Golden Retriever Inter-Club Working Test

3rd July 2022

Held at Moscar Cross Farm, Hoyles Farm and Loftshaw Pond near Sheffield

The day got off to a good start with bacon cobs for everyone and official team photos were taken. All competitors were given a commemorative bag to mark the occasion. Everyone was gathered together, announcements made and we set off for the five tests. The ground has huge scope for a variety of tests to stretch the dogs, but there were very few zeros.

Test 1

Judge: Mrs P Williams (B)

A mark and replace for each dog along a scar.

Test 2

Judge: Mr S Burns (NP)

Dogs worked in pairs to retrieve a double blind, each with shot.

Test 3

Judge: Miss S Kitson (NP)

A walked-up exercise for the whole team together.

Test 4

Judge: Mr A Richardson (NP)

A timed picking up team exercise. 8 dummies to be retrieved with each dog retrieving at least one.

Test 5

Judge: Mr S Crookes (A)

Two marks shot on the water and two blinds on the bank behind. Team members chose which they picked. After that, an extra bonus retrieve of a blind alongside the water.

The day flowed well, and teams made their way round each of the tests in good time. Then it was back to the marquee for a fine buffet spread. The very locally made ice-cream received lots of favourable comments.

A table was laid with the various trophies, rosettes and other prizes, then it was time for the presentations.

Winning Team, receiving the Pinecrest Trophy

South Western GRC

Judy Rainey - Tallygold Glimfeather at Deadcraft

Judith Evans - Haddeo Digby

Lanes Gould - Elkshead Skye of Heatherbound

Adrian Phillips - Castlemans Soul Man

2nd Place

Northern GRA

Gary Collier – Goosetree Shoting Star

Anna Wagland – Funnyline Fieldquest Knockandhu

Karis Bakewell – Lanlwyd Maretti

Harvey Richardson – Ideonia Southdownway

3rd Place

Midland GRC

Jill Gardner – Winbeck Wyne of Foxcote

Sally Richardson – Timothy Plum of Hartleyjean

David Godding – Millsfield Excalibur

Lucy Mixture – Kaliture Red Pepper

4th Place

GRC Wales

Bryan Davies – Chinnordale Comet

Andy Fisher – Afon River

Maiko Isono – Conifer of Mighty Field

Jane Middle – Vamp Clover

Top Novice Dog, receiving the Eastern Counties Tankard & Top Overall Dog, receiving the Northern Cup

Lanes Gould - Elkshead Skye of Heatherbound

Top Open Dog

Sue Jordan - Tullysedge Incas Gold

We would like to thank the many people and organizations who made this event possible:

- The five judges who were fair and encouraging in their task. Mr D Haycock was originally scheduled to judge but had to withdraw due to illness – we wish him well.

- Our generous sponsors who provided a range of prizes: Laughing Dog Farm Bakery; Leads and Lanyards (Pete Barrett); AK Gundog Accessories; Skinners Dog Foods and Sporting Saint

- Mr Steve and Mr Ernest White, Mr and Mrs Hunt and The Strawson Estate for use of their land.

- The many helpers – dummy throwers, guns, runners, scorers, caterers, photographers, as well as those who set up the marquee and ground.

- The competitors, who took part in a sporting way and gave the event a great atmosphere.

Thank you all!