

PROGRAMME OF
WORKING TRIALS

AT
STANLEY PARK, BLACKPOOL
ON

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
15th, 16th and 17th September, 1960

Commencing each day at 9 a.m.

PROGRAMME for FRIDAY and SATURDAY

President:
LORD MOSTYN

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MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS ON THE GROUND

NO-PASS-OUT CHECKS

PROGRAMME: TWO SHILLINGS

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

To help you to appreciate some of the finer points of the Trials, and to make them more interesting for you, the following article from *Take Note* (Scottish Tourist Board monthly) is reprinted amended to suit the circumstances at Blackpool.

The first Trials were held at Gullane in Scotland in 1906 and, except in the war years, have continued annually since. There is a "National" Trial held in each of the three Countries, England, Scotland and Wales, in which the competitors of those Countries compete.

To be eligible to enter a National the dog must be entered in the Society's Stud Book, and have won, at least, two first prizes in open classes at approved local Trials. The twelve highest pointed dogs in each National are automatically the team for the "International" which visits Scotland, England and Wales in turn. These dogs competing in the International are much sought after wherever sheep are to be found, and their progeny are shipped all over the world. It is interesting to mention that money cannot buy an entry into the International—the honour must be won at a National.

As far as possible, the conditions and work to be encountered in everyday shepherding on the hills and farms are followed in these Trials. As this event is being held in Stanley Park the hill work is absent from the set-up, but the work will be there just the same. On Friday the course is reduced to National size (see plan on page 12). Five sheep are liberated some 400 yards from the shepherd and his dog. The latter is directed to bring the sheep and goes off on a wide "gather". The object of the dog running "wide" (on to the outside of the course) is, theoretically, to move sheep inside his run towards the middle ground so that when he "lifts" the main flock, stragglers can be quickly and easily collected, whereas had the dog gone direct they would have been driven away from the flock.

Having completed the "gather" the dog quietly arrives 10 or 15 yards behind the "flock" and waits momentarily for them to settle. Then he approaches and "lifts" (moves) his charges towards the shepherd, driving them steadily in the most direct line to his master, who then directs the dog to move the sheep in front of him and away to a pair of hurdles 150 yards on the left if possible through this gate (21-ft. wide) and turn them across the field where again, 150 yards away, is a similar obstacle. Through this, turn again and back to the shepherd where, in a 20-yard circle, the man and dog combine to shed (separate) two sheep from the five. Three sheep are unmarked, and two are marked with coloured ribbon and it is any two of the unmarked sheep which have to be shed.

This accomplished (and not until it is) the shepherd proceeds to a pen 6-ft. square, one side of which is hinged and acts as a gate. He keeps the gate open by holding the end of a 6-ft. rope and then directs the dog to work the sheep into the pen. The shepherd is just at the end of the rope to ensure the dog doing the major part of the work. Once penned (and consequently mixed up) the sheep are brought back to the ring where the dog has to separate one sheep from the rest. This time (just to make it harder) it is either of the two marked sheep—and the whole job has to be done in 15 minutes.

On Saturday the course is increased to 800 yards (see plan on page 13), and the number of sheep increased to 2 lots of 10. The dog must go out on the right side and gather the first hand lot, bring them through the gates and return on the left side to gather the second lot, and then unite the two lots and bring them to the shepherd and continue as in the earlier description up to the shedding ring. Here in a 40-yard circle five sheep marked with ribbon have to be shed off from the remainder and then penned. The "single" is done away with and the time limit is 30 minutes.

Marks are awarded in each section of the work—outrun and gather and lift, fetch, drive (the triangular bit through the gates), shedding, penning and singling, and in each phase the manner in which the dog does its work and obeys the commands are of great importance. One might mention, as an example, that a dog which moved the sheep steadily, quietly, and without too many commands, but was unfortunate in missing the "gate" might conceivably get more marks than the dog which got the "gate" but rushed the sheep hither and thither and required a lot of commands. It is the manner in which the work is done and the nature of the miss which really counts.

