

NOVICE FIELD TRIAL – FORD, NORTHUMBERLAND

Judges: Mr P Bakewell (2568) and Mr T Major

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Date:

Friday 1st November 2019

Type of ground, quantity and species of game:

A large ditch with rough grass and standing oats on either side. The game was Pheasant and Hare.

General Standard of work and handling:

A lot of the dogs were overwhelmed with the volume of game in front of them and failed to get in contact with the birds running ahead of them. We lost most of the dogs through various demeanours and at the end of the day were able to award a first and a CoM.

Results:

1 st	Indijazz Beautiful	GSP	P Parker
2 nd	Not Awarded		
3 rd	Not Awarded		
4 th	Not Awarded		
CoM	Stubblemere Abbess	GSP	C Kenney

Judges Critique:

Indijazz Beautiful GSP bitch handled by Phil Parker

On her first run she worked a hedge down into the ditch with drive and enthusiasm and was asked to make a long retrieve on a hare shot out of sight down the hill which she completed well.

On her second run she started in a field of oats before dropping down to the ditch. She worked the side wind well trying to get ahead of running birds until pointing, but the bird lifted, was shot over the ditch half way across the field out of sight of the dog. The bird on landing ran to the far hedge and the dog was handled to the fall and took a good line to the hedge but could not get through due to sheep netting she was recalled and then asked to continue to hunt on down the ditch culminating in a point, positive flush and retrieve.

She completed her water retrieve.

Stubblemere Abbess GSP bitch handled by Caroline Kenney

On her first run she hunted the ditch with pace trying to catch up with the birds but could not get round them. A hare was shot over the ditch and the dog made an unsighted retrieve.

On her second run she hunted in the edge of the ditch finally catching up with a bird which was flushed. She made a difficult retrieve and completed her water retrieve.

Thanks go to our generous host Lord Joicey and to Gareth the keeper who goes out of his way to ensure a successful day.

Pete Bakewell & Rory Major