

# South Island Working Spaniel Club

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## Natural Game Championship and Novice Trials

Date	Event	Entries Close
Monday 12 April 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Andrew Whitehead, Neville Alexander	8 March 2021
Tuesday 13 April 2021	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Howard Halliday, Peta Sutherland	8 March 2021
Wednesday 14 April 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Matarae Station, Middlemarch Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Bill Johnsen, Jamie Payton	8 March 2021
Thursday 15 April, 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Martin Hawthorne, Andrew Whitehead	8 March 2021
Friday 16 April, 2021	<b>Natural Game Novice Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Howard Halliday, <cba>	8 March 2021
Saturday 17 April, 2021	<b>Natural Game Championship Trial</b> Leask Farm, Ophir Trials Captain: Howard Halliday Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Rick Wills, Colin Wynn	8 March 2021

Schedule approved by and trial held under the Rules & Regulation of the  
New Zealand Gundog Trial Association 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Locations

Competitors are to assemble at the appropriate following locations at **8.30am every day** for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds.

Copy and paste the following link into your web browser to show those locations...

Matarae Station <https://goo.gl/maps/YjmWUQgU5hkToYRV7>

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

## Conditions of Entry

1. Entry forms must be emailed to the Secretary 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 financial members of a NZGTA affiliated club.
4. The Trials 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.
6. 'Guns' will be provided.
7. All competitors and spectators MUST wear a high visibility blaze orange cap and vest.
8. 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.
9. All competitors must sign a declaration that they have read and understood the club's 'Trials Health and Safety Policy' document.
10. All competitors and dogs compete at their own risk.
11. Trials start at 9.00am unless otherwise stated.
12. All competitors and spectators are to keep behind the Trials Steward as directed during the trial.
13. All dogs must be kept on a leash unless competing.
14. No competitor may visit, train or hunt on the trial grounds prior to or after the trial events without formal permission from the Trials Captain.

## Ballot and Draw

A ballot will be needed if the number of entries exceeds the number of running positions available in each trial, as determined by the trial captain.

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

In all trials, all first preference dogs take precedence over any second preference dogs. In an Open or Championship trial only, all qualified dogs take precedence over any unqualified dogs.

A randomised process then determines which dogs are balloted to compete in the trial and their running order.

## 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

1 March	Schedule and Entry Form sent to members
8 March	Closing date for entries
12 March	Ballot (if necessary); Draw; Notification of draw
12 April	Championship Trial, Middlemarch
13 April	Novice Trial, Middlemarch
14 April	Championship Trial, Middlemarch
15 April	Championship Trial, Ophir
16 April	Novice Trial, Ophir
17 April	Championship Trial, Ophir
20 April	Notification of entry fees sent to members
25 April	Latest date for payment of entry fees