

Ramblings From The Northern Group

It's been a strange 12 months so far for the group, first, that old stalwart of the club Mike Coupe stepped down as Chairman and we voted Pete Horton in. It came as a bit of a shock when, due to work and family commitments, Pete also stepped down... I was subsequently asked to stand in to the position then voted in after the AGM.

We only had 2 guest speakers before Christmas, Barb Royal from the IBR and Phil Pearson. For those of you who don't know Phil, he trains HPRs up to field trial standard and gave an excellent talk on the subject. He has also penned a book on the subject called "HPR License to Hunt".

As a region we continue to have good support, we even manage to get Terry Large to put in the occasional appearance. But, like most clubs, there are no youngsters coming to the meetings, it's a shame but appears to be a sign of the times.

For one reason or another, we had no field meetings last season and everyone just did their own thing. This is going to be a priority for next season, as we have access to some excellent venues on kepteer shoots. That said, most members had a good flying season on their own ground. Anthony and Wayne Roberts and Neil McCann had a good season with their Gosses and Mike Coupe and Geoff Kelly with their Tiercels to name a few. Pete Danby had a major disappointment when his new 7/8ths black jerkin suffered a damaged wing and couldn't regain the glove never mind fly, however, the breeder has promised him a fresh bird to replace it this year.

Anthony Roberts is in the middle of sorting out the 3 day meeting for October, the new venue for this is at the Northop Hall Country Hotel, Phone 01244-823021 to make your reservation.

That just leaves me to wish you all a good moult and or breeding season.

Steve Lloyd, North Wales Chairman



Geoff slipping his tiercel



Anthony's goss



Mike's tiercel