

The Wye Valley Retriever Club held its A/V Retriever - Puppy, Novice & Open Working Test on Sunday 24th June 2018 at Garford Farm, Yarkhill, Hereford by kind permission of Mr & Mrs James Parker. The judges were Jayne Coley (A) 1850, Steve Cullis, Paula Cullis & Claire Raymond. The results are:

Puppy

- 1st Tullysedge Band of Gold GR/D - Handler Adrian Phillips
- 2nd Constanigree Star Beam Lab/D - Handler Nick Swan
- 3rd Brockweir Sage Lab/D – Mrs D. Wiggin
- 4th Nobsquinton Sea Aster Lab/B – Handler Bella Brown
- C of M Klato Gabriel Lab/B – Handler Cherryl Jones
- C of M Sarnesfield Midnight Run Lab/D – Handler Craig Perry

Novice

- 1st Middlebrook Flycatcher - Handler John Mee
- 2nd Diglake Macdrum Lab/D - Handler Dawn Scott
- 3rd Beggargbush Ledbury Lab/D - Handler Alexandra Smith
- 4th Gwynteg Alize Lab/B - Handler Malcolm Jones

Open

- 1st Slipside Ebony Lab/B - Handler Paul Green
- 2nd Castlemans Soul Mam Lab/D - Handler Adrian Phillips
- 3rd Swiftlands Dora Lab/B - Handler Ellena Nunnery
- 4th Mucklehart Gracie Lab/B - Handler John Cornforth

It was a glorious day but very hot which made it a challenge for competitors & dogs to be on top form. Sadly it took its toll on some of us. We had a wonderful entry for the competition which made for quite a logistical challenge. Thanks to a wonderful team of Judges, Stewards and dummy throwers and the adherence to our request to competitors to help by moving quickly between tests we managed to get through the large number of Puppy and Novice dogs, including a run off with several dogs, by 2.30 pm. We are so grateful to the Open Competitors for waiting so patiently for your turn to come in all that heat. The day was marked by a friendly, sociable atmosphere and I am so grateful to all our entrants for the way in which all pitched in to ensure it ran well. Thanks to our Judges for setting excellent tests and to the Parker's for allowing the club to use their land again at some inconvenience to themselves, James was mowing on the day of the test to ensure good clear pathways ! I would like to pay tribute to my wonderful team of helpers – those who set up on Saturday evening, Morton & Julia Redpath for the enormous amount of work in arranging Judges and tests, the dummy throwers and stewards, Rob Peers who had the monumental task of scoring such numbers accurately, Jean Tidmarsh and her helpers for lunch and those who smoothly took over tasks as and when they saw something that needed doing. You were amazing and the day would have been impossible to run without you.

Sarah Akehurst



Open Winners



Novice Winners



Puppy Winners