

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL - ASHINTULLY CASTLE

Judges: Mr C Gray and Mrs L Janniche

by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Steel and Mr & Mrs Holland Bosworth. Sponsored by Rodger Skinner Ltd, Dog Food.

Date:

Monday 27th November 2017

Weather Conditions:

Overcast with sunny spells.

Scenting conditions:

Moderate.

Type of ground and species:

Grassy hills with patches of open woodland.

General standard of work and handling:

Mixed

Results:

No Awards Given

Judges Critique

The ground at Ashintully is every HPR handler's dream and very kindly made available for our trial by Mrs and Mr Holland Bosworth. The ground is interesting and it held just exactly the right amount of game for a day's shooting over HPRs. With game 'keeper, Bob Connolly's guidance we started out at the meeting point on a grassy field with a few trees. There was no guiding wind to start with, but during the day it built up to a back/cheek wind, which is of course challenging at a novice trial. About half the dogs struggled with these conditions, but half the dogs made a really good and natural job out of the conditions, working out and back in to their handler. It was a real pleasure to see the keen dogs searching and finding game producing good, solid points.

Sadly, despite impressive dog work, each of the competitors eliminated themselves on various faults and without having "over-run" any of the dogs, we ended up with no dogs going to the water.

Mr C Gray & Mrs L Janniche