

OPEN FIELD TRIAL - BURNCASTLE, LAUDER

Judges: Pete Bakewell and Jim Bird

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Date:

Thursday 1st November

Weather:

Fine, sunny at times with a very light breeze

Scenting conditions:

Very Poor

Type of ground, quality and species of game:

Pheasant, Grouse and Hare

Burncastle is a perfectly suited and exquisite HPR ground to hunt our dogs on. Hilly open ground of bracken, grass and heather with spectacular views across the moors.

It was clear after running the first few dogs that the scenting conditions were very poor with none managing to hold a point on birds only indicating possible scent in the early part of this trial. When the sun went in the temperature dropped dramatically but becoming warmer in the afternoon it looked as if scent improved moderately and we started getting a few points.

Apart from one unlucky dog all dogs had a chance at game.

General standard of work and handling:

The only real fault and a worrying trend is for dogs, having been cast away to hunt, stopping on every flank and looking back for direction. This will become less tolerated by myself, dogs must take ground and wind, and keep in contact with handlers and not stop and constantly look back.

Results:

1 st	FT Ch Kerride Henry	HWV	Adrian Blackledge
2 nd	Not awarded		
3 rd	Not awarded		
4 th	Not awarded		
CoM	Wamilanghaar Djynn	GLP	Rob Gould
	Ch Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta	GSP	Dawn Elrington

Judges Critique:

FT Ch Kerride Henry

On his first cast this dog came almost instantly into game pointing a cock pheasant, steady to flush and executed a perfect retrieve. We ran him on. This dog does hunt very nicely but can check back a little too often. That said his performance was that of a professional, he covers his ground well and can be turned on a sixpence to any place you need him, and when asked to retrieve two hares in the afternoon, one being a strong runner, he completed both perfectly. It's pleasing to see this FTCH who is consistent in his performance and an ambassador for his breed.

Water: Excellent.

There were no other awards.

COM **Barleyarch Beetle at Tequesta**
Wamilanghaar Djynn

I would like to thank the GSP Club for asking me to judge on this superb ground, my co judge Mr P Bakewell who helped make the day both informative and very enjoyable indeed, Craig the 'keeper and crack shot and his team.