

WVRC Working Tests held at Dairy House Farm, Monnington-on-Wye, 1st April 2023

For AV Retrievers – Novice, Veteran and Novice Dog / Novice Handler

We held our first working tests of the season at Dairy House Farm, by the kind invitation of Edward Pearson Gregory and his wife Clare. We are extremely grateful to them for their kind support and I hope their first experience of holding a working test on their ground was not too awful! The dreadful weather in the days leading up to the tests and on the morning itself were unhelpful to put it mildly and resulted in one of the tests having to be relocated for the afternoon on safety grounds.

Thank you to our judges Lisa Harris, Clare Gould, Carolyn Jenkins, and Iris Wright. They coped with a very full large entry.

Our stewards kept the competitors organized – thank you to Sarah Akehurst, Bella Brown, Sue Goring, Rachel Massey, Nicola Pointer, Cherry Smith, Jean Tidmarsh and Jane Williams, who all worked hard to ensure we didn't finish at midnight! Thank you too to dummy throwers Tom Bennellick, Lee Burdett, Andy Crampton, Terry Dukes, Julian Gallimore, Tony Griffiths, Steve Lax, Dale Pointer, and Duncan Smith. I don't think those dummies got any lighter as the day went on... Thank you to Jean Tidmarsh for organizing the catering and providing cakes (along with Chris Peers) that everyone was very grateful for at the end of the day.

Thank you very much too to our sponsors Skinners, who provided prizes to our winners, and to Sporting Saint who provided vouchers for helpers. Their support is very appreciated.

And finally, thank you to Sean McGrath, who helped set up everything with me, outline suggested tests to the judges, and was chief steward on the day. The tests set sufficient challenges to cause enough trouble for some and allow the best dogs to shine.

Results:

Novice

1 st	Lucky Lupin of Nantygollen	Lab/Bitch, 24/08/2020	Shayne Price
2 nd	Tweedshot Faustus	Lab/Dog, 10/01/2020	Steve Lax
3 rd	Nantffrwd Denzil	Lab/Dog, 04/09/2020	Terry Dowman
COM	Breckmarsh Emeric	Lab/Dog, 22/03/2018	Cherry Smith
COM	The Love of Eros	Lab/Dog, 04/06/2017	Sue Goring

Veteran

1 st	Turpingreen Acuna of Corsemalzie	Lab/Bitch, 02/05/2014	Carol Probert
2 nd	Manormynd Vision of Wickmoor	Lab/Dog, 02/03/2015	Michelle Cox
3 rd	Howgillhay Fennel of Gillhays	Lab/Bitch, 17/05/2014	Debbie Polley
4 th	Gooseberry Hill Gus	Lab/Dog, 21/03/2014	Terry Dowman

Novice Dog / Novice Handler

1 st	Sorrelcott Superior	Lab/Bitch, 02/09/2020	George Davies
2 nd	Thalia Aphrodite of Redvalci	Lab/Bitch, 30/12/2020	James McKenzie
3 rd	Manus Radiant Redstart	Lab/Bitch, 21/07/2019	Moira Charlesworth
4 th	Gallyoak Alfie	Lab/Dog, 09/08/2020	Tom Davison



Novice winner Shayne Price with Lucky Lupin of Nantygollen and judges Lisa Harris, Clare Gould, Carolyn Jenkins, & Iris Wright.



Novice prize winners with the judges.



Veteran winner Carol Probert with Turpingreen Acuna of Corsemalzie with the judges.



Veteran prize winners with the judges.



Novice Dog / Novice Handler George Davies with Sorrelcott Superior with the judges.



Novice Dog / Novice Handler prize winners with the judges.