In addition to the single dog classes there is a class for doubles or brace (two dogs) working, which took place on Thursday. At the conclusion of the "singles" there will be an exhibition by Thursday's brace prize-winners if time permits.

The work follows the same course except that they work on 6 sheep, and are each required to pen three on opposite sides of the field. The pens have openings only 4-ft. wide and no gate and the dog which pens first has to remain in charge of that pen whilst the shepherd and the second dog pen the other side.

The whole of the Trial is of a practical nature and the International Society taboos freak obstacles and circus tricks.

DETAILS OF TRIALS, ETC.

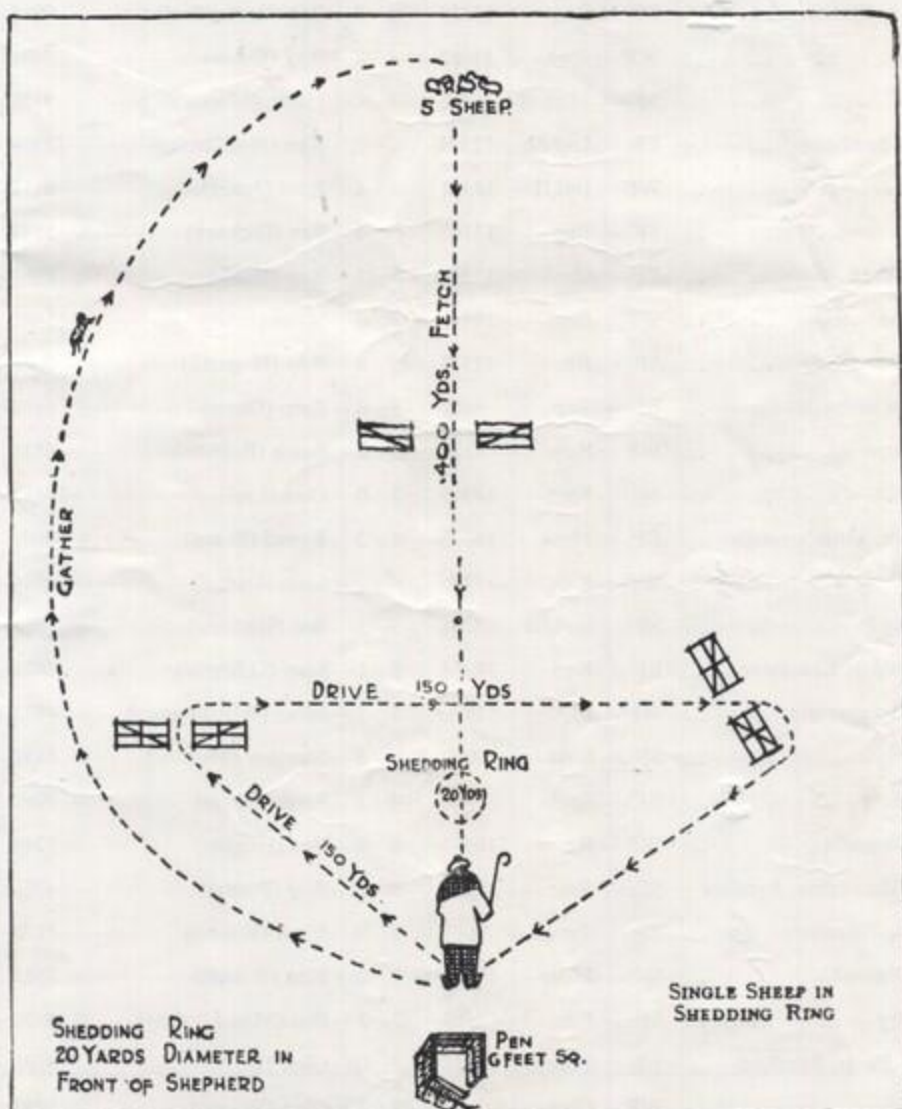
COURSE—(1) Gathering—approx. 400 yards. In outrun dog may be directed on either side. Straight fetch from lift to shepherd. Through gate. No re-try at gate. Failure to negotiate the gate will involve loss of points in the Judges' discretion, having regard to the circumstances of the failure. (2) Driving away—from pole where shepherd stands 450 yards in triangular direction through two gates. Failure to negotiate the gates will involve a loss of points in the Judges' discretion, according to circumstances, and a second attempt at either gate will NOT be allowed. Drive may be right or left as directed, and ends when sheep are at shedding ring. Handler to remain at post till the sheep are in the shedding ring. Each failure must be decided on its own merits and the Judges shall not assign any fixed number of points to failure at either gate without having regard to the nature of the failure. On the other hand, the negotiation of the gates shall not necessarily entitle the competitor to full points; the primary consideration being the drive as such and as a whole. (3) Shedding—Two unmarked sheep within ring approx. 20 yards in diameter. Dog must be in full control of these sheep, otherwise the shed will not be deemed satisfactory. On completion of the shed the competitor shall put his sheep together in a practical and workmanlike manner, and in general the sheep furthest away shall be gathered to those nearest the

