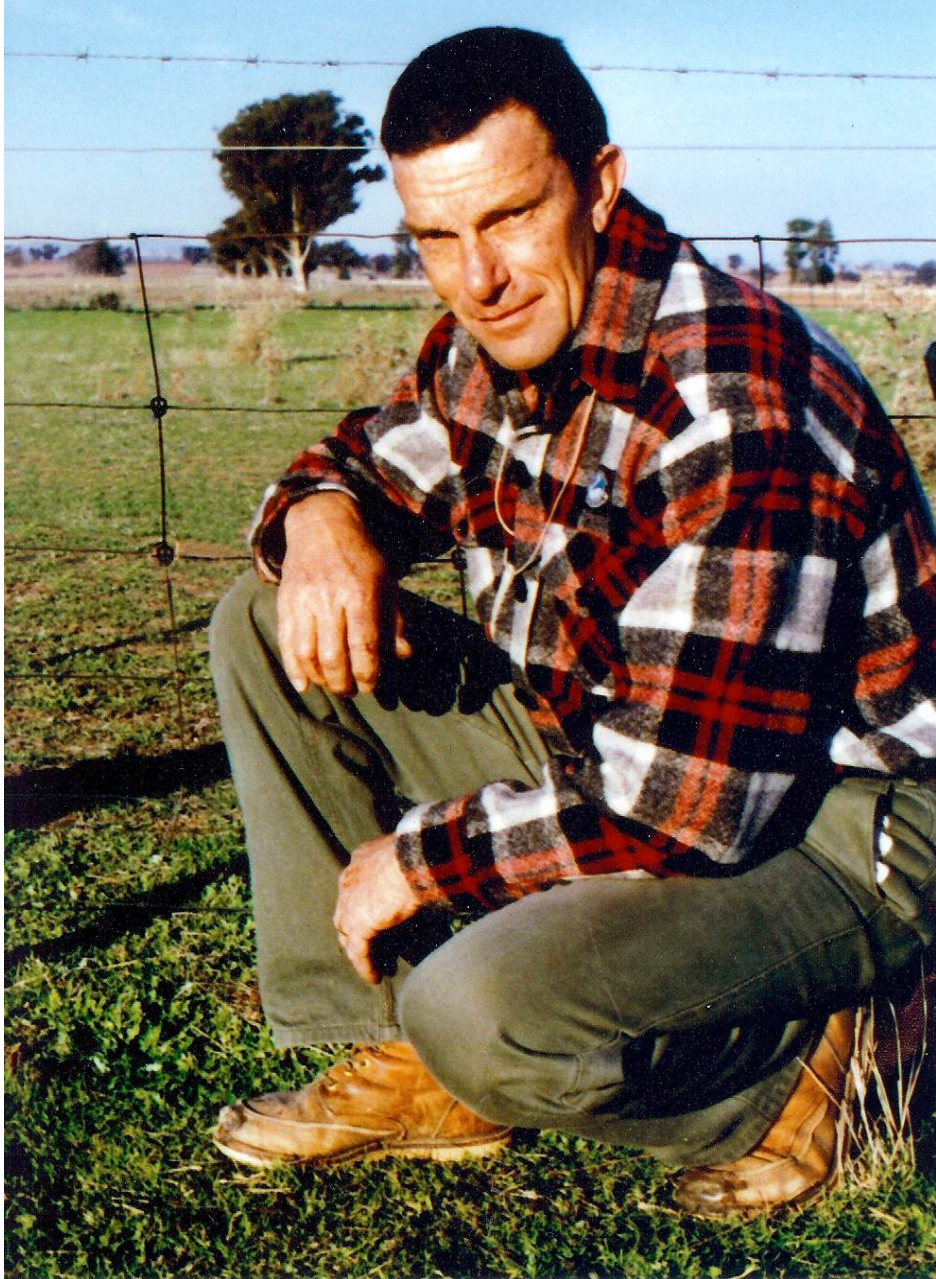


**YEAR OF INDUCTION – 2000**

**CATEGORY: Prominent Person**



**Mr. Kevin Arthur Walshaw - NSW**

**KEVIN WALSHAW WAS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPORT OF GUNDOG FIELD TRIALS.**

The following is an attempt to cover the many aspects of Kevin Walshaw's very full and busy life involving his beloved sport of Field Trialling in all its aspects. It is of necessity brief and no doubt incomplete. It does however reveal a man of character and integrity, who has willingly given countless hours of his time, experience and knowledge to foster field trialling as a means of retaining the working ability in the gundog and to help others to learn and appreciate the value of his chosen sport.

