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HPR NOVICE FIELD TRIAL STAKE.

JANUARY 8TH 2018.

Field Trial Report:

Location: Ammerdown Shoot, Radstock. Somerset.

Ground: Thick Hedgerows, Undulating Woodland Spinnies and other Woodland with thick ground cover. Rough/Mashy Grassland cover on Old Pond Bed Surrounded by Small Tree Cover.

Weather: Overcast in morning with chilly wind become brighter later in day.

Game: Pheasants- possible ground game.

Scenting Conditions: Poor to start with but improving as day wore on to fair.

Judges: Mr. Fred Alcock 'A' Panel & Mr. Ray Davies 'B' Panel.

AWARDS:

1st. OAKBERROW GIN as MUCH. HWV[D]. Handler: Ms. Leigh Miller.

First run started on hedgerow with cheek wind hunting nice and responding well to quiet handler commands, half-way along adjacent hedge still with cheek wind indicated presence of game, pointed into hedge, and when commanded to flush game produced a hen pheasant that was shot by flanking gun, dog remained steady. Dog was sent through hedge for retrieve which it brought back nicely to hand. Continued up the hedge until end with no further game located, so asked to retrieve a shot cock pheasant that was earlier shot out in seeded cereal field, so sent out 35 yards blind retrieve that it brought nicely to hand, so then picked up.

Second run started in woodland with mixture of bramble and fallen tree boughs cover that it hunted well with responding nicely to quiet handler commands again showing nice pace/style, that shortly indicated more presence of game in some thick cover, pointed and on command flushed a hen pheasant that was shot by flanking gun and falling in the woodland tree cover, with dog alert but steady to shot/fall, on command sent for retrieve and again making a nice retrieve back to hand, so picked up.

Both judges appreciated the 'partnership' shown by this handler and dog so felt a worthy placing given. WATER Retrieve: Satisfactory.

2ND WAMILANGHAAR POINT BLANC of CALDERA GLP[D]. Handler: Mr. Steve Kimberley.

First run started in thick mixture cover of old pond bed surrounded by tree cover, hunting strongly with good pace/style and responding well to handler's commands, as getting out well over the ground that was undulating at times. Half-way through run indicated presence of moving game ahead and when it entered some tree/mixture cover came onto point, on command produced a single cock pheasant that was shot by flanking gun behind

of working line, with dog remaining steady, then sent on command for retrieve and with some directions by handler, brought a nice retrieve to handler, so picked up.

Second run started on outed left side of woodland trees taking in gulley with mixture trees and heavy bramble/grass cover, again hunted strongly with pace/style and responding well to handler's commands, unable to locate any game by end of run was picked up, again showing some very good style of work over the two runs, appreciated by both judges. WATER Retrieve Satisfactory.

3RD TRUBON GRAFYTE TREVE WEIM[D]. Handler: Ms. Suzi Burton.

First run started on thick hedgerow hunting strongly with good pace/style and responding well to handler's commands, as near end of run was asked to hunt down a heavy cover gulley which it did well, near end indicated on hard mixture bramble cover, which it ran around several time in effort to locate source of scent, and eventually 2 cock pheasants rose and flew across seeded cereal field , with one being shot by flanking gun, dog remained steady and was then sent for retrieve which it brought nicely to hand, so picked up.

Second run started in woodland cover of fallen tree boughs and thick bramble cover, again hunting well over ground and responding well to handler's commands, shortly came onto point, sent in by handler, producing alive hen pheasants to the handler, on inspection by judges was found to be wounded and one that was earlier shot by guns. Shortly was picked up and brought out onto grass meadow to retrieve earlier shot hen pheasants that was nice retrieve to hand, so picked up. Some nice work shown to the judges. WATER Retrieve: Satisfactory.

4TH WAMILANGHAAR CAPER of CALDERA GLP[D]. Handler: Mrs Coshy Kimberley.

First run started on steep undulating woodland tree gully, hunting strongly with need of strong handler commands to keep focused as strong pace/style over the ground. Nearer the end of woodland indicated game and flushed a hen pheasant that was shot by heading gun, falling out in seeded cereal field, dog remained steady. Handler and dog was brought onto grass track to execute a nice retrieve to hand, so picked up.

Second run started at top of tree lined undulating woodland, again strong hunting pace/style and soon into run a cock pheasant was shot by flanking gun, so falling into lower woodland alongside a flowing stream, dog remained steady. So taken forward to woodland and was sent for retrieve when in woodland and with some support of handler brought retrieve nicely to hand. So picked up. WATER Retrieve; satisfactory.

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FIREFROST HUNTRESS HWV[B]. Handler: Ms. Hazel Drew.

First run started along hedgerow hunting well out/along with strong pace/style and responding well to handler. Over the run no game was located so picked up.

Second run started in thick woodland/bramble cover and responding well to handler while hunting the ground with pace/style, nearer end located and pointed game, producing cock pheasant with dog remaining steady, sent for retrieve which it brought nicely to hand, so picked up. WATER Retrieve satisfactory.

FINNOUGRIC EVERGREEN HV[B]. Handler: Mr. Mel Crook.

First run started on top side of undulating woodland working steady and nicely with good response to handler, when half-way through run indicated game in some cover so coming on point, produce on command so producing a hen pheasant that was shot by flanking gun, so falling back into lower woodland runner, so remained steady, dog sent for retrieve but unable to locate, so picking-up dog was asked to find. So carried on and shortly a cock pheasant rose out of some cover ahead which a flanking gun shot out in the grass meadow, dog was steady, so then sent for retrieve and brought to hand, so picked up.

Second run in another woodland cover of forestry harvested so cover mixture with fallen tree boughs, working steady over ground with handler, was unable to locate any game so was eventually picked up. WATER Retrieve; satisfactory.

OVERALL VIEW OF DAY.

During the day both judges observed some good hpr work as shown with the awards, and were hard pressed at the end when selecting the awards standing, other dogs had also shown some nice work, but alas not able to achieve their goal so not in the awards, but another time!!! Many thanks to our 'Host' for the invitation to come on their shoot, the guns who shot so excellently in putting down some nice retrieves, alongside the management support of the 'Chief Steward' Mrs. Irmgard Alcock who did a very good supportive job, and the 'Picking Up Dog and Handler' Mr. Bill Pearson, in finding a few difficult birds for us and 'Red Flag' Mr. Mark Firmin keeping everyone safely in line.

Also Thanks to BWWGS for the invitation to judge and to my senior fellow judge Mr. Fred Alcock, for the very pleasant company with knowledge, experience in making my day so enjoyable. Ray Davies. 'B' panel HPR Judge.