

# SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

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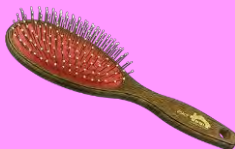


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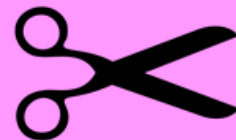


Please browse the SGRS website to keep up to date with all club events.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1.html#event>



## ***Fun Day Trim and Tidy***



There is a chance that one of our two main Golden Retriever trimmers might not make Fun Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Is there a seasoned 'show' trimmer out there that would be willing to give up some time to join us to trim ears, feet and tails of Goldens only to help raise funds for our charities on the day? If you would like to help out, please contact me, David Wimsett [david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk)

Many of you will know that the Society has a Face Book page <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernGoldenRetrieverSociety>

We would love to have members celebrate major or interesting successes with their dogs.

Please contact Sue Ashley [ashley258@btinternet.com](mailto:ashley258@btinternet.com) or Lisa Baker [lisa.baker177@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.baker177@btinternet.com) if you have any interesting news and photos to share.

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## SUPPORTED ENTRY BREED CLASSES AT GROUP OPEN SHOWS

The new Judges Competency Framework process requires that Breed clubs support breed classes at general and group Open Shows every year by nominating judges and encouraging entries so that the judge gets a good entry.

Please put the following shows in your diaries for a supported entry.

South of England Gundog	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Maidstone	Trevor Wilmott
Guildford DCS	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ardingly	Ian Briggs

## STEWARDING AT BREED SHOWS

The SGRS are always willing to have novice Stewards at any of our Breed Shows, especially now that it is an early requirement for progression as an aspiring Judge under the new JCF requirements. If you would like to volunteer for our CH Show on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, then please contact Jan Wilton: [vallhund@btopenworld.com](mailto:vallhund@btopenworld.com)

## WORKING TESTS

### **ND/NH (unclassified) and Novice Working Tests (Classified)**

Sunday 19th May 2019

Goldens and Flatcoats hosted by SGRS

### **S/Puppy, Veteran, Novice & Open Working Test**

Sunday 28th July

Schedules and entry forms can now be downloaded from:

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1.html#working>

or contact Ray Gait for details [ray.gait@hotmail.com](mailto:ray.gait@hotmail.com)

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## ***DISPLAY TEAM***



We began our Display Team year on a high note as always, performing twice in the Main Arena at Crufts and four times in the Good Citizen Dog Scheme Arena. After fifteen years the Team still finds it thrilling to perform in the Crufts Main Arena and the audience response is as wonderfully enthusiastic as ever. We had two new handlers making their Display debuts in the smaller GCDS Arena – Jane Sheppard with Bertie and Shirley Lidinson with Merlin did us proud. In the Main Arena three dogs, Bella, Hannah and Luna, performed for the first time and they didn't put a paw wrong. Clare Jenner and her dog Henry were waylaid by Clare Balding as they passed the Channel 4 studio in the NEC. Clare Balding then did a TV link with Henry at her feet, telling the audience that it was his 8th birthday!

We all had a lovely weekend.

The Team, now back down to earth, have resumed training after a much needed short break and already I have got them working hard on the 2020 routine!

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We will be performing the Crufts routine throughout this year but at The Cotswold Show and The Cromer Carnival we will also be performing routines from previous years.

An exciting year of events lies ahead of us:- "Reviving Memories" in Hythe on 18th May; the SGRS Fun Day on 26th May; Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary on 1st June; Raystede Summer Fair on 30th June; The Cotswold Show in Cirencester Park on 13th and 14th July; New Romney Country Fayre on 27th July; Cromer Carnival on 19th and 20th August; Stalisfield Green Village Fete on 24th August; Belmont Woodfest at Belmont House and Gardens on 8th September; and the Labrador Rescue Fun Day and Dog Show on 22nd September.  
Karen Menter

## KC JCF - JUDGES TRAINING BREED APPRECIATION DAY

**SUNDAY 16 June 2019 at 9.30am**  
**Washington Village Memorial Hall,**  
**School Lane, Washington, Pulborough,**  
**West Sussex, RH20 4AP**

Please contact the SGRS Breed Education Representative for details.

**Hilary Male**      [hilary\\_male@hotmail.com](mailto:hilary_male@hotmail.com)      **01903 767582**



## ***Charity Fund Raising Concert*** ***Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October*** ***Medical Detection Dogs***



SGRS Member Stewart Weller is arranging a fund raising concert for MDD with music from Jason Lee (saw him last year – excellent!) and the famous ABBA tribute group Abbalicious. The concert takes place at Saltwood Village Hall near Hythe, Kent and tickets are just £15 each. Bring along you own favourite tippie and a plate of food to share with friends.

**This will be a great night out.**

Contact Stewart on 07976 715533 to book your tickets.

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## ***SGRS FUN DAY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May***

Don't forget to try and get to the SGRS Fun Day being held at Horton Kirby and South Darenth Village Hall and Heathside Field on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Post Code is DA4 9AX.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/schedules/2019-FUN-DAY-poster.jpg>

There are plenty of Fun Classes to enter, with some just for Rescue Dogs. There are also plenty of 'Have a Go' activities for you and your dog to try, and if you do really well you may receive a Certificate of Merit and a rosette! Watch the Rescue Parade, and shed a tear at some of the rescued dog's stories, and then enjoy the 'Crufts' performance by the Southern Golden Retriever Society's Display Team.

