

Judging report for the Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club Open Stake, held at Rhug Estate,
Nr. Corwen, N Wales on Monday 12th October 2015.

Kind permission of Mr Wayne Tuffin & Mr Chris Lockwood.

Stake: Open.

Chief Steward: Mrs D Arrowsmith.

Judge: Mrs R Howard.

Judge: Mr M Spearing

I would like to thank the Dukeries Gundog Club for asking me to co judge with Mrs R Howard at the Open FT at The Rhug Estate, Nr. Corwen.

We had an enjoyable day on some testing ground consisting of small fields of roots, open woodland, small areas of plantation, ferns and heavy white grass. The freezing weather proved to be the most difficult element causing problems for dogs in the morning. Game was sufficient to test the dogs. The ground proved hard for the dogs to get into any real pattern, but where the ground allowed, the dogs in the awards showed good style with methodical hunting and maturity.

6 awards were given. 3rd, 4th and 4 COM's.

Awards:

3rd – no.8 – BITTERNBOOM ALBERTO – Philip Pearson.

The dog started hunting in an area of roots, quickly locating and flash pointing a hen bird in front of him. The bird lifted and was shot, the bird was found and the dog delivered it back to hand. The dog worked on and again indicated on birds, a bird lifting in front of the dog, it was shot and the dog sent for the retrieve. Whilst returning another bird was shot, the dog retrieved both birds nicely back to hand.

On the second run the dog methodically hunted an area of white grass bordered by fencing and a ditch, it covered the ground well coming on point on a duck tucked low down in the ditch. The dog worked on again in an area of shorter grass pointing at a hen pheasant that proved to have been wounded and was retrieved back to hand. On third run hunted and found game – no birds shot.

4th – no. 11 – GREENWIRE SAMUEL – Nigel Dear.

This dog on its first run worked an area of roots. The dog showed maturity and experience working the roots and conditions well. The dog indicated on birds ahead, a cock pheasant lifted and was shot. The dog went straight to the fall site and located the bird, making an excellent retrieve back to hand. The dog then worked on indicating on more birds, a pheasant lifted, it was hit by the guns but was believed to be a runner. The dog searched for the bird but was unable to locate it.

On the second run the dog ran in an area of white grass, it covered its ground with intent quickly coming on point on the edge of a ditch. The dog flushed on command but it proved to be an injured duck. It was retrieved back to hand. The dog worked on for a short while indicating and acknowledging birds ahead.

COM No.2 Tyspylaird Glencoe – Lee Loveridge.

No.3 Witham Friary Dallas – Gill Pillinger.

No.7 Quintana Magic Time – Maureen Nixon

No.12 FTCH Aytee Isadora – Lucie Hustler

These dogs acquitted themselves well and did enough to earn a COM. All dogs in the awards completed the water.

Mark Spearing.