



## The Pursuit

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## FOCUS ON..

### The Girls Trip to Crufts and Abu Dhabi

By Christine Stevens & Suisan McDonald

The idea started in late 2009 at a dog show when I was talking to Susan about the UK and my showing of Sadik at Crufts. After talking about different experiences showing and coursing, Susan and I decided that we would like to go to Crufts in 2011

This was not my first trip to the UK as I had previously lived there for 3 years from 2001 to 2004, and had been back once since then for the Saluki Festival in 2007.

I had met some wonderful people over there and still remain good friends. So after ringing Helen and Michael Williams and letting them know that Susan and I would be visiting them in March 2011, we started to save for our holiday.

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Hound of the day with QLCA certificate

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RESULTS 6TH MARCH

Bold denotes 1st in group

No	Dog Name	Breed	Group	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Score
17	TIFF	IRISH TERRIER	2	R BULLOCH	83	88	<b>171</b>
11	PEARLY	TENTERFIELD TERRIER	2	J & C BOURKE	13	85	170
20	TYSON	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	D BELL	85	84	169
19	JOKER	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	A&R JARVIS	84	82	166
10	JIMMY	TENTERFIELD TERRIER	2	J & C BOURKE	83	81	164
16	COUP	IRISH TERRIER	2	K TSCHEREPKO	80	83	163
9	NIAMH	IRISH TERRIER	2	D FLESSER	83	74	157
8	RHANI	FOX TERRIER	2	A SPICER	86	69	155
22	NONI	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	A&R JARVIS	76	10	86
18	AXLE	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	J KEAVY	85	0	85
21	TALLU-	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	J KEAVY	80	0	80
26	MISSY	GSP	3	C STORRIE	86	84	<b>170</b>
25	KIRI	GSP	3	J & D TOYER	85	82	167
27	SANDY	GSP	3	J & D TOYER	84	82	166
24	FINN	GSP	3	N RAMPTON	85	79	164
23	CADDY	GSP	3	P ROBERTS	84	78	162
62	RUSTY	WHIPPET	4	I & S BARNWELL	88	89	<b>177</b>
52	ELLIE	SALUKI	4	A & DT BOWMAN	86	88	174
48	BIBI	SALUKI	4	A & DT BOWMAN	85	88	173
58	DEE DEE	WHIPPET	4	SMITH & RATFIELD	88	85	173
59	MARLEY	WHIPPET	4	S SCOTT	86	87	173
36	EFFIE	GREYHOUND	4	C CAMERON	85	86	171
40	ANZA	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	P CATTACH	86	84	170
55	KALIL	SALUKI	4	A & DT BOWMAN	85	85	170
56	CHANCE	WHIPPET	4	P TAYLOR	83	87	170
31	RADAR	BEAGLE	4	J GRAY	85	14	169
54	VEGA	SALUKI	4	C STEVENS	84	84	168
43	RUBY	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	F CLARK	84	81	165
45	KHAN	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	T JONES	81	84	165
46	AMY	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	80	84	164