pen. (4) Penning—Pen, 6 feet wide by 9 feet with gate. On completion of shedding, competitors must proceed to pen leaving dog to bring sheep to pen. Competitors are forbidden to assist dog to drive sheep to pen. Competitors to stand at gate holding rope end (6 feet) while dog works sheep into pen. After releasing sheep, competitor to close and fasten the gate. (5) Single Sheep—Competitor to proceed to shedding ring leaving the dog to bring lot from pen to ring. One of two marked sheep to be shed off within the ring and thereafter worn (in or outside the ring) to the Judges' satisfaction. Competitors are forbidden to assist dog in driving off, or attempting to drive off, the single any distance or by forcing it on the dog. If the Judges are agreed that a dog has not been fairly tested owing to the disposition and action of the sheep they may order the competitor to collect the lot and shed off and wear any other sheep.

SCALE OF POINTS—Gathering 25 (Outrun 10, Lifting 5, Bringing 10); Driving 10; Shedding 5; Penning 5; Single 5; Total 50.

TIME LIMIT—15 minutes. No extension.

COURSE FOR QUALIFYING TRIALS



NOTE—In the "gather", dog may be directed on either side and the gate has been introduced on the fetch.

— PLEASE DO NOT APPLAUD WHILE A DOG IS WORKING —

QUALIFYING TRIALS, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1960

Competitors selected at the Society's National Trials

No.	COMPETITOR	C'try and Class	Name	Stud Book No.	Age Y. M.	SIRE	DAM
1	Leslie, G. A., Stonebridge Lees, Heads Nook ...	EF	Hector	14527	3 1	Spot (Leslie)	7467 Jet (Leslie) 13186
2	Jones, G. R., Llystyn, Brechfa, Carmarthen ...	WF	Nell	14162	5 5	Speck (Thomas)	10058 Nell (Davies) 8373
3	Watson, T., "Eccles", Newton ...	SS	Jeff	14422	4 6	Tam (Watson)	8279 Nell (Fraser) 11106
4	Hardisty, W., Hebblethwaite Hall, Sedburgh 5 ...	EF	Jim	12967	4 3	Laddie (Goodfellow)	8049 Merrie (Warwick) 6880
5	Lloyd, A. T., The Nant, nr. Builth Wells, Brecons.	WF	Nell	16024	2 9	Chip (Daniel)	4924 Floss (Daniel) 11400
6	Wood, R., Collielaw, Lauder ... 8 ...	SS	Buff	13624	5 3	Dave (Wood)	11167 Nan (Wood) 5696
7	Evans, L., Railway Farm, Husbands Bosworth ...	EF	Moss	16054	2 11	Flash (Fleming)	10523 Lass (Dickson) 11713
8	Williams, R. O., Trescawen, Llangefni ...	WF	Ys. Bet	11140	5 11	Mac (Williams)	8375 Yscawen Spotan (Williams) 8355
9	Fleming, J. B. M., Cronberry Farm, Cumnock ...	SF	Dave	12348	6 4	Nap (Wilson)	8685 Nell (McMorran) 9031
10	Rutherford, J., Boundary Farm, Kington 2 ... 2 ...	EF	Sam	13329	4 2	Ben (Rutherford)	9085 Queen (Harper) 9008
