

THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER SOCIETY MIDLAND AREA
WORKING TESTS 23RD APRIL 2022

held at Byrds Retreat, Harvington, Worcestershire by kind permission of Bob and Sonia Byrd and generously sponsored by Skinners Pet Foods Ltd.

The weather was almost perfect for a working test, light cloud, intermittent sunshine, not too hot and a nice breeze.

Thank you to our judges Mr Tim Brain (A3226) Dr. Nicola Reynolds (B3574) Mr Reuben Mort (NP), Mrs Charlotte Earnshaw (NP) and Mrs. Julia Redpath (NP) for so generously giving up their time and judging in such a friendly and supportive way.

Every working test needs a merry band of helpers to steward, throw dummies, place blinds, fire shot, make the tea etc. Huge thanks to those people who gave up their day to come and help.

The Novice ran in the morning. After a few late withdrawals, 17 dogs undertook 5 tests:

- a double mark up the hill (the second put out as a distraction)
- a long blind
- a hunting exercise
- a blind in the wood
- a 2 dog walk up

At the end of the morning there was a clear winner:

1st Mo Sweet with Hoarok Hill who received the Windyhollows Trophy

CofM Louise Simmonds with Percuil Restronuet

The Open ran in the afternoon with 7 dogs undertaking the same 5 tests, with distances and position being extended.

1st Sven Bosshard from Switzerland with Almanza Never Touch Ground also awarded the Pallingforth Trophy and Judges' Choice

2nd Yasmina Zuberbuhler also from Switzerland with MultiShCh BISS FTW
Almanza Secret of Success also awarded the Yonsaf Cup.

(Note trophies cannot be taken out of the UK)

Heather Harley on behalf of Rachel Birch