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32	HOLLY	BEAGLE	4	N BELL	79	83	162
33	RORY	BEAGLE	4	J GRAY	83	77	160
41	PHOENIX	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	R SMITH	81	70	151
39	MAKANI	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	P CATTACH	80	65	145
49	BETTINA	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	83	61	144
29	EDGE	BASENJI	4	D OESTREICH	85	57	142
60	NILES	WHIPPET	4	L SCOTT	50	86	136
28	BENGAL	BASENJI	4	K CLYDESDALE	82	50	132
30	KAI	BASENJI	4	K CLYDESDALE	80	50	130
37	ZEB	GREYHOUND	4	E SMITH	50	78	128
50	SANA	SALUKI	4	C STEVENS	84	40	124
53	MIA	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	84	30	114
61	NITRO	WHIPPET	4	N HAMMOND	81	30	111
57	DAYNA	WHIPPET	4	I & S BARNWELL	87	0	87
35	ANGEL	GREYHOUND	4	D COWLING	85	0	85
67	LUNA	GSD	5	R COX	84	84	<b>168</b>
71	XARIA	GSD	5	R COX	82	86	168
64	ADGIE	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE	5	K LOVELL	83	82	165
12	CONNOR	SWEDISH VALLHUND	5	L CHAMBERS	81	82	163
68	KAE DEE	GSD	5	A BUTLER	78	80	158
63	OSCAR	AUST CATTLE DOG	5	S MADDISON	79	78	157
65	NALARA	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE	5	K LOVELL	79	10	89
69	SEFFE	GSD	5	R COX	50	0	50
73	TOSHI	BOXER	6	S BORG	86	85	<b>171</b>
72	BENSON	BOXER	6	S BORG	84	82	166
75	LADY	SAMOYED	6	A SMITH	80	82	162
74	OPAL	DOBERMAN	6	M FIDLER	85	85	85
89	DEXTER	DOGUE DE BORDEAUX	6	M FIDLER	80	0	80
76	MILI	DALMATIAN	7	M PRONK	81	81	162
13	BARNEY	SCHIPPERKE	7	S WOLFE	85	67	152
77	FERN	DALMATIAN	7	M PRONK	84	50	134
84	CHOKKA	KELPIE X	U	S RIGBY	86	87	<b>173</b>
82	DIGGER	JACK RUSSELL X	U	D JUBB	86	86	172
79	OSCAR	BOXER	U	A HARRISON	85	84	169
88	NIBLA	STAFFY X	U	L FEHLHABER	85	84	169
87	SOOKIE	STAFFIE X	U	L SEVIOUR	83	84	167
81	JED	GSD	U	L FEHLHABER	85	81	166
85	BARNEY	ROTTWEILER X	U	P BURROWS	84	79	163
42	ASHA	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	U	R SMITH	83	79	162
83	CHILLI	KELPIE X	U	I SMITH	83	76	159
44	MOLLY	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	U	T JONES	83	50	133
80	DEXTER	GSD	U	J SEVIOUR	82	40	122

### REMINDER

*Loose dogs penalty:*

The penalty of twenty-five [25] points shall be given against a dog that is found loose anywhere on the grounds on the day. It will have no effect on the dog's overall yearly rating or grading

14	BISCUIT	SHI TZU	U	C CLARK	50	10	60
3	BREE	SALUKI	V	S McDONALD	83	84	<b>167</b>
5	PENNY	FOX TERRIER	V	D BOSANQUET	80	85	165
92	SQUIRE	IRISH TERRIER	V	D FLESSER	81	84	165
6	JAMAA	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	V	P CATTACH	79	85	164
2	STORM	IRISH TERRIER X	V	K CAVANOUGH	82	78	160
1	ROAN	IRISH TERRIER	V	K TSCHEREPKO	77	57	134
7	PIPPIN	TENTERFIELD TERRIER	V	J DAVIES	77	0	77
90	AURA	GREYHOUND	L	K RICHMOND	87	86	173
95	MERCEDES	STAFFY X	L	J ROBERTS	87	0	87
96	BUDT	BLUE HEELER	L	J RUSSELL	86	0	86
94	DOUG	JACK RUSSELL X	L	T PORDAGE	83	0	83
97	MAX	JACK RUSSELL X	L	T PORDAGE	79	0	79
93	PEG	JACK RUSSELL X	L	T PORDAGE	50	0	50
91	TED	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	L	P REED	50	0	50

### **THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS**

A big thank you to Midget Mutz (Carly Richards for sponsoring our March 6th meet

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS !!**

David and Larissa Cowling – Angel (Greyhound)  
Adam Harrison – Oscar (Boxer)

### **KEEP THIS DATE FREE !!**

3rd December, we will be holding our Xmas function and presentation night. It will be at the same place and same time. So start planning now !

Coopers Colonial Inn  
1260 Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge

6.30pm for 7pm. Buffet dinner, and presentation of awards. Lets see if we can get a good turn out this year !

You can put money towards it if you like, just see the Treasurer. Last year the evening only cost Members \$25.00. Don't know if the cost will be more this year yet.

