

Report for Special Puppy, Veteran and Open Working Test 30/7/17

The Society held its final working test of the year at Deerbridge, Elstead, Surrey, by kind permission of Mr John and Mrs Liz BARNES who also were our judges for the day. We had a brilliant day with the weather being kind to us yet again, sunshine, a bit of cloud cover, a good wind to help the dogs, and warm.

The day started with the special Puppy and Veteran classes. We only had 2 puppies running and it was being seriously considered cancelling this class until the very last moment when a second entry came in. This would have been very disappointing if that had occurred. We had 11 entries for the Veterans, which was very pleasing indeed but, alas, 1 had to withdraw due to a foot injury.

The tests set for the day were quite challenging for all the competitors, but fair to all.

Test 1 was a two dog walk up. The dogs were required to walk in line until a shot was fired to their front. A dummy was thrown out in front of them. A second shot was fired and a second dummy was thrown out but at a longer distance. The first dog in line was required to retrieve the nearest dummy and when that was achieved the second dog in line was required to retrieve the furthest dummy. The dogs then change places and the process was gone through again thus giving each dog two retrieves, one short and one long.

Test 2 was a seen double. This test was done again with two dogs in line with the judge. One shot was fired and a dummy thrown into the middle of a pond. A second shot was fired and a second dummy was thrown into a field of longish grass opposite the pond. The first dog in line was required to retrieve the dummy in the field and when this was achieved the second dog was required to retrieve the dummy from the pond. The dogs then changed places and the process gone through again thus giving each dog two retrieves in the field and water.

Test 3 was a hunt up. 4 dummies were placed out in a parallel line between two stakes. 2 shots were fired and the dog was required to retrieve any 2 of the 4 dummies.

The results were as follows:-

S/Puppy

1st Mrs Jacquie CREW with her Dog Hanans Kertis. 53/60

Veteran

1st. Mrs Sue JACKSON with her Dog Largymore Maccallan 58/60

2nd. Mrs Ann STRACHEN with her Bitch Hanans Good as Gold 56/60

3rd. Mrs Judith LLOYD with her Dog Dirnanean Shining Knight of Bramblyn 52/60

4th. Mrs Jean BAVEYSTOCK with her Bitch Lakesfarm Martini at Baveybuilt. 49/60

One C.O.M. was awarded by the judges to:-

Mrs Sue POUNDS-LONGHURST with her Bitch Brodene Tempestivity to Mossburn 47/60

The afternoon saw an entry of 17 Open dogs take part in this event. The competition was very close which required a run of for 3rd, 4th and 5th places, as seen in the results below.

Test 1 was of the same format as test one in the morning but with the open dogs expected to run out further than the Puppies or Vets.

Test 2 was a water test. A shot was fired and a dummy was thrown into long vegetation on an island in a pond. The dog was required to run from just inside a wooded area, across a path and enter the water and swim over to the island to locate and retrieve the dummy.

Test 3 was an unseen with shot. A dummy was placed into a field of root vegetables and the dog was required to locate and retrieve the dummy.

Test 4 was a 2 dog walk up with double retrieve. A shot was fired and a dummy thrown into a root field. A second shot was fired and a dummy thrown into a wooded area and the dog required to jump a stock fence to retrieve the dummy and then retrieve the dummy in the root field.

The results were as follows:-

1st. Mrs Sue JORDON with her Bitch Tullysedge My Belle Nell 72/80

2nd. Mrs Sue JORDON with her Dog Tullysedge My Boy Troy 71/80

3rd. Mrs Jacquie CREW with her dog Echobrook Dexter 70/80

4th. Mrs Toni SANDERS with her Bitch Holway Pippa of Tarinomagh 70/80

One C.O.M was awarded by the judges to:-

Mr Bill WARNETT with his dog Pandapaws Brigand 70/80

May I thank all of my helpers that have turned out over the last year especially those not on the committee of the society, and who have done a sterling job with a good deal of cheer and laughter which, in turn, have allowed the competitors to play with their dogs. THANK YOU

Ray Gait

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