

**Report from the Field Trial Secretary: Mr Terry Sparkes
The Shirley Radburn National Working Tests
Date: Saturday 25th June 2016
Venue: Near Evesham, Worcs.**

**Judges: Ken Green, Sue Parkes, Steve Smith
By Kind Permission of Kevin and Sarah James**

Our National Working Tests were held on the 25th June 2016 at a new ground near Evesham with the kind permission of Kevin & Sarah James. Our hosts came to join us for lunch and also to present the awards. Our Judges for the day were Ken Green, Sue Parkes and local keeper Steve Smith. The ground had everything required for me to test both 15 Novice and 13 Open dogs in a wide variation of ground cover and water. The water tests being the problem on the day for a lot of the dogs in both classes. A few of the Novice dogs were reluctant to enter the water, out of sight of their handlers, whereas all but 5 of the Open dogs could not resist a mark into the water before first picking an unseen dummy.

At lunch the Novice dogs had completed 4 tests with the opportunity of picking 7 retrieves, and the awards were presented to:

1st. L.Holton with Castlerock First Angel

2nd. A.Sweeney with Portledge Belle Amy of Wolfthistle

3rd. C.Hewison with Donascimento Danilo from Casblaidd

The Open tests in the afternoon yielded the following result:

1st. J.Crew with Casblaidd Quill Hogan

2nd. C.Hewison with Maddistream Indigo Jack at Casblaid.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that turned out to help with both the tests and the catering. I hope everyone involved had an enjoyable day.