



The Working Spaniel Club

'An Organisation Dedicated to Natural Game Trials for the Working Spaniel'

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Spaniel Natural Game Championship Trials

Week 17-21 August 2026

Trial	Date	Event	Judges
1	Championship Monday 17 August 2026	<i>Te Whi Anderson Memorial Trophy Trophy</i> Location: Lagoon Hill, Martinborough Trials Captain: Martin Hawthorne Trials Secretary: Bill Taylor	Martin Hawthorne Andrew Whitehead
2	Championship Wednesday 19 August 2026	<i>Hawkes Bay Spaniel Natural Game Trophy</i> Location: Te Konini Shoot, Hastings Trials Captain: Rachel Dellar Trials Secretary: Bill Taylor	Bill Taylor Rachel Dellar
3	NI Championship Thursday 20 August 2026	Location: Poronui Station, Taupo Trials Captain: Rachel Dellar SEPARATE SCHEDULE	Rob Cox Rob Browning
4	NZ Championship Friday 21 August 2026	Location: Poronui Station, Taupo Trials Captain: Rachel Dellar SEPARATE SCHEDULE	Robyn Gaskin Rachel Dellar

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Spaniel Natural Game Championship Trial

Conditions of entry:

1. 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). A copy of the regulations will be available at the trial from the Trials Secretary.
2. All dogs entered in the trial must be purebred spaniels and registered on the NZKC No.1 Register.
3. All competitors must be a financial member of a NZGTA affiliated club as well as a member of the NZGTA.
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 landowner(s).
6. All competitors and their dogs compete at their own risk.
7. All other persons attending the trial enter the property at their own risk.
8. All competitors and spectators **MUST** wear a high visibility (blaze orange or fluorescent yellow) cap and vest.
9. Dosing Certificate. If you are not entering the NI and NZ Championship trials (where these will have already been verified) a current dosing certificate must be 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, and have this for inspection if required.
10. All guns and competitors **MUST** be in possession of a 2026 Game Licence.

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

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Championship Trials

TRIAL 1 - Lagoon Hill, Martinborough

Venue: 134 Lagoon Hill Road, Martinborough 5782

Date: Monday 17 August 2026

Ballot: This trial will be limited to 16 dogs.

Starting time:

Assemble at 8.00am at Entrance to property. Start time 8.30am.

Trophies:

Te Whiu Anderson Memorial Trophy

One challenge point may be awarded to the winner at the discretion of the judges.

Ribbons and gift voucher for first, second and third placed dogs.

Guns' Choice ribbon awarded to the best dog, not necessarily being the winner.

TRIAL 2 – Te Konini Shoot, Hastings

Venue: 1129 River Road, Waiwhare, Hastings

Dates: Wednesday 19 August 2026

Ballot: Each trial will be limited to 16 dogs.

Starting time:

Assemble at 8.00am at Wool Shed. Start time 8.30am.

Trophies:

Hawkes Bay Spaniel Natural Game Trophy

One challenge point may be awarded to the winner at the discretion of the judges.

Ribbons and gift voucher for first, second and third placed dogs.

Guns' Choice ribbon awarded to the best dog, not necessarily being the winner.

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Any water tests required for dogs gaining FCH status will be held at the conclusion of the Poronui Trials.

This will officially title the 2025-26 Season dogs gaining FCH status.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Working Spaniel Club AGM will be held after the conclusion of the 1st Poronui Trial (NI)

Venue: Rangitaiki Tavern, 3802 State Highway 5, Rangitaiki

Date: Thursday 20 August 2025

Time: 1600 hours

BALLOT AND DRAW

Championship and Novice

1. A ballot will be conducted if the number of entries exceeds the limit set for each trial.
2. For each dog entered in a trial, the handler must specify its status (*qualified or unqualified*) and an *entry preference*. For example, if there is only 1 dog then it's a '1st preference' entry; if there are 2 dogs entered, then the handler would choose one to be the 'first preference' and the other the '2nd preference'.
3. Qualified dogs take priority over any unqualified dogs.
4. First preference dogs take priority over any second preference dogs where places are limited.
5. A handler/owner may only enter 2 qualified dogs as preference.
6. All third (or lower) preference dogs will be placed at the end of a reserves list.

If your circumstances change after the publication of the draws and you need to scratch your dog(s), please notify the Trial Secretary promptly –

Bill Taylor at workingspanielclub@gmail.com or txt to 028 852 44127

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ENTRY FORM

OWNER/HANDLER:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBER OF:

MEMBER OF NZGTA: YES NO

Dog 1.

PEDIGREE NAME OF DOG:

PET NAME:

DOGS NZ NO.

BREED:

Place X in boxes that apply.

Champ Trials	Qualified (Q)	Unqualified (U)	Preference
Monday 17 August			
Wednesday 19 August			

ENTRIES CLOSE for both Championship trials, 17 July 2026

Entry Fee:

Championship Trials \$30.00 (Includes a NZGTA Levy fee)

Please Note:

All competitors will be invoiced after the trial week only for dogs that have competed.

Payment: Working Spaniel Club. Account - ANZ 11-6001-0088881-11

Please write your name on deposit details plus Aug. TR

Email Entries to Bill Taylor: workingspanielclub@gmail.com

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Dog 2.

PEDIGREE NAME OF DOG:

PET NAME:

DOGS NZ NO.

BREED:

Place X in boxes that apply.

Champ Trials	Qualified (Q)	Unqualified (U)	Preference
Monday 17 August			
Wednesday 19 August			

ENTRIES CLOSE for both Championship and Novice trials, **17 July, 2026**

Entry Fee:

Championship Trials \$30.00 (Includes a NZGTA Levy fee)

Novice Trials \$20.00

Please Note:

All competitors will be invoiced after the trial week only for dogs that have competed.

Payment: Working Spaniel Club. Account - ANZ 11-6001-0088881-11

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