

ALL AGED FIELD TRIAL Nov 2nd 2015

The Dukeries held an All Aged Trial on Nov 2nd at Wispington by kind permission of Rory Major. This is excellent ground for H.P.R's comprising mainly of sugar beet interspersed with some rough areas and wide game holding ditches separating the fields.

The day was bright with a reasonable breeze and scenting conditions seemed to be fairly good early on but in the afternoon became much more difficult when we lost several promising dogs in quick succession.

The trial ran with a full card comprising 4 GSP's 2HWV's 2 GWP, 2 HV's 1Wei.,1L.M 1 Brit. In addition there was a SGW Cert.

Game encountered was mainly pheasant with a few partridge in evidence. All dogs had the opportunity to point and hold game. It's fair to say that the standard expected for this type of stake was a little disappointing with dogs being eliminated for elementary mistakes.

At the end of the day we were able to give 3 awards and the SGWCert.

3rd Gill Pillingers Witham Friary Tallahassee GSP b This young bitch hunted with some enthusiasm very responsive to her handler 1st and 2nd runs she hunted well, found game but was unlucky not to have anything shot for her. On her 3rd run she again had a good point, not shot and as we were just about to give up the left hand gun shot a cock pheasant and she made a tidy retrieve Throughout she was very sympathetically handled.

4th Paul Burdess Trudvang Skuld GWP b A fast wide ranging dog ,she was a delight to watch. Her first run was blank but on her second run she had a stylish point on a covey of partridge some distance from her handler who spoiled the point by rushing over too quickly causing the birds to flush before the guns were in position to take a shot. Fortunately a pheasant was shot and the dog made a good retrieve. She was very steady throughout.

C of merit Gary Everitt Molly Garamparty HWV b

SGW Cert Sh. Ch/int. Sh.Ch/DutchCh. VDH Ch. Ghyllbeck Angelique

Many thanks to the Dukeries for the invitation to judge on this super ground, to Rory for allowing the trial to take place and making sure we were in contact with game all day long,

to Peter Howard and friends for their excellent shooting and good company, and to all the competitors who I hope enjoyed their days sport

Maureen Nixon & Sharon Pinkerton