

Field Trials

Spring Circuit

The spring trials were once again held on the estates of Mugglewick & East Allenheads by kind permission of Jeremy Herrmann. Judges for the two days of spring field trials were Steve Robinson and James Coyle .

Weather conditions over the two days were dry, though the overcast conditions and easterly wind made conditions bracing. Those same conditions were perfect for ground maintenance and as such Steve Colmar and his team spent those days undertaking heather burning activities.

The Open Stake was well supported with following awards being presented.

- 1 st #24, ESD, Upperwood Forest (Mr Dominic Goutorbe)
 - 2 nd #27, ESD , Ft Ch Gibeltariq Troy at Upperwood (Mr Dominic Goutorbe)
 - 3 rd #40, PD, Fugledes Uno (Mr Roy Heath)
 - 4 th #09, GSB, Wiscombe Tomintoul (Ms Sara Chichester)
- The Puppy Stake Winner was #22, ISD, Bownard Delegator (Mr Colin Forde).

While the Novice Stake Winner was #71, GSB, Chartan Hermone Grainger (Mrs Tilly Thomas).

Both clubs appreciate the continued support of Jermemy Hermann and Steve Colmar in allowing Spring access to the estates' fantastic moorland.

Summer Circuit

The summer trials were held at Swintons, near Masham in North Yorkshire by kind permission of Lord Masham. Judges for the two days of summer field trials were Daryl Edwards and David Wood.

This was the club's inaugural field meet at Swintons and the Field Trial Secretary was quite overwhelmed by the level of interest by competitors. Gary Taylor (head keeper) walked with us over both days, taking us to choice areas of moorland as allowing all dogs equal opportunity to hunt and find game.

Day-1 weather conditions for the Puppy, Show Gundog Certificate and Breed Stakes were favourable with bright sunshine and light wind conditions.

Puppy Stake No Awards

Show Gundog Certificate No Awards

The Breed Stake awards are as follows:

- 1 st #25, ISB, Erinvale Ice Crackle (Mrs Penny Darragh)
- 2 nd #22, ISB, Erinvale Jessica (Mr Billy Darragh)
- 3 rd #06, ISD, Bownard Carrabullawn of Wiscombe (Ms Sara Chichester; Handler : Maddy Raynor)
- 4 th #71, ISB, Coldcoats Rapid Meg (Mr Steve Robinson)

Day-2 Open Stake conditions were just as challenging though the temperature dipped slightly in the afternoon. Awards as presented are as follows:

- 1 st #28, ISD, Bownard Delegator (Mr Colin Forde)
 - 2 nd #71, ISB, Coldcoats Rapid Meg (Mr Steve Robinson)
 - 3 rd #46, PB, Ardclinis Eva of Gerensay (Mr Laurent Hild; Handler : Richard MacNicol)
 - 4 th #41, PD, Fugledes Uno (Mr Roy Heath)
- CoM #19, PB, Shannaghview Gershwin (Mr James Dalton)

Both clubs appreciate the support of Lord Masham and Gary Taylor in allowing Summer access to the estates' fantastic moorland.

2017 Field Trial Diary Dates

Tues 21st & Wed 22nd March

Location : East Allenheads-Muggleswick, Co Durham

Judges : Dominic Goutorbe & Dave Amsden

Wed 19th & Thurs 20th July

Location : Swintons, nr Masham, North Yorkshire

Judges : Wilson Young & Stephen Clarke



The 2016 Field Trial Overview

The beginning of the year brought challenges in terms of losing access rights to the summer moorland ground at Reeth. While correspondence was sent to the estate to thank them for past support, there remained an uphill struggle to secure suitable ground. Fortunately, and with much thanks to committee member Wilson Young, ground was secured at Swintons near Masham in North Yorkshire (home to the Black Sheep Fine Ale Brewery).

This allowed our normal field trial calendar of events to be run as normal in March and also in July. Competitor interest was high for both sets of trials, with the summer entry level presenting more than a challenge for this Field Trial Secretary, though the income level did please the Field Trial Treasurer.

It was pleasing to see so many Irish Red enthusiasts from the show ring attend the summer trials. And additionally it was pleasing to welcome Linda King (ISAE Treasurer) again onto the moor as well as attending the Field Trial Annual Business Meeting.

Field Trials are a time-honoured sport, though expensive to run and the field trials could not be run without the generous financial support as received from the parent clubs.