

REPORTS, RESULTS, COMMENT AND NEWS

Superb game finding at two-day grouse trial for setters in County Durham

Club: The English Setter Club

Event: Grouse field trials

Venue: Eggleston Moor, County Durham

Judges: Julie Organ and Colin Adamson

Headkeeper and steward of the beat: Robert Beadle

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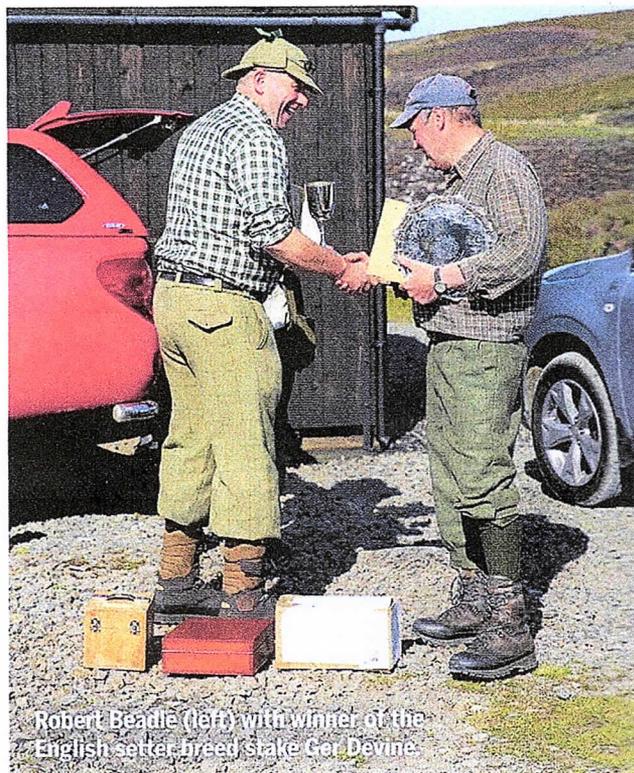
Robert Beadle gave us every assistance in making the trials run smoothly, which were held by kind permission of M.J.C. Stone Esq. We had two sunny days with a steady breeze and perfect conditions.

The novice stake showed much promise but the judges were disappointed to lose several dogs fairly quickly. Some dogs were a little too enthusiastic by taking on too much ground and making mistakes. However, Mr Hall's pointer dog Windhovering Alder showed us his quality of game finding in both rounds. He finished his run by locating a covey and producing his birds well. He was our eventual winner with no other awards.

After a short break the English setters gathered for the breed stake. It was an excellent entry of top class dogs. Spectators with an interest in the breed had travelled from Norway to watch proceedings and compare notes. Scent seemed better in the afternoon and dogs took full advantage of it. We saw some lovely quartering and some clever finds on single birds, and the grouse were sitting well.

Judging becomes special when you see a brace of dogs drawn together who complement each other with their flow, pace and style whilst hunting independently. We were privileged to see this on the day. The second round consisted of six very good dogs competing at the highest level. They were impressive and didn't disappoint. It was pleasing to finish the day with a full card of awards as the English setters were on good form.

On the second day conditions were good for the open stake, and several dogs put up a great display of quartering combined with good finds. Grouse were



Robert Beadle (left) with winner of the English setter breed stake Gar Devine.



Open stake winner Mr Hild's FTCh Ardclinis Eva.

plentiful and every brace had chance of game. We lost a few

contenders through missed birds or just bad luck, and the second round saw five brace go through. We had some exciting moments as the dogs handled some tricky situations skilfully. It was a pleasure to judge these experienced dogs, and we had a good end to a thoroughly enjoyable day. Many thanks to all concerned on a good sporting occasion. ■

Results

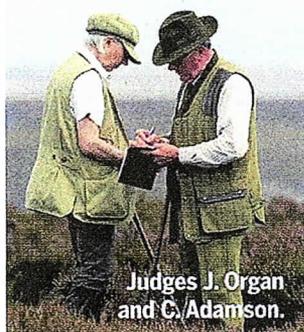
NOVICE

- 1 Mr Hall with PD Windhovering Alder Breed stake
- 1 G. Devine with FTCh Gortinreagh Eppie
- 2 D. Goutorbe with FTCh Upperwood Clover
- 3 G. Devine with FTCh Ballyellen Cara (owned by W Connolly)
- 4 G. Devine with Ballyellen Tango
- CoM D. Goutorbe with FTCh Upperwood Hera

OPEN

- 1 R. MacNicol with PB FTCh Ardclinis Eva

- (owned by Mr Hild)
- 2 S. Lound with PD FTCh Frosted Elfin of Fleetstalk (owned by Mr and Mrs Lound)
 - 3 A. Neill with PD Deeverspring Angus (owned by Mr Michel)
 - 4 J. Dalton with PB Shannaghview Gershin De Lagopus
 - CoM J. Dalton with PD Lagopus Jester
 - CoM N. Harris with GSB Trollsteinen's Neamour of Clitters
 - CoM J. Naylor with PD Goddrib Bari of Bitternboom
 - CoM L. Westron with PB Goddrib Florence



Judges J. Organ and C. Adamson.

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