11	Baker, J. M., Cowbridge, Glam. ...	WF	Roy	14402	4 6	Roy (Evans)	7696 Merry (Baker) 11688
12	Cowie, P., Tollo Turriff ...	SF	Mirk II	16316	3 4	Hemp (Mowat)	9130 Nell (Mowat) 16295
13	Huddleston, W., Stone Grove, Bentham ...	EF	Laddie	12379	6 6	Ken (Huddleston)	12374 Mossie II (Huddleston) 5538
14	Jones, I., Rhualt, St. Asaph ...	WF	Imi II	11301	6 4	Rovi (Jones)	6112 Lassie (Parry) 9075
15	Dickson, D., Scawmill, Hawick ...	SF	Ben	13163	5 4	Ben (Dickson)	5592 Jet (E. Dixon) 10065
16	Huddleston, H., Park House, Wray ...	EF	Gem	15396	6 11	Roy (Holliday)	8961 Lassie (Mason) N.R.
17	Jones, H., Pink Farm, Gt. Orme ...	WF	Ben	16411	2 6	Moss (Jones)	11445 Trim (Jones) 12136
18	Hislop, W. J., Gordon, Berwicks ...	SF	Jim	12572	5 9	Roy (Hogarth)	5048 Bess (Hogarth) 8642
19	Lund, P., Far Sunny Bank, Bentham ...	EF	Tess	9469	9 4	Shep (Gorst)	6107 Fan (Lund) 6985
20	Hadfield, I. S., Penrhyn, Prestatyn ...	WF	Roy	12127	6 2	Patch (Roberts)	6531 Meg (Jones) 7817
21	Gilchrist, J., Oxton Lauder ...	SF	Spot	14019	3 0	Don (Lees)	13189 Nell (Wilson) 13164
22	Dawson, E. A., Whittaker Farm, Littleborough ...	EF	Moss	14676	4 3	Tweed (Evans)	9601 Ann (Hetherington) 4545
23	Daniel, E. L., Ystradgynlais 1 ... 1 ...	WF	Ken	13306	4 7	Chip (Daniel)	4924 Floss (Daniel) 11400
24	Hogarth, J., Linglie Farm, Selkirk ...	SF	Laddie	13204	5 3	Ben (Dickson)	5592 Meg (Armstrong) 10935
25	Huddleston, H., Park House, Wray, Lancaster 4 ...	EF	Kep	13954	8 1	Spot (Gilchrist)	3624 Bess (Watson) N.R.
26	Worthington, H. J., Mardy, Abergavenny ...	WF	Fly	12570	5 7	Moss (Worthington)	4975 Floss (Worthington) 8582
27	Murray, D., Glenfield, Peebles ...	SF	Glen	12063	6 5	Number (Murray)	6152 Queen (McMorran) 7439
28	Longton, T., Lee End, Quernmore 3 ... 3 ...	EF	Spot	13736	4 3	Ross (Currie)	9063 Nan (Bathgate) 12100
29	Williams, R. O., Trescawen, Llangefni ...	WF	Rex	10968	6 9	Ben (Hughes)	7346 Tib (Williams) 5760
30	Templeton, J. J., Blackbriggs, Mauchline, Ayrshire	SF	Roy	8993	9 2	Roy (Purdie)	4921 Moss (Templeton) 5018
31	Evans, W. J., Well Hope Farm, Tidenham 6 ...	EF	Tweed	9601	7 9	Moss (Wilson)	5176 Trim (Anderson) 8859
32	Goodwin, W. H., Selli Grian, Pennal 7 ...	WS	Moss	10200	7 2	Nap (Wilson)	8685 Tibbie (McKay) 6582
33	Millar, J. R., Baidlandhill, Dalry ...	SF	Ben	12262	7 3	Ben (Miss Lindsay)	6304 Jem (Robertson) 11334
34	Priestley, E. A., Shatton Dairy Farm, Bamford ...	EF	Sweep	11115	7 0	Glen III (Jones)	9191 Teames (Davies) 9454
35	Thomas, W. J., Brynmawr ...	WF	Glen	7395	10 7	Glen (Wilson)	3940 Megg II (Jeffries) 4088
36	Short, R., Cleughead, Duns ...	SS	Nell	12743	4 11	Rob (Fraser)	9913 Jed (Short) 6882

