

On Monday 23 September 2024 we held our first Field Trial of the Season, being the GRC Novice Breed stake at the beautiful Wiltshire shoot at **Teffont Magna**, and there by kind invitation of Henry and Elizabeth Pelham and permission of Edward Waddington. The Judges were Robert Atkinson, Judith Evans, Sue Berman and Helen Burnie. Fiona Baird was Chief Steward and Dawn Rose was the Dog Steward. We had a full card of 16 Competitors and their dogs. Grateful thanks go to our wonderful hosts, the Keeper and his team, the Judges, the guns, the helpers and our new sponsors **Sphere Consumer Products Ltd** and to **Skinners**.

It was a fabulous day; a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, careful and considered judging and the best dogs remained in until the end. Notwithstanding the torrential rain, the birds flew well, and with some lovely high birds and good shooting, the Judges were able to create interesting, varied and some challenging retrieves. The scent remained good all day and the top dogs were able to show off their natural game finding talents.

1st place and The Lakeland's Challenge Bowl for the highest placed Dog/ Bitch in the awards and whose owner has never won a Field Trial was awarded to No.15, Armand de Roover and his Dog Taur En Faroeth Du Pays Des Gelfes. He also received a new Memento Trophy provided on behalf of Sphere Consumer Products Ltd.

2nd place and The Mike Knox Memorial Trophy for Gun's Choice went to No. 7, Jean Baveystock and her own Polihale Bucks Fizz At Baveybuilt, and

3rd place went to No. 4, Andrew England and his Dog Dairycott Hebe.

Very well done and congratulations to all those in the awards and thank you to everyone for making it such a successful day.

Thank you.

Kim Jinks

GRC Field Trial Secretary

Thursday 26th September 2024