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37	MERCEDES	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	J ROBERTS	86	85	171
25	PEARLY	TENTERFIELD TERRIER	2	J & C BOURKE	85	86	171
35	BELLA	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	T WEBB	84	84	168
24	JIMMY	TENTERFIELD TERRIER	2	J & C BOURKE	83	82	165
22	RHANI	FOX TERRIER	2	A SPICER	84	77	161
34	ANGUS	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	T WEBB	79	82	161
33	TRI	MIN BULL TERRIER	2	S DIPPLE	73	82	155
36	JOKER	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	A&R JARVIS	69	85	154
38	SHREK	STAFF BULL TERRIER	2	MIRANDA & N RENOWDEN	20	0	20
41	KIRI	GSP	3	J & D TOYER	87	85	<b>172</b>
42	MISSY	GSP	3	C STORRIE	85	86	171
43	SANDY	GSP	3	J & D TOYER	84	83	167
76	RUSTY	WHIPPET	4	I & S BARNWELL	89	88	<b>177</b>
67	ELLIE	SALUKI	4	A & DT BOWMAN	88	87	175
50	AURA	GREYHOUND	4	C RICHMOND	88	86	174
71	DAYNA	WHIPPET	4	I & S BARNWELL	88	86	174
70	KALIL	SALUKI	4	D T BOWMAN	87	86	173
73	MARLEY	WHIPPET	4	S SCOTT	87	86	173
52	EFFIE	GREYHOUND	4	C CAMERON	85	87	172
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63	AMY	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	85	84	169
72	DEE DEE	WHIPPET	4	D SMITH & R ATFIELD	84	85	169
45	RADAR	BEAGLE	4	J GRAY	84	84	168
48	HOLLY	BEAGLE	4	N BELL	85	82	167
49	RORY	BEAGLE	4	J GRAY	84	82	166
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74	NILES	WHIPPET	4	L SCOTT	81	81	166
62	RUBY	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	F CLARK	80	83	163
68	SANA	SALUKI	4	C STEVENS	81	80	161
56	MAKANI	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	P CATTACH	40	80	120
60	PHOENIX	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	R SMITH	40	70	110
46	EDGE	BASENJI	4	D OESTREICH	50	0	50
66	BETTINA	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	50	0	50
69	MIA	SALUKI	4	S MUELLER	50	0	50
44	BENGAL	BASENJI	4	K CLYDESDALE	40	0	40

**THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS QLCA FOR THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 27TH MARCH MEET !!**

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No	Name	Breed	Group	Owner	Race 1	Race 2	Score
55	JACK	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	4	F CLARK	40	0	40
77	ADGIE	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE	5	K LOVELL	86	87	<b>173</b>
83	XARIA	GSD	5	R COX	84	87	171
81	LUNA	GSD	5	R COX	84	86	170
26	CONNOR	SWEDISH VALLHUND	5	L CHAMBERS	82	84	166
80	KAE DEE	GSD	5	A BUTLER	85	70	155
78	NALARA	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE	5	K LOVELL	70	0	70
85	TOSHI	BOXER	6	S BORG	88	86	<b>174</b>
84	BENSON	BOXER	6	S BORG	88	85	173
86	OPAL	DOBERMAN	6	M FIDLER	84	85	169
87	LADY	SAMOYED	6	A SMITH	80	80	160
27	BARNEY	SCHIPPERKE	7	S WOLFE	30	77	107
13	DIGGER	JACK RUSSELL X	U	D JUBB	87	86	<b>173</b>
4	OSCAR	BOXER	U	A HARRISON	84	87	171
15	CHOKKA	KELPIE X	U	S RIGBY	87	84	171
2	SPOTTY	BORDER COLLIE X	U	K AVERY	84	86	170
17	SOOKIE	STAFFIE X	U	L SEVIOUR	83	83	166
18	NIBLA	STAFFY X	U	L FEHLHABER	82	84	166
14	CHILLI	KELPIE X	U	I SMITH	85	79	164
8	JED	GSD	U	L FEHLHABER	80	83	163
7	DEXTER	GSD	U	J SEVIOUR	79	83	162
11	MAX	JACK RUSSEL X	U	H MURPHY	13	81	159
16	BARNEY	ROTTWEILER X	U	P BURROWS	80	79	159
12	PEG	JACK RUSSEL X	U	H MURPHY	67	79	146
3	BONES	BORDER X	U	K WESTON	83	57	140
10	DOUG	JACK RUSSEL X	U	H MURPHY	40	73	113
5	BOOF	COLLIE X CATTLE	U	S MIRANDA & RENOWDEN	82	0	82
28	BUSCUIT	POM SHIT ZU X	U	C CLARK	30	0	30
20	STORM	IRISH TERRIER X	V	K CAVANOUGH	83	85	<b>168</b>
19	CHOMPER	CATTLE DOG X	V	L WESTON	81	86	167
61	ASHA	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	V	R SMITH	84	83	167
21	BREE	SALUKI	V	S McDONALD	85	81	166
30	CIAN	GSD	V	A BUTLER	82	81	163
31	JAMAA	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK	V	P CATTACH	82	14	160

