

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL - BROCKET, HERTFORDSHIRE

Judges: Irmgard Alcock and Jim Bird

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Date:

13th January 2014

Weather conditions:

Dry and bright with a slight breeze

Scenting conditions:

Good

Type of ground, quantity and species of game:

Open woodland opening to areas of open bracken

Game:

Pheasant, woodcock and rabbit

General Standard of work and handling:

Generally the standard of dog work was good for a Novice Trial. Any Trial run within a woodland environment presents many challenges for dog and handler. Some dogs used the slight wind correctly, covering their beat with drive and pace and more importantly working nicely with handler, with minimal handling. With that said only 2 dogs made it to the water, with perhaps the most exciting of the dogs making an eliminating fault that was as disappointing for the judges as it was the handlers.

Results:

1st Not Awarded

2nd Not Awarded

3rd **Sovargo French Fancy** Hungarian Vizsla

4th Not Awarded

CoM **Gunalt Crystal Tipple** Weimaraner

Guns Award - **Bogeskovens Magnum**

Certified that there was sufficient game to test all birds.

Judges Critique:

Sovargo French Fancy:

The first of the dogs to run on the day. A young HV, pleasing to the eye, cast off into open woodland covering her beat at a steady pace, checking pockets of scent as she went. Handled quietly, she came into contact with scent and nicely onto point. A hen pheasant was produced well from thick cover and she made a very nice retrieve to hand. Her second run was in open bracken but no birds were found.

Gunalt Crystal Tipple:

A very novice dog with still plenty to learn. She hunted tentatively showing her best work from her third run in more open ground. She was steady throughout the day with a nice point on a pheasant that could have easily been missed and making a very nice retrieve on a live bird she remained focused and steady when other birds lifted around her.

Our thanks go to The GSPC for a well organised and enjoyable day. This was 39th Trial run at Brocket and long may it continue!

Jim Bird