

FROLESWORTH LODGE POINTING TEST

Judges: Di Arrowsmith and Paul Dark

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Gradings:

Very Good

Seehof Krysia	GSP	J Hawkes
Stubblemere Abbess	GSP	C Kenney

Good

Stubblemere Beauchamp	GSP	T Wignall
Amirick Chasing A Dream	HWV	M Caine
Hawkwise Berkutchik	Brit	W Tyler

Judges Critique:

Scenting Conditions: Morning Fair, Afternoon Good/ Very Good

General Standard of work: Juniors. It was very pleasing to watch some very promising young dogs work and as they gain more experience on game everything should fall into place with the correct input from the handler. Adults. There was a definite split in the ability of the adult dogs, several very good dogs and several needing a lot more experience in the field on game.

Juniors

Stubblemere Beauchamp. GSP (d). This dog had good pace right from the start, it back cast on several occasions on the left but soon found its pattern. Its head was a little low and seemed to be ground scenting. The dog slowed up approaching the hedge and sight pointed a cock Pheasant that had flown into the hedge earlier but it took flight again. A pair of Partridge lifted from the base of an Oak tree and doubting the wind favoured the dog in this area , we gave the dog the benefit of the doubt and ran him on. The rest of his beat proved to be barren. On the dogs second run it ran a perfect pattern for the ground it was on but no game was found. On its third run the dog ran a very good pattern up hill. The dog indicated that there was something about, it worked far out to the right about 70 yards and came on staunch point the handler was asked to produce and the dog produce a cock Pheasant on command dog was nice and steady even when a second bird lifted. Graded **GOOD**.

Stubblemere Abbess. GSP (b). This dog was a little slow in finding its pattern but when settled down it found good pace. It ground scented a bit too much and had a very low head carriage on its run. But as a whole the run was good but no game was found. On its second run which was up hill the pattern was very good and turned into the wind on every cast. The dog indicated and worked on a few yards and came on point on a pair of Partridge. Graded **VERY GOOD**.

Amirick Chasing a Dream. HWV (b). This dog was cast off down wind and settled into a good pattern before entering a cover crop (rape). The dog came on point and was nice and steady. When asked the dog flushed on command a cock Pheasant. The dog was brought out of the cover crop and asked to continue its run out in the open. It had good pace, pattern and a nice head carriage. Graded **GOOD**.

Adults

Seehof Krysia. GSP (b). This dog ran with pace and style and had a perfect head carriage. It ran its beat perfect and came on point out to its left. The handler was asked to produce, the dog was asked to produce but was very hesitant on the flush. The handler had to encourage the dog to flush and a partridge was produced. Dog was steady to flush. Graded **VERY GOOD**.

Hawkwise Berkutchik. Brit (d). This dog had good pace and covered its beat. It had a good head carriage. The dog came on point but a partridge lifted, the handler worked the dog on out of the immediate area and when it worked back into the area of the first bird a second bird lifted. The dog acknowledged the bird but carried on working in front of it where it came on a solid point. The dog produced a pair of partridge. Graded **GOOD**.

I would like to thank the club for the invitation to judge at this very good ground. I would also like to thank my co judge Di Arrowsmith for a very relaxed and most enjoyable day in the sunshine. Finally I would like to thank all those involved in organising the day and all of the competitors for turning out and supporting the club.

Paul Dark