

Year of Induction 2006

CATEGORY: Prominent Person



MR. Robert (Bob) Tawton - ACT

Mr. Bob Tawton has been continuously involved in the disciplines of Field and Retrieving trials since 1968. Since that time he has held many roles at club level and it is in this area that Bob has made a sustained and major contribution to the sport.

As a Club Official

- **GSP Club of Victoria,**
 - 1968 – 1973 Secretary
 - 1973- 1975 Committee member
- **Victorian Gundog Club**
 - 1970 - 1975 Committee member and /or Treasurer
- **ACT Gundog Society**
 - 1975 – 1976 Committee member
 - 1981 – 1991 Committee member
 - 1994 – 2006 Committee Member, Vice President and President
 - Life Member
- **Canberra Kennel Association**
 - 1993 – 1994 Councillor
 - Panel Member responsible for the formulation of the original set of Rules for the Conduct of Utility Field Trials.

Bob has managed 11 ACT Retrieving Trial Championships conducted in the ACT and was Chief Steward for the National R.T. C/Ship in 1976.

Bob has been involved in promoting the sport through training sessions and groups and various seminars and lectures across Australia

As a Judge: Retrieving

- Bob is a Championship level judge in both Utility Field Trials and Retrieving Trials and has judges at :
 - Started judging in 1971
 - Judged in every state and territory across Australia

- Judged three ACT State R.T. Championship and co-judged one other
- Judged two NSW State R.T. Championships as a joint judge
- Co-judged the 2002 National R.T. Championship
- Held his licence for 33 years and averaged 4.3. judging appointments per year

Field

- Bob has held a UG licence since 1973
- Has judged in Vic, NSW and Queensland
- Judged the first NSW UG Championship

Bob is obviously a very active, long term judge in both Retrieving and Utility Field Trials and has made a major contribution towards these two disciplines, as well as having fostered interest in other competitors who themselves have gone on to become judges.

As Owner/Breeder:

Bob has successfully competed with both German Shorthaired Pointers & Labrador Retrievers. Bob has owned and trained four dogs to their Retrieving Champion titles and one Utility Field Trial Champion (also holder of the R.T. Ch. Title). He has also competed at Open level in Spaniel and Retriever trials as well as having handled one dog who obtained a Diploma of Merit and two other dogs who were awarded a Certificate of Merit

As Handler:

Bob owned and handled a number of dogs during this time including:

- Dunfriú Morning Mist (GSP)
- Field Tr. Ch. Althof Blitz (GSP)
- Field Tr. Ch. Althof Erox (GSP)
- Pinebriú Ima Poacher (Brittany)
- Ferndale Ranger (GSP)
- Field Tr. Ch. & Ntl. Ch. Ruvalan Homah CD CM (GSP)
- R.T. Ch. Kadnook Chasa CM (Labrador)
- RT. Ch. Kadnook Justcallme Mac (Labrador)
- Gr. RT. Ch. Kadnook King of Canberra DM (Labrador)
- R.T. Ch. Kandook Tanks Aheap (Labrador)
- R. T. Ch. Kadnook Kwik Sand (Labrador)

He has shown his ability to handle multiple dogs and different breeds over this time and is highly respected as a handler and trainer. His outstanding wins include:

- Two National R.T. Championships and Runner Up in two Nationals as well.
- Placed 1st in 17 State Retrieving Trial Championship and was placed 2nd in a further 18 State championships
- 1st in Utility Field Trial Championship in NSW
- Over 40 All age wins during this time.

In Brief: Memorable Highlights

Bob is truly passionate and dedicated to not only competing, but promoting and maintaining Gundog work in this country. Bob has remained a consistent contributor in the fields of Utility Field trials and more extensively Retrieving trials for a vast number of years and has also achieved at the highest levels in the sport of Retrieving whilst at the same time still giving at club level and helping to maintain and foster interest in our sport.