

My first labradors came in 1972, and 1974, both rescue dogs. Under the guidance of Mary Rosslyn Williams, of the famous Mansergh Kennel we mated these two and in 1978, and the resulting bitch Wynfaul Apple Charlotte was the foundation of our kennel.

Wynfaul Apple Charlotte, went on to produce both dogs with field trial awards and show ring success, indeed she was the grand mother of Champion Wynfaul Tobasco considered to be the forefather of the modern fox red Labrador. All of our dogs go back to the two original dogs.

In 1976 we had moved to Langholm, and lived at Langholm Lodge, where historically some of the first labradors imported in the UK by The Duke Buccleugh had lived and worked. It was here that I started working the dogs picking up on the grouse moors and pheasant shoots. From this an interest in trialling developed.

Early in the 1980's I started showing and had a huge stroke of luck with the first litter we bred with the aim to show, by SH CH Balrion King Frost X Apple Charlotte. Wynfaul Flutter and Wager both won Reserve CC's. We then bought a yellow bitch Edenlea Sunrise At Wynfaul and she too won a Reserve CC! Needless to say I was hooked, and have been ever since. Totally gone to the dogs!

Over the years I have kept and worked pointers, wire haired german pointers, springers and cocker spaniels (which have also had field trial awards). I Also trained a few dogs for friends an on the strength of one of these dogs I trained a dog for the late Prince Ranier of Monacco, so I suppose I could say I am by royal appointment!

I have been a field trial secretary for three clubs and treasurer for one of those clubs.

I was added to The Kennel Club Field Trial Judges B list in 1992, and also passed to award The Kennel Clubs Challenge Certificates in 1994. Both of these I consider to be badges of honour.

I have had the honour and great pleasure to judge in USA, Canada, Italy, Germany, France, Finland and Belgium as well as the UK.

Thank you for your invitation, I am one again honoured, and very much looking forward to judging your dogs.

Mac Percival (Wynfaul kennel)