Bristol and West Working Gun Dog Society

Stake: All Aged

Venue: Upton Pyne

Date: 22/11/2021

Judges: Mr Mark Spearing ('A' Panel) & Mr Huw Kirby (non-panel)

I would like to thank the Bristol and West HPR sub committee for inviting me to judge the All Aged field trial at Upton Pyne on 22 November 2021. I would especially like to thank my co-judge, Mark Spearing for all his support and advice both during and after the trial. I would also like to congratulate Mr Ray Davies for organising and stewarding such a well run day.

It was a difficult start to the day with the scenting conditions being quite poor in the morning due to a light frost. The conditions slightly improved as the day progressed. The ground was a mixture of hedgerows and cover crops. The crop being predominantly radish. Game shot was pheasant and duck. The weather was bright sunshine, clear blue skies and a there was a light breeze.

There were two awards given on the day, a third and a COM.

**Dog number 8; CH PITWIT WINTER GLOW JW; (GSP)  Handler MR S PUDNEY. Awarded Third.**

First run - The dog hunted exceptionally well in cover crops (radish) on a cheek wind, covering all of the beat well and finding two birds which were both pointed, they were eventually flushed and retrieved to hand. The dog was steady to flush on both birds.

Second run - The dog hunted along a hedge row, with a cheek wind covering the ground well. A bird lifted the other side of the hedge and the dog remained steady but unfortunately the bird was not shot.

**Dog number 4; ZOLTAROU GUELDER ROSE; (HWV), Handler MRS J HAMMANS. Awarded COM.**

First run - The dog hunted very well covering all of the ground on a back wind. The ground was a hedge row and some cover crops. A loose bird lifted the other side of the hedgerow and was shot. The dog remained steady and was then asked to make a retrieve. The dog made a very good blind retrieve through the hedge which was delivered to hand.

Second run - The dog was brought in to run and was given a blind retrieve of 40 yards in an open field on a hen bird. Again, an excellent retrieve straight out and back with one command and delivered to hand. The handler and the dog were then taken to a small wood and hunted through on a cheek wind. A bird was located, indicated and then the bird lifted and the dog remained steady and the bird was shot outside the wood. Again the dog was asked to retrieve made and the bird was delivered to hand.

Both dogs completed the water test to a very high standard.

Guns Award

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