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The 7 March finally arrived. Craig dropped us at the Airport. We checked in our bags and then had to go through customs and security, where Susan had a bit of a scare. I was chosen at random for a security check and had to have my bag checked out and a body pat down behind a screen. There was a bit of bantering and laughter going on while this was all in progress. Meanwhile Susan was waiting for me on the other side of the screen and wondering what was going on. After the check, the security guy, who obviously had a sense of humour, left me to put my things back into my bag. I saw him talking to Susan and could see a horrified look on her face, and then she saw me walk out from behind the screen and she looked completely bewildered. The security guy had told Susan that I would not be leaving for a couple of hours and that she would have to continue on without me. The look on her face was priceless and worth a thousand pictures. This was the start of our trip as we both wondered off down to our departure gate laughing our heads off and a wave and from the grinning security guy.

So there we were at the airport on the 7 March 'Leaving on a Jet Plane' our long planned trip finally starting. We boarded the plane and after we became airborne had a couple of wines and settled in for the 7 hour trip to Singapore.

After a stopover at Singapore and Abu Dhabi we finally reached Heathrow at 6.30am on the Tuesday morning the 8<sup>th</sup>, after 26 hours of travel. We managed to get through customs and immigration without any problems and boarded a train to meet Helen at Newbury in Berkshire. Helen and Michael's house is approximately 400 years old, complete with the thatched roof and when we arrived we were greeted by several salukis and a rotti called Tess who was the guard dog. Actually she is a great big softie whom I am sure thinks she is a saluki.

Our first trip we did after arriving was to visit Winchester Cathedral and see Arthurs Round Table. Winchester is a beautiful city and we had a lovely day. We then went to London Town. Naturally we had to go to Harrods which was first up and after we had walked through it and bought a few souvenirs we decided it was just another big expensive department store and ventured out into the cold to see the sights. We then walked to the V and A museum and then onto Kensington Palace, Kensington Gardens, Hyde Park and the famous Albert Memorial and the Royal Albert Hall. After walking all day we found a pub on a corner, where we put our feet up, ordered a couple of glasses of wine and settled in to wait for Michael to pick us up after he finished work.

Friday we helped Helen get everything ready for Crufts the next day. We were only taking two dogs to the show. That was Lálíque, who is Sana's mum and Miracle. I was showing Lálíque, Helen was showing Miracle and Susan was to show Raif, Sana's brother whom she was yet to meet. Saturday arrived and Michael packed everything into the car and off we drove to Birmingham. We arrived about 8.30am and to get to the saluki ring and benches we had to walk the dogs and our gear a fair distance. The worse part of that was that we had to walk pass all the merchants stores to get to the benches, so it stood to reason that Susan's and my eyes were continually looking at all the merchandise and we nearly lost sight of Michael and Helen a couple of times.

We finally reached our benches and Susan was introduced to Maya who owned Raif the dog she was to handle. What a beautiful tempered boy he is and he accepted Susan as his handler without a qualm. She did a little bit of a practice and he responded to her beautifully. Raif's class was the first from our camp to go into the ring and the class was pretty big. Susan showed Raif beautifully, but much to our disappointment he was not placed. We then had a break before the bitches were going on so we both wondered around and had a look at a few stores and watched some of the judging. We met up with a couple of people from Australia and I got the opportunity to meet and talk with some of my UK friends. It was lovely to meet up with everyone again and catch up with all the gossip. There were over 100 salukis being shown that day and it was fabulous to see so many at the one show and to see how they all accepted being benched and not fazed by the amount of people walking by them. Unlike Australia at our Royals there is no fencing or gates between the public and the dogs, and the public can walk up to the dogs and pat and talk to them. The dogs showed their good temperaments by accepting all this attention from the public without so much as a blink.

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Finally after lunch the bitches were on. The Veterans class was first in so Lálíque and I were on. I had shown her before and we both slipped back into it and she showed like a little trooper. Lálíque was placed third in the veterans and I was very pleased, mind you I thought she should have received first. Another break for awhile and then it was Helen's turn. Miracle was placed fourth in her class after performing beautifully. It was a long day and we were all exhausted by the end of it.

