The Southern Golden Retriever Society held our AV Retriever Novice Trial today at Hawstead Farm, Ladwell near Winchester by kind permission of Dan Gradidge.
Judges were John Birkett, Pete Castleman, Sarah Winter and Sue Jordan.

Sadly John was taken ill during the trial (but was declared fit later in the day.) thankfully Keith Broomfield very kindly offered to step in and save the day as a replacement A panel judge and give up his day competing, even though he was doing very well at the time.

When the trial was eventually declared over, 1st place was awarded to Mitforton Tout De Suite Of Hawkerline, (lab bitch) owned and handled by Matthew Gould. In 3rd place was Nevilldown Jellybean, (lab dog) owned and handled by Sarah Nickels-Hawkins. A CoM and "keepers choice" was awarded to Millerise Jemima, (lab bitch) bred, owned and handled by Janice Miller. Guns Choice was awarded to Goldieslie Meadow Platt Of Ticefield (lab bitch) owned and handled by Keith Broomfield.

Many thanks to the great team of guns who shot so well and a BIG thank you to the many helpers who put on such a great day !

Jon Debnam

I need to say a huge public "thank you" to Camilla Maisy Heyes for volunteering to help at our trial for the last couple of years, we are a Golden Retriever Society and like a lot of our helpers at the trial she runs a lab. Anyway, she's forgiven for that. She volunteered to act as First Aider as well as being a game marker. She attended to John Birkett when he went down at 11am and stayed with him all day, sitting with him in the shoot room, driving him to and from the Dr's and returning with him to collect his car from the near empty shoot car park when the trial was over and I was clearing up. Thank you Camilla !