Report of the Northern Golden Retriever Association Novice Field Trial
26th November 2015

The **Northern Golden Retriever Association** Novice trial for AV Retriever was held on 26th November at **Hy Fly Game Farm** by kind permission of Mr Graham Holden and the NGRA team of guns.
The weather was fine with a light breeze and good scenting conditions.
The trial was walked up in blocks of root crops, bordered by ditches and adjacent stubbles and plots of maize. Steward of the Beat Kevin Hughes ensured a good supply of pheasant and partridge, with an odd rabbit or pigeon.
Trefor Richards' team of guns enjoyed the walked-up shooting.
Philip Smithies and Anna Licciardi judged on the right of the line, and Steve Crookes and Stewart Henderson took the left.
11 Labradors and 3 Golden Retrievers competed. The standard of work was excellent, though as the trial progressed eyewipes and first dog failures reduced the numbers.
Five dogs completed the trial, with the judges placing the dogs after 6 retrieves for each dog.
The trophies and prizes of **Alpha** dog food were presented as follows:-

1st & The Esmoro Trophy for the Winner :
Mr Russell Hodgen's Labrador bitch ROSELEA ZARA.
Also Winner of the Leagram Trophy to the Guns' choice.
2nd : Mr & Mrs G & J Hay's Golden Retriever dog SOINNEANTA GORSE OF HOLYWEAR.
Also Winner of the Pebbletoft Tankard for the best Golden Retriever.
(Handler Mr Gordon Hay).
3rd : Mr Nick Mercer's Labrador dog LANEFOOT BRACKEN.
Also Winner of the Bakestone Trophy for PTA members.
4th : Mr John Drury's Labrador dog NORBECK HARVEY.
CoM : Mr Paul Wright's Labrador bitch GAMFLIGHT MOCHA.