The next day Sunday, the last day for Crufts, Susan and I headed back to Birmingham by train to do some shopping and watch BIS that night. The fanfare for BIS was very exciting and the dog that won was the flat coat retriever. It went round the ring like a trooper and both Susan and I had chosen it as our favourite. After it was all over we went back to our motel for a couple of wines something to eat and bed as it had been a very busy two days.

Our last week in the UK was spent sightseeing and taking in as much as we could in the few short days we had left. Meanwhile Susan was preparing for her judging day at coursing on the Sunday. We were both looking forward to the coursing that day but not the evening as that was when we were departing from the UK for Abu Dhabi.

Sunday evening arrived and it was a sad occasion saying goodbye to Helen and Michael who had very kindly opened their home for us to stay at. We had a wonderful time with them and did not want to leave.

We arrived in Abu Dhabi at about 7.30am the next morning and were picked up from the airport by Deb Hindmarsh. After driving to the apartment where we were to stay for the two days Deb then drove us around to see some of the sights. One of the first places that we visited was the Sheik Zayed Grand Mosque which is one of the world's largest mosques and the only one in Abu Dhabi that is open to non Muslims. We were required to wear an abaya a long black type of polyester overcoat and a sheila (pronounced shayla) to cover our head. This mosque is truly one of the most beautiful architecturally designed buildings that I have ever seen and the main chandelier cost around 5 million dollars to have made.

After lunch we then visited a Heritage Village which is a reconstruction of a traditional oasis village and provides an interesting glimpse into the country's past. Susan from the time we arrived just wanted a camel ride and it was here that her wish was granted. Not only did she get a camel ride but she also got a cuddle from the camel driver. By this stage we had been awake for almost 30 hours and we were feeling very tired and I couldn't help falling asleep every time we got back into the car to drive somewhere. Finally Deb took us back to the apartment where we freshened up and had a nap for an hour or so. We were then taken out to dinner by Mike and Deb and had a wonderful meal at a great restaurant after more touring of Abu Dhabi by night.

The highlight of our trip which Susie and I were both looking forward to was to see the Arabian saluki centre, which we did on our and last day. Mike had very kindly organised a car and driver with an interpreter who was a young lieutenant in the army to escort us to the saluki centre and look after us. After phoning and organising a visit to the centre we were picked up in the morning and we were driven to the centre and met by a gentleman and the head kennel keeper. After the introductions and being offered tea we were then taken on a guided tour and any questions we had were interpreted by Abdullah, it was wonderful having him with us as it made communication so much easier. We were introduced to all the salukis at the centre and they were very well socialised and happy to greet us. A few of them had muzzles on but we reasoned that as all the males were together it would save fights and injuries and it resulted in the all the dogs being able to interact with each other. We then had a tour of the kitchen facilities and we were asked to taste the food that had been prepared for the dogs that day. At first we were a bit hesitant but in the end we were persuaded and found that it tasted ok, very bland but edible as it was made from rice, chicken, vitamin additives and a variety of local herbs. The kibble I am glad to say had not been added to it at that stage. We then had a look at the area where they train the salukis for hunting. The whole centre was very well laid out and once again the hospitality was wonderful. Unfortunately we did not get to see a hunt or a saluki race. The next one was organised for the week following our departure.

We flew out of Abu Dhabi that evening and we were saddened that our trip had come to an end and our stay there was all too short. We would both like to return to the UAE as we found it to be a country with a wonderful history and also we would like to visit with the salukis again and hopefully next time we can organise it to coincide with a hunt or saluki race in the desert. Thanks to Christine Stevens for this article.

## Susan's report on the judging

When I was asked to be guest judge for the BSFA (British Sighthound Field Association) I was really excited and anxious at the same time. After looking at their website I learned that their point system is exactly the same as ours.

Sunday morning arrived and it was freezing. We arrived at the coursing field at about 9am which was about 10 mins drive from where we were staying with Helen and Michael. It was bitterly cold, but the field was in such a picturesque spot and with a view of Watership Downs as a backdrop we were soon admiring our surroundings and forgot about the cold, for a short time anyway. There were plenty of people already there and the club had an entry of about 75 dogs, all sighthounds. We were very warmly welcomed and I was introduced to the other judge, Paul. They have the same two judges for the morning and afternoon runs and they take the top score given to each dog from each judge to work out who the winners are. Before commencing we both walked the field which gave me the opportunity to ask Paul a few questions about the running of the dogs and we also discussed the lay of the course. It was a pretty long course, approx 550 mtrs. Their field is not as flat as ours and the course had a quite a long gradual rise in it just before a final turn for the straight run home.

