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Scottish Field Trials Association.

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GEORGE C. PARKER,
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SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

TELEPHONE,
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
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140 West George Street,

Glasgow, c2. 28th August, 1950.

E. Holland Buckley, Esq.,
Secretary,
International Gundog League,
84 Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Dear Mr. Holland Buckley,

I have delayed replying to your letter dated 22nd June 1950 until we had been able to hold a Meeting of Committee, but this was not possible until 24th August 1950.

My Committee have instructed me to write to you and thank you for your letter and to say that they much appreciate your Committee's decision that for the 1950 Retriever Championship my Association shall retain the same qualifications as in 1949 and previous years.

My Committee took the view that, as it appears likely that the arrangements for 1951 and subsequent Retriever Championships will be in the hands of the combined Committee consisting of the Field Trial Committee of the Kennel Club and the Representatives of the new Field Trial Council, the question of the qualifications of the various Field Trial Societies will be decided by this body. At the same time, in order to assist the International Gundog League as far as possible, I was instructed to give you the following extracts from our Minutes of Meetings held on 24th February 1950:-
Committee Meeting:-

"Championship Meeting: An offer was unofficially made by "Mr. Glen Kidston through Mr. Portal to hold a Retriever "Championship Meeting at Gwernyfed Park during the coming "season, Mr. Glen Kidston offering to subsidize the Prize "Money and to give a valuable Challenge Cup. The Secretary "was instructed to write to Mr. Glen Kidston thanking him "for his kind and generous offer, and to inform him that "the Association would do all in their power to assist in "making arrangements for the Meeting. The Secretary was "also instructed, on receiving the conditions of Mr. Glen "Kidston's offer, to communicate with both Mr. Jaquet and "Mr. Janson".

Annual General Meeting:- /

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"Mr. C.A. Phillips intimated that an offer had been
"unofficially made by Mr. Glen Kidston through Mr. Portal
"to hold a Retriever Championship Meeting during the
"coming year at Gwernyfed Park. The Committee were
"authorized to communicate with the Kennel Club and the
"International Gun Dog League with the view of co-operating
"with them in carrying out the Meeting".

It would seem clear from the above that the Championship Cup was offered to the Scottish Field Trials Association in the first place and that, in order to bring into the picture the other two leading Field Trial Societies of the day, the Committee of the Scottish Field Trials Association arrived at an agreement with the Kennel Club and the I.G.L. regarding the conditions and qualifications under which the Championship was to be run.

Our Minutes form a continuous and detailed record of events since 1910 and on perusing them I have been unable to trace any mention of our qualifications for the Championship having been altered. Our Minutes have been so carefully kept in such detail that I am sure if such an important matter as our qualifications for the Championship had been raised, full details of any decision and the reasons therefor would have appeared in the relative Minute Book. Furthermore, it seemed clear to me at the Meeting held on 23rd June 1950 that at least one person present at that Meeting recalled that the qualifications for the Retriever Championship had again been agreed upon round about 1925 by the Kennel Club, the International Gundog League, and the Scottish Field Trials Association.

Yours sincerely,

Scottish Field Trials Association,

George L. Parker

Hon. Secy. & Treasurer.

E. Holland Buckley, Esq.,
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84 Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

EHB/MM

30th August 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140, West George Street,
Glasgow, C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

I thank you for your separate letter of the
28th instant quoting from your minutes of 1940, and
I will place these details before the next meeting
of the International Gundog League Retriever Society.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

30 Aug 1950

Scottish Field Trials Association.

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140 West George Street,

Glasgow, C2. 28th August, 1950.

E. Holland Buckley, Esq.,
Secretary,
Kennel Club,
84 Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Dear Mr. Holland Buckley,

I thank you for your letter dated 19th July 1950 with enclosures as detailed therein. I submitted your letter and the enclosures to a Meeting of my Committee which was held on 24th August 1950 and I was instructed to inform you that my Committee are not agreeable to our Association becoming a Field Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club. My Committee were of the opinion that to incorporate certain of the Rules detailed on page 2 of your Regulations in the Association's Rules would not be to the advantage of the Association, nor were they prepared to carry out some of the Regulations contained in paragraphs 3(a) and (b) under the heading "Maintenance of Title" on page 3 of your leaflet.

