

## ***Year of Induction 2016***

### ***Category - Prominent Persons***



**MARGARET HALL**

#### **Club Activities**

Margaret has been a member of the Victorian Canine Association (VGA) Retrieving & Field Trial Committee (R.A.F.T) from 1990 – 2014. She has been a Victorian delegate on the National RAFT committee at various times during these years representing Retrieving. This involved participating in revisions of ANKC Rules for Retrieving Trials every 5 years. She has been a member of the V.C.A. for 42 years.

She was a member of the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria (LRCV) from 1975 which included being President 2 years, Vice President 3 years, Publicity Officer for 10 years and committee member until 1990.

She was a member of the Victorian Gundog club (VGC) from 1989 – President 2 years, Publicity Officer 10 years and Committee member until 2014.

She was awarded a Life membership of the LRCV in 1980 and Life membership of VGC in 1995 and she was also awarded a Life Member of Dogs Victoria in 2012 for her work and commitment to Retrieving trials and the gundog fraternity.

Margaret researched the history of the Victorian Gundog Club and in 1995 the club published a booklet " *The History of the Victorian Gundog Club*" the book was released at the clubs 50<sup>1</sup><sup>h</sup> Championship Show. She helped develop, collate and print the 1998 revision and updated edition of " *Your Labrador Retriever*" for the LRCV. She also co-edited and helped develop and research " *A Short History of Gundog Field Trials in Victoria*" for the VGC. This booklet was produced for the centenary of Field trials celebrations in 2010.

#### **Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing**

Margaret has participated in many retrieving trials over the pasts 40 years as Trial Secretary, trial manager, game steward, and gun steward for both VGC and LRCV. She has participated

in Retrieving trial field days, and demonstrations and many training lectures. She has prepared notes chaired meetings and taken minutes at lectures and meetings over her 40 years of participation.

Margaret has also been trial Secretary for the VCA State Championship Retrieving Trials over many years and has been Trial manager at a couple of these events. Margaret has been the trial Secretary and on the organising committee of the ANKC (VCA) National Retrieving Trial Championships in 1984, 1990, 1995, 2001, 2007, 2013.

She obtained her Retrieving trial judges licence in 2003 and has judged both Novice and Restricted level and has undertaken over 30 judging appointments.

She obtained her

Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs (RATG) licence in 2011 and has judged both Novice & Open events in this discipline over the last 5 years.

### **Owner/Breeding**

Margaret in joint ownership with her husband Stephen has regularly competed and attended trials over the last 42 years. They have bred Labrador Retrievers under the *Bambi/lay* prefix and during that time have had 5 Retrieving Trial Champions themselves and bred 8. They have bred two National Retrieving Trial Champions (91,93,94,96). They owned one and bred 3 Grand Retrieving Trial Champions. They have also bred a Triple Champion (Retrieving, Field & Show). They have bred many dogs with minor titles AARD, RRD and NRD.

### **Handling/Trial History**

Margaret has handled her own dog Bambillay Bo Jessie RRD (Jeddo) to All Age level and competed with Jedda for 10 years.

### **Other**

Margaret has dedicated 15 year of service as an office bearer to the LRCV, 22 years of service as an office bearer to the VGC and until 2014 was a RAFT committee member having spent 23 years representing the Retrieving fraternity on the RAFT committee. Over the years since 1973 she has maintained the highest degree of ethics and principles. She has been an outstanding ambassador for the working Gundog group and has a very long working relationship with gundog clubs that have conducted Retrieving trials and RATG events and other gundog events. She has shown through her record that she has a long term commitment and love of the sport and is she is held in high esteem by the working gundog fraternity. Her history and commitment to the sport shows that she is a giver not a taker which is the attribute required for induction into the Hall of Fame.

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