



Simon Capstick, age 48, lives at Barnoldswick on the Lancashire/North Yorkshire border. Simon has been involved with Dogs all of his life, his parents and other relatives have operated boarding and quarantine kennels since the late 60's, he himself has built a luxury boarding kennels and cattery in 2015 which he along with his wife Nicola and family continues to manage. Simons initially started with working dogs with lurchers and terriers from the age of 9 years old, hunting the local area for Rabbits and foxes. Eventually graduating on to working gundogs, purchasing his first dog from the very successful Drakeshead kennels of his Aunt & Uncle, John and Sandra Halstead.

Simon currently has 7 labradors and a wirehaired visla puppy which he intends to use for walked up rough shooting.

He is a regularly picks up on 3 shoots averaging 40 days a season and competes in trials throughout the UK.

Simons was taught how to train and build a gundog from his cousin the world renowned handler John Halsted of Brocklebank Labradors, Simon appreciates that he has been very very fortunate to have this initial foundation training given to him by John, and the success he has had has been as a direct consequence of this training.

What john also taught Simon was how to get the best from both the dog and more importantly the handler.

Whilst only trialling for the last four years he has won 6 Field trials and had several other awards in open & novice trials, qualifying for the prestiges IGL retriever championships in 2019. In working tests he has won 3 open tests , being in the awards in numerous tests Simon has judged trials and test both in the UK and Europe; he also recently passed the J Regs examination.

Simon is passionate about ensuring the puppies initial foundation training is completed thoroughly and not rushing the basics, getting the basics right makes the final polishing of the dog so much easier.

Working with other people and their dogs , obtaining positive results by ensuring that foundation are completed and seeing both the handler and the dog improve is one of the joys of gundogs and seeing others success feeds his passion.

Simon is looking forward to working with the SGL members , working with them so both the dogs and the handlers to help improve the style and quality of their dogs.