Setter and Pointer Field Trial 12th and 13th July

The Dukeries were once again granted permission by his Grace, The Duke of Northumberland to hold the Summer Setter and Pointer trial on the beautiful Burncastle. A moorland which is so complimentary to the work these dogs perform.

Head keeper Mr Craig Dickman looked after us all, his wife, Pernilla carried the gun. The two judges were Mrs Meryl Asbury and Ms Lucy Hall.

A happy band of handlers and dogs joined the meet anxious to give their dogs a run on the fell, for many this was their first opportunity since Spring.

Stake 1 was a Novice when, although competitors were given every chance the stake concluded with no awards. The Gun’s Choice was awarded to a new comer to the sport Mr. Neil Crozier with his ISD Coldcoats Reggie. This was followed by an All-Aged Stake, again another new competitor came out with an award and this time a 1st placing to Sarah Brooke to her IRWSB Drumlace Shadow in Earnest. 2nd Mrs Steve Lound’s PD Argameols Clougha of Fleetstalk, Gun’s Choice Mr Steve Robinson’s ISB Coldcoats Ginny a litter sister to the Novice stake’s Gun’s Choice.

The second day started with 4 dogs hoping to gain a SGWC. I am delighted to report 3 were successful. Mrs Nickie Ackerley’s GSB Yennadon Glenlossie, Sarah Brooke’s IRWSB Drumlace Shadow in Earmest (IKC) and Mrs Geraldine O’Driscoll’s PD Fowington Hurrican Fly.

The Open Stake was then held and after some excellent work resulted in a full card of awards. 1st Steve Robinson with his ISB Ft Ch Shanrycon Diamonte, 2nd Kim Brown with litter brother to 1st Shanrycon Dexter 3rd S Robinson’s Coldcoats My Newt, 4th Steve Lound’s PD Argameols Clougha of Fleetstalk. Cert. of Merit Ms Linda Westron’s ISB Ballyellen Merkel at Aurichalcum. This time the Gun’s Choice was the winner.

Thanks were given to His Grace, The Duke of Northumberland, Craig Dickman and the judges.

Val Isherwood

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