On MARCH 27th the SETTER AND POINTER TRIAL was held by the kind permission of Strathmore English Estates at Holwick, Middleton In Teesdale.

Amazingly a lovely warm day welcomed us to Holwick, such a change from rain and blizzards of previous years.

We had a super entry of 7 puppies and a full card in the Open Stake with 17 reserves standing.

Of the 17 all but for 6 managed to get a run after withdrawals.

The atmosphere was amazing as we followed Head Keeper, Andrew Dent and our judges onto the fell. First to run was the puppies, now 6 in number.

Conditions were extremely hard as there was very little scent and as to be expected at this time of year, the grouse were lifting and circling back.

Unfortunately, but not surprisingly none of the puppies survived.

It was then on to the Open stake when even the most experienced dogs came a cropper, the heat was still holding down what little scent there was. Dog after dog were put out and at the end of the first round only three and a half brace went through to the second round.

Having worked and handling the conditions brilliantly a first, second and third award were given.

All returned to the lunch hut’s veranda where gifts and thanks were given to Lord Strathmore, Andrew Dent and the gun, Peter Bartram.

The awards were presented and the winner of the lst prize thanked the judges. The judges Mr Colin Forde and Mrs Tilly Thomas were then thanked for giving their time to judge for the Dukeries and the competitors for supporting the Club.

Chairman, Paul Raper had been on hand to help throughout the day and also gave thanks to the Estate, Competitors and Secretary.

Open Stake

1st Mr. Terry Harris' Pointer Dog Ft. Ch Koram Kasbah at Sparkfield

2nd Mr David Hall's Pointer Dog Argameols Whitemoor

3rd Miss Lucy Hall's English Setter Bitch Upperwood Cherche

Hon. Setter and Pointer Secretary

Mrs Val Isherwood