



NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD TRIAL 2025

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Proudly hosted by The Working Retriever Club

23rd - 26th October 2025

Location: Twizel

Entries including minors close: 6.00pm 15th September 2025

Order of Running:

Thursday 23rd:	8.30am	Spaniel Natural Game
Friday 24th:	8.30am	Novice Walkup, Retriever Walkup, Novice Spaniel
Saturday 25th:	8.30am	All Breeds, Novice, Puppy, Retriever Water
Sunday 26th:	8.30am	Retriever Land, P&S, Limit, Retriever Land/Water

Trials Captains: Graeme Palmer, Blair Milligan



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Retriever Walk-Up **Judges:** Bill Johnsen, Dave Murray

Trophies: **Reddawn Cup** (Donated 2023 by Mike & Robyn Weir)

Three Challenge Points to Winner
 One Challenge Point to 2nd place
 Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings, Gun's Choice

Entry Fee: \$25+\$5 NZGTA levy Total \$30.00



Retriever **Judges:** Water – Dave Murray
 Land – Mike Weir
 Land and/or Water – Gary Ward

Water: Two marked birds and one blind game
Land: Three marked birds
Land and/or Water: One marked bird and two blind game

Trophies: **NZ Retriever Cup** (Donated 1945)
 Three Challenge Points to Winner
 One Challenge Point to 2nd Place
 Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings

Entry Fee: \$25+\$5 NZGTA levy Total \$30.00

All Breeds **Judges:** Land – Peter Spinks
 Water – Neville Alexander

Land: Two marked birds and one blind game
Water: Two marked birds and one blind game

Trophies: **NZ Challenge Cup** (Donated 1935 by Mr W.R. Hawker)
 Three Challenge Points to Winner
 One Challenge Point to 2nd Place
 Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings

Entry Fee: \$25+\$5 NZGTA levy Total \$30.00



Spaniel

Judges: Bill Johnsen and Neville Alexander

Natural Game Trial. Shotguns will be used in this trial.

Trophies:

Perpetual Challenge Cup (Donated 1941 by Clubs & Supporters)
One Challenge Point to Winner
No Challenge Point will be awarded for second place.

Entry Fee:

Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 3rd placings, Gun's Choice
\$25+\$5 NZGTA levy Total \$30.00

Pointer & Setter

Judge: Russell Giles

Land:

Range, find & point/set one homer. Range, find & point/set one homer. Range, find & retrieve one dead bird. Birds may be in any order. A shotgun will be used in this trial. Shots to be fired by handler.

Trophies:

NZ Pointer and Setter Trophy (Donated 1964 by Dr L.R. Mortensen)
Three Challenge Points to Winner
One Challenge Point to 2nd Place

Entry Fee:

Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings
\$25+\$5 NZGTA levy Total \$30.00

Novice Walk-Up

Judges: Graeme Palmer, Mike O'Donnell, Bill Johnsen

Trophies:

Vitesse Trophy (Donated 2025 by Vitesse Labradors)
Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings, Gun's Choice

Entry Fee:

\$20.00





Limit

Judges: Land 1 – Bill Johnsen
Land 2 – Bill Johnsen
Water – Peter Spinks

Land 1: Two marked birds
Land 2: One blind game
Water: Two marked birds on or across water

Trophies: **Limit Aggregate Shield** (Donated 1999 by D Kleeber)
Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings
Entry Fee: \$20.00

Novice

Judges: Land – Gary Ward
Water – David Wilson

Land: Three single marked birds
Water: Two single marked birds on or across water

Trophies: **Novice Aggregate Shield** (Donated 1999 by Glenford Kennels)
Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings
Entry Fee: \$20.00



Puppy

Judges: Land – Mike O'Donnell
Water – Nicola Johns

Land: One single marked bird (or handler's dummy)
Water: One single marked bird (or handler's dummy) on or across water

Trophies: **Puppy Aggregate Shield** (Donated 1999 by Glenford Kennels)
Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 5th placings
Entry Fee: \$15.00



**Novice Spaniel****Judges:** Rick Wills and Jamie Payton**Trophies:**

Natural Game Trial. Shotguns will be used in this trial.

