

SSAA WA State Championship Closed Season Pointer & Setter Field Trial

by Alan Willey

The SSAA WA Working Gundog Branch ran the Championships on Saturday, July 30, at Toodyay, north-east of Perth. The club would like to thank judge Denis Everard from Victoria for accepting the appointment at short notice and also assistant judge Sandy Peter'ka.

We had a field of seven dogs: two English setters, two Brittany spaniels, Irish setter, pointer and a German shorthaired pointer. The trial was held in a new crop with old stubble in it. The day was very windy, which made the game run and tested the dogs. There was some very good work in the first round and five dogs were put into the second round. Four dogs filled their cards to the judges' satisfaction and were tested with the land retrieves. The winner was the Brittany spaniel, which had a very

good, steady day in the field.

The Working Gundog Branch would like to thank SSAA WA for donating a swag to be raffled for the entrants and helpers, which was fittingly won by Maurizio Casidio.

- 1 Tobenlee Zachary Ballou (Zac) Brittany Spaniel - Maurizio Casidio
- 2 Runanset Luxury Liner (Tina) English setter - Ferrante Alvarez de Toledo
- 3 WGAA FCh (CS) Ywurrie Rani (Abbey) pointer - Alan Willey

On the Sunday, we held the Bob Dean Memorial Trophy at South Meckering, east of Perth. Denis Everard was the judge again and Sandy Peter'ka his assistant. This trial was also held in a new crop with old stubble, but there was a chance of a thunder-

storm. The first brace had very good conditions, although windy, and the Irish setter of Paul Brown had some very good finds and did some excellent roading to produce the game and was steady to shot. But at the end of the second brace, the wind and torrential rain came and caused some dogs to be eliminated. The judge asked to see three dogs for the second round: Paul's Irish setter, Ferrante's English setter and Alan's pointer. There were several more finds by the braced pair of the Irish and English setters and they went on to the retrieves.

- 1 Everheart Grace (Grace) Irish setter - Paul Brown
- 2 Runanset Luxury Liner (Tina) English setter - Ferrante Alvarez de Toledo

Judge Denis Everard, left, Alan and Abbey, Ferranta and Tina, and Maurizio Casidio and Zac.