### **AS A CLUB MEMBER AND OFFICIAL**

In 1967 Kevin Walshaw was a foundation member of the NSW Field and Game Association. He served on this organisation's Gundog Sub-Committee 1970-1976 as a Member and Secretary. This led to be instrumental in the commencement of Utility Field Trials in NSW in 1971, Spaniel and Retriever Trials in 1973 and Pointer and Setter Trials in 1975.

In 1968 Kevin helped found the German Shorthaired Pointer Society of NSW. Through the years, Kevin contributed greatly to this Society in his various roles as President, Committee Member, Trial Secretary, Trial Manager and Trial Steward.

Kevin actively participated with his dogs in surveys conducted jointly by the CSIRO Wildlife Division and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, during the years 1967 to 1975. The species of game birds collected were duck, quail and snipe.

Kevin has been responsible in the past for arranging and conducting a large number of field training days for the NSW Field and Game Association as well as the GSP Society of NSW.

For the 5 years from 1996 to 2000, Kevin secured a special personal game licence from the NSW NP&WS, allowing the RNSWCC, ACTCA, NSW F&G and NSW GSP Society to conduct gundog field trials on quail in the state of New South Wales.

Kevin has served on the Australian Capital Territory Canine Association (ACTCA), formerly Canberra Kennel Club (CKA) Sub-Committee for many years and from 1996 to 2000, he served on the Australian National Kennel Council Retrieving and Field Trials Committee (NRAFT).

Kevin is currently a member of:

- The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (17 years)
- Field & Game Australia (3 years)
- Royal NSW Canine Council (33 years)
- Australian Capital Territory Canine Association – CKA (20 years)
- Victorian Gundog Club
- South Australian Field & Retrieving Club
- Majura Park Gun Club
- German Shorthaired Pointer Society (33 years – made a Life Member in 1973)

### **AUTHOR**

Kevin has written countless articles on gundogs over the years, mainly on raising, training and field trialling. Most notable was a column called "In The Field" which was published each month in the National Dog Magazine from 1983 to 1995.

In 1985, the Australian Kennel Council (ANKC) sought Kevin's assistance in the publication of a book to be named "200 Years of Dogs in Australia". His requested task was to author this book's section on gundogs

## **AS JUDGE**

Kevin's field trial judging career began in 1974 when he was awarded his Pointer & Setter licence. His Utility Gundog licence followed in 1975 and in 1989 he secured his Spaniel & Retriever licence.

In 1975 he judged the inaugural Pointer & Setter Field Trial Stakes in NSW. In 1980 he judged the inaugural Utility Field Trials in South Australia and in 1995 the inaugural Spaniel & Retriever Field Trial in Tasmania.

During his judging career, Kevin was contracted to judge 103 field trials, 8 of these were cancelled due to lack of game.

Kevin has judged no less than 15 Championship/National Field Trials, 57 Open/All Age Stakes and 23 Novice Stakes.

Kevin is one of the most experienced and respected field trial judges in the country. He holds all 3 field trial judging licences at championship level for Pointer & Setters, Spaniel & Retrievers and Utility Gundogs and he is active in all three disciplines.

## **AS OWNER/BREEDER/HANDLER**

Kevin has owned six field trial winning dogs;

- **GSP's** - FT Ch. Zachary, FT Ch. Axel, FT Ch. Georgia, Dusty and Thor
- **ESS** - Doc

Kevin trained and ran 3 out of the first 6 Utility Field Trial Champions in NSW with his prolific winners Zac, Axel and Georgia.

Both Zac and Axel competed at Non-Slip Retrieving Trials, with Zac being awarded 1st place 3 times and Axel awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place twice.

Kevin's top dogs have been FT Ch Zachary, FT Ch. Axel and FT Ch. Georgia, all three dogs have been awarded Certificates of Merit.

Kevin was awarded "Field Trial Handler of the Decade" from 1970 to 1980.

**Courtesy - Joe Vella**