

ALL-AGED FIELD TRIAL - BREWLANDS

Judges: Mrs D Arrowsmith and Mr P Howard

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After the initial introduction to the trial from Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, Mrs. D. Arrowsmith called for a few moments silence in memory of the late Mr. Cliff Simons who enjoyed and gave so much to the HPR field trial world. She thanked all for sharing the respect so many of us had for Cliff. He spent along with his wife Madge many days in the Northern part of the country and would have so enjoyed the trial and the surroundings we were about to enjoy.

Weather conditions:

Sunny with a slight breeze throughout this beautiful day.

Scenting Conditions:

Good throughout the trial.

Type Of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Pheasant, snipe, woodcock. No ground game was shot.

General Standard of Work and Handling:

Very quiet handling from nearly all competitors, some very smart, neat dog work in parts from most but the first three dogs were very good indeed.

Results:

1 st	Zoldmali Arpa at Culdrein	HWHV	Buchan
2 nd	Ceannacroc Peel of Riffmuir	GSP	Learmouth
3 rd	Tournesol Indulgence	Brit	Hirst
4 th	Not Awarded		
CoM	White Noise	GSP	Graham
	Robyns Caplich Crest	GSP	Graham

Judges Critique

Zoldmali Arpa at Culdrein

First run: the dog was cast off from a stone wall and immediately into a bird pointing staunchly, flushing on command, being stead to flush, shot and fall. The dog completed a very efficient retrieve, deliberately going beyond the fall to use the wind in the heavy grassland for a quick location. The bird was delivered to hand.

Second run: was in heavy marsh grassland where the dog eventually located and pointed just short of the wood. Although the bird was still on the move, the dog produced and a hen bird flew to the wood unscathed. Water work was good to complete an excellent all round performance and a worthy winner.

Ceannacroc Peel of Riffmuir

First run: Again in the heavy moorland grass, the run was blank with the dog being very unlucky not to get a point slicing a cock pheasant on a back wind but steady to flush. The dog also impressed with good pace and style.

Second run: was in long grass again with a back wind where the dog held a good point producing on command off its nose and completed a quick, simple retrieve. Water work was good, very close up to the winner.

Tournesol Indulgence

First run: Steady paced Brittany who held a good point on his first run on back wind in the moorland marsh grass so typical of this area. The cock bird was shot over a deer fence presenting more problems for the handler than the dog who completed a blind retrieve in unfavourable conditions.

Second run: was largely uneventful except for being steady to hare. Water work was good.

White Noise

First run: Had a nice point on a back wind early on in the run producing on command but completed the card with a rather untidy retrieve.

Second run: failed to provide opportunity to improve the retrieving mark. Water was adequate.

Robyns Caplich Crest

First run: Had the benefit of both tail and head winds in its first time down and found no game but the ground was covered effectively.

Second run: in woodland strip saw several birds running on and flushing before a pheasant was eventually pointed and retrieved. The woodland beat could have been put to better use with more effective ground treatment. Water work was acceptable.

Today was my first appointment with Di after more than 30 years of judging which made the day even more enjoyable. The atmosphere and sportsmanship of the Scottish branch members gathering in the foothills of the Cairngorms led to a most enjoyable day. Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this trial are due to all those who helped to organise it and particularly to: The Ivory family for granting us permission to hold the trial, Mr Craig Graham – our beat steward, Margaret Hamilton – our Chief Steward and the GSPC Scottish branch members for their hospitality, sportsmanship and excellent food afterwards.

Peter Howard