Entry Fee:Prize, Sash and certificate 1st to 3rd placings, Gun's Choice
\$20**Conditions of Entry:**

- 1) These field trials are conducted under the NZGTA Rules and Regulations. A copy of the Rules and Regulations will be available at the Secretary's office.
- 2) All championship dogs must be purebred & registered on DogsNZ Register Part 1.
- 3) Full pedigree name and registration number of the dog must be supplied at time of entry.
- 4) All competitors and dogs compete at their own risk.
- 5) Engraving to be the responsibility & cost of the winner.
- 6) The committee reserves the right to replace judges and change grounds in unforeseen circumstances.
- 7) Eight or more dogs to be entered for third place trophy to be awarded, twelve or more dogs to be entered for fourth place trophy to be awarded, sixteen or more dogs to be entered for fifth place trophy to be awarded.
- 8) Unless specifically noted on this schedule, shotguns will not be used in this trial. An alternative firing device will be used.
- 9) Retriever Walk Up - this event will be a maximum of 12 dogs. If entries exceed 12 dogs, the club will hold a ballot at the Tai Tapu Pub on the 24th Sep 2025 at 6:30pm. The draw for order of running will be made at the Captain's briefing.
- 10) Spaniel Natural Game – this event will be a maximum of 20 dogs. If entries exceed 20 dogs, the club will hold a ballot at the Tai Tapu pub on the 24th Sep 2025 at 6.45pm. The draw for order of running will be made immediately after the ballot.
- 11) Any dog who misses out on the ballot will receive a refund of their entry fees.



Entries

Entries to be submitted online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Entries close 15th September 2025 6.00pm.

**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF ENTRY. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL PAYMENT IS MADE.**

Make payment by Direct Credit to:

The Working Retriever Club
Account – 01 0877 0832217 00
Particulars – Your Name
Reference – NZ Champs

By entering this trial, I abide by the terms and conditions on this schedule and accept that The Working Retriever Club and organisers accept no liability for damage, loss or injury to competitors, dogs, spectators, or their property whilst at this event.

Maps

Maps with the location of the trial grounds each day will be forwarded prior to the trial.

Health & Safety

Further safety information will be distributed with the draw.

All dogs on the Spaniel and P&S grounds must have a current dosing certificate for sheep measles.

Trials Captains:

Graeme Palmer, Blair Milligan

FT Secretary:

Mike O'Donnell

Contact:

theworkingretrieverclub@gmail.com



NZ CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIAL TROPHIES:

Thorburn Cup (donated in 1967 by S A Thorburn).

Highest aggregate score in All Breeds & Breed event at NZ Champs

James Reid Memorial Cup (donated in 1963 by J & G Reid)

Spaniel gaining most points in All Breeds at NZ Champs.

Shadow Cup (donated in 1983 by K E Helson).

Retriever gaining highest aggregate score in NZ & Island (that is held in conjunction with NZ Champs) Retriever Championship

Jim Reid Memorial Trophy (donated in 1997 by Jocelyn Reid).

For the Spaniel gaining most points in New Zealand and Island (that is held in conjunction with NZ Champs) Spaniel Event.

Tom Catherall Memorial Trophy (donated in 1999 by the Catherall family).

For the non-champion spaniel gaining the highest aggregate points in the NZ All Breeds and NZ Spaniel Championship Field Trials

Bill Streeter Memorial Trophy (donated in 1992 by Mrs. M Streeter).

To be presented annually to the non-champion dog gaining the highest aggregate points in the NZ All Breeds and NZ Retriever Championship Field Trials.

Champion of Champions (donated in 1981 by W K Donaldson and family).

Competitors at NZ Championship being FTCH, GFTCH, FCH or GFCH gaining highest aggregate score in All Breeds and Breed events. Entries to be made to the secretary by 7:30am on the first day of the trial. Entry Fee \$1.

Cornhill Shield (donated in 1949 by J Penno).

For competition between clubs in NZ All Breeds Championship. Clubs may nominate three dogs and one reserve (one team only). All owners to be financial members of nominating club. All entries to be in writing from club secretary and accompanied by entry fee of \$1 per team member. Entries close with the host secretary by 7:30am on the first day of the trial.

Inter-Island Trophy (donated in 1988 by W A Streeter).

Teams of 4 dogs and 1 reserve from each island. Dogs can run in any class – All Breeds, Retriever, Pointer Setter, and Spaniel. Clubs or persons may nominate any dog or dogs that have performed to their satisfaction. This nomination must be received by the Association Secretary 1 month before the NZ Champs. North Island Executive will select North Island team; South Island Executive will select South Island team.

NZ Gundog of the Year Trophy (donated anonymously).

Presented to the dog that gains the most challenge points (National trials not included) during the year – AGM to AGM.

Coveybrooke Memorial Cup (donated by Graeme Palmer and Sonya Tamblyn, 2016)

Calculated over all Retriever Walk-up and Natural Game Retriever Championship Trials throughout the year, from the Island Championship immediately preceding the New Zealand Championships to the last championship prior to this trial in the following year.



