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Dear Bob

I was delighted to receive your letter but  
at the same time worried that you hadn't received the 4  
generation pedigree for Apollo, I contacted the I.K.C. who  
informed me that they had forwarded it. If you  
have any need of it let me know I'll  
have them forward another.

I'm sorry to hear your arthritis is  
playing up again and hope your trip to  
Tennessee will help. What form does the  
dove shooting take? Deggins over their feeding grounds  
or roost shooting are the methods we use  
for shooting Wood pigeon, which I imagine are  
the nearest form of sport we have to it.  
As regards your trip to Ireland I'll be in  
Scotland from the end of July to the end of  
August as last year. We have trials from  
the 1st to the 31st of October to the end of October

so don't worry about seeing a trial. Although I hope you see one of the better ones which would be on grouse (July/August) as some of the pleasant trials leave alot to be desired. By the sound of things its a large bus you'll need - let me know if you wish me to organise anything for you in the line of vehicles or places to visit. I'll look forward to seeing you and having a good chin-wag.

I'm glad your happy with Apollo and know all about late development. Here it really only appears in the males, the bitches break as early as any other breed. Again the bigger dogs take along time to mature. I presently am just finished a dog by Moamnad Garryboy out of my own bitch B.C.H. M. July. He has a vely slow rate of development but think that I'll have a good one and therefore will be worth it. The other thing of course with Irish setters they work for years longer than other breeds July at 9 years can

I'm just back from doing a grouse count for  
my friend in Scotland - boy, do they take  
their sport seriously!! We cover almost every inch  
of the moor and had to mark the presence of  
each breeding pair on a map so that they  
can assess how each pair performs. The keeper  
is going to have a busy time as we found  
evidence of a lot of depredation.

I better finish up and get this off to  
you or you'll think I'm gone into hibernation  
again

Kind Regards

Ray