I was also instructed to point out that our recollection of the decision arrived at at the Meeting held at the Kennel Club on 23rd June 1950 does not altogether agree with the wording of the first paragraph of your letter. What I think was decided was that the new Field Trial Council should consist of one Representative from each recognised Field Trial Society, and the question of registration with the Kennel Club did not arise as far as I can remember, or it would have been queried at the time.

I trust you will agree that under the circumstances the question of the Scottish Field Trials Association becoming a Field Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club is not of great importance, as there can be no doubt as to whether our Association should be included under the heading of "a recognised Field Trial Society".

My Committee have chosen as their Representative, Captain J. Steel of Kirkwood, Lockerbie, Dumfries-shire, but I presume that if it were not possible for Captain Steel to attend one or more of the meetings of the new Field Trial Council owing to illness or some other engagement, it would be competent for the Association to send/
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send a substitute to represent them at such meetings.

Yours sincerely,

George b. Parker.

140 West George Street
18th August 1950
Glasgow

Mr. Holland Buckley,
Society,
Kensal Green,
W.1.

Dear Mr. Holland Buckley,

I thank you for your letter dated 15th July 1950 with
enclosures as detailed therein. I replied your letter and
the enclosure to a meeting of my Committee which was held on
24th August 1950 and I was instructed to inform you that my
Committee are not prepared to see an association becoming a
Field Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club. My Committee
were of the opinion that to incorporate certain of the Rules
detailed on page 2 of your Regulations in the Association's
Rules would not be to the advantage of the Association, nor were
they prepared to carry out some of the Regulations contained in
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the decision arrived at at the meeting held at the Kennel Club
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the first paragraph of your letter. What I think was decided
was that the new Field Trial Council should consist of one
representative from each registered Field Trial Society, and the
question of registration with the Kennel Club did not arise as
far as I can remember, or it would have been decided at the time.

I trust you will agree that under the circumstances the
question of the British Field Trial Association becoming a Field
Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club is not of great
importance, as there can be no doubt as to whether our Association
should be included under the heading of "Recognised Field Trial
Society".

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Steel of Kirkwood, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, but I presume that
it is not possible for Captain Steel to attend one or more of
the meetings of the new Field Trial Council owing to illness or
some other engagement, it would be competent for the Association to
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19th July 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140, West George Street,
Glasgow. C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

You will no doubt remember that at the meeting held at the Kennel Club on June 23rd, it was decided that the new Field Trial Council should consist of one representative from each Field Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club. There are a few Societies which have never registered their title with us as it has never been compulsory and the Scottish Field Trials Association is included in these. I have consulted Mr.E.E.Turner about this and his suggestion was that I should ask you ~~if~~ your Committee would make this formal registration. I have written to the remainder of the Societies which are not registered, putting the same point to them.

The registration is quite a simple matter as you will see from the form enclosed, and registration also entails an annual maintenance of title fee of 2l/-. The Regulations call for certain points to be covered in the rules of each Society, and it is possible that most of these are already dealt with in your rules. I enclose a copy of the Regulations, and the rules I am referring to are on page 2, Regulation No.2. Perhaps you would look through these and let me know if there would be any difficulty about them as far as your Committee is concerned.

The Regulations on page 1 ~~do not~~ enclosed copy do not apply as they refer to new Societies and not those which are old established.

I hope you will forward your Committees views as soon as possible together with the name and address of your representative on the Field Trial Council.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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30th August 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140, West George Street,
Glasgow.C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

I thank you for your letter of the 28th instant, and have noted that your Committee is not agreeable to the Scottish Field Trials Association being registered at the Kennel Club. We shall no doubt be holding a meeting of the Field Trials Committee shortly, and I will refer our correspondence to this meeting and write you again as soon as possible.

The matter which was before the meeting of the Kennel Club on June 23rd was that the Field Trial Council should consist of one representative from each Field Trial Society registered at the Kennel Club. There would not have been very much point in putting a suggestion before the meeting that representatives should be elected from recognised Field Trial Societies, as at the present moment, there is no organisation which by its rules is entitled to recognise Field Trial Societies for all breeds.

On checking up after the meeting, I found that there were eight or ten Societies which, although they had held Trials for many years, were not registered at the Kennel Club. I therefore, put the position to them, and the majority have made application. I mention this as none of these Societies have raised the point of their being recognised as Field Trial Societies.

