

**Flatcoated Retriever Society Open Field Trial Report – Held Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014 at Norton, near Evesham, Worcs.: 12 Dog Open Stake (Breed Only)**

A drizzly wet day met everyone at Norton for the Society's' Open Field Trial. I had good support from members and friends and a full card with three reserves. Our four Panel Judges for the day were Mrs A White (A151), Mr D Probert (A2739), Mr G Stanley(B1920) and Mr D Brown. With the help of our host Norman Onens the Trial ran smoothly and our five guns put birds on the floor.

Throughout the day, scent was not particularly good and dogs had to work hard for their retrieves. Birds were presented in ones and twos and tested the patience of all the dogs. A couple did run in, but these walked-up days always come with great excitement and sometimes this happens. During the day a partridge which had been down for some time was responsible for the loss of four dogs. The bird was at the bottom of a hedge, to the left of an old gate-post, and just out of sight of the handlers. After each dog was tried, the Judges picked the bird and the four dogs were out.

The two remaining dogs were left to battle it out and did everything asked of them, until the Judges declared the Trial was over.

Result; 1st Mrs H Ford. Percuil Nuvolari Tazio. d.o.b. 20/11/11  
*(Houndswood Cedar of Tunnelwood x Keveral Flybynite of Percuil)*  
H/O/B

2nd Mrs E. Widdows. Mahinda Artichoke d.o.b. 18/02/08  
*(Frisolous Fritter x Mata Hari Moonbeam)*  
H/O B: H. Rosser

Guns choice and best retrieve on a runner. Mrs H Rosser. Mahinda Dudley.

Terry Sparkes.  
Field Trial Secretary.