

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL - ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK

Judges: Mr Nigel Cox and Chilli Chellemburn

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Date:

1st November 2014

Weather Conditions:

Am – Cold, dry with sufficient wind. Pm – Warmed up in the afternoon, with a brief shower and sufficient wind

Scenting Conditions:

Close first thing but good throughout

Type Of Ground, Quantity and Species of Game:

Barley. Sufficient birds to test all the dogs. Pheasant; Partridge; Hare

General Standard of Work and Handling:

The overall standard of work was generally very good as was the handling.

Results:

1st	Lathamside Amsel Of Mullenscote	GSP (b)	Mr H Kirby
2nd	Questor Indi	GLP (d)	Mr S Farr
3rd	Stubblemere Dunnottar	GSP (d)	Mrs J Hawkes
CoM	Hunterstone Uno	HV (b)	Mr M Mattravers

The Swifthouse Trophy: **Lathamside Amsel Of Mullenscote**

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Judges Critique:

Lathamside Amsel Of Mullenscote

First Run – This dog was our first dog to come into line. She worked a cheek wind and it was evident almost immediately that there were plenty of birds on her beat as she changed her pace to a careful manner. She was thorough throughout and quickly came into a classic point where she produced a hen pheasant when asked, to which she was steady to flush and shot. She was asked to make the retrieve to which she made a quick, efficient and clean retrieve returning with the bird to hand. Moving on, this careful bitch located another bird which was treated in the same manner and retrieved some 60 yards to the left of her beat on the edge of a nearby wood.

Second Run – For her second run we saw the dog open up a little more where she moved with purpose wanting to find her handler game and this is exactly what she did. Before long she came to point a cock pheasant which was flushed without hesitation upon command. When asked, the dog made a good retrieve quickly and efficiently to hand from the adjacent stubble. A biddable bitch with an aim to please attitude.

Questor Indi

First Run – This dog also came into line where he took his beat and wind with style. His head carriage just above the cover he soon feathered onto his quarry where he quickly dominated what was in front of him. Upon command he flushed a covey of approximately 20 Partridge that got up 15-20 yards ahead of him. None of the birds presented themselves to the guns so the dog was asked to work on. With a nice pace throughout it wasn't long before the dog again indicated game ahead and worked up onto and pointed a cock pheasant. Upon request, the dog flushed the bird and retrieved to hand which concluded his run.

Second Run – On his second run, the dog initially worked a head wind which changed to a left to right cheek wind. He ran with pace and indicated birds ahead working them on until he came into his point. Upon request to produce, 5 pheasants got up with two coming down as very strong runners. The dog was sent but unfortunately these two birds got the better of him and neither were found going forward. A committed game finder.

Stubblemere Dunnottar

First Run – This dog was asked into line to work a beat with his wind very much changing throughout. He worked the wind nicely throughout covering his ground quickly with purpose acknowledging the presence of game ahead. Before long he came onto point a hen bird that was flushed on command and returned to hand upon request but not at the same pace and style as his hunting prior.

Second Run – The dog again worked his beat with pace. He quickly realised the change in wind again having to cast out deep to make the most of a back wind. Almost at the furthest of his cast, a long way off from his handler he indicated he had birds ahead of him. His handler believed her dog and took us and the guns toward her dog. The dog was working his bird from a long way off his nose but he eventually pointed a cock pheasant. He produced the bird upon request and retrieved the bird to hand when asked. A willing and enthusiastic hunter.

Hunterstone Uno

First Run – This dog was called into line to work her beat into wind. She worked well with her quiet handler, although at times a little too reliant on him. She worked at a moderate pace indicating the presence of game but on this run never managed to catch up with.

Second Run – For her second run, the dog worked a right to left cheek wind. Again she worked with a moderate pace with her handler and before long she found her quarry drawing onto a bird resulting in a staunch point. When asked, she drove in with pace producing a cock pheasant that was shot, landing in an adjacent sugar beet field. She marked it excellently retrieving the bird to hand with speed and efficiency when asked.

Water Tests – All dogs completed the water test to an adequate level.

Both Nigel and myself would like to thank the German Shorthaired Pointer Club for the invitation to judge. Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this trial are due to all those who helped organise it and particularly our hosts Clover Game & Shooting Ltd.

May I also take this opportunity to thank my Co-Judge for lending me his knowledge and experience throughout the day.

Richard Chellumbrun & Nigel Cox