs programs of events over the year. It is quite a commitment being the membership secretary, with our memberships being quite high this makes the job even harder. So I'd like to say a big thankyou for all her hard work.

Sadly, Sue Tarrant has decided to step down as working test secretary so we are now in a position where we are looking for a new secretary as well as new committee members. The club are always looking to increase their committee members to keep the club moving forward with the times and keep a full program of events.

I would like to say a big thankyou to the committee that I have been chairman to for too many years to mention! For all their help and support and for raising the profile of the club. Also to thank all the judges, land owners and helpers that I have badgered into helping in different events, which I have always been very appreciative of. On that note, I have decided to step down as chairman and off the committee too, I have decided to start spending more time with my husband, family and own dogs. I feel confident enough that we have got the club in a stable position with a very good committee that will enable to continue in the vain we have established.

Just to say again, any help offered to the club will be extremely appreciative. So please don't ever think you don't know sufficient knowledge on working dogs, your help with still be appreciated and utilised.

Just to close, I would like to wish everyone a happy 2020, with good health and enjoyment with their dogs.