

**TRIAL: OMAMARI SDTC, NORTHLAND****DATE : 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> February 2024****EVENT ONE - LONG HEAD****JUDGE : Tony Hargreaves****# RUNS: 51**

	<b>COMPETITOR</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy Ross	Mac	96.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Neville Child	Finn	96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Comins	Dave	94.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Smith	Meg	94
5 <sup>th</sup>	Roddy Thompson	Bruce	93.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate	Andy Ross	Mac	96.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Maiden	Neville Child	Glenn	93

**EVENT TWO – SHORT HEAD AND YARD****JUDGE : Pete Campbell****# RUNS: 50**

	<b>COMPETITOR</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Comins	Hope	90.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shaun Haynes	Spice	85
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shaun MacDonald	Riggs	84.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Haynes	Sue	81.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Smith	Meg	81
1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate	Tony Comins	Hope	90.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Maiden	Neville Child	Glenn	

**EVENT THREE – ZIG ZAG HUNT****JUDGE : Claire Thomson****# RUNS: 21**

	<b>COMPETITOR</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Roddy Thomson	Tone	97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Moody	Tackle	96.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Davis	Burke	94.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Lugtigheid	Sam	94
5 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Child	Bert	93.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate	Roger Davis	Burke	94.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Maiden	Craig Lugtigheid	Ben	82

**EVENT FOUR – STRAIGHT HUNT****JUDGE : Claire Thomson****# RUNS: 19**

	<b>COMPETITOR</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Lugtigheid	Sam	97
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Roddy Thompson	Tone	96
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Moody	Tackle	95.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Comins	BJ	95
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fletcher Sceats	Sarge	93.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Intermediate	Fletcher Sceats	Sarge	93.5
1 <sup>st</sup> Maiden			

Comments: Last weekends trial represented 40 years since Omamari SDTC was founded. In 2024 it really was a 'game of two halves', with Saturday winds estimated at over 100km/hr making conditions very trying on that day. Liberating at the top of both heading courses was particularly testing. Sunday proved a better (and more settled) day with the majority of final placings being

from that day. Overall entries were down on previous years, possibly due to the clash with the Waikato Centre Champs (and three Northland judges at those champs, plus the loss of Waikato competitors). The sheep were presented in fine order but could 'find out' man and dog given the opportunity. Roddy Thompson and Tone continued their strong form, especially in Class III, with a win following on from their 2<sup>nd</sup> last year and a win in 2022. Otamatea are ahead of Omamari (300.5 vs 286.5) in the Nic Thompson Memorial so Omamari members will have to fight hard to make up ground and beat Otamatea on their home turf. Last year was a draw at Otamatea trials, which is remarkable given that both clubs have to nominate the individual and dog for each course prior to the trial.

A big thank you to our landowners Jim and Dawn Miller, sheep owners Andrew and Tracey Miller, and the Kotare on-farm team of Jason Ramsey and Alena Schwartfeger for all their considerable work. Also thanks to Claire, Pete and Tony for coming to judge.

Also a big shout out to our course sponsors Marty Brown Weed Spraying (Class I), Avoca (Class II) and Bayleys Real Estate (Class III and IV), who also all attended in person over the trial. Other valued sponsors that 'make' the event work are: AFFCO, OnRoad Transport, Kathryn de Bruin Accountants, Lugtigheid Contracting, Dargaville Farmlands, Dargaville ITM, Dargaville Ford, Sustainable Vets, PGG Wrightsons Dargaville & Super Liquor.