

16 Dog Novice Field Trial, Dunclent

The club held its first field trial of the season, a 16 dog Novice stake, on Thursday 3rd November at Dunclent Farm, Stone, Kidderminster, by very kind permission of Mr and Mrs Michael Gough.

Judges for the day were Mr Chris Brain (A), Mr Graham Bird (B), Miss [Helen Goodwin](#) (NP) and Mr [Simon Elliott](#) (NP)

Chief Steward was Mrs Iris Wright, with Judge Stewards Mrs [Ruth Thomas](#) and Mrs Bella Brown.

Our Field Trial Secretary Mr [Roger Wiggins](#) made the introductions, and Mr Gough welcomed us to Dunclent and introduced his guns.

The day started with changes to the card due to two competitors not attending. 1st reserve Sarah Miles, who already had a run with her first dog, stepped in with her 2nd dog and as there were no other reserves present, the trial commenced with 15 running.

The trial ran over three drives with all dogs off the lead for each drive. Despite left and right in all three drives being some distance apart, Iris and the judge stewards did an excellent job of getting the appropriate dogs to the judges when required. All went very smoothly and some excellent dog work was evident. The last drive, The Orchard, saw birds falling on the left onto a straw covered carrot crop and into bordering woodland. This proved challenging to several dogs, and two remained, both with eye wipes under their belt. The judges declared the trial over, and awards were announced as follows:-

1st - Mrs Francesca Prentice - Chosenworth Kite of Idawood

2nd - Mr Paul Dukes - Brocklebank Zinc

Francesca was awarded the Flamank Field Trial Cup for 1st and also the Warringah Trophy for Guns Choice.

Well done to the award winners, and also to all those who took part.

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to help and make it such a successful day. We cant run these events without the helpers and it's very much appreciated. Thank you too to Laura from Roger Skinner Ltd, our sponsors, who came along to represent Skinners and ended up mucking in too!

Finally, a very special thank you to our hosts Michael and Jane Gough, not only for providing the lovely ground and birds, but for being so welcoming and looking after us all so well. We are a very lucky club to have such generous hosts.

Kelly Stringfellow
Assistant Field Trial Secretary