E — England S — Scotland W — Wales ES — English Shepherd EF — English Farmer, etc.

POINTS
(For details of Trials, see page 3)

Gathering 25			Driving 10	Shedding 5	Penning 5	Single 5	Total 50, Aggregate 150		
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PRIZE LIST

(1) **Hired Shepherd's Championship.** (See Yesterday's Catalogue)

(2) **"BRACE" CHAMPIONSHIP** (See yesterday's Catalogue)

(3) **FARMERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

1st, The "Daily Express" Challenge Cup and £10; 2nd, £8; 3rd, £6; 4th, £4; 5th, £2; 6th, £1.

Specials:

The National Team scoring highest points in Qualifying Trials for Championship (page 4) ... Stirling Shield.

Breeder of Winner (previous winning dogs excluded) ... £1.

(4) **SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP (Singles)**

1st, Third Challenge Shield presented by James A. Reid and £20; 2nd, £15; 3rd, £10; 4th, £8; 5th, £6; 6th, £4; 7th, £2; 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, £1 each.

To Breeder of Winner ... £1 and the Ernest Broadley Cup.

Aggregate Specials

English Dog or Bitch scoring highest points in National and International Trials—The F. A. Sutcliffe Rose Bowl.

Scottish Dog or Bitch scoring highest points in National and International Trials—The J. S. Gray Trophy.

Welsh Dog or Bitch scoring highest points in National and International Trials—The J. T. Jones Rose Bowl.

Dog or Bitch from either country scoring highest points in National and International Trials (Aggregate Championship)—The "Clara Roebuck" Cup

"Age" Trophies:

Oldest Competitor at Trials.—Trophy (perpetual) presented by the Corporation of Edinburgh. Cup.

Youngest Competitor at Trials.—Trophy (perpetual) presented by Councillor Robert Hamilton, Edinburgh. Cup.

(5) **INTERNATIONAL DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP** (see page 10)

1st, The J. B. Bagshaw Trophy, presented by W. B. Bagshaw, and £1; 2nd, £1; 3rd, 10s.

JUDGING NOTES

(For detailed description of Courses, etc., see pages 3 and 9)

Instructions to Competitors

The Course is explained by the Course Director to any competitor who requests information before, **but not after** he begins to run. By commencing his trial every competitor is presumed to know the course and follow it in all its details. Any competitor deviating from the course in any respect may be called off or otherwise penalised as each Judge thinks fit. It is not the duty of the Judges or Course Director to instruct competitors while running, but the Course Director may do so either on his own initiative or on the instructions of the Judges. The Judges have no power to interfere with a competitor while working.

Placing of Sheep

It is the duty of the Course Director to see that each lot of sheep when let out is so placed as to give each competitor a fair and equal chance.

Unsound Sheep, etc.

If, after a dog begins to run, it is discovered that all or some of the sheep are not reasonably sound for working purposes or that a wrong number or wrongly marked sheep have been liberated, the Judges may stop the trial and give the competitor fresh sheep. Until stopped, the competitor must proceed with his trial. If stopped, he must re-run when ordered to do so. When the sheep have passed the shepherd for the drive they are accepted by him as sound.