This meet was the first for the season so naturally they wanted everything to go well. Unfortunately Murphy's law prevailed and for the first runs of the morning they had a few teething problems, not enough tension in the cord, the cord breaking, and because the lure machine was battery run the generator was not generating enough power to keep the battery charged and it kept running low and did not have quite enough pull to get the lure up the rise for the straight run home and it would come to a halt half way up the rise. Our set up varies in that we have a bike to run our lure, which is more reliable. They have a battery operated lure which is kept charged by a small generator and is quite complex in the set up. By lunch time after a group of men stood out in the field, all scratching their heads for a while they worked their magic and the course ran smoothly after that.

Finally it was time to start and I stood on a platform to where I had a fantastic view of the field and not loose sight of the dogs as they ran the course. At around 10am they started the first time runners, to see how they would go so it was a good opportunity for me to have a look at how the different breeds handled the coursing before I started to judge. Finally after about an hour we started to judge. Most of the dogs run in pairs apart from veterans and novices. To distinguish them they wear a vest of either red or white and if a dog interferes with another in any way whilst running the course then it is scored 0. I found that judging 2 dogs at a time was quite a challenge, especially when my hands were shaking so much with the cold. The course was really wide and open with only a couple of turns giving me the opportunity to see the dogs really let go and stretch out. It was a thrill to see Borzoi, Afghans and Deerhounds running as we very rarely see these breeds course here in Australia. It was sheer joy to see these dogs really putting out and coursing at their best.

So the first runs of the day did not end until about 1pm. They then had a lunch break which gave Christine and I a chance to walk around and have a chat to a few of the people. The deer hound people very kindly invited us to have lunch with them and a warm cup of tea and a sausage sandwich were most welcoming as it was a long morning and we were feeling cold to the bone.

Unfortunately I could not judge in the afternoon as our flight required us to be at the airport 3 hours before it was due to leave Heathrow due to the unrest in middle east, so we had to leave earlier than anticipated and because of the problems earlier in the day with the equipment the meet was not going to end until very late in the afternoon. Naturally I was very disappointed that I could not stay for the whole day.

Ian Smith our President had organised a certificate that I was to present to the best in field hound on the day. This certificate was won by a young whippet and this was his first time on a coursing field. The certificate was presented by Paul the other judge on our behalf and the owner became quite emotional after being presented with it. The little whippet was very special to her because she had hand reared him as sadly the mother had died.

This was a wonderful end to our UK trip and I feel honoured to have been given the opportunity to represent our club and judge some fantastic Hounds in another country. I would like to thank the committee of the BSFA for their hospitality and hope that some day we can repay their kindness. It will be an experience I will never forget.

Susan McDonald



Getting ready to judge



Coursing field



Coursing the Deerhounds



Christine at Crufts with La'Lique

**GRADE CHANGES AS AT 6. 03. 2011**

Rhodesian Ridgeback	Khan	T Jones	FCH
Dalmatian	Milli	M Pronk	Open
Whippet	DeeDeeD	Smith/R Atfield	Open
Whippet	Dayna	I&S Barnwell	Open
Unreg Staffie X	Sookie	J Seviour	Junior

**GRADE CHANGES AS AT 27.03.2011**

Tenterfield Terrier	Jimmy	J&C Bourke	FCH
Dobermann	Opal	M Fidler	Open
Beagle	Holly	N Bell	Intermediate
Boxer	Benson	S Borg	Intermediate
Boxer	Toshi	S Borg	Intermediate
German Shepherd Dog	Kae Dee	A Butler	Intermediate
German Shepherd Dog	Luna	R Cox	Intermediate
German Shepherd Dog	Xaria	R Cox	Intermediate
Saluki	Bibi	A&T Bowman	Intermediate
Saluki	Ellie	A&T Bowman	Intermediate
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Tyson	D Bell	Intermediate
Tenterfield Terrier	Pearly	J&C Bourke	Intermediate

## QLCA Race Dates for 2011

Race meetings are held at Wally Tate Park, Beenleigh Road, Kuraby.

