

South Island Working Spaniel Club

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Natural Game Championship and Novice Trials

Date	Event	Entries Close
Tuesday 8 June 2021	Natural Game Championship Trial Sawdon Station Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Bill Johnsen, Howard Halliday	5 May 2021
Wednesday 9 June 2021	Natural Game Novice Trial Sawdon Station Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Colin Wynn, TBA	5 May 2021
Thursday 10 June 2021	Natural Game Championship Trial Glenrock Station Trials Captain: Peter O'Neill Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Bob Whitehead, Dave Rodgers	5 May 2021
Friday 11 June 2021	Natural Game Championship Trial Grampians Station Trials Captain: Neville Alexander Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Peter O'Neill, Neville Alexander	5 May 2021
Saturday 12 June 2021	Natural Game Novice Trial Streamlands Station Trials Captain: Dave Rodgers Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Jamie Payton, TBA	5 May 2021
Sunday 13 June 2021	Natural Game Championship Trial Streamlands Station Trials Captain: Dave Rodgers Trials Secretary: David Richardson Judges: Rick Wills, Dave Rodgers	5 May 2021

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Locations

Competitors are to assemble at Dog Kennel Corner between Burkes Pass and Tekapo at **8.30am every day** for a pre-event briefing and confirmation of the day's draw, then to travel to the trial grounds on Sawdon, Glenrock, Grampians and Streamlands Stations.

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

Dog Kennel Corner <https://goo.gl/maps/EXbJW818DknTX9FD9>

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

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

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In all open or championship trials, all qualified dogs take precedence over any unqualified dogs. In all trials, all first preference dogs take precedence over any second preference dogs. All third (or lower) preference dogs will be placed at the end of a reserves list in an open or championship trial or in the last running position(s) in a novice 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).

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

25 April	Schedule and Entry Form sent to members
5 May	Closing date for entries
10 May	Ballot (if necessary); Draw; Notification of draw
8 June	Championship Trial, Sawdon Station
9 June	Novice Trial, Sawdon Station
10 June	Championship Trial, Glenrock Station
11 June	Championship Trial, Grampians Station
12 June	Novice Trial, Streamlands Station
13 June	Championship Trial, Streamlands Station
15 June	Notification of entry fees sent to members
22 June	Latest date for payment of entry fees

Put the key dates (shown in bold) into your diary.

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