Gathering and Driving

In fetching and driving the negotiating of obstacles, though recommended, is not obligatory, but a competitor who fails to negotiate an obstacle may be penalised for his failure by a loss of points as each Judge in his discretion thinks fit, **having regard to the circumstances of the failure**. Each failure is decided on its own merits and the Judges do not assign any fixed number of points to failure at an obstacle without having regard to the nature of the failure. On the other hand, the negotiating of obstacles does not necessarily entitle the competitor to full points, the primary consideration being the fetch or drive as such and as a whole.

Shedding

For details, see "Courses", pages 3 and 9.

Penning

On completion of shedding competitors proceed to pen, **leaving dog to bring sheep to pen**. Competitors are forbidden to assist dog to drive sheep to pen. Competitors stand at gate end holding rope (6 feet) while the dog works sheep into pen. A competitor who leaves the gate end before being ordered to do so by the Judges through the Course Director, may lose points as each Judge in his discretion thinks fit, **having regard to the nature of the failure**. Each failure is decided on its own merits and the Judges do not assign any fixed number of points to failure at the pen, without having regard to the nature of the failure, but allow whatever points they think the work merits. **On the other hand, penning of the sheep does not necessarily entitle a competitor to full points**, the primary consideration being the work of man and dog as a whole.

Single Sheep

Immediately on the single being shed off, dog must be brought in to wear it. **Competitors are forbidden to assist the dog by driving off the single any distance, or pressing it on the dog**. If the Judges are agreed that a dog has not been fairly tested owing to the disposition and action of the sheep they may order the competitor to collect the lot and shed off and wear another sheep.

Style

In considering "Style", **excessive** clapping at any stage of a trial may be penalised as each Judge thinks fit. When clapping is to be deemed excessive is a matter for each Judge's discretion.

Touching Sheep

A competitor who touches the sheep may be penalised by a loss of points as each Judge in his discretion thinks fit.

Command

In considering "Command", the handler who gives fewest commands and who works his dog quietly is preferred to the handler who over-commands, and works his dog noisily, **regard being had to the circumstances**. In the case of the dog, its obedience to commands given is the sole consideration. "Command" is assessed in the points awarded for each phase of work (above).

Gripping, etc.

A dog which grips or bites is disqualified if the gripping or biting is of such character and the circumstances such as to justify disqualification. When gripping or biting occurs the Judges consult together and decide whether to disqualify the dog or not. If the Judges are unanimous for disqualification they instruct the Course Director to stop the dog. A dog disqualified is not entitled to a prize of any kind, notwithstanding that, before the disqualification, he had earned points entitling him to a prize. If the Judges are not unanimous the dog is not disqualified but may be penalised by the loss of points as each Judge in his discretion thinks fit, but not exceeding the number of points allowed for the phase of work in which the gripping or biting occurs. A competitor whose dog damages the sheep is liable to pay damage to the Society.

Time Limit

If not sooner stopped by the Judges, a dog is called off on expiry of time limit, but its points to the stage at which it is called off count. On the whistle sounding a competitor must cease working his dog in his trial and collect his sheep and remove them from the course immediately. The Judges cease pointing a dog when the whistle sounds and do not consider work of any kind which the dog may do thereafter. The quality of the dog's work being the primary consideration and **not** the speed at which it is done, provided the dog finished within the time allowed, its time is **not** taken into consideration by the Judges in placing it unless in the event mentioned in the next Rule.

Cases of Equality

If two or more dogs stand equal on total points, the Judges may settle their priority either (1) by their points for off-hand work (gathering and driving), or (2) ordering retrials of any kind.

Re-runs, etc.

The Judges, if agreed, may stop a dog at any point of its trial or withhold any prizes on the ground of insufficient merit; and they may grant re-runs to any competitor in any circumstances they think fit.