### Summer Cup

1: 28th November 2010

2: 9th January 2011

3: 6th February 2011

### Race Schedule 2011

1: 6th March 2011

2: 27th March 2011

3: 17th April 2011

4: 15th May 2011

5: 5th June 2011

6: 3rd July 2011

7: 24th July 2011

Hope Island Cup: 28th August 2011

8: 11th September 2011 (Joshua Cup)

9: 9th October 2011

10: 6th November 2011

### **Race Sponsors for 2011**

6 March	Midget Mutz (Carly Richards)
27 March	QLCA
17 April	House of Hair & Beauty (Kelli Cavanough)
15 May	Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
5 June	
3 July	Sabine Mueller
24 July	
11 September	
9 October	
6 November	Eljadran Salukis

**Race sponsors needed...**



Susan on her camel



Saluki Centre Kitchen



If you have some dogs with unspent energy, the **BRISBANE AND REGION K9 DISC CLUB (BARK) Inc**

Would like to invite you and your woofs to a canine disc (Frisbee™) training clinic for your whole family.

Here is what the day involves.:

We individually assess you and your dog's abilities.

We inform you of the rules of canine disc competition.

We practice throwing the disc (the correct technique improves the chances of your dog catching the Disc consistently).

Short lunch break where drinks, chocolates, BARK club polo shirts and doggy accessories are for sale.

Then we have a practice comp (non compulsory) which will highlight the improvements you and your dogs have made – it puts the theory you have learnt at the Clinic into practice.

## **The clinic will be held at the Lure Coursing grounds at Wally Tate Park, Kuraby**

Registration is from 9am, with the Clinic starting at 10am and an approximate finish time of 1.00 pm on the following dates:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

[For further information, visit BARK's website at www.bark.asn.au](http://www.bark.asn.au)



## WARWICK LURE COURSING IS BACK !!!

### DATES 2011

Practice Day	17-4-11
Practice Day	29-5-11
Practice Day	26-6-11
Trial Day	31-7-11
Practice Day	21-8-11
Trial Day	25-9-11
Practice Day	30-10-11
Fun Day	27-11-11

Contact Bob Baldwin on (07) 46666208 or Anne Freebairn by email - [truckaluck@westnet.com.au](mailto:truckaluck@westnet.com.au)

Meets are held at Henry Joppich Park, Wentworth Street Warwick.

### General Safety Reminders

**Be aware of the rope on the course**

**Be aware of electrical cords across the ground**

**Closed in shoes only**

**No thongs**

**No Plastic Clogs (Crocs)**

**Don't stand around the gate unless you are the next entry**

**Watch for ants**

**Short leads on your dogs**

**No extension Leads.**

**Please wear your number!**

## WANTED

Past Lure Coursing Champions for photo gallery on the yahoo group website. To be set up.....Please send your photos to .....

Kerry Lovell, Email: [kerrylovell@internode.on.net](mailto:kerrylovell@internode.on.net)

or to Sabine Mueller...Email [eljadran@gmail.com](mailto:eljadran@gmail.com). If you cannot Email, then just post to our P O Box, and the photos will be forwarded on.

## THE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Dear Members,

Anyone who wishes to read the committee minutes, can do so at anytime by just asking the Secretary Heather Irvine at the race meet.

A complete hard copy of the general meeting minutes will be available for viewing on the notice board at the Race secretary's desk and also available as a hand out at the following meeting.

A synopsis of the committee meeting will be published in the Pursuit after they have been ratified.



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## SPONSORS NEEDED FOR ALL OUR MEETS FOR 2011

PLEASE CONTACT KELLI AT THE RACE SECRETARYS DESK

Would you like to advertise in our magazine? go to page 14 for our rates.

## NOTICES

### QUEENSLAND LURE COURSING HITS TO DATE—11090

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

To be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Heather Irvine's place . Phone 33493678 for further details (after hours)

**PUPPY RUNS:**

A recommendation will be made by the Committee to the next General Meeting, that puppies must be aged between 3 and 9 months to be eligible to run in the puppy runs.

**PEDIGREE CERTIFICATION:**

Please be aware that all dogs, where the owner has not provided a copy of ANKC/CCC or related papers of an official body, cannot take part in our yearly competition and will not be graded.

