Report of the NGRA Novice Field Trial for Golden Retrievers at Walesby, Nottinghamshire.

1st October 2016. 14 dog Novice stake for Golden Retrievers at Bevercotes Park Shoot, Walesby, Nottinghamshire by kind permission of Mr D Goodall & Mr N Metcalfe.

Judges: Mr Keith Helliwell, Mr Graham Bird, Miss Angie Cooper & Mrs Caroline Hewison.

1st & The Boltby Cup for the Winner : Mr G & Mrs J Hay’s Golden Retriever dog SOINNEANTA GORSE OF HOLYWEAR. (Handler Mr Gordon Hay).

. Also the Millennium Tankard to the youngest dog in the awards

2nd : Mr Daniel Higgs’Golden Retriever dog ABBOTSHALL PIONEER OF HIGGSCROFT.

3rd & The Castletown Rosebowl for the Guns’ Choice: Mr Jim Gale’s Golden Retriever dog SIUSIGOLD KITE.

CoMs : Mrs Nessa Thompson’s GR dog WATERFALL WILLOW OF HAVENTRENT, Mr S & Mrs AM Crookes’ GR bitch MISTYBROOK MAIVE OF MOSCARGRANGE (Handler=Anne Crookes), Mrs Mary Palk’s GR dog TALLYGOLD BLACKTHORN, Mr Andrew Wright’s GR dog WADESMILL SACOME (Also Millennium Tankard for the youngest dog in the awards).

It was a fine, dry day for the trial at Bevecotes Park Shoot, near Walesby, Nottinghamshire. 14 Golden Retrievers were competing, with handlers from as far away as Dorset, Scotland and Switzerland. The two keepers Dave Goodall and Nigel Metcalfe had organised a day of mixed shooting, walking up set-aside cover and farmland with dykes and hedgerows for pheasants, together with an extended drive from a long duck pond in the middle part of the trial. With few failures it proved a long day to test all the dogs and the judges Keith Helliwell, Graham Bird, Angie Cooper and Caroline Hewison eventually made seven awards. Fortunatel the weather stayed fine all day until the awards and prizes of Alpha food were presented by Dave Goodall with lightning flickering as a storm approached.