Judging System

The Judges act independently but may confer as they think fit. The points of each dog are recorded on score books supplied to the Judges which are handed to, and aggregated by, the Secretary at the close of the trials for publication.

Competitors' Right to Statement of Points

Each competitor is entitled to receive from the Secretary a full detailed statement of the points awarded by any Judge to any dog competing at the trials.

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CHAMPIONSHIP—SATURDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 1960

Twelve highest-pointed Dogs in Qualifying Trials (page 4), irrespective of Country or Class

POINTS

(For details of Trials, see page 9)

Running No.	Catalogue No.	COMPETITOR	DOG	Qualifying Points	Gathering 50 (2 runs, 25 each)	Driving 10	Shedding 10	Penning 5	Total 75 (Aggregate 225)	Time
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(Restricted to highest-pointed dogs in Qualifying Trials, irrespective of Country or Class)

points to failure at either gate without having regard to the nature of the failure. On the other hand, the negotiation of the gates shall not necessarily entitle the competitor to full points: the primary consideration being the drive as such and as a whole. Drive ends when sheep are at the shedding ring. Handler to remain at post until the drive is finished. (3) Shedding—20 sheep to be run off between shepherd and dog within ring 40 yards in diameter and dog brought in to stop and turn back five marked sheep. Manoeuvring for "cuts" is forbidden. Until the five marked sheep are shed off, penning will not be permitted. (4) Penning—Five marked sheep shed off to be penned. Pen 6 feet wide by 9 feet with gate. On completion of shedding, competitors must proceed to pen leaving dog to bring sheep to pen. Competitors are forbidden to assist dog to drive sheep to pen. Competitors to stand at gate end holding rope (6 feet) while dog works sheep into pen. After releasing sheep, competitor to close and fasten the gate.

TIME LIMIT—30 minutes. No extension.

Diagram illustrating the sheep penning technique:

- ABOUT 800 YARDS FROM SHEPHERD TO SHEEP (UNSEEN BY DOG)**
- 10 SHEEP** (at the top left and top right)
- FIRST GATHER** (left side)
- SECOND GATHER** (right side)
- POLE** (center point)
- 2 LOTS UNITED NEAR POLE** (left side)
- FIRST LOT TO BE LEFT AT POLE AND DOG RE-DIRECTED FROM THERE FOR SECOND LOT** (right side)
- LIMIT OF DRIVE POLE** (center point)
- DRIVE 200 YARDS** (horizontal line)
- SHEDDING RING** (dashed circle)
- 40 yds.** (radius of the ring)
- DRIVE 200 yds.** (diagonal line)
- SHEDDING 5 MARKED SHEEP FROM 20 IN RING 40 YARDS DIAM. IN FRONT OF SHEPHERD.**
- PEN 6 FEET SQ.** (bottom right)
- NO SINGLE SHEEP.** (bottom right)

DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP

50 SHEEP (B.F.)

(Three best driving dogs, one from each country, selected at Society's National Trials this year)

COMPETITOR	Country	Name	Stud Book No.
Fraser, R. S., Fernie, Mindrum	E	Mindrum Cap	14915
Jones, Ted, Cefn-y-Meirch, Rhosygwalia, Bala	W	Haig	9190
Murray, D., Glenbield, Peebles	S	Glen	12063

Time — 10 minutes. No Extension.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

On completion of the Supreme Championship Competition and the Driving Championship on Saturday, 17th September, there will be an exhibition of doubles if time permits and about 6.30 o'clock.

Trophies and Prizes will be presented to the Winners by

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF BLACKPOOL

who will be introduced by

LORD MOSTYN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Blackpool Borough Council for their kind assistance.

The Mayor of Blackpool (Alderman T. B. Fairclough, J.P.) for his kindness in providing a Reception for Members of the Society.

Blackpool Corporation Parks Department, for preparing the Ground.

Blackpool Borough Police for Traffic Arrangements.

Mr. N. Bargh, Caton, for loaning of sheep.

Mr. D. H. Rees for services as Announcer and Recorder.

