



## DOG BLOG

The blog of Mullenscote Dog Training Centre

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Looking across the training field I noticed that the Barley fields on the horizon have transformed, quite literally overnight the combine has harvested the crop and the Discs have already been through chopping and burying the straw and stubble....Yippeeeee only a short while before the Shooting season is underway and all that dog training and shooting practice will reap rewards. Realistically some of you will be saying...Whoops I haven't done much with the dog and I haven't seen my gun since last season. Shame on you, you're a bad person. ☺

If you are that Bad Person then read on because we've got some great stuff going on for both Dog handlers and Guns alike.

### Link Goes to Business



Regular readers will have heard me 'waxing lyrical' about a Cocker that I ran last season, frustratingly he ran in three trials collecting second place each time. To be fair to Link (Chyknell Eagle of Mullenscote) whilst he was hunting beautifully his handling was in need of more work. So after five months work on his handling I entered him in a Rabbit Trial with the Spaniel Club on the Conniston and Grassington Estate in North Yorkshire. We were lucky enough to get a run and we were drawn No.13, unlucky for some. 'The Beast' was a delight to walk behind and after two very nice runs the lovely, handsome, beautiful, delightful judges, David Lissett, Martin Smee, Ian Clarke and Alison Cotton saw it our way and he won the trial. As I'm sure you can imagine I'm very pleased.

### CHARITY SHOOT

We are organising a fund raising charity shoot for repairs to the Quarley Parish church on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> October, an excellent opportunity to warm up for the season, have fun and maybe snap up a bargain on the Auction of Promises. If you cannot raise a team of four book in as an individual and we'll match you up with some like minded shooters. Any Promises, Prizes, Sponsorship or offers to help with the operation of the stands on the shoot day will be very much appreciated. Quarley is a very small rural parish with a beautiful historic church and a lovely community feel about it. The church is only half a mile down the road from the Shooting school, do drive by and have a look it's worth a look.

#### CHARITY TEAM CLAY SHOOT

SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

IN AID OF QUARLEY CHURCH FUND RAISING

50 BIRD PLUS FOUR MAN TEAM FLUSH SHOOT

FOUR MAN TEAMS TO SHOOT A 50 TARGET LAYOUT

A FORTY TARGET TEAM FLUSH AND FIELD TARGET RIFLE STAND

BACON ROLL, COFFEE AND BRIEFING SAM

AUCTION OF PROMISES

ALL CLAYS AND CARTRIDGES INCLUDED FOR JUST £75 PER GUN

01264 889467 TO BOOK A TEAM



## TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

Yep that's right, I know we are five years behind the rest of the world but I am really excited to announce that we have just launched our official TWITTER and FACEBOOK pages. So please come and 'FOLLOW' us on TWITTER and come and 'LIKE' us on FACEBOOK.



I'll do my best to get Twittering and keep you up to date with all the latest Mullenscote and Gundog gossip, as it happens we are on the road for the next six weeks so we'll definitely have some gossip to tell!

## AIM HIGH DAYS

August's Aim High Day was really great. The focus of the day was on introducing young dogs to Cold Game. The mixture of experienced and young dogs worked really well. Dogs and handlers were tested in simulated Beating Lines, Hunting Up, Waiting in Line, Picking Up, Live Game flushes and with the use of Live Cartridges we were able to get dogs starting to make an association with Shot Scent. All handlers worked really hard and we saw some extremely nice dog work, well done everyone. Our next aim high dates are Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October starting at 1-30pm, please call the office if you would like to book a place on 01264 889467

## UKAFT SHOOT

Some of the world's top Hunter Field Target shooters attended our first shoot in July and with the course designed and set by ladies World Champion Steph Kirkwood competitors had high expectations. They were not disappointed an excellent course proved challenging for all with the strong crosswinds forcing them to make consider and make very careful judgements before pulling the trigger. FT air rifle is a fantastic sport combining all sorts of skills and the perfect excuse for you to buy loads of gadgets and kit.. Yum..Yum!

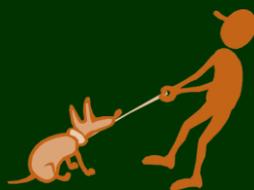


## NEW FOREST SHOW

Just a few days before the start of the New Forest Show large areas of the showground were so wet that they were impassable by vehicles. As luck would have it the weather changed, the sun appeared and the show was able to run to plan. A big thank you to everyone that popped into our stand it was really great to see so many familiar faces. We will be on the road every weekend right through to the middle of October so have a look at our website to see all of the Game and Falconry Fairs that you might like to go to.



# *Keep Training*



Howard

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH – wow!**



## Mullenscote Links and Information

**Club Membership** – free access to rabbit and bird pens, 10% discount on dog food and much much more for just £48 for the year. Call for details on 01264 889467

**Course Dates** - <http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/courses.html>

**Shows and Events** - [http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows\\_and\\_events.html](http://www.mullenscote.co.uk/shows_and_events.html)

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