

Weimaraners in Field Trials: Season Summary 2015/16:

Hunting Weimaraner Introduction:

The Hunting Weimaraner maintains a database of UK Field Trial Awards for Weimaraners and their handlers, originally compiled in 2012 from a variety of historical sources, and updated each field trial season since then from ongoing field trial results.

Season and all-time rankings are then calculated for dogs and handlers based on a weighted points allocation determined by the place in the awards and the stake at which the awards were earned. These tables are known as the WATFA tables, (Weimaraner All-Time Field Award tables).

The WATFA tables, and the database from which they are derived make it possible to compare the relative achievements of Weimaraners and their handlers in field trials, over the years, and each season. Other field awards, such as those earned at Gundog Working Tests and Pointing Tests do not feature in the Hunting Weimaraner database, although the various Weimaraner breed clubs will make annual awards based on results in all three field disciplines.

HPR Field trials can be held on game in the UK from the 12th August to 1st February following, inclusive, and is aligned to the shooting season. The collection of data concerning Weimaraners running in field trials in any season relies on the goodwill of owner/handlers and other HPR enthusiasts sending notice of the participation of Weimaraners, and hopefully of awards, to the writer. There are other, ad hoc sources, but sadly no publicly available central repository of field trial runners and handlers. So errors and omissions are possible and the writer would be pleased to receive notices of such to allow any corrections to be made.

Field Trial Season 2015/16*:

The 2015/16 field trial season came to an end on 1st February 2016 and it is now possible to take stock and reflect on the season's results for the Weimaraner.

Compared with recent years the tally of awards (including CoMs) to Weimaraners was very low. Six awards were shared among just two dogs, involving two handlers. Whereas, in the previous season (2014/15) 5 Handlers running 6 dogs secured 10 awards.

By the end of the season 13 Weimaraners had competed under 9 handlers and had had 56 runs. In the preceding season, 15 handlers ran 17 dogs, which had 66 runs.

Of the 6 awards in the season just ended 3 were places and 3 were CoMs. The "when and where" these were awarded are discussed below.

Nigel Wroe's bitch **Bastillian Lady Kasshilde** (born 02/10/2010) ("Kassie") secured the season's first award to Weimaraners at the ISCGB All Aged field trial at Boreham, Essex on 01/10/2015, the opening day of the pheasant shooting season, earning a 4th place under judges Chris Snelling and Steve Robson. This was her first award at a higher level stake.

This placing was matched three weeks later by Suzi Burton's bitch **Trubon Flysse Trevive** (born 11/04/2011) under judges Graham Nixon and Larry Wilks at the WCGB All Aged field trial at Wispington, Lincolnshire on 21/10/2015.

So honours were then even between these two bitches and handlers but by the end of the month Kassie had managed a 4th place in a Novice field trial held by the N&SHPRFTC at Titsey, Kent on 29/10/2015. Judges Costas Wilkinson and Mark Jones officiating on the day.

Kassie's ascendancy in the season points tally was short lived as Flysse picked up a CoM in another WCGB trial, this time the Open held at Langholm, Dumfriesshire on 07/11/2015 under judges Steve Kimberley and Stevie Allerton. This was Flysse's first award in an Open stake. As far as WATFA points were concerned Flysse was now on 36 points and Kassie on 33.

In focussing on the exploits of these two bitches, it would not be true to say there were not other Weimaraners in the running. By 07/11/2015 10 Weimaraners had had 26 runs in field trials across the country, under 7 handlers, but only Kassie and Flysse had survived in their trials to gain awards.

As stated earlier, by the end of the season those statistics were 13 Weimaraners under 9 handlers having had 56 runs, the further two awards went to Kassie and Flysse.

The HPR Championship took Suzi to the Swinton Estate, Yorkshire in mid-November with **Trubon Delta Truffe** (b) (born 05/05/2008) but recent back surgery took a toll on the bitch and Delta was withdrawn at the end of the first day.

The vagaries of field trial dates, draws, and a season were to keep Kassie from field trials for several weeks until the LMC Novice field trial at Evesham on 14/12/2015. Judges Nigel Cox and Larry Wilks awarded Kassie a CoM and this allowed her to leapfrog ahead of Flysse for the final time.

The vagaries of trial dates and the open trial draws would also keep Flysse from competition over the course of the season.

Kassie's lead was short lived as Flysse earned a CoM at the GWPC Open FT at Headbolt on 16/12/2015 under judges Maureen Nixon and Geoff Hargreaves. Flysse maintained her points lead to the end of the season, finishing on 52 points with Kassie on 43.

It might have been different by the end of the last day of the shooting season as Flysse was withdrawn (being in season) from the HVS All-Aged FT at Over Worton on 01/02/2016, and as luck would have it Kassie was called up from the reserves to take her place. Kassie was not able to capitalise on her getting a run by winning an award however.

So Trubon Flysse Trevive was confirmed by the records as the "FT Hunting Weimaraner", and her handler, Suzi Burton as "FT Hunting Weimaraner Handler" of the 2015/16 season.

