

# SIWSC Training Day

to be held at

**The Glen, Earlswood. Nr Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 6RH, courtesy of Robin  
Michell Esq.**

## Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Meet 9.30 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start (Lunch 1.00-2.00) Finish at 4.00 p.m.**

**Please bring your own packed lunch. We will try and provide hot drinks.**

**Mainly geared to young dogs and novice handlers, but all are welcome, and we can  
accommodate all levels of ability and experience.**

### DIRECTIONS

Robin Mitchell,  
The Glen, Earlswood. Nr Chepstow, Monmouthshire (Gwent), NP16 6RH.  
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Let the phone ring please, it's a big house. (NB Mobiles do not work at this location, Sat Nav does). Googlemap shows the house opposite for some reason. Park to the side of the main drive or by the garages should you wish. Genuine 4x4 can go in the field at the entrance at the top of the hill, but it's not completely straightforward.

Circa 15 mins, 10 miles: **From the M48 Old Severn Bridge**, get off M48 at the first roundabout for Chepstow, take the third exit dual carriage way toward Chepstow, at the next roundabout turn left onto the A48 toward Newport, keep on this road to a small roundabout by the Empire Curry House, carry straight over and carry on until you go under a motorway bridge. Turn right in Crick towards Shirenewton (note the red outlined turn signs for a MoD site). \* \* Drive straight through Shirenewton and take the second turn left to Earlswood, follow this road until you are 30m before the end of it (you can see a T-junction coming up) after a bus stop take the left turn opposite West End Cottage front door and we are the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the right at the bottom of a sharp dip.

Circa 25 mins, 14 miles: **From the M4 South Wales going East**, get off at the A449 Monmouth/A48 Langstone roundabout and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit for the A48 East. Follow this road through Langstone and Caerwent until you pass under a railway bridge at Crick. Just after the railway bridge you will see a sign left to Shirenewton. Take that left turn and proceed as above \*\*. NB You can take the road through Wentwood at Parc Seymour if you are brave, but its single track and often takes the same time as the easy route.

Circa 15 mins, approx. 6 miles: **From the Midlands M5 and M50/A40/A449 link to South Wales**, take the exit to Usk (Brynbuga) -the slip road curls tightly back on itself - and take a right turn on the B4235 to Chepstow . Pass through Gwernesney and Llangwm and after a long straight climb a steep hill, after it has levelled out there is a fairly fast sharp s-bend and then a crossroads at Gaerllwyd with tall fir trees on the skyline as you approach, take the right turn at the crossroads to Shirenewton and then immediately right to Earlswood by the Chapel/cottage. Go along that road for approx. 750m and take the first left and then immediately right opposite West End Cottage front door. We are the fourth house on the right at the bottom of a sharp dip.

## **Our Trainers**

### **Janet Morris - Penrose Chesapeake Bay Retrievers**

Since Chesapeake Bay Retrievers gained Challenge Certificate status in 2008, I have enjoyed making up 11 Show Champions, 9 of which I have gone on to make "full" Champions, giving me much pleasure. Before CCs, Chesapeakes could only become champions in other countries. Penrose now enjoys over 50 champions worldwide (and growing). Producing the first Show Champions, the first "full" Champions, 11 Crufts BOBs, the breed record holder with 34 CCs and top dog in the UK for the past consecutive 24 years. All this when I probably only go to a dozen shows a year.

For 5 months of the year I enjoy working my dogs, beating or picking up. I don't shoot, but love to work my dogs, especially on water for duck. My first Chesapeake came when I couldn't get a horse in the car. Being competitive by nature, I was soon competing very successfully in working tests and field trials, winning more field trial awards with more Chesapeakes than any other kennel in the UK. I have also enjoyed training and working Labrador, Golden, Curly Coated and Duck Tolling Retrievers, English Springer and Cocker Spaniels.

In addition, I helped to found and establish the Chesapeake Bay Retriever Club that now runs Championship shows, and helped found the Usk Valley Working Gundog Society which now run open AV qualifying trails. Training and judging for many years, my main interest is working with beginners and dogs with problem owners.

### **Martyn Ford - Cúboglach Irish Water Spaniels.**

I have been working, showing, breeding and judging IWSs for over 40 years. I am a Founder Member, Life Member and Founding Secretary (12 years) of the SIWSC.

Like Janet I firmly believe in the dual-purpose ethic, trying to breed IWSs that have working ability and that represent the breed standard. Like Janet, I don't shoot, but regularly pick-up and beat on local shoots.

I have won 31 Field Trial Awards with 5 different dogs, including 4 Firsts, one against English Springers. In Champion Cúboglach Rosy Rustic, Fen Fustic and Speckled Beauty, Martyn has bred, trained and handled the most successful IWSs in both retriever and spaniel Field Trials in UK breed history, and I am the UK's only handler to have won Field Trial awards in both spaniel and retriever Field Trials in the UK. I am a Kennel Club "NP" FT judge.

In the show ring I have had considerable success having 14 International Champions, Champions or Show Champions worldwide, including Best of Breed at Crufts 2016, and where I judged the breed in 2017.