

THE 236th FIELD TRIAL MEETING

NOVICE STAKE FOR 15 DOGS

*Held under the Club's Rules and the Field Trial Regulations of the
Kennel Club*

at

LONGLEAT, WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE

*By Kind Invitation of Horningsham Sporting Club
and Mr K.Beddel's party of Guns*

on

On Saturday 13th October 2007

Judges

Alan Thornton Gaynor Bailey Basil Smith Paul Truby

Gaynor Bailey writes:

The Novice Field Trial held at Longleat, Wiltshire, by kind invitation of Horningsham Sporting Club and Mr K. Beddel's Party of Guns, turned out to be one of the best Novice Trials that the Judges had seen for a long time. The



15 dogs staying steady whilst the Guns shot a good number of pheasants and partridges, then handling extremely well to pick the difficult long retrieves set by the Judges. The standard was really good, with dogs being sent a long way to pick a specific bird, in some cases being told that the Judges would accept any bird if two or three were rather close together. There is nothing worse than circus tricks where a handler is told "not that pheasant but the one a little further on". Anja Moeller had a horrid retrieve for her final one, a pheasant in nettles in the far corner of the field just on the edge of the wood. Until the dog was right on top of the bird he wasn't going to wind it so it was a bit of a struggle, but Gunsight's Bracket eventually retrieved it by dint of some excellent handling by Anja.

It took 7 retrieves apiece before the final 3 dogs were sorted out, a very close finish just giving the edge to the overall winner.

Results:

1st James Bailey's Mansengreen Fletcher (it was James's first win),

2nd Noel Bailey's Craighorn Abby

3rd Kevin Carty's Frostfield Bramble

4th Anya Moeller's (Germany) Gunsight's Bracket

(Also Guns Choice)

Certificates of Merit to:

Wayne Mitchell's **Minstead Wexford of Labdom**

Jane Trowell's **Janfran Clementine**

Judy Venables's **Kittsgate Jensen of Quardrum**

(also awarded Best Looking)

Report by Gaynor Bailey