**Bristol and West Working Gun Dog Society**

**Stake: AV HPR All Aged Stake**

**Venue: Upton Pyne Estate**

**Date: 09.01.23**

**Judges: Mr Mark Firmin (A Panel) & Mr Ian Jones (Non-panel)**

Host Paul Bowyer and kindly sponsored by Skinners.

Weather forecast was a moderate breeze from the west with a chance of showers.

Ground conditions were very wet under foot.

We had seven breeds on today’s trial competing for the Wirewolf trophy.

3 HWV

2 HV

2 KG

2 GSP

1 WEI

1 GLP

1 LM

**Dog number 8 :  KG**

On dog number 8, whose first run, hunted well systematically covering the ground in an open field and a hedge, the dog coped well with the changing wind and had a productive point at the hedge with the bird shot in the field the other side of the hedge and completed a satisfactory retrieve. On the dog’s second run it again covered its ground nicely, a loose bird was shot and another satisfactory retrieve.

Dog 8 was awarded 4th place.

**Dog number 7 : HV**

During the dog’s first run it managed to find a bird in an open field which it pointed stylishly, the dog produced the bird on command but it was hit and flew on a long way so we decided to use the picking up dog. On its second run the dog had another nice point on a patch of brambles again producing a bird on command which was shot, the dog was steady and sent for the retrieve, it completed nicely.

Dog 7 was awarded 3rd place.

**Dog number 12 : GLP**

Hunted with pace and purpose, a thick hedge with open field of reeds on its left, most of its run was on a cheek wind, it found a bird at a large tree stump which it pointed excellently producing a bird on command and marking nicely helping it to complete a satisfactory retrieve. On the dog’s second run it again worked a cheek wind, close to the end of the dog’s run it had a flash point producing a bird that was shot and once again retrieve was completed.

Dog 12 was awarded 2nd place.

A big thanks to B&W for the invite and my co judge Mark Firmin who was extremely helpful and supportive. I would also like to thank Paul Bowyer for the use of the ground without people like Paul we couldn’t enjoy our sport. I would also like to mention the guns Paul, Nigel & Neil who did a great job putting birds on the ground, last but not least Debra the red flag and Julia with her picking up dog.