Dukeries (Notts) Gundog Club

We ran the first of our AV Retriever Field Trials yesterday bkp of Mr David Thomas and Head Keeper Dan Serduik at Brook Farm Cuffley. It was an All Aged Field Trial.

The first drive produced a number of shot partridge falling onto a recently drilled Field with some stuble and hedge rows and grass.

The judges then asked for 12 dogs from the original 16 to come forward to the 2nd partridge drive which was very heavy, with at least 80 birds on the ground, the Judges needed to be creative and asked the dogs to demonstrate their hunting and handling skills where we lost a further 8 dogs.

4 of the top dogs came through to the final drive near the lakes, all 4 dogs completed completed a further round of retrieves with 1 retrieve being on the water. The Judges then had a run off with all 4 dogs again this time asking them to complete a very challenging retrieve over water.

We had 3 dogs complete the task and the following Awards were presented

1st Place Brindlebay Gertie Too of Birdsgreen handled by [Sara Gadd](https://www.facebook.com/groups/427788310594654/user/100000737780314/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZViRuoFYCQIBceSc-aqZuuJ0ZrtTfgntKIqpfiY-Q2IbcOq_gK_R-faToOeagZSJTjrRwsKG9TB4Zy5sX3fhy-M8JkgFxKZd_R_z-N-9O_fpMqLJvbFtyjloo40KAwRUGss7GvzWdXTLPJEwV8n_9tjlfzAZDezRmUcNqY3UFenLr95h1haYTd7yrUy6bpP6Ug&__tn__=-%5dK-R)

2nd Place & Guns Choice Castletioram Caledonia at Quingrave handled by Steve Newitt

3rd Place Nobsquinton Nettle handled by [Claire Raymond](https://www.facebook.com/groups/427788310594654/user/646997791/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZViRuoFYCQIBceSc-aqZuuJ0ZrtTfgntKIqpfiY-Q2IbcOq_gK_R-faToOeagZSJTjrRwsKG9TB4Zy5sX3fhy-M8JkgFxKZd_R_z-N-9O_fpMqLJvbFtyjloo40KAwRUGss7GvzWdXTLPJEwV8n_9tjlfzAZDezRmUcNqY3UFenLr95h1haYTd7yrUy6bpP6Ug&__tn__=-%5dK-R)

Com Copperwheat Chelsea handled by Ken Byron

Winner & Guns Choice were presented Trophies, Cards Rossettes and Skinners Vouchers, other Awards to places Cards Rossttes and Skinners Vouchers.

Gifts and Thank You Cards were presented to Guns, Host, Head Keeper, Judges, Helpers.

Many thanks to our 9 Guns for their generosity and the 9 helpers who provided their time for us to enjoy the day.

Special Thanks to Host David Thomad , Judges Richard Beckerleg Peter Abbs Jim Collins and Stewart North. Chief Steward Josefine Van Der Dussen and Chief Catering expert Louise Bailey. We all had a great day.

Stewart North Field Trial Secretary