

## **Grouse Pointing Test – Haworth Moor, West Yorkshire 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

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**JUDGES** : Fred Alcock and John Burns

What could be better, running our dogs on a fantastic grouse moor in beautiful weather, all this and in “Bronte country” the home of the gods.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS** :

Slightly overcast early morning but warm and sunny for the rest of the day. Mainly west winds but changing direction for almost every dog.

**SCENTING CONDITIONS** :

Fair to good

**TYPE OF GROUND, QUANTITY AND SPECIES OF GAME** :

Open heather moorland, white grass and reed beds. A good number of grouse, partridges, pheasants and rabbits

**GENERAL STANDARD OF WORK AND HANDLING** :

As would be expected whilst running both junior and adult dogs there was a wide variety of styles and performance. In general the work of the dogs and handlers was good. This was helped by the large numbers of grouse and the excellent condition of the moor

**MOORRUNNER MARKSMAN** GSP b J. Hay

This bitch worked the wind well, covering all of her beat. She pointed a covey of two grouse which she flushed on command . Graded **Very Good**

**TICKENCOTE TALK TONIGHT** GWP b P. Howard

A wide ranging fast bitch who covered the ground with speed and style, turned correctly most of the time, pointed a covey of seven grouse and flushed on command. Graded **Very Good**

**QUESTOR A'CHOIRE GHLAIS** GSP b E. Winser

This bitch covered her beat with tremendous speed and style ranging well out using the wind correctly which enabled her to point a covey of two grouse. Graded **Very Good**

**MADCAP CACTUS WREN** GSP b S. Hastwell

This bitch worked methodically, she staunchly pointed and held a covey of three grouse

and was steady to flush. Graded **Good**

**MADCAP PURPLE FINCH** GSP d R. Fairbrother

A fast energetic dog who quartered well ranging wider as he indicated scent enabling him to point a covey of three grouse. Graded **Good**

**ARRONS CROP RUN** GSP d R. Kennedy

A wide ranging dog which was very responsive to the handler. He had a steady point on a grouse which he flushed on command. Graded **Good**

**VIZELLEN OCEAN ZARZIA** HV b L. Minhinnick

A medium ranging bouncy bitch with an even pace and good pattern which pointed a covey of six grouse. Graded **Good**

**ISARA KURZHAAR POT-HUNTER** GSP d J. Hadingham

A steady and responsive but wide ranging dog, pointed two grouse and one pheasant simultaneously. Graded **Good**

**ISARA KURZHAAR PUBCRAWLER** GSP d E. Kania

Stylish dog covered lots of ground, early point on pheasant, later pointed covey of three grouse. Graded **Good**

**QUESTOR HARRIET** GLP b E. Winser

Another wide ranging stylish bitch with correct head carriage which pointed a covey of four grouse on a back wind. Graded **Good**

**MIRA VD MENNINR WEIDE** KG b J. Hudson

Another good running hunting bitch which positively pointed a covey of ten grouse early in her run. The rest of her run was blank. Graded **Good**

After the prize giving the Head Keeper, Paul Thurkle, thanked the runners for their fine performance on the day and reinforced the GSPC view that these days are mainly for the younger dogs to prove their mettle. He also thanked the GSP owners who turn up on shoot syndicate days as beaters and pickers-up.

Our thanks for the success and enjoyment of this test are due to all those who helped organize it and particularly to our hosp Mr J.D. Standevan and the Haworth Moor Syndicate, the head keeper Paul Thurkle who guided us around the moor, the chief steward Sue Hastwell and Ethel Burns who provided an excellent lunch. Many thanks to all concerned for a very enjoyable day.

**Fred Alcock and John Burns**