The 2015/16 awards can be summarized as follows:

Stake	1st	2 nd	3rd	4th	CoMs	Total
Novice	-	-	-	1	1	2
All-Aged	-	-	-	2	-	2
Open	-	-	-	-	2	2

In 2014/15 5 Handlers running 6 dogs secured 10 awards.

Weimaraner All-Time Field Awards Tables:

The 52 points earned over the 2015/16 season by Trubon Flysse Trevive (b) elevated her from 12th position to 6th in the WATFA table for dogs, leapfrogging kennel mate Trubon Delta Truffe (b) previously positioned at 11th.

With 43 points earned over the season, Bastillian Lady Kasshilde (b) was propelled from 11th place in the 2nd tier WATFA table for dogs (31st overall) to 17th in the 1st tier. With this new entry into the top twenty, Lotti Go-Lightly (b) (born: 10/05/1962) dropped out of the 1st tier of FT Hunting Weimaraners (see ≠ below)

The 52 points earned by Trubon Flysse Trevive strengthened handler Suzi Burton's position at 1st place in the WATFA table for handlers. Bastillian Lady Kasshilde's 43 points elevated handler Nigel Wroe to 11th on the handlers table, from 14th place previously.

FT Season	Owner/Handler	Dog	Novice Total	All Aged Total	Open Total	Grand Total
2015/16	Ms S Burton	Trubon Flysse Trevive (b)		20	32	52
	NR Wroe	Bastillian Lady Kasshilde (b)	23	20		43
2015/16 Total			23	40	32	95

Table 2: Weimaraner All-Time Field Awards: Top 20 Dogs+

Pos	Dog	Owner/Handler	Novice	All Aged	Open	Grand Total
1	FT Ch Wobrooke of Fleetapple (d)	Mrs D Arrowsmith	120	184	256	560
2	Trubon Arade Tribute (b)	Ms S Burton	234	96		330
3	Tasaigid Talked About (d)	S Chant	30	180	68	278
4	Enryb House Party At Clannliath (d)	P Ross	192	72		264
5	FT Ch Quadet Caterin (b)	D Pilkington	83	32	148	263
6	Trubon Flysse Trevive (b)	Ms S Burton	108	76	32	216
7	Emmaclan Escort (d)	Mrs LA Brown	85	128		213
8	Belvoirvale Bracken (b)	Mrs LA Brown	45	132	24	201
9	Trubon Bibe Tres (b)	Ms S Burton	181	16		197
10	Trubon Chyna Treasa (Re-Imp) (b)	Ms S Burton	23	104	68	195
11	Heronshaw Silver (b)	C Wilkinson	50	64	56	170
12	Trubon Delta Truffe (b)	Ms S Burton	65	68	32	165
13	Waldemar Titus (d)	T Horsefield	75		64	139
14	Aschfahl Liberty Belle (b)	Mrs CA Carpenter	38	88		126
15	Fossana Blue John (d)	R Jupp	80	16	16	112
16	Fossana Algenon (d)	R Jupp	75		32	107
17	Bastillian Lady Kasshilde (b)	N Wroe	86	20		106
18	Lurgashell Silver Lancer (d)	R Squire	70	32		102
19	Czolkins Platinum Cirrus (d)	Mrs J Turner	95			95
19	Wyndlee Silver Candy (b)	Mrs D Shall	95			95

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Table 3: Weimaraner All-Time Field Awards: Top 20 Owner- Handlers+

Pos (P/Y)	Owner/Handler	Dog	Novice Total	All Aged Total	Open Total	Grand Total
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		Trubon Flysse Trevive (b)	108	76	32	216
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		Trubon Delta Truffe (b)	65	68	32	165
		Silberstern Moonlight Von Trubon (b)	23			23
		Trubon Eissmann Trevan (d)	10			10
1 (1)	Ms S Burton Total		644	360	132	1136
	Mrs LA Brown	Emmaclan Escort (d)	85	128		213
		Belvoirvale Bracken (b)	45	132	24	201
		Clippers Escort (b)	56	32		88
		Brakabreeze Bravado (b)	53	32		85
		Brakabreeze Bravehawk (d)	40	16		56
		Brakabreeze Elverden (b)	13			13
2 (2)	Mrs LA Brown Total		292	340	24	656
	Mrs D Arrowsmith	FT Ch Wobrooke of Fleetapple (d)	120	184	256	560
3 (3)	Mrs D Arrowsmith Total		120	184	256	560
	S Chant	Tasaigid Talked About (d)	30	180	68	278
		Quadet Asta (b)	25			25
4 (4)	S Chant Total		55	180	68	303
	P Ross	Enryb House Party At Clannliath (d)	192	72		264
5 (5)	P Ross Total		192	72		264
	D Pilkington	FT Ch Quadet Caterin (b)	83	32	148	263
6 (6)	D Pilkington Total		83	32	148	263
	C Wilkinson	Heronshaw Silver (b)	50	64	56	170
		Vanwilkie Nearly Napoleon (d)	35	40	16	91
7 (7)	C Wilkinson Total		85	104	72	261
	Mrs CA Carpenter	Aschfahl Liberty Belle (b)	38	88		126
		Aschfahl Chrystabelle (b)	35	16		51
		Aschfahl Grey Ghillie (b)	20			20
		Aschfahl Foresters Fancy (b)	13			13
		Aschfahl Isen JW (b)	10			10
		Aschfahl Golby Gamefinder (d)	10			10
8 (8)	Mrs CA Carpenter Total		126	104		230
	T Horsefield	Waldemar Titus (d)	75		64	139
		Fineshade Quail Run (b)	45			45
		Hillbrow Quest (b)	25		16	41
9 (9)	T Horsefield Total		145		80	225
	R Jupp	Fossana Blue John (d)	80	16	16	112
		Fossana Algenon (d)	75		32	107
10 (10)	R Jupp Total		155	16	48	219
	NR Wroe	Bastillian Lady Kasshilde (b)	86	20		106
		Blenweim Sweet Lady Of Bastillian (b)	40			40
11 (14)	NR Wroe Total		126	20		146

