

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL - GLEHAM HALL, SUFFOLK

Judges: Mrs J Robertson and Mr J Bird

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Date: Monday 7th November 2016

Weather:

Bright and breezy, pockets of rain

Scent:

Good

Type Of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Sugar Beat, Rap, Set aside and some Woodland. Pheasant and Partridge.

General Standard of Work and Handling:

A very enjoyable day and the opportunity to run all dogs into wind on open ground with the odd small belt of dense woodland. It would have been nice to complement some super open ground work with a few points to deserved dogs that worked very nicely in tandem with their handlers, but with a cold and wet start to the day the birds decided to hang close in woodland which in the main provided us with the points and retrieves for the day. A good general standard of work for the day with dogs eliminating themselves in the main for retrieving failures and poor ground coverage.

Results:

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| 1 st | Ivan Du Domaine Saint Hubert | HWV | A Blackledge |
| 2 nd | Not Awarded | | |
| 3 rd | Not Awarded | | |
| 4 th | Not Awarded | | |

Judges Critique:

Ivan Du Domaine Saint Hubert

His first run in dense woodland proved difficult to see his work, but he remained steady and methodical and indicating scent to a moving bird that took flight. The bird initially hanged in a tall bush until it dropped on the ground and a the dog completed a nice retrieve. Again his second run in woodland and again quickly coming into contact with birds and pointing. His first 2 birds couldn't be shot off point for safety reasons and a third loose bird away was brought down for a blind retrieve executed perfectly. The only thing left to see was some work in open ground and he didn't disappoint covering his beat with pace, purpose and a pleasing high head carriage.

Water , Excellent

Summary:

My thanks go to my co Judge Jean Robertson, The German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Glemham Hall Shoot, steward and guns and all who contributed to the day. It was also pleasing to see all the competitors stay until the end of the day.

Jim Bird