

# OPEN FIELD TRIAL - STOW BARDOLPH

Judges: Mr A Russell and Mr R Gould

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## Date:

26th January 2016

## Weather:

A dry day, temperatures rising from 8 to 12 C with a fickle wind varying in speed and direction but mainly southerly.

## Scenting Conditions:

Poor

## Type Of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Mainly white grass in blocks of ground separated by ditches. Type of game was Pheasant, Woodcock, Snipe, Duck.

## General Standard of Work and Handling:

A high standard of enthusiastic dog work with quiet but effective handling was demonstrated throughout the day in poor scenting conditions and where the wind would often veer through 180 degrees in the course of a single run.

## Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Sanjon Crystal</b>	GSP (b)	Tim Bennett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Peersofdales Highlander</b>	GSP (b)	Jayne Herbert
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Monkeybusiness at Moorranner</b>	GWP (b)	Jackie Hay
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sutchest Snipe</b>	GSP (d)	Bob Steel
CoM	<b>Quintana Quixotic</b>	GSP (b)	Maureen Nixon

The John Jones Memorial Trophy and The Derry Aire Troph Winner - **Sanjon Crystal**

Holland Island Rex Trophy for the Best Water Retrieve - **Monkeybusiness at Moorranner**

## Judges Critique:

### Sanjon Crystal

With the benefit of a constant head wind this bitch quartered her first beat with pace and style in textbook fashion. At the end of her beat she produced a cock pheasant off her point and on command made a straightforward retrieve to hand

On her second run with a cheek wind she hunted a tricky piece of ground with enthusiasm without finding game

### Peersofdales Highlander

Initially she retrieved a hen pheasant shot over the previous dog then worked on, very carefully working through some tall vegetation where four pheasants had lifted previously she pointed a woodcock which was shot and fell out of her range of vision. She was handled to the point of fall and made a careful retrieve to hand.

On her second run she pointed a cock pheasant which flushed and was not shot. She then was handled blind to make a good retrieve on a snipe

### Monkey Business at Moorranner

This bitch hunted the cover along a drainage ditch indicating scent but finding no game before cutting in to carefully hunt an area of tall white grass. Here she pointed and produced two hen pheasants both of which were shot, another cock and hen lifted at the shots but she remained steady and retrieved a hen tenderly to hand on command.

On her second run she worked well and pointed a brace of snipe which were not shot

### Sutchest Snipe

This dog was quickly onto a running bird at the start of his first run and gamely followed this bird for some distance before achieving a staunch point on a cock pheasant which he produced and made a good retrieve.

On his second run he covered his ground well until he came across another running bird which he indicated strongly on several occasions but never caught up with and the bird eventually flushed some 40 yards away.

### Quintana Quixotic

This bitch worked carefully from the start, she had a firm point then followed the scent of a cock and a hen pheasant both of which eventually flushed out of range.

On her second run she pointed a cock pheasant which proved difficult to flush out of the tangled grass, this was lightly shot and flew a long way and left for the picking up dog to find. She hunted on covering a wide beat, had a second staunch point, flushed the cock bird on command and made a good retrieve.

Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this trial are due to all those who helped to organise it and particularly to Lady Rose Hare and The Stow Estate Trust for the use of this wonderful ground, to Nigel Davies (Head keeper) for his help in preparing the ground for the trial and for his guidance throughout the day, to Rodney the tractor driver who kept our energy levels up all day with his constant supply of sweets and chocolates, to the guns Mark Evans and David Winser who shot consistently well, to Red Flag Irmgard Alcock, to picking up dog handler Keith with his lovely young Labrador bitch and a special thank you to Field Trial Sec and Chief Steward Janice Hawkes who ran the trial admirably.

We would like to thank the GSPC for their invitation to judge this Open Trial and for their kind gifts. It was a pleasure to watch these talented dogs work this lovely Open ground and we hope that many of these dogs will grace the HPR Championship this year and the handlers consider entering them for selection for the World Championships in Denmark in October.

**Tony Russell and Rob Gould**