

Experience Shines Through

Wales: Michelle Thomas

Aled Owen and Llangwm Cap were on form at Hiraethog, Thurs 21st. Judged under Huw Francis (am) and Gwyn Ll. Davies (pm) the course consisted of a 250 yard uphill outrun practical to both sides, most favoured the downhill start to the right. The morning session's right hand drive saw issues at the first gate, situated slightly out of sight in a dip it was hard to catch throughout. Aled Owen and Llangwm Cap made it look simple, taking good command of the flighty Welsh crossbred's to win both classes.

At Ffos Y Fran, Sat 23rd, the 350 yard uphill course ran on packets of 3 from a mixed age flock of Brecknock Cheviots favouring kind handling. Angie Driscoll's near perfect Open run was **"one of the best"** Bryan Pugh had ever judged, losing 2 marks with Kinloch Pippi. The first session of the new Novice class was won by Heddwyn Thomas, the part-time caretaker for the local high school has had placings with his working bitch, Rhosan Bel, but this is their first win.

Father and Son were top dogs at Sun 24th Manorbier Newton trial on sheep kindly loaned by Mr. Huw Williams and family. This Royal Welsh 2019 fund-raiser saw £508 given in a well supported trial where experience shone. The course proved tricky throughout, and talent was needed to guide the Texel x Aberfield hoggets around it. Kevin Evans and Derwen Doug took the morning session, judged by Meirion Owen. Doug ran out to the left, he had a tricky lift with the packet of 3 splitting, but was quickly corrected by Kevin and they were soon on their way, handled kindly and with purpose they worked well, coupled with a clean shed and pen that saw them finish on the score of 10 – lost from their lift and fetch. In the afternoon the sheep were harder to lift and caught many a dog out and it was Kevin's father, David Evans who took the top spot with his young bitch Lass on a score of 13 under judge Stan Harden.

Photo: Kevin (left) and Dai (right) Evans

