

## Report for ND/NH and Novice W/Test 18/6/17

The Society held a Working test for Novice Dog/Novice Handlers and Novice Dogs at, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Parklands, Ewshot, Farnham, Surrey, by kind permission of our host, Mrs Suzette WATTS. Our Judges for the day were Mr Ray HARDIE and Mr David STELING.

What a scorcher of a day we had with temperatures of up to 30 degrees in the shade and very humid. We had very little wind to help the dogs with their allotted tasks.

The day began with ND/NH. We had disappointing entry of only 12 dogs, three of which had been withdrawn prior to the start of the competition. They were divided into two groups of 4 and 5 respectively. In all, they took part in five tests. Even with the low numbers the competition was as fierce as it always is at these events but always tempered with wonderful sportsmanship. The same applied to the afternoon competitors.

**Test 1** was a simple walk up in an open field with two dogs in line. There was a shot to the front and a dummy thrown out in front of them, at an angle, which they were required to retrieve.

**Test 2** was a seen retrieve. A dummy was thrown out in front of the dog with the dummy landing round a slight bend in the track thereby being out of sight of both dog and handler. The distance to the dummy was about 50 yards. There was no shot with this test.

**Test 3** was another seen with the dummy being thrown out to the front of the dog. There were two low jumps between the dog and where the dummy landed and the dog was required to negotiate these jumps to retrieve the dummy. Again there was no shot fired with this test.

**Test 4** was a bind retrieve. The dummy was placed in tufted grass. A shot was fired in the direction of where the dummy was located and the dog was required to find and retrieve the dummy.

**Test 5** was a short drive with three dogs in line. Several shots were fired, to simulate a shoot, with several dummy's thrown out at random for the dogs to locate and retrieve.

The results are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Mr Ian BAKER with his dog, Tenfield Night of Thunder for Maddouse.	85.5/100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs Lisa CLEMENTS with her dog, Curlsdawn Bedes Blue.	84.5/100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs Alison LANG with her dog, Dikeadaze Dagan.	80.5/100
4 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Jen TUCKFIELD with her bitch, Bellmarnie Meisje.	60/100

There was one Certificate of merit awarded to:-

Mrs Jenny ELSEY with her bitch, Canonbie One More Time for Ell Briar	55/100
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The afternoon saw only a disappointing 9 competitors who had entered, with all running. The weather had turned to its very warmest and humidity was high. It was decided that there would only be 4 tests due to these factors.

**Test 1** was a walk up with two dogs in the line. Whilst the dogs were walking forward a dummy was placed behind them. A shot was then fired to the front and a dummy thrown out. The dog was required to retrieve the dummy to the front and then retrieve the dummy to the rear.

**Test 2** was the same as test 2 in the morning, with the distance increased and also a with a shot fired.

**Test 3** was again the same as test 3 in the morning, again with the distance increased and with a shot fired.

**Test 4** was a blind with the dummy being placed up a short rise in rough grass. The track divide into two prior to where the dummy was placed and the dummy was on the left divide. A shot was fired and the dog required to locate and retrieve the dummy.

The results were as follow:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Mrs Toni SANDERS with her dog, Tarinomagh Rohan.	78/80
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs Carole CARTER with her dog, Azteca Final Alliance.	76/80
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mrs Sue PARKS with her bitch, Ladyshot Sapphire of Thriftwood	75/80
4 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Judith LLOYD with her dog, Dirnaneans Shining Knight of Bramblyn	72/80

There wer two C.O.Ms awarded to the following:-

Mrs Irene BIRD with her dog, Tarinomagh Atar.	71/80
MrsSandy LOEDOLFF with her dog, Vamp Alkanet	70/80

Finally I must thank the judges who were generous with their advice and support for all the competitors. Enormous thanks must also go to all of my helpers who performed all day in the hottest of conditions without a complaint. We, as always, cannot play with our dogs without their input so THANK YOU one and all.

Ray Gait

Working Test Secretary