

Field Trials



Spring Circuit

After three months (December to February) of wet, windy and un-seasonally warm (temperature) weather that significantly reduced daylight conditions, more normal winter weather started to re-appear in early March giving some comfort that planet earth was still turning.

As a result spring grouse counting commenced, though there was an underlying concern across many estates that the extraordinary long wet weather period may have affected grouse numbers. Furthermore early March witnessed light snow falls and raised another concern that a late winter white out could yet occur (as per March 2013).

Thankfully none of these concerns materialised and as a result both spring trials as held at Mugglewick by kind permission of Jeremy Herman. Judges were Billy Darragh and Brian Morris. Competitors at the open stake enjoyed a chilly, though sunny day, while competitors at the puppy & novice stake were not quite as fortunate, given the frequency of ultra-heavy rain showers.

Open Stake

- 1st S Robinson : Ft Ch Coldcoats Corbally Boy (ISD)
- 2nd R MacNicol : Gerensary Zita (PB)
- 3rd S Robinson : Tiquan Pippa (ISB)
- CoM S Lound : Goddrib Judd (PD)

Novice Stake

- 1st J Dalton : Lord of the Dance (PD)

Puppy Stake

- 1st P Curran : Ardclinis Ernie (PD)
- 2nd P Dale : Crimson Patch of Bladesdale (PD)

Summer Circuit

The British summer arrived in late May with the arrival of light air, sunny and dry weather conditions. Majority of estate staff optimistically hoped that these most favourable conditions would remain in place for a few weeks. But those same conditions extended through-out June, into an even hotter July and beyond to a more temperate August and an unseasonably dry and warm September. All of which added up to game stocks enjoying the most perfect rearing – chick growing period for many a decade.

Summer trials were held at Reeth in North Yorkshire by kind permission of Nickerson family. Judges were Colin Organ and Liz Osborne. Competitors on both days enjoyed beautiful, though extremely hot afternoon, conditions where temperatures soared to 29degrees.

Open Stake

- 1st T Harris : Sparkfield Warrior (PD)
- 2nd J Coyle : Koram Kaiser (PD)
- 3rd R Michel : Deeverspring Dawn (PB)
- 4th D Goutourbe : Upperwood Va Va Voom (ESB)

Irish Setter Breed Stake

- 1st B Darragh : Ft Ch Glendrisock Arabella (ISB)
- 2nd S Robinson : Coldcoats Rapid Meg (ISB)
- 3rd S Robinson : Tiquan Pippa (ISB)
- 4th B Morris : Erinvale Frosted Flame (ISD)
- CoMs B Morris : Bownard Boffin (ISD)
- B Darragh : Erinvale Ice Flare (ISB)

Puppy Stake

- 1st S Lound : Frosted Elfin at Fleetstalk (PD)
- 2nd R Heath : Fugledes Uno (PD)
- 3rd J Naylor : Goddrib Bari of Bitternboom (PD)