

JUDGES FIELD TRIAL REPORT – Kennel Club

An Open Stake was held at The Delamear Shoot, Cornwood, Ivybridge, Devon on Wednesday 24th October 2018 by kind permission of Mr J Parker.

1. **Weather Conditions:** Temperature whilst cool at proceedings became warmer throughout the day, so much so it was like a Summers day. Constant variable wind direction and strength throughout the day
2. **Scenting Conditions:** Not easy and close at times however despite the wind, fair throughout
3. **Type of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:**

Open kale fields, heathland and wild bird seed fields

Pheasant and Snipe

Game Certificate Signed
4. **General Standard of Work and Handling:**

The overall standard of work and the handling could've been better for an Open Stake

5. Results:

3rd: Hunterstone Uno HV (B) Owner/Handler Mr T Mattravers

4th: Trubon Flysse Trevive WEI (B) Owner/Handler Ms S Burton

COM: Spots Glory GWP (B) Owner/Handler Mr W Pearson

COM: Hawkstalon on Aberfeldy at Turtonmoor HWV (B) Owner/Handler Mr A Blackledge

COM: Molly Garamparty [IMP SVK] HWV (B) Owner/Handler Mr G Everitt

COM: Bonario Chatelaine BI (B) Owner/Handler Mr A Parr

COM: Rollenwood Magheralin of Riffmuir GSP (B) Owner/Handler Mr A Learmonth

3rd – Hunterstone Uno

First Run – This dog was our ninth dog to come into line. Before she had chance to run she was asked to retrieve a cock bird some 20 yards behind us against a hedge that was taken at the end of the previous dogs run. With a simple quiet command, the dog made good the blind retrieve without issue. Her beat was an open kale field where she took the left-hand side. Whilst the wind was changing all the time, this bitch was careful enough and was rewarded with a point that was subsequently flushed upon request. Trying to make its escape the cock bird was taken by the waiting gun which unfortunately fell less than 10 yards from the dog. The dog was steady and did not retrieve the bird until asked. Working on, another bird lifted on the flank the wrong side of the dog which was not shot at however the dog stopped and acknowledged the bird away. There were no more birds on her beat.

Second Run – For her second run the dog was presented with a wild bird seed field. Getting bogged down by the sheer volume of scent at times, she took the field at a reasonable pace for the

conditions. Whilst working to the right a cock bird lifted on the left-hand flank which was taken, landing some 30 yards out. The dog made little work of the retrieve which concluded her run.

4th: Trubon Flysse Trevive

First Run – This bitch was our second dog to come into line where she took her beat of kale with a right to left cheek wind. Before long a hen bird lifted on the far left which was taken but unfortunately it fell onto the road 6 foot below us and therefore a decision was taken not to ask the dog for this retrieve. Working on, the dog took the wind and started to acknowledge birds ahead of her with her tenacity drawing into point a bird. Upon command she produced a hen bird that was shot and taken 20 yards ahead of the dog. She made good the retrieve before working on. Whilst working to the left, a hen bird lifted to the right and was taken down 40 yards on landing on a track. The dog made good the retrieve which concluded her run.

Second Run – Her final run saw her hunt on heathland. The wind up on the heathland did not help the dog as not only was it slight at times, but it was changing all over throughout her run. During her run a bird lifted which was dropped some 150 yards behind. With some help whilst in the area, the dog made good the retrieve which concluded her run.

COM: Spots Glory

First Run – This dog was our first dog into line, starting off with a left to right cheek wind which changed to a head wind and finished off as a right to left cheek. In kale whilst working to the right a bird lifted to the left which was unable to be taken. After acknowledging the shot the dog was asked to work on where before long she drew onto scent. Unsure of what she had in front of her to start, she eventually came to point a bird that was produced when asked. A cock bird lifted and taken down which was retrieved to hand from 20 yards out when asked.