We have trade stalls from The Borough Green Pet Store with plenty of dog food options and pet accessories; Bee Beautiful Jewellery, with many items especially dog related; Clay Colour Works from Hadlow Pottery with many lovely hand thrown and painted pottery items; Josteopathy, which as the name suggest deals with animal osteopathy alongside Animal First Aid, Kent.

Stalls from Medical Detection Dogs and Southern Golden Retriever Rescue will also be there. SGR Rescue is running a raffle with a first prize of having you dog hand drawn by local Kent Artist, Sophie Frake. Buy your tickets on the day - or if you can't be there look for details on the SGR Rescue web site and then email

[rachel.clark@sgrr.org.uk](mailto:rachel.clark@sgrr.org.uk) stating your name, address, telephone number and number of tickets required. Payment details will then be sent to you.



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Give in to the temptation of a wide selection of homemade cakes (donations on the day would be welcome!) with tea, coffee or soft drinks. Or perhaps a burger or hot dog from the BBQ, with meat supplied by Harvel House Farm.

Check out the Silent Auction and bid on a range of items and special days out. A list of items available will be published on the SGRS social pages a couple of weeks before the day and, if you can't get to the day, put in a bid direct to my email address as shown below.

The gates open at 11.30 and there is plenty of parking in the Bowls Club Car Park and roadside. If you are a Blue Badge holder and would like to reserve a parking bay at the Village Hall, please contact me, David Wimsett, by email at [david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk)

## ***Fun Day Silent Auction***

We are still looking for items for the Silent Auction. If you, or any contacts you might have, could offer items such as days at special events - sporting activities for example (eg Kent cricket at Canterbury), days out at special venues (eg Kent County Show – a Thames River Trip, a visit to a place of special interest (a castle perhaps) please let me know. All proceeds of course are split between our charities Medical Detection Dogs and Southern Golden Retriever Rescue. All unsold items will be returned.

So far the following items, below, have been donated to us, and you can bid for these as shown before the Fun Day.

Each item has a reserve price and if you are interested in making an early bid, that I will record, you might get what you want if it doesn't go higher on Fun Day! If you make a bid by email, I will let you know if a higher bid is received – and so on! *On Fun Day, each Auction list will start with the highest bid to that date*

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- 1** A Year Long Family Ticket for two adults and two children for Leeds Castle. These tickets have been kindly donated by Sir David Steel, CEO of Leeds Castle, who is a big supporter of Medical Detection Dogs. The tickets give access to the castle grounds for a whole year and would make a supper gift if you didn't want them yourself! Price would be £75 for these tickets but we will **start the bidding at just £50.**

- 2** A second set of tickets as described above – same **start price of £50.**

- 3** A round of Golf for four players at the beautifully manicured Mid Kent Golf Club. Not the longest of courses – just over 6000 yards - but accuracy is of importance. A good test of golf for all handicaps. This would cost around £160 for four visiting golfers, but we **start the bidding at just £60.** That can't be bad at £15 per player, but obviously looking for more!! This item is donated by Mid Kent Golf Club.



- 4** Like Dolls? Need a present for grand children? Here's an offer that you won't be able to resist - four beautifully knitted dolls with all the extras made over 25 years ago by Sue Farmer's Mother, for Sue's Grandchildren. By the look of them the Grandchildren didn't get to play

with them much – they are in pristine condition! The detail is amazing, and as a non-knitter myself I can appreciate all the work that has gone into making these dolls. The set of four has to **start at £40.** Kindly donated by Sue Farmer and her family.

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## 5 How about this for a health giving boost!

An enormous Fortnum and Mason Kentish Honeycomb – which sells in their Piccadilly Store for £95!! There's 2 kg of honey here (nearly 4 ½ lbs in old money!) This has to be the most unusual Silent Auction item ever – and we'll **start with bids at a sweet £40**. This has been donated by Pat Byre and Alison Libby.



6 I don't think many people will have this drink in the cupboard! A bottle of rare Hennessy XO brandy in its original box.

This is selling for £125 on Web Sites – check it out yourself! – but this could be yours if the price is right! **We're starting this off at £60**. This bottle has been kindly donated by Pat Byrn and Alison Libby.

## 7 Another tippie to tease the palette!

A bottle of Six Isles Reserve Oak Aged blended Whisky. This Scottish delight, in its cylinder box, will grace any drinks cupboard. It's a blend of six full bodied malts from Islay, Jura, Skye, Mull, Orkney and Arran.

**We'll start this off at £20** knowing it will go for more!

Thanks to David and Mary Jarrett for this.





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**8** No time like the present! This beautiful hand carved and assembled open mechanics mantle clock has been made by our own MDD Ambassador, Doug Brown, and donated to the Auction. If you have seen the items Doug produces you will know this is top of the range workmanship.

**We have to start this at £40** as we have already received a bid of that amount. It has to go higher!

I am hoping for some more interesting items to come in before Fun Day which, if time permits, I'll let people know what they are. Otherwise, turn up at Horton Kirby on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and carry on bidding for any of the above and look out for any items that turn up on the day!

**PLACE A BID ON ANY OF THE ABOVE  
BY EMAILING**

David Wimsett – [david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk)

## ***Sponsored Walk to raise funds for MDD***

*There has been talk about holding another sponsored walk to raise funds for MDD. So, a date has been provisionally booked at Lullingstone Country Park on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. More details in due course.*

