

# South Island Working Spaniel Club

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Date	Event	Entries close
Monday 08 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Ron Jones Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Rachel Dellar and Rick Wills	16 March 2024
Tuesday 09 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Ron Jones Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Bob Whitehead and Colin Wyn	16 March 2024
Wednesday 10 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Ron Jones Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Jamie Payton and Geoff Wright	16 March 2024
Thursday 11 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Jamie Payton Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Peta Payton and Jamie Payton	16 March 2024
Friday 12 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Jamie Payton Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Howard Halliday and Bill Johnsen	16 March 2024
Saturday 13 April 2024	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday/ Jamie Payton Trials Secretary: Howard Halliday Judges: Bill Johnsen and Peta Payton	16 March 2024

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## Location

Competitors are to assemble at the following location at 8.30am **every day** for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds (earlier than usual due to the hot season).

Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to show that location:

Matarae Station <https://goo.gl/maps/QuUey7PqkyFUmUBx7>

Black's Hotel, Ophir <https://goo.gl/maps/xNUIwsCV9piX6iZ29>

## Conditions of Entry

1. The entry form must be completed and submitted on-line before the specified closing date.
2. The trials are run under the rules and regulations for the conduct of spaniel natural game trials, as approved by the NZ Gundog Trial Association (NZGTA).
3. All competitors must be a financial member of a NZGTA affiliated club.
4. The Trial Captain reserves the right to make any adjustment to the schedule to meet any unexpected changes regarding trial grounds or judges.
5. The trials are by invitation only by kind permission of the land owner(s).
6. The Landowner does not accept any legal liability for, or to, the individuals who take the decision to engage in recreational activities on the property, and those individuals and their dogs enter the property at their own risk.
7. No club member may visit, train or hunt on the trial grounds within one month prior to the trial, or on the day of the trial, without formal permission from the Trials Captain.
8. All competitors and spectators must sign a declaration that they have read and understood the club's 'Health and Safety Policy' document.
9. 'Guns' will be organised for the trials.
10. 'Guns' must show their firearms licence to the Trial Captain at the 'Guns' safety briefing.
11. Unless authorised by the Trial Captain, no competitor or spectator can take a firearm or ammunition onto the trial grounds, except as specified in Condition 12 below.
12. Any firearms and ammunition left in a vehicle must be secured as prescribed in the Arms Act and Arms Regulations, available at <https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz>.
13. All competitors and spectators **MUST** wear a high visibility (blaze orange or fluorescent yellow) cap and vest.
14. No dogs may exit the vehicle until a current dosing certificate is sighted by the Trials Secretary at the pre-trial briefing. The certificate must confirm the dog has been dosed not less than 48 hours prior to the trial date, and not more than 35 days prior to the trial date. Additionally, competitors should ensure their dog's vaccinations are up-to-date.
15. All current Covid-19 Protocols will apply.
16. Trials start at 9am unless otherwise stated.
17. All competitors and spectators are to keep behind the Trials Steward(s) as directed.
18. All dogs must be kept on a leash unless competing.

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## Ballot and Draw

For each dog entered in a trial, a handler must specify its **status** (qualified or unqualified) and a unique entry **preference**. For example, if there is only 1 dog then it's a 'first preference' entry; if there are 2 dogs entered, then the handler would choose one to be the 'first preference' and the other the 'second preference'.

A ballot will be conducted if the number of entries exceeds the number of places available in each trial, as determined by the Trial Captain. In an open or championship trial the number of places is usually set to 20, while in a novice trial the places are seldom limited. In all open or championship trials, all qualified dogs take priority over any unqualified dogs. In all trials, all first preference dogs take priority over any second preference dogs where places are limited. All third (or lower) preference dogs will be placed at the end of a reserves list in an open or championship trial.

A two-stage randomised process determines which dogs are selected to run in the trial according to the status and preference rules (a ballot) and their running order (a draw).

If your circumstances change after the publication of these draws and you need to scratch your dog(s), please notify the Trial Secretary **promptly** – Howard Halliday at [howardhalliday@gmail.com](mailto:howardhalliday@gmail.com) or txt to 022 137 3149.

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## Awards

Placings and Championship trial challenge points are awarded at the discretion of the judges. Sashes and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, and Guns' Choice.

## Timeline

16 February	Schedule and Entry Form sent to members
16 March	Closing date for entries
28 March	Ballot (if necessary); Draw; Notification of draw
8 April	Championship Trial, Middlemarch
9 April	Championship Trial, Middlemarch
10 April	Novice Trial, Middlemarch
11 April	Novice Trial, Ophir
12 April	Championship Trial, Ophir
13 April	Championship Trial, Ophir
16 April	Notification of entry fees and results sent to members
29 April	Latest date for payment of entry fees

## Key Local Contacts

Emergency	p: 111 Helicopter co-ordinates: Matarae 1374590E,4948340N; Ophir 1333320E,4999375N	
Medical	Mosgiel Health Centre 21 Inglis Street, Mosgiel p: (03) 489 5135	Health Central 93 Tarbert Street, Alexandra p: (03) 440 0295
Police	Middlemarch Police Station 12 Nottage Street, Middlemarch p:105	Omakau Police Station 33 Leask Street, Omakau p: 105
Veterinary	Murrays Veterinary Clinic 10 Dukes Road South, Mosgiel p: (03) 489 5540	Vetlife Alexandra 2 Ngapara Street, Alexandra P: (03) 448 8115

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## Trials Fees

Please direct credit your total fees as shown in the table below to the account...

**South Island Working Spaniel Club - 02 0828 0018809 00**

Please click on the link below to enter the trials.

<https://forms.gle/zT4HphQfj3TJhz2F6>

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