

Hampshire Gundog Society Novice HPR FT  
Flimwell, Kent  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
By kind invitation of Francis Briley & Canal Game Shoot

Judges : Suzi Burton (AP 2996) & S Pinkerton (BP 3146)

Weather : dry day with a mixture of clouds and sunny periods with a light wind

Ground : mixture of fields of game mix, clover, strips of woodland, ditches and hedges

2<sup>nd</sup> Number 3 – Kewpond Button & Bows – GWP – Susie Zarpanely

Her first run was in an open field of game mix with a right handed cheek wind. The bitch automatically worked the wind covering her beat with very few commands. When we turned at the bottom of the field the bitch changed with the wind position and once again covered her beat with minimal commands, showing pace and style. Quietly handled.

On her second run she was once again working a back wind with diligence and pace and was quietly handled. She came onto point and was asked to produce the bird. The flush wasn't as positive as needed and so she had to relocate the bird a couple of times before she produced the partridge. The bitch was steady to the flush, shot and fall but unfortunately the bird landed in woodland separated by a high boundary fence so we were unable to attempt a retrieve and the picking up dog was asked to retrieve the bird. The bitch was picked up.

She was subsequently brought into line for a shot cock pheasant of approx. 45 yds and she completed this to hand most satisfactorily.

3<sup>rd</sup> Number 12 – Archenfield Islay – HV – Nick Lambert

Her first run was in a field of clover which had started to flatten reducing the depth of cover. She worked a back wind with good pace and style and was quietly handled to ensure all of her beat was covered in a thorough manner. She did indicate on the left hand side of the beat but the run proved blank.

Her second run was another open field of low cover bounded by hedges. Working into the wind initially and then making a turn at the corner, she adapted her pattern and showed once again her pace, style and thorough ground treatment with minimal handling. The run was blank but she was subsequently brought into line for a blind retrieve on the outside of the wood. The handler was given a mark and the bitch took a good line out and with minimal handling made an efficient retrieve to hand. Her third run was in a narrow open wood with a left to right cheek wind. She made her way to the right hand side of the wood and ran down the outside edge stopping some 30 yards from the end before turning back on herself and came onto point on a white pheasant which lifted as she moved as her handler recalled her into the wood. It was not shot. She continued to work her beat inside the wood when once again she started to indicate and came onto point. She flushed a hen pheasant competently and was steady to flush, shot and fall and once again made an efficient retrieve to hand.

Thank you so much to the organisers, competitors, guns for such a lovely day - I thoroughly enjoyed my judging.

Miss Sharon R Pinkerton