

In early January, 100 years ago; 19 retrievers competed in the ***fifth IGL Retriever Championship Stake*** held over the Wytham Abbey shooting of Charles Butter, near Oxford.

Considered the best competition since the institution of field trials for retrievers, it was won by Archibald Butter's Labrador FTCh Patron of Faskally, a son of the 1911 Retriever Champion FTCh Peter of Faskally.

The latter remains one of the most influential sires in Labrador history: no fewer than 10 of his progeny ran in the Championship between 1912 and 1920, claiming amongst them 6 awards.

(photo: FTCH Patron of Faskally, Kennel Club Library)

