

## Dunclent Novice Field Trial 2017

We held our 16 dog Novice Field Trial at Dunclent Farm, Stone, Kidderminster on Friday 3rd November. Huge thanks to our wonderful hosts Mr & Mrs Michael Gough for their very generous support. As always they put on a marvellous day. Many thanks to the beaters for their hard work and the guns for their good shooting.

Thanks to our judges Mike Larkin, Simon Hagain, David Kirkby and Haydn Wilmot and also to our stewards Iris Wright, Claire Raymond and Ruth Thomas. Thanks also to our sponsors, Skinners

Finally, a massive thank you to the team of helpers who turned up to game carry, mark etc. - Sue Goring, Ben Goring, Rod Davies, Bella Brown, Steve Prosser, Julia Redpath, Terry Dukes, Nicky Pointer, Dale Pointer and Cindy Joules. Ben did a fine job of being official picker up. Hopefully everyone enjoyed Rod's catering at the end of it! They all gave up a day of their time and mucked in to help make it such a fabulous day. We couldn't have done it without them!

After the host and our Field Trial Secretary Roger Wiggins had made the introductions, the trial began with a ten minute walk to the first drive.

It was a very pleasant day in the autumn sunshine and we saw some very good dog work over three drives. Five dogs went through to round three in which one dog shone with two exceptional retrieves on runners. The trial was declared over and we made our way back to the farmhouse for the awards.

1<sup>st</sup> Clare Baker with Arcklebear's Crested Ten  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Aston with Balibuntal Panama  
Gun's Choice Clare Baker with Arcklebear's Crested Ten.

Well done Clare and Chris, and thanks to everyone who entered.



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