

WVRC 16 dog Novice Field Trial held at Dunclent on Friday 4th November 2022

Wye Valley Retriever Club held our 16 dog novice field trial on Friday 4th November 2022 at Dunclent Farm, by the kind invitation of Michael and Jane Gough. We are extremely grateful to them for their very generous hospitality and support, and for all the hard work that they, and their daughter Helen and son in law Mark, contribute to the successful running of the trial.

Thank you to our judges Phil Highfield, Laura Marsh, Leigh Jackson, Reuben Mort, and all the others who worked so hard to make the trial run so smoothly - Chief Steward Iris Wright, judges' stewards Julia Redpath and Sean McGrath, game carriers Steve Lax and Paul Egginton, Red Flag Dale Pointer, markers Terry Dukes and Tony Griffiths, Official pickers up Nicola Pointer and Veronica Harris.

Catering was provided by Sarah Akehurst. She did an amazing job with her "field kitchen" again, with competitors and helpers all grateful for the refreshments she provided.

Thank you to the guns and to steward of the beat, Mark Nicholls, whose team presented the birds excellently and were very patient between the drives.

Thank you to sponsors Skinners.

Results:

Winner: Shadowed Rose Of Hintonbreeze, handled by Lee Burdett

2nd Place & Guns' Choice: Castletioram Caledonia At Quingrave, handled by Stephen Newitt

3rd Place: LLangunwood Cascade, handled by Barney Williams

All three in the awards were bitches so it was definitely a day for the girls!

Our winner also took home our new cup, the John Jones Memorial Trophy for the best retrieve.