I feel quite sure that we shall be able to get over this difficulty when I have explained the situation to the Field Trials Committee, and in the meantime, I have noted that your representative on the Field Trial Council is Capt.J.Steel.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

EHB/MM

5th December 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140 West George Street,
Glasgow. C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

There has been a very long delay in bringing your letter of the 28th August before the Field Trials Committee of the Kennel Club as we have not held any meetings since July. This letter was, however, brought before a meeting held on the 4th instant, and Capt. Steel, who was present, suggested that I should write to you again with a view to your making a formal application for registration.

The position at the moment is that the Scottish Field Trials Association is the only one which has not made the application for registration, and the Committee does hope that your Committee will see its way to falling into line.

Capt.Steel suggested that a special set of Regulations might be drawn up to be applied to Field Trial Societies, but I shall be able to bring this before the Committee at a future meeting.

I am again enclosing an application form and shall be glad to hear further from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Dictated by Mr.Buckley and signed
in his absence.

31 MAY 1950

Scottish Field Trials Association.

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER.
TELEPHONE,
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140 West George Street,

Glasgow, c2. 29th May, 19 50.

E. Holland Buckley, Esq.,
Kennel Club,
84 Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Dear Mr. Holland Buckley,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd May 1950, and I am sorry that you have been unable to withhold the publication in the Kennel Gazette of the proposed qualifications for the Retriever Championship.

I submitted your letter of 27th April, along with the proposed qualifications for the Retriever Championship 1950, to my Committee on 26th May 1950, and I am instructed to write you to say that they are amazed to see that any alterations have been proposed in the qualifications for the Championship, particularly with regard to the qualifications of this Association, without any consultation with them. My Committee have asked me to ask what authority the International Gundog League have to alter the qualifications for entry in the Retriever Championship without prior consultation.

My Committee desire me to draw your Committee's attention to the fact that in February 1910, Mr. Glen Kidston, who was one of our Members, offered to provide a Challenge Cup for a Retriever Championship Meeting, and also to provide the ground for the Trials. We thereupon entered into negotiations with the Kennel Club and the International Gundog League with a view to co-operating with them in the carrying out of the Championship Meeting.

As far as our records show, and as far as the recollections of our Members carry them, there do not appear to have been any subsequent negotiations with regard to the carrying on of the Championship which required any discussion, but it has always been understood that in any proposals to alter the conditions of the Championship we would be consulted. It appears to my Committee that your Committee have forgotten this understanding with regard to the running of the Championship.

My Committee trust that you will arrange that the qualifications for entry from the Scottish Field Trials Association for the Retriever Championship 1950 will be as before. In the hope that this/

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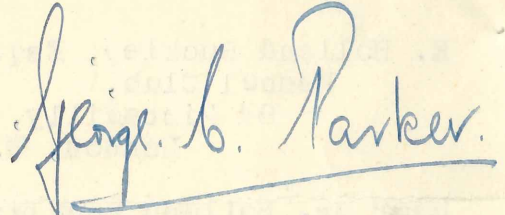


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this will be done, my Committee do not feel the time opportune now to comment on the proposals for the qualifications which you have sent to us.

Yours truly,

Scottish Field Trials Association,



Hon. Secy. & Treasurer.

In the Ret Socy Minutes
8 June 1910 - the following
appears " Particulars
of the Championship Meeting
which Capt Glen Kidston
proposes to hold on 3rd & 4th Nov
were " discussed " "

There is no other mention
of this.

The KC&B shows that the
Championship in 1910 was
held over Capt Glen Kidston's
ground and this was the
first Championship -
He was also elected
President of the Ret Socy

Society in 1911.

He therefore seems to have
originated the Championship
and offered a Challenge
Cup -

There is however no
record or mention of the
Scottish F.T. Assn -

The I.C.C. evidently took
over the first Championship
and have run it ever
since -

If there was ever any
"understanding" there is
certainly no record of it

I have not had
any repts from
S.F.T.A. re 1910
arrangement

Scottish Field Trials Association.

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Glasgow, c2. 19th May, 19 50.

E. Holland Buckley, Esq.,
Secretary,
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84 Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Dear Mr. Holland Buckley,

I thank you for your letter dated 27th April 1950 enclosing a list of qualifications for the Retriever Championship 1950.

