

The Wye Valley Retriever Club held its Puppy, Junior Handler, Novice Dog/Novice Handler & Open Working test at Manor Farm in the beautiful Cotswolds on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

The club would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte and Tim Earnshaw for the privilege of holding the event on their wonderful grounds. It was such a relief that the weather co-operated and wasn't too hot, by the afternoon a few were asking for jackets as the wind on the higher pieces of ground was making them chilly !

It was great to have a Junior Handler present, Alfie Neale with Rybrae Royal Redman put in a valiant effort and I feel sure will have learnt loads from the experience. Well done you two.

Our 50 competitors and 66 dogs seemed to enjoy their day and I am so grateful to my wonderful stewards for keeping everyone moving efficiently. I would also like to thank my dummy throwers for their energy and willingness to chuck all those dummies and Rob Peers for keeping score. A special mention goes to our wonderful judges who set great tests for our competitors - Barry Taylor, Reuben Mort, Helen Goodwin, Julia Redpath, thank you so much for agreeing to help us in this way. Finally thank you to my fellow committee members, I didn't need to manage you at all. Every time I looked around you were just efficiently getting on with what needed to be done, I am so fortunate to be a part of a great team. I must also thank our cake makers for keeping up the clubs excellent reputation for great cake ! Thank you to our sponsors Skinners & KTAC-K9 for their prizes.

Congratulations to all our prize winners, results are as follows:

PUPPY

1st Nigel Probert - Penpadrig Kate of Llangynidr

2nd Nigel Probert - Tannbow Kieta of Llangynidr

3rd Nigel Probert - Withyrose Islay of Llangynidr
4th Cherry Smith - Laborie Mashai

C of M

Sid Davis - Greyhill Velvet at Bucksbrow
Julian Morgan - Greyhill Vanilla
Tony Orchard - Swiftlands Avenger

ND/NH

1st Izzy Riley - Sintonsand Slingsby
2nd James McKenzie - Thalia Aphrodite
3rd Annabelle Dodd - Pollgina Editoo Spook

C of M

Robert Philpott - Maperton Poetic License

OPEN

1st Lisa Harris - Hawksthorn Explorer
2nd Laura Hill - FTCH Stauntonvale Lemon Posset
3rd Nick Swan - Constanigree Shooting Star

C of M

Carol Probert - Etomanni Ludo of Corsemalzie
Nessa Gilham - Fletchingly Glencoe
David Thomas - OFTW Omachie Jock Scott