Bristol and West Working Gundog Society - HPR All Aged FT – Upton Pyne Estate, Devon

Held on 31st October 2023 by kind invitation of Mr Paul Bowyer

Judges: Allan Hender (AP 2887)

Sharon Pinkerton (BP 3146)

Weather: Mild October day with very light wind

Ground: Mixture of fields of Buckwheat Rape, ditches and hedges

**1st - Ian Jones GWP YNYSLAS EASY PEASY**

This bitch set off with determination and pace covering the open field and also touched the edge of the wood, working her way towards the corner of the wood. She clearly indicated that she had game ahead of her and as she came onto point two pheasants lifted out in the field of which one presented a sporting shot and was shot. She was steady to the flush, shot and fall of the bird and made a decent retrieve to hand.

On her second run she once again hunted with great pace and style covering the ground when she came onto point again, when asked to produce the bird she did, remaining steady to the flush/shot/fall and the bird was retrieved to hand. We ran her on and she once again had a great find/point with the guns in place the bird was produced and shot remaining steady to the flush, shot and fall of the bird and finishing off with a competent retrieve to hand. Really enjoyed watching this bitch work.

**3rd - Wendy Keating GWP JAKESTAR BLUEBELL**

This bitch was very free running covering her ground easily and thoroughly, acknowledged that game was ahead of her she came onto a staunch point in the bottom of an open ditch. When asked to flush she was a little too steady to flush, which allowed the bird to run rather than flush. Eventually the bird broke cover and was shot, the bitch was steady to flush, shot and fall. The retrieve was on the other side of the hedge, so the dog and handler were taken through the hedge and made an adequate retrieve to hand.

Her second run was along the hedgerow and open field. She showed pace and covered her ground eventually pulling towards the hedge where she indicated. She then firmed up into a staunch point, a slow flush meant the bitch needed to be encouraged to push the bird into the air, unfortunately this bird wasn’t shot. She continued down this hedge and was rewarded with another point, flushed with more attitude resulting in the bird being shot and an adequate retrieve. Once these two gain more confidence and work as a team they could have a lot of fun.

**4th - Frances Smart GLP CADANBYRIG MARIN**

This bitch set off fairly steady soon indicating that game was ahead, she came onto point, when asked to flush it was a steady flush resulting in the bitch stalking the bird ahead of her instead of pushing the bird into the air. A bird lifted ahead of the bitch, and this was shot; the bitch was steady to flush, shot and fall and completed a tidy retrieve.

On her second run she set off with a bit more determination and soon came onto staunch point on the hedgerow. When asked to flush she pushed the bird into the air, and this was shot dropping into the ditch. Once again, she was very steady to flush, shot and fall and she made a good retrieve. Much more business-like performance than her first run.

Thank you so much to the organisers, competitors, guns for such a lovely day - I thoroughly enjoyed my judging.

Miss Sharon R Pinkerton