



Worcestershire Gundog Society

Hunt Point Retrieve Field Trial Results

Open HPR Field Trial

Venue: Loddington Shoot

by kind permission of the GWCT and Dr Alastair Leake, Director of policy & Allerton Project

Date: Saturday 18th January 2020

Judges: Mrs Theo Gould (A3235) Mr Richard Chellumbrun (A3493)

Results & Awards:

1st No award

2nd Mark Firmin with Everswell Quince

3rd No award

4th No award

Guns Award Rory Major with Hjortlunds Ekko @ Bryantscroft

Report: Open Stake promoted by the Worcestershire Gundog Society

This open stake was contested by 6 GSPs 2 GWPs, 2 HV and 2 WHVs.

The ground consisted of belts of woodland, strips of bird cover mixes, mixes, strips of mustard, an avenue of kale and sparse bird mix and belts of white grasses.

Scenting conditions were good with singleton birds regularly produced off point.

After the first round 7 dogs were taken through to the next phase of the trial. As often happens it's the afternoon that sorts out the successful dogs. This happened here. A succession of basic errors and handling resulted in the exit of 6 dogs through elimination leaving one dog successfully through to complete the mandatory water retrieve.

2nd Place. EVERSWELL QUINCE gsp b handled by Mark Firmin.

This flashy gsp bitch commenced her first run with a diagonal wind coming from right to left through and over a thick hedge on her right hand side across a sparse strip of dwarf sorghum and a strip of mustard. She quickly indicated the presence of game drawing forward at a sensible pace to point staunchly. She flushed a hen pheasant, was steady to shot and fall. The retrieve was brought successfully to hand. A second bird was shot resulting in a retrieve to hand.

Her second run along a thick hedge this time wind coming left to right again brought an awareness of game ahead of her and acknowledging this to her handler. With appropriate sensitivity to the oncoming situation she entered an area of rough grass and weeds, pointed and remained on point as a bird flushed prematurely then produced on command the bird she had on point. Steady to flush, shot and fall she retrieved successfully to hand. She completed the water retrieve successfully.

We liked this dogs sensible yet sensitive approach and attitude towards game.

We were happy to award her second place.

We would like to place on record our thanks to the Worcestershire Gundog Society for the invitation to judge. To our host Dr Alistair Leake, the Loddington Shoot and the GWCT at the Allerton Project, our guns show shot excellently, the competitors who accepted our decisions in a sporting manner and to all who made the day successful.

Trevor Rigby

Lee Loveridge



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Venue: Wappenshall Shoot, Telford.

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Date: Thursday 18th October 2018

Judges: Ms Suzi Burton (A2996) and Mr Simon Kirby (NP)

Results & Awards:

1st John Cottrell's Brittany, Lilymoorland Gypsy.

2nd Jason Hudson's Korthals Griffon Floh V D Wieelerveldenat Fechilindream

3rd Libby Mellor's GSP Winterwell Inca Gold to Evagrove.

4th No award

Guns Award John Wordsworth's Brittany SH CH Tournesol Lagan

Report: Open Stake promoted by the Worcestershire Gundog Society

Thanks to the W.G.D.S for the invitation to judge along with Suzi Burton (A Panel), and particularly to Lloyd Birch (FT Sec) who works hard on making these days run and securing fantastic ground, Jonathan Crow the landowner, Dave Whittingham the steward of the beat, Chris guest and her picking up dog, Harry Birch who carried the red flag, Nicola Griffiths-Rose the game carrier, and the guns Dave Bayliss, Dave Buggins, Les Gardner and Jon Parkes.

We had a full card of 12 dogs, 3 Hungarian Vizslas, 2 Brittannies, 1 Large Munsterlander, 1 Korthals Griffon, 2 German Wirehaired Pointers, 1 Weimaraner and 2 German Shorthaired Pointers.

It was a very cold, sunny morning. We had a short walk to the open fields of roots where we started the trial, having been told that there was enough open ground to run all the dogs and giving them the chance to show off how these dogs can run. We went into woodland, cover crops and closer cover for the second round.

We had 3 awards on the day.

1st John Cottrell's Brittany, Lilymoorland Gypsy.

Running number 2, the first run was a text book pattern and ground treatment, the dog ranging to the edges of the beat, and adjusting as the wind changed from a slight cheek wind which dropped off to nothing as the dog had to change direction around the field. Pacey and stylish. The second run was in thick cover around a pond initially. Finding no birds, the handler decided to head into the dense woodland, taking a gun and judge with him. It paid off, as eventually the dog went on staunch point under thick cover and the handler was asked to produce the pheasant, the dog went in with no hesitation and sat with no command or whistle, steady as the gun took a shot. However the wood was so thick that the bird was unable to be shot. The handler was later called up for a blind retrieve on partridge from roots, making a difficult retrieve look very easy. Good water retrieve.

2nd Jason Hudson's Korthals Griffon Floh V D Wieelerveldenat Fechilindream.

Running number 11, the first run was text book, running a wide and flat beat. The dog used the wind well and ranged at great distance, the handler allowing the dog to work, and being quiet in his commands. Second run was in thick cover in a belt of woodland. The birds were moving on and made it difficult to point, but one of the lifting birds was shot in a strip of roots outside of the wood and he made a clean blind retrieve. We called him in for a third run in maize to get a point which he got, producing a couple of birds which were shot. We come out of the maize for one of the retrieves, which he made cleanly. Water retrieve was good.

3rd Libby Mellor's GSP Winterwell Inca Gold to Evagrove.

Running number 10, on the first run the dog ranged with pace and drive but the ground coverage could have been better in places. Second run was in woodland with thick cover and it was not long before the dog was on point, we asked to produce the bird and she did and sat. The bird was missed and working on the dog pointed and produced again and this time the bird was shot outside the wood. We went outside the wood for the retrieve which was completed with ease. Water retrieve was completed with some handling.

Finally I would like to thank all the competitors for a great day and thanks to Suzi Burton for being such a great mentor for the day

Report from Simon Kirby (non panel)



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Date: Thursday 18th October 2018

Judges: John Naylor (A2530) and Ray Davies (B2956)

Ground: Stubble field under-sown grass, Root crop fields, Thick hedgerows alongside canal, Section of woodland.

Wind: Varied in strength and direction.

Game: Partridges Pheasants.

Results & Awards:

1st No award

2nd No award

3rd No award

4th No award

Guns Award Mrs Penny Craig with Klanraig Making a Komeback (G.W.P. Bitch)

Report:

The standard during the day, as seen by judges, of work and handling could have been more effective, as all dogs had the chance of game with a number of dogs showing good working ability but were let down somewhat by being under-trained and poorly handled, with some prevalence of back casting by a number of the dogs being an issue, so inhibiting the 'Partnership'.

Another point was that sometimes dogs were not able to hold the game so not allowing handler and guns to get into position to succeed with an HPR!!, as seems the dogs had their own agenda.

Many thanks to WGDS for the invitation to judge, our host's keeper 'Freddy' in getting us into game during the day so efficiently, plus guns for the support during the day.

Thanks to our Chief Steward Lloyd Birch, for the support and effective management of the day, and the handlers who ran under us for the enjoying and demanding day.

But not least to my senior judge John Naylor in sharing the day and sharing the wealth of knowledge and experience with me.

'Happy Season to ALL'.

Ray Davies. HPR 'B' judge.