**U.R.C. BORDER COUNTIES & COTSWOLD**

**WATER TRAINING**

The Border Counties & Cotswolds' annual “swimming gala”; the water training at Fullingbridge Farm, near Westbury, was held on Sunday 25th. June arrived, a warm, slightly overcast morning with just a slight breeze. (later we had sun and a very sharp downpour too!!)

Once again our thanks go to John Bush our host and the fishing syndicate for forgoing a

mornings casting.

Most of all our thanks must go to:

* Richard Cripps who arranges our time at the lake, not only that, he arrived early to strim sections of the bank, and cut out reeds making it easier for handlers and entry into the water for the dogs
* and Colin and Jill Selwood for organising the event

Thirteen dogs and their handlers were split into two groups, there were a good variety of retrievers,

Labradors, Curly Coats, Flatcoats, Goldies and a Springer Spaniel.

Unfortunately, we had a text on the morning of the training to say that one of the trainers was in hospital following a fall. Colin stepped up to the mark and with Jill Gardner put the two groups through their paces with Colin dealing with the more experienced handlers/dogs and Jill the puppies/less experienced handlers.

Other helpers on the day were dummy throwers Richard Cripps, Dick Dimmock and Ian Wilson.

It was an excellent morning, with lots of canine achievements, and the handlers too! with

the expert guidance from Colin and Jill which everyone really appreciated.

Again many thanks to all involved and for supporting the session.

See everyone again next year, (hopefully) and remember book early to avoid disappointment

Just remember....the most affectionate dog in the whole world.....is a wet dog

Ian Wilson