Our final Retriever Field Trial for 2023/24 writes Stewart North

16 Dog All Aged AV Retriever Field Trial bkp Wentworth Fitzwilliam & Head Keeper Chris Flintoff of Wentworth Park Estate

Judges John Yarwood , Vanessa King

Eden Parish , Kevin Butler

Chief Steward Stewart North

Guns James Barnes , Brian Wilshaw,

Tom Wilshaw, Barrie Philips,

Bob Seaman , David Bellamy, Andrew Bray, Ben Bray

Helpers Paul Raper, Robert Suchet Kay, Roz Bellamy , Helen Fox, Jemma Hendley

Fabulous Sponsors Skinners Pet Foods and Sporting Saint

Very pleased to be back at Wentworth an Estate that represents typical woodland and parkland shooting in the UK.

All 16 dogs were divided into Odds and Evens and sat in a drive producing over 40 Pheasants and a Partridge, which enable the Judges to complete the 1st and 2nd Rounds. The Wentworth team controlled the Drive such that dead and wounded game could be retrieved quickly and efficiently.

On completion of the 2nd Round, the Judges had 5 dogs suitable dogs to enter the third round, for 2 more retrieves.

We all jumped on board transport for a duck drive which produced sufficient retrieves to complete the trial.

We returned back to keepers cabin where Roz Bellamy treated us to a great chilli hotpot.

Before presenting Awards we gave our thanks to our Host, Keeper, Judges, Guns and Helpers and special mention of our Sponsors Skinners and Sporting Saints

Winner and Guns Choice Award

Cornstraw Drake of Flypatch handler Tim Brain

2nd Swiftlands Hela handler Ellena Nunneley

3rd Drakeshead Finnigan of Tagabea handler Paula Cullis

4th and winner of Raytonbeck Shield for the youngest dog in Awards Minstead Reacher handled by Victoria Stanley

I presented a Top Gun Prize to Brian Wilshaw

Thank you to all those attending and staying for the Awards a really great day.