THE DUKERIES (NOTTS) GUNDOG CLUB

SETTER AND POINTER TRIAL MARCH 2016

The spring trial took place on Holwick moor, Middleton in Teesdale.

It was a large group that arrived in the beautiful surroundings belonging to Strathmore English Estates. All gathered for the minute of silence to show their respect for our late host, Lord Strathmore. I am sure all appreciated the trial had been allowed to take place at this sad time for the family.

As usual, we were in the capable hands of head keeper, Mr Andrew Dent, who directed us throughout the day on this outstanding moor. We were fortunate in having two guns, meaning if both dogs on point there was no waiting, giving a better chance to get to the dog before the birds jumped.

We had 9 puppies entered but two withdrawals. A late entry meant we still had a qualifier. We had good ground coverage with the pups, but unfortunately scenting being bad, due to wind chill and birds running around, we had no awards.

There was an excellent entry in the Open stake of 56 dogs. 46 fully qualified, 2 with other qualifications and rest non-qualified. Due to withdrawals all but 8 reserves ran. These 8 get their entry fee returned.

The conditions again proved difficult and was a day for a careful dog. 5 brace went through to the second round resulting in the following:-

1st  Mr A. W. Young – PD Fearn Quark of Burncastle

 2nd  Mrs S Langford & Mr A Neill – Goddrib Messima

 3rd Mr J Naylor – Goddrib Bari of Bitterboom

 4th Mr D Goutorbe – Upperwood Forest

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