Dukeries - Notts Gundog Club

24 Dog 2 Day Open AV Retriever Championship Qualifier bkp of Graham Holden and Family

Judges Mark Demaine Barry Taylor Liz Taylor Wayne Skett

After the 1st day of some very challenging retrieves on Snipe Duck Pheasant and Partridge 4 dogs survived all having had 4 retrieves

On the 2nd Day we lost one of the 4 dogs very early on a wounded Pheasant which had ran through the beat into a maze crop. After 2 other dogs were tried the Judges went to out to check the area, but could not find the bird.

After the last 3 dogs had picked their 5th Retrieve and several dry runs the Judges had a decision to make about carrying on or calling time.

The decision made was to call time and the following Awards were given

WINNER (Championship A Qualification)

CHESECAKE ARTILLERY owned by Duchess of Devonshire and handled by John Halsted also received Trophy for the youngest dog in Awards

2nd PLACE (Championship B Qualification)

ISLEOFMAN GIN Owned and handled by Vicki Ruston

3rd PLACE Hawksgarth Maddison Owned and handled by Gary Collier

My thanks to our host Graham and Family, my Guns and Arthur Telfair , Keeper Tom Lawrenson , my Sponsors Skinners and Sporting Saint, my Dog Steward Jemma Hendley, Game Carriers Paul, Robert Jan and myself, Red Flag Liz and Amy, Picker Up Henry Vincent Price

We had a great time and another successful 2 day Open now in my 3rd Year, very stressful with 104 withdrawals and late Judge change because of family bereavement in a very busy October calendar. I wish John all the very best in the Championship with now his 4th dog truly outstanding and Vicky with her first Championship B Qualification a performance of natural ability which you can be justly proud of.