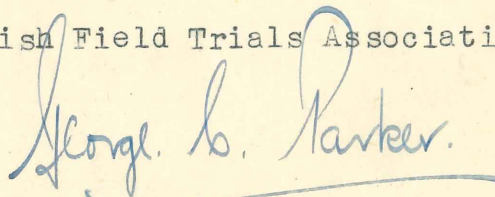
It has not been possible for a Committee Meeting to be held to discuss the new qualifications to date, but a Meeting is being held specifically for this purpose next Friday, 26th May. As a result of informal discussions between members of the Committee I understand that it is likely that after the Committee Meeting to be held on the 26th May I shall be instructed to send you a formal protest against the decisions arrived at by the International Gundog League.

In the meantime I have been instructed to ask if you could delay publishing the particulars of the qualifications in the "Kennel Gazette" until you have had time to receive any protest which may be sent to you as a result of our Meeting next week.

I trust that you will be able to adopt this suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Scottish Field Trials Association,



Hon. Secy. & Treasurer.

EHB/MM

27th April 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140, West George Street,
Glasgow, C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

The Committee of the International Gundog League Retriever Society has recently reviewed the qualifications for the Retriever Championship following the Annual General Meeting of the Society. These particulars will be published shortly in THE KENNEL GAZETTE but I am sending an advanced copy of the new conditions for the information of your Committee. Copy is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

EHB/MM

22nd May 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq.,
140, West George Street,
Glasgow.C.2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and note that it is likely that I shall receive a protest from the Committee of the Scottish Field Trials Association with regard to the qualifications for the Retriever Championship.

With regard to your request that publication in THE KENNEL GAZETTE be withheld, your letter only arrived this morning and on telephoning our printers, I find that it is too late to make any deletion without an entire reprinting of this particular part of the Gazette. I feel sure you will appreciate that in view of the extra cost and the delay involved, it is not possible for me to take this decision.

It is most unfortunate that you did not make this request a little earlier following my letter of the 27th April, as I could then have arranged to delete this particular announcement without very much difficulty as it would not have mattered whether it appeared in the May or June issue.

I do hope your Committee will appreciate my position in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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31st May 1950.

G.C.Parker Esq., C.A.
140, West George Street,
Glasgow. C2.

Dear Mr.Parker,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th instant,
with reference to the conditions for the Retriever Championship,
and I will place your letter before the next meeting of the
International Gundog League.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

EHB/MM

31st May 1950.

J. Arthur Rank Esq.,
Heathfield,
Reigate Heath,
Surrey.

Dear Mr. Rank,

I enclose herewith, copy of a letter which has been received from the Scottish Field Trials Association with reference to the amended conditions of qualification for the Retriever Championship. These new conditions were discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the I.G.L. Retriever Society in February 1950, and the details were finally decided at a meeting held on April 12th, 1950. I enclose a schedule of the last Championship showing the old conditions and a typewritten copy of the new conditions.

The difficulty with the Scottish Field Trials Association has arisen because they run a Stake for twelve dogs only and they are, therefore, reduced from three qualifying dogs to one. They could, of course, remedy the position by running a twenty-four dogs Stake over two days.

I think it would be advisable to have their letter discussed by a meeting of the I.G.L. Retriever Society, and I am therefore writing to ask if you would indicate a date and time which would be suitable to you. I have had their letter duplicated and copies can be forwarded to members with the Agenda.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

EHB/MM

22nd June 1950.

George C. Parker Esq., C.A.
140, West George Street,
Glasgow. C.2.

Dear Mr. Parker,

The Committee of the International Gundog League Retriever Society considered your letter of the 29th May at a meeting held on the 21st June.

I am instructed by the Committee to say that as you have raised the question of some understanding or agreement which was reached in 1910 of which we do not appear to have any record, then it is agreed that for the 1950 Retriever Championship the Scottish Field Trials Association shall retain the same qualifications as in 1949 and immediate arrangements are being made to put this into effect. In the meantime, however, we have searched our records carefully, and as we cannot trace any mention of the agreement or understanding in 1910, the Committee of the International Gundog League would be greatly obliged if you would forward full particulars of any evidence which you can trace from your records. When this is received, then my Committee will be very pleased to give the matter full consideration for the years subsequent to 1950.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.