

OPEN FIELD TRIAL - STOW BARDOLPH

Judges: Steve Kimberley and Theo Gould

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Date:

28th January 2014

Weather conditions:

Dry and mild, with a gentle swirling breeze

Scenting conditions:

Good, though the breeze constantly changed direction which was challenging for dogs and handlers in the first round.

Type of ground, quantity and species of game:

The first round was in fields of white grass and reeds bordered by ditches and trees. The second round was mainly low sugar beet. There was an even distribution of pheasants with several woodcock and some partridge in the beet.

General standard of work and handling:

Good

Results:

1st	Not Awarded		
2nd	Not Awarded		
3rd	Bitternboom Alberto	GSP (d)	Mr & Mrs Pearson
4th	Sutchest Rosa	GSP (b)	Mr J Bird

Judges Critique:

Bitternboom Alberto.

The first run was in high reeds with a cheek wind. The dog hunted well with drive and pace. He very soon had a solid point on a hen bird which was shot but flew on a long way and was left to the picking up dog. Bitterboom Alberto quickly had another staunch point on a hen bird which was shot and efficiently retrieved. The dog hunted on nicely and acknowledged a woodcock that got up ahead from the ditch.

The second round was in low sugar beet with a head wind. The dog made a very straight forward blind retrieve on a hen bird shot over a previous dog. He went on to point a pheasant but made hard work of the flush. Again his retrieve was good.

The water retrieve was satisfactory and he was awarded the Holland Island Rex Trophy for the best water retrieve.

Sutchest Rosa.

This bitch had her first run on a back wind in white grass. Her hunting was systematic with lots of drive and style. She had a good point on a cock pheasant but needed to be handled onto what should have been a simple retrieve.

The second round was on a head wind in sugar beet. Again her hunting was stylish and regular. She had a lovely point and two pheasants were produced and one was shot. Again she had to be handled onto the bird, which was retrieved to hand.

The water retrieve was satisfactory.

Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this Trial are due to all those who helped to organise it and particularly to our hosts, Lady Rose Hare and the Stow Estate Trust, the Steward of the beat Mr Nigel Davies, the Guns, Mr David Winsor and Mr Andrew Chatfield and the Chief Steward, Mrs Janice Hawkes. We would also like to thank the German Shorthaired Pointer Club for inviting us to judge at this most enjoyable trial.

Theo Gould