Second Run – This dog found herself running on the heathland with a back wind to start changing to a left to right cheek. Whilst the dog got out and at pace at times, she was hindered by her handler taking her off the wind, which could on another day have got the dog into trouble. No game found on her run.

COM: Hawkstalon on Aberfeldy at Turtonmoor

First Run – This dog was our third dog of the day. Her beat started in kale with wind changing in all directions. The dog started enthusiastically taking a wide beat. Not long into her run, a hen bird got up the wrong side of her which was watched away. As she drew towards the corner of the field, she slowed her pace somewhat. The dog was then popped on the lead whilst we moved to the adjacent field. The wind was changing directions constantly again, however her body language indicated she was working a bird. The bird lifted on its own accord and was taken, landing approximately 100 yards ahead and ran. The dog was sent for the retrieve, however the bird was not found.

Second Run – Before she started her second run on the heathland, she was asked to make good a retrieve on a Snipe that was shot prior to coming into line. The bird was 20 yards out, past a tree and she made light work of the retrieve. Running the heathland, another Snipe lifted way in front and although shot at, was not down. The dog acknowledged the shot before working on. No other game on her beat.

Third Run – Her third run found her in a wild bird seed field with a right to left cheek wind. Before long she drew onto game to which she pointed. Upon command, she produced a cock bird that when lifting was taken by the waiting gun. She was sent for the retrieve which was 25 yards out and upon reaching the point of fall, a hen bird lifted and the dog acknowledged it away prior to picking the bird. This concluded her run.

COM: Molly Garamparty [IMP SVK]

First Run – This bitch was our fourth dog into line and was asked to work an open kale field. She started well with the wind very much doing its own thing. On the far left, she came tentatively onto

point. When asked to produce, she worked a bird for another 10 yards before producing a cock bird that was taken 30 yards out. She made good the retrieve when asked to do so. Working on, a hen bird lifted on the far right flank and was taken. Landing 100 yards away from the dog, she made good this retrieve also which concluded her run.

Second Run – She came into line on the heathland where the wind was again from all directions. Whilst her ground treatment at times was a little erratic she did indeed cover her guns. Although indicating game in front whilst in a small copse on the edge of the heathland, nothing was produced.

COM: Bonario Chatelaine

First Run – This bitch was our fifth dog to come into line. She was presented with a kale field and a back wind. Before long she came onto point and was asked to produce. She was hesitant to flush but with a deal of encouragement she produced cock bird. The bird was taken some 60 yards ahead. She did not mark the fall and needed help to bring her into the area to make good the retrieve. Working on another cock lifted to the left being the wrong side of the dog which was not shot. This concluded her run.

Second Run – Her beat this time was a wild bird seed field working a right to left wind. Before long she had a flash point on a hen that subsequently lifted. It was taken, falling 20 yards out. When asked to make the retrieve she did so without the help needed in the first run. This concluded her run.

COM: Rollenwood Magheralin of Riffmuir

First Run – Coming into line as the seventh dog, the bitch found herself presented with a kale field and a variable wind. At times she showed some good pace and ground treatment. She was rewarded with a point and produced a cock bird upon command. The bird was taken and fell about 40 yards out. Rather than looking at the point of fall, the dog took it upon herself to watch her handler when the bird fell and subsequently she did not mark the fall. This meant that she needed considerable help to get her into the area. She made good the retrieve which concluded her run.

Second Run – For her second run she was asked to work a wild bird seed field with a head wind. Again this bitch took the field with pace but after a while she started to rely on her handler for help which interrupted the flow of her run and also her ground treatment. No birds found on this run.

Water Test – All dogs taken to water completed their task of a blind across water satisfactorily.

Both Mark and myself very much enjoyed our day and would like to thank the Bristol & West Working Gundog Society for the kind invitation to judge. Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this trial are due to all those who helped organise it and particularly our host 'Snowy' for allowing us to run on this fabulous ground and showing us around ensuring we were given ample opportunity of birds and also our guns.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Mark my Co-Judge for lending me his knowledge and experience throughout the day – Greatly Appreciated.

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