



SPORTING WHIPPET CLUB NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017

REVIEW – THE SEASON SO FAR

The Weather

Four meetings in and we have been equally blessed and cursed by the weather. Whilst we are thankful that all meetings have remained dry we would have welcomed more rain over the Spring, and are grateful for the showers we have been lucky to have prior to each date. Whatever has been forecast, be it cool and cloudy or hot and sunny, there has been a strong accompanying wind. Arctic winds in March, April and May, and warm wind that fooled us as to the strength of the sun in June. And did I mention its been windy?!

The Grounds

We have been to 4 lovely farm grounds so far this season. Starting at Brand House, Gloucestershire on a large, challenging hill, team found the ideal solution, enabling good sport and good viewing for all. After that we returned to Eiling Farm in Berkshire then onto Raleghs Cross, Somerset where working with the natural geography of the ground to include a hillock in the course led to some spectacular runs. Most recently we returned to Eiling Farm once more, but to a new field. This was the smallest ground so far which gives its own set of limitations. Each month our field team works hard to best utilise the venues we have, taking into account the shape, size, ground conditions, weather and number of stakes on the cards.

Slippers & Judges

Alec Dalglish and our regular guest Slipper George Sell have done a brilliant job as always. Taking to the heights of our new judging platform we have had our own Mike and Mark split the stakes the first month, with regular guest judges Tony Dent and Laurie Winter the following months. Most recently we welcomed a new judge Karen Fisher who's background is in coursing salukis.

Competitors

Our meetings are going from strength to strength with each being close to, or at capacity. So far this season we have seen 77 competing whippets, among them 17 newcomers, which keeps it fresh and exciting. It is especially pleasing to see a growing number of dogs who would more usually be seen in the ring out on the field, including our first British show champion, Ch Splyanfly Shake It On Down.

Top Dogs

Competition at the top of the league tables is getting fierce among those gunning for the Wheatroyd Trophy for Top Whippet 2017. Just 2 points separate the top three, with others hot on their heels.

HARERUNNER HALPENNY -
49

SILVERHARE FOXY SUNDANCE -
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CHEYDANHAR SOOLEAWA AT
COPPERMOW -47



TOP VETERANS (7+)

Sandspring Special Envoy
Coppermow Lady Lettie
Silvajack Cassian

TOP OPEN (BITCHES OVER 18.5 & DOGS 20 -21.5")

Harerunner Halfpenny
Vensuter Wheal Chimes
Twiggen Tit For Tat
Derohan Bronze Angel
Softouch Ever So Clever At Derohan
veruglas Simply Saffron
Wheatroyd Midnight Chimes
Derohan Beyond Desire
Moonlake My Way
Collooney Candyman At Alacrity
Florancy First Footing

TOP DOGS (18.5 - 20")

Silverhare Foxy Sundance
Winterfelin Gotta Dash
Harerunner Hornet
Dharmadhatu Babbling Brook
Montyjack Midnight Rambler
Sunflower Boy
Silverhare Farah's Sunspeed

TOP BITCHES (17.5 -18.5")

Cheydanar Soolewea at Coppermow
Ameesha Pina Colada
Collooney Candy Crush
Ryemeadows Zara
Silverhare Fizgig Sunburst
Laguna Lefren Lawen
Gills Little Gem at Coppemow
Montyjack Moon En Rouge
Harerunner Hell For Leather
Spyanfly Say I'm Sexy

MUZZLES

At our AGM the rule regarding compulsory muzzling was introduced. The committee agree to review this ruling at the mid point of the season. Having closely observed 4 exceptionally busy meetings the committee has agreed to retain the rule for the safety of all dogs.

THE REMAINING SEASON

With 3 qualifying meetings to go there is still a lot that could change, and any dog still has the possibility to gain enough points to book a place in October Trophy Finals.

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	other info
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16th Jul	Wiltshire	Lower Hook Farm, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EF	Judge Laurie Winter, Slipper George Sell
13th Aug	Wiltshire	Fosse Tillery Farm, Brokenborough, SN16 0JL	Judge John Jones, Slipper George Sell
3rd Sep	Somerset	Clifford's Pool, Raleghs Cross, TA23 0LN	
8th Oct	Gloucestershire	Dryleaze Farm, Siddington, GL7 6DB	FINALS

TRAINEES

One of the key objectives of Sporting Whippet Club since its foundation has been to "strive to uphold the traditions of coursing", this will only be possible going forward if new people are trained to the skills of both Judging and Slipping. We are very thankful that Sandra Marcoveccio has been training to Judge this season, but we need more! We also need to pass on the dying art of Slipping. While Alec and George serve the Club so well, we desperately need new blood to carry on these traditions. Please, if you are interested in being trained to Judge and/or Slip, please do speak to a member of the committee at a meeting or contact us on sportingwhippetclub@hotmail.com

SWC MERCHANDISE

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