

Novice Field Trial - Ford, Northumberland

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Date:

Friday 2nd November 2018

Judges: Mr P Bakewell (2568) and Mr J Bird (3501)

Weather conditions:

Warm, fine and sunny

Scenting conditions:

Good

Ground and game:

Open grass land, heather, scrub land. Pheasant, snipe, hare (and a fox).

Results:

1st Not Awarded

2nd Not Awarded

3rd Not Awarded

4th Not Awarded

CoM Not Awarded

Gun's Award - **Floh v d Wielervelden**

KG

J Hudson

Judges Critique:

As indicated the ground was very well suited to our breeds of dogs. On the whole dogs covered the ground well. Birds were thin on the ground so there was little or no tolerance for dogs that missed or bumped game.

We lost several dogs in the trial through eye wipes, which was mainly due to lack of control, rather than poor scenting conditions. Unfortunately, none of the competing dogs managed to hold a point which was disappointing. Although there were no awards the weather had been very kind and this part of the country in autumn is stunning.

I would like to thank the GSPC for asking me to judge, my fellow co-judge Pete Bakewell, the 'keeper and all the helpers who make these days happen.

Jim Bird