Bruce Brady Memorial (donated by the Brady family).

Presented to the Retriever gaining most points calculated over all Retriever Championship Trials (Natural Game Retriever, Retriever Walkup and Retriever) throughout the year, from the Island Championship immediately preceding the New Zealand Championships to the last championship prior to this trial in the following year.

NZGTA All Breeds Dog of the Year (donated by the CGDC, 2025):

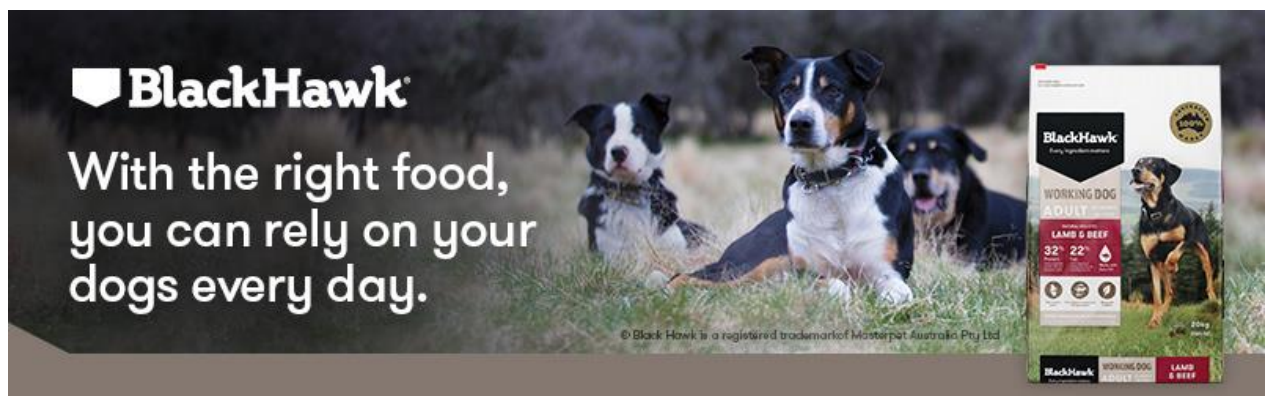
Presented to the All Breeds dog gaining the most points calculated over all All Breeds Championship Trials throughout the year from Island Championship immediately preceding the New Zealand Championships to the last championship prior to this trial in the following year.

FTCH Levenghyl Pirate Memorial Trophy (donated by R and S Buddle, 2017)

Calculated on all Novice Walkup Retriever and Novice Natural Game trials throughout the year from the Island Championship immediately preceding the New Zealand Championships to the last trial prior to this trial in the following year.

John Gaskin Memorial Trophy (donated by R Gaskin, 2007)

Calculated over all Natural Game Championship Trials throughout the year, from the Island Championship immediately preceding the New Zealand Championships to the last championship prior to this trial in the following year.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Prizegiving Dinner

The Prizegiving dinner will be held at the Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel at 6pm on Sunday 26th October. Cost is \$65pp for a three-course buffet dinner (child 3-12 years \$31pp) – please book through the online entry form and pay at time of booking. Smart casual dress required – no jandals, t-shirts, hoodies etc.

Meals

BBQ Lunch will be available to purchase at the grounds on Saturday and Sunday.



Vet Partner of the NZ Field Trial Championships



Vetlife Twizel are located at 1/3 Benmore Place, Twizel.
Phone 03 435 0212 (incl After Hours)

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Accommodation

The Distinction Mackenzie Country Hotel are saving a few rooms for NZGTA members. These will be ground floor so you can park your dogs right at the door – no dogs allowed in units.

Phone: 03 435 0869

Email: reservations@distinctiontwizel.co.nz

<https://www.distinctionhotelstwizel.co.nz/>

There are many houses for rent in Twizel that allow dogs. However, Labour weekend is a busy time in the area, so we suggest booking as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

<https://www.twizelholidayhomes.com/>

<https://www.booktwizel.com/>

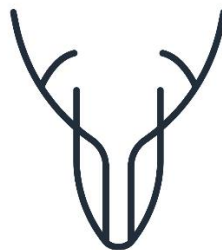
<https://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/search/Canterbury/MacKenzie-District/Twizel>

Photography

The Wandering Bushman (aka Sam) will be at the trial taking photos and his work will be available to purchase after the event.

<https://www.thewanderingbushman.co.nz/>

By attending the trial, you acknowledge that photos and videos will be taken at the trial, by Sam and other individuals, and recognise that these may be used on social media, internet sites and other promotional material.





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