Table 3: Weimaraner All-Time Field Awards: Top 20 Owner-Handlers+						
Pos (P/Y)	Owner/Handler	Dog	Novice Total	All Aged Total	Open Total	Grand Total
	R Squire	Lurgashell Silver Lancer (d)	70	32		102
		Brakabreeze Lancer (d)	13			13
12 (11)	R Squire Total		83	32		115
	BI Dwingelo-Lutten	Haselunne Heidi (b)	40			40
		Haselunne Heidelbeere (b)	20			20
		Carl August Von Haselunne (d)	20			20
		Silvershadow Eowyn Von Haselunne (b)	20			20
		Silvershadow Champion Von Haselunne (d)	13			13
13 (12)	BI Dwingelo-Lutten Total		113			113
	Lt. Col. HD Tucker	Lotti Go-Lightly (b)	70	24		94
		Katie Go-Lightly (b)			16	16
14 (13)	Lt. Col. HD Tucker Total		70	24	16	110
	E Hardman	Bredebeck Sophie (b)	60	16		76
		Bredebeck Jutta (d)	20			20
15 (15)	E Hardman Total		80	16		96
	Mrs J Turner	Czolkins Platinum Cirrus (d)	95			95
16 (16)	Mrs J Turner Total		95			95
	Mrs D Shall	Wyndlee Silver Candy (b)	95			95
16 (16)	Mrs D Shall Total		95			95
	ND Elder	Aucassin of Llangynog (d)	75			75
		Aucassin Abelard (d)	20			20
16 (16)	ND Elder Total		95			95
	C Spree	Brakabreeze Goshawk (d)	55			55
		Gunalt Crystal Tipple (b)	20			20
		Brakabreeze Hawke (d)	20			20
16 (16)	C Spree Total		95			95
	Ms J Hall	Yaxi Von Stern Weiss (d)	91			91
20 (20)	Ms J Hall Total		91			91

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≠ **Lotti Go-Lightly (b) (born 10/05/1962)**

Owned and handled by Lt. Col. HD Tucker, Lotti Go-Lightly was the 5th Weimaraner in the country to win a recognised field trial award, and that award was a 1st place in the GSPC Novice field trial at Wynyard Hall on 11/10/1967. With this award, Lotti Go-Lightly was the first Weimaraner to win an award at a trial where game was shot and retrieved, that is to say, a recognisable HPR field trial award.

Lt. Col. HD Tucker features in the WATFA table for handlers at 14th place.

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Notes:

1 This article refers variously to **Weimaraner All Time Field Awards** (“WATFA”) tables. These have been compiled by and are copyright of the author, and not to be reproduced without written permission. Various tables, for dogs, for owner-handlers etc. have been generated by ascribing points to the various stakes related award places and aggregating them, ranking dog or owner-handler accordingly. The points system is loosely based on the WCGB annual awards points system. The principal focus in the narrative has been to focus on the top twenty dogs and their owner-handlers.

2 In UK field trials an award is any place in a Stake decided by the Judges, which may be a 1st through to 4th. No joint placing is permitted and it is possible for the best dog to be awarded less than a first. A certificate of merit (“CoM”) may, at the discretion of the Judges, be conferred to any number of dogs. Technically a CoM is not an “award”, it is a certificate per the Kennel Club J-Regulations. Throughout this article CoM’s have been referred to and evaluated as awards, and in the WATFA points tables do carry award points dependent on the stake.

3 Reference is made to “owner-handler” throughout the narrative. Generally the handler will be the owner of the dog, but on occasion, the dog may have been handled other than by the owner. No distinction is made in the originating records of such occurrences, and accordingly none can be made in this narrative.

4. The names and titles of dogs featured in this analysis are as per the original records. Many dogs would go on to win other titles (eg CDEX, UDEX), or have the show “Sh” prefix removed by virtue of winning a Qualifying Certificate, or mainstream field (FT) award. These later name adjustments are generally not updated by subsequent achievements, unless for example the “FT Ch” prefix is added.

5. Owner-handler names may have changed over the years due to marriage etc. I have tried to allow for this and identify a person by their later name where possible, simply so that a long record of achievement can be aggregated under the later name.

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