

## WVRC Open Field Trial held at Batsford, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Results

Winner: Boggwater Bombay Sapphire, owned by Tracey Lines, handled by Andrew Lines  
2nd Place: Llangynidr Henry The Eighth, owned/handled by Nigel Probert  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Halorros Snipe, owned/handled by Craig Perry  
COMs: Nettlebridge By Your Side, owned/handled by Mark Burr  
Cornwood Glorification, owned/handled by Keith Broomfield  
FTCH. Valleyend Kate, owned/handled by Barry Taylor  
John Jones Memorial Trophy for the best retrieve:  
Halorros Snipe, owned/handled by Craig Perry  
Guns' Choice: Llangynidr Henry The Eighth, owned/handled by Nigel Probert



Our prize winners and the judges.

We held our 12 dog open field trial on Monday 15th December 2025 at the Batsford Estate, Moreton-in-Marsh, by the kind invitation of Lord and Lady Dulverton. We are extremely grateful to them for their very generous support, and for all the hard work that head keeper Matthew Farmer and his team and guns contribute to the successful running of the trial.

Thank you to our judges Phil Bruton [A], Helen Goodwin [A], Ricky Moloney [B] and Kate Smith [B], and all the others who worked so hard on a cold and often wet day - Chief Steward Jennie Dimmock, judges' stewards Nicky Pointer and Veronica Harris, game carriers Sean McGrath and Rachel Massey, markers Nicola Radtke, Andy Crampton, Zena Churchward, and Morton Redpath. And Dave Field, who stepped in to help too. Official picker up was Killy Pennell. I'd also like to thank Claire Raymond for helping in the line, Sarah Akehurst for the warming soups, Jean Tidmarsh for all the yummy cake and Veronica Harris for the goody bags for helpers pockets. Rachel Massey deserves an extra special mention for staying on at the end to help clear up!

Our grateful thanks go to the beaters, and well done the guns for getting plenty of birds on the floor (Alex Badger, Tom Ford, Michael Gough, Stan Howells, Martin Parkinson and Tony Stanley).

Pheasant and partridge fell into thick cover (scrub and brambles) and maize, as well as out in the fields. It was a rather a cold and drizzly day and we only just got back in before the heavy rain.

Everyone was glad to get back into the beaters' room where Michael Gough presented the winners with their cards and trophies.



Smiles in the line!  
Miserables?



Chief steward Jennie and Anna recreating a scene from Les



Ricky and Helen confer...



Marching on....



Smiley!



Alert!



Chilling out!



Happy to swim!! Despite the cold and rain!!



The anxious wait...



...but all is well, bird safely to hand!



Tea and biscuits!



The judges confer for the final time...

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the day and to our sponsors Skinners, for their prize cards and vouchers for those in the awards. Many congratulations again to Andrew (who came in as a reserve, from work, only that morning!), Nigel, Craig, Mark, Keith and Barry.

Well done to you all, judges, guns, beaters, helpers, and competitors alike, for an atmosphere all day of happy camaraderie (as well as total professionalism) that makes all the hard work putting these trials on worthwhile. Thank you.

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