DUKERIES (NOTTS) GUNDOG CLUB - NOVICE COLD GAME TEST – SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

The Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club rounded off the season of Working Tests with an excellent day at Inkersall Lodge, Nr. Bilsthorpe, Notts, by kind permission of our Patron Mrs Jane Mawer and Mr David Mawer.

Testing exercises were presented to the competitors by our Judges on the day, Mr Malcolm Thwaites, Mrs Jane Fairclough and Mr Casper Jonsen.

A four dog walk up in sugar beet, and a static test with a mark in beet followed by a blind over a fence. This was the undoing of several dogs and, after a break for lunch, the top 9 dogs were taken forward for an extra long blind with a marked distraction on either side of a stubble field.

Eventually, the winners were announced as:

1st Mr Godfrey Lowe with his Labrador bitch, Questeleet Persephone Dee.

2nd Ms. Jane. Pilling with her Labrador bitch, Mekoro Pot Luck

3rd Mr Andy Sweeney with his Flatcoated Retriever bitch, Maddistream Black Powder of Wolfthistle

4th Ms Dawn Scott with her Labrador bitch, Diglake Villanelle.

COM’s to: Mrs Anne Austin with her Labrador bitch, Morskye Electra of Snowbell.

Mr. Ian. Glover with his Labrador dog, Cornstraw Buzzard

Mr. Martin. Abbott and his Labrador dog Jogolo Ebony of Abbottsmere

Mr. Paul. Shouls with his Labrador dog Osiacastle Zeppeline.

Mr Lowe took away the Rae Furness Salver for the winner together with a stunning new trophy kindly presented by Mrs Jane and Mr David Mawer to be given to the ‘Judges Choice on the day’ in fond memory of Mr John Mawer , who was the Patron of the Club and supported Dukeries for many years. Our sincere thanks to Jane and David for this generous gesture.

Thanks were expressed to the Judges and gifts handed out with a special mention to the Helpers who have been superb this year. The Working Test Secretary expressed her personal thanks to her two ‘wing men’ Mrs Julia Sykes and Mrs Sarah Elton, without who’s help she could not manage.

Lastly thanks to David Bellamy and Paul Raper for their hard work throughout the season.

Our last event of the summer season will take place on 10th September – a Cold Game, Walked-Up Training day at Inkersall Kennels. These couple of days have proved to be extremely popular and more will be planned for next year led by Andy Sweeney and David Bellamy.

Finally, good luck to all for the Trialling season and thank you to all members for your support.

Roz Bellamy

Working Test Secretary

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