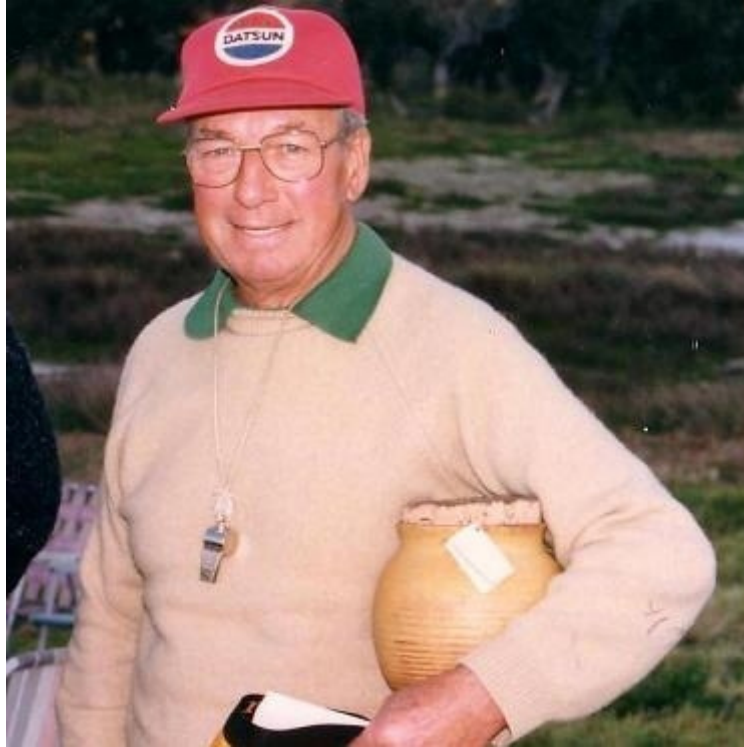


## Year of Induction 2000

### *CATEGORY: Prominent Person*



### **MR. Cecil Adkins**

Cecil Adkins, together with his lifelong friend, Syd Welbourn, were the prime movers in establishing Retrieving trials in South Australia in the early 1960's. It was Cecil's advice, encouragement and readiness to assist that provided Retrieving in South Australia with a steady base over many years. His knowledge of gundogs and training methods and his eagerness to share this knowledge were valuable assets, as was his commitment to the breeding and promotion of dual-purpose gundogs. Cecil remained a competitor in trials for 33 years, finally retiring due to ill health in 1996.

Cecil's many achievements include:

- Trained 4 Retrieving Champions
- Trained 2 Dual Champions
- President of the Labrador Retriever Club of SA
- Committee member of Labrador Retriever Club of SA 1963-96
- Chairman of Retrieving and Field Trials Advisory Panel
- Chairman of Judges Assessment Panel
- Life Member of Labrador Retriever Club of SA
- Life Member of the Gundog Club of SA
- Life Member of SA Canine Association (Dogs SA)

- Judge of National Retrieving Trial 1978 and 1986
- Judged in WA, NSW, Vic and SA
- Competed in Vic, SA, NSW, WA and Qld
- Competed in Spaniel and Retriever Trials
- Bred numerous show and retrieving champions under the Kinsydal prefix.

Cecil spent 45 years promoting and fostering gundog activities in SA. He also keenly supported interstate trials as a competitor and judge. Due to his commitment to judging, Cecil unselfishly sacrificed his own opportunities to compete and achieve more success with his dogs.

His contribution to Retrieving is without parallel in SA.