Local Committee:—Chairman, N. Bargh, Esq., Messrs. T. Longton, Coun. J. S. Richardson, E. Halsall, E. A. Priestley, E. Porter, T. L. Poynton and R. Spencer, Local Hon. Secretary.

LIST OF TROPHIES

NATIONAL TRIALS

ENGLAND—

National Cup, Shepherds' Cup, "Arthur Grounds" Driving Trophy, "Brace" Shield, and the Whittingham Breeders' Trophy, John A. Thorpe Memorial Trophy (Highest pointed English Bred Dog or Bitch).

SCOTLAND—

National Shield, Shepherds' Cup, "Tom Gilholm" Driving Trophy, "Brace" Shield, and "Drumclog" Cup.

WALES—

National Cup, Shepherds' Cup, "D. W. Davies" Driving Cup, and "Fenwick" Brace Cup, "Long" Farmers' Cup.

Total 16 (excluding occasional "Specials")

INTERNATIONAL

Championship Shield

Farmers' Cup

Shepherds' Trophy

Breeders' Cup

Aggregate Championship Cup

Scottish Aggregate Rose Bowl

English Aggregate Rose Bowl

English Shepherds' Aggregate Cup

Scottish Shepherds' Aggregate Cup

Welsh Shepherds' Aggregate Cup

Team Shield

"Brace" Championship Shield

Driving Championship Trophy

"Brace" Aggregate Trophy

Edinburgh Corporation Cup

Councillor Robert Hamilton's Cup

Total 16 (excluding occasional "Specials")

GRAND TOTAL 32 (excluding "Specials")

The Cash Prizes and Grants to Competitors at the Society's Trial each year now average £600

*"There is no good flock without a good shepherd
And no good shepherd without a good dog."*

Motto of French Shepherds' Club.

OBJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL

(Excerpt from the Constitution)

"The objects of the Society shall be to stimulate public interest in the Shepherd and his calling; secure the better management of stock by improving the Shepherd's Dog and give financial assistance to Members (and their Widows) in case of need. These objects shall be promoted by the holding of Trials, the institution of a Stud Book for Sheepdogs, grants from the funds of the Society, and in any other way calculated to attain them."

MEMBERSHIP—LIFE MEMBERSHIP £8 8s. 0d.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £1

ENTRANCE FEE £1

A Member has the following rights:—

- (a) To receive free admission tickets to all Trials held by the Society. Tickets are sent to Members shortly before the Trials.
- (b) To compete at the Society's Trials, subject to the Rules.
- (c) To register Dogs in the Society's Stud Book, subject to the Rules.
- (d) To attend, move motions at, or otherwise take part in the Annual General Meeting of Members held at the time of the National Trials in each country, Scottish Members attending the Scottish Meeting, English Members the English Meeting, and the Welsh Members the Welsh Meeting.
- (e) To receive all the publications of the Society.

NOTICES

- (1) Will overseas visitors please leave their addresses at the Secretary's tent, at their convenience.
- (2) The following dates and venues have been *provisionally* arranged for the Society's 1961 Trials:—

Scottish at Stirling, 14th and 15th July, 1961.

Welsh at Ruabon, 11th and 12th August, 1961.

English at Windermere, 25th and 26th August, 1961

International at Ayr, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September, 1961.

These dates are PROVISIONAL only, and will be confirmed to members in due course.

- (3) A few copies of the Society's Stud Book Vol. I-XIII are still available, and the Secretary will be glad to supply them to any person who may be interested. Cost for complete set £9/10/0.
- (4) Any person wishing to have the detailed results of these Trials may order a copy of the "JUDGES POINTS", which will be supplied by the Secretary at a cost of 2/6.
- (5) Application for registration of dogs in the Society's Stud Book may be made at any time. Only Members can register dogs, and no dog can compete at the Society's Trials which is not registered in the Society's Stud Book on or before June 1st in each year. Registration Fee, 10/- per dog; Litters up to one month free.