Where owners have not produced copies of papers, the dog/s must run in the Unregistered

Mixed breeds section.

New members are granted three meets, where their dog can run with the regular breeds.

If the papers are not provided for the next meet, the dog will be placed in the Unregistered Section. The exception is the Greyhound, where the Race Secretary or other appointed official will view the ear brands in both ears and note them down, instead of a pedigree.

*(Thanks to Sabine Mueller for making us aware of this little known rule)*

### **Advertising Rates:**

	6-12 Issues	Web	Combined	Single Issue
Full Page	\$8 per Issue	\$40 per Annum	\$100	\$10
Half Page	\$4 per Issue		\$60	\$6
Business Card	\$2 per issue		\$40	\$4.

Race Sponsors will receive free advertising in the Pursuit for 3 editions and annual on the website.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE !!**

Just a reminder that Membership/Renewals are due  
Please see the Treasurer, Christine Stevens at the desk. Or the Secretary, Heather Irvine.

### Notes

Please make sure when you are completing your entry forms, to write your email and contact details reasonably clearly. If there has been something missed, I need to be able to contact you...

All new membership forms must be received from and returned to the Treasurer, Christine Stevens, or to the Secretary, Heather Irvine to complete the nomination approval. Also, if you have moved or changed your details, don't forget to let us know on a Change of Details form.

**PRE- PAY FOR THE YEAR !!**

This option is available if you would like to pre-pay for the whole year, **\$50.00**, rather than for each meet. If you miss a meet you will not be refunded..



## CHANGE OF DETAILS FORM

Send to: Membership Officer  
QLCA  
PO Box 249  
ACACIA RIDGE LPO QLD 4110

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PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR NAME **AND ONLY** DETAILS THAT HAVE  
CHANGED. PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

First Name:.....Surname:.....

Address: .....

.....Postcode: .....

Telephone: Home: .....Mobile:.....

Email: .....

First Name:.....Surname:.....

Telephone: Mobile:.....

Email: .....

### ADD or DELETE DOGS

BREED	CALL NAME	ADD/DELETE	Pedigree Yes/No

\* Note – If adding dogs, please include copies of pedigrees and ensure your name and the dog's call name is on the copy. Greyhound ear tags must be sighted by the Racing Secretary.

**2011 QLCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL**

Office use only
Renewal Date.....
Membership Number
1.....2.....

**PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK LETTERS AND RETURN TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

MR/MRS/ MS/ MISS  
 FIRST NAME.....SURNAME.....

TELEPHONE: HOME..... MOBILE.....  
 EMAIL:.....

ADDRESS.....

POSTCODE.....

OCCUPATION.....

**FAMILY MEMBERS DETAILS (must be living at the same address)**

MR/ MRS/ MS/  
 FIRST NAME.....SURNAME.....

TELEPHONE: HOME.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL:.....

BREED	CALL NAME	D.O.B	PEDIGREE yes/no

Please include copies of pedigrees if applicable and ensure your name and the dogs call name is on the copy. Grey-hound ear tags must be sighted by the racing secretary.

Yahoo Group ID.....

I / We hereby apply for membership of the Queensland Lure Coursing Association Incorporated IA05669, and agree to abide by the rules, in accordance with the Constitution, as set out by the Association.

*Please note: Any member found guilty of baiting a dog with live game shall immediately be banned for life from membership of the Association, subject Clause 8b (VI) of the Constitution.*

SIGNATURE:.....DATE:.....

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**Note:** To obtain an electronic version of the Pursuit you will need to join QLCA Yahoo group or download the magazine from [www.qldlurecoursing.com](http://www.qldlurecoursing.com).

**Please circle selected Membership Option**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Due 31<sup>st</sup> January each year



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	To the Membership Secretary: cash, cheque or money order		Send cheque or money order to: Membership Secretary, QLCA PO Box 249, Acacia Ridge LPO QLD 4110

Office use only: Date Received:.....Receipt No:.....

**NEW MEMBERS**

PROPOSED BY: NAME:.....SIGNATURE:.....

SECONDED BY: NAME:.....SIGNATURE:.....

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Name .....

Address .....

Breed .....

Call Name .....

CCC Registered Name .....

CCC Registration No .....

Date of Birth .....

<u>Qualifying Meets:</u>	
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Application form to:  
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Acacia Ridge LPO Qld 4110

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