

## Irish team win gundog honours at BASC Scottish Game Fair

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Ireland conquered all in the International Open Gundog Tests at the BASC Scottish Game Fair at Cardross, near Stirling, last weekend (10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May)

BASC Scotland were delighted with the support shown from all over the country, and from further afield, for their annual Country Fair. In contrast to last year's Fair at Cardross Estate, near Stirling, the sun shone and the showers were infrequent. Both the Saturday and Sunday crowds were almost double the size of last year's and the clay shooting, shotgun coaching, air rifles and gundog events were well supported.

In the gundog events, the International Open Test was won this year by the Irish team of spaniels and Labradors. Aileen Harvey of Chudleys, BASC's gundog sponsors, presented them with the "Shooting Times and Country Magazine" trophy. (PICTURE)

BASC's shotgun coaching team was fully employed, giving over 150 lessons to a large number of newcomers to the sport, most of them youngsters. Manton Austin of BASC said "The weather made a great difference this year, and we were delighted to introduce so many people to shotgun shooting under the BASC banner."

Donald Muir, BASC Scotland's Fair organiser, said "I would like to thank Archie and Nichola Orr-Ewing for allowing us to use their magnificent estate, all of the sponsors whose generosity allowed us to admit children free of charge, and all the BASC members who helped throughout the weekend. We are already planning next year's fair for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May, and we hope that it will be even bigger and better."

BASC's Wales Country Fair will be held near St. Asaph on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and BASC's Northern Ireland Game Fair will be held at Ballywalter on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June.