

Year of Induction 2024

Category Prominent Persons



Mr Trevor Stevens, Victoria

Club Activities

Trevor joined several Victorian Trialling Clubs, in the early nineties. The one he contributed to most often was the **Golden Retriever Club of Victoria** - which had the connection to his breed of choice.

Trevor willingly volunteered to help in both stewarding and assisting the Trial Manager/Judges, he soon started Managing trials himself. This in turn lead him naturally into Judging which he was fascinated with. He qualified in 2000, progressed through the upgrades as he gained more experience and qualified in 2007 as a Championship Judge.

Since Trevor commenced Judging he has fulfilled the following appointments to date:

- 3 Beginners
- 22 Novice
- 35 Restricted
- 62 All Age
- + 10 RATG (Including the Golden Retriever 2023 National show)
- Trevor was one of the inaugural RATG judges after National RAFT committee set the rules and conduct for RATG in 2010.
- State Championships:
 - Victoria 2008
 - South Australia 2010
 - Western Australia 2011
 - Tasmania 2011
 - Queensland 2014
 - Victoria 2016
 - Plus assisted in Judging one run in Victoria 2021 and 2022
- National Championship (ACT with Mr G Parkinson) 2009
- Acted as reserve Judge for the SA National in 2013
- Appointed to Judge the SA National in 2020 (Cancelled Covid)

COMMITTEE contributions:

VIC RAFT COMMITTEE

Trevor was elected 1 August 2002
- appointed Chairman Sept/Oct 2008
- finished serving Sept/Oct 2018

NATIONAL RAFT COMMITTEE

Trevor was elected 2009
- appointed Deputy Chairman Oct 2010
- elected Chairman in Nov 2011
- resigned Sept 2022

VICTORIAN NATIONAL RETRIEVING CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

- Trevor was a member of the organising committee and served as TREASURER for all Victorian Nationals held since he began competing: 1995/2001/2007/2013/2018
- **VICTORIAN STATE RETRIEVING CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**
Trevor Managed Co-Managed the following Vic State Champs:
2005 (with M Hall)
2006 (with N Eltringham)
2010 (with M Hall)
2014 (with M Hall)
2017 (with R Carr)

Owner/Breeding

Trevor purchased his first Golden Retriever in 1991. He wanted to learn how to teach a dog to retrieve a duck, so with his family he attended a Field and Game/VCA training weekend later that year - where they observed an amazing retrieving demonstration by top All Age handlers. He's been "*hooked*" ever since!

Handling/Trial History

Trevor titled his first two Goldens - Rt Ch Marrintara Setab Queen (Maddie)
Rt Ch Naancampa Gaby (Gemma) who finished the 2005 NSW NATIONAL.
Dindigold True Blue RRD (Brodie) was "retired" - with one All Age win.
Belbun Taraz Miss RRD (Missy).
Ellishea Wyatts Winchester (Chester) is campaigning in Restricted.

Other

Education and Promotion of Retrieving and Field Trials:

Trevor was the author of "**Retrieving and Field Trial Notes**" for the monthly **Vic dog magazine** to raise the profile of Gundog disciplines beyond showing and obedience for over five years.

Trevor has attended lectures and tutorials covering interpretation of rules, he has also attended judging practice seminars and eagerly ran a dog in any judges' tests when available.

Without doubt Trevor has given a vast amount of his free time to a trialling career of just over three decades. Not only has he contributed much to the GRCV and the myriad of Committees he has been involved in. Also, during his tenure as National RAFT Chair he personally overseen two Rule Changes. Trevor has mentored many a trainee judge mentee in the Judges Training Scheme, he is always available for advice in every aspect of the sport.

His integrity is second to none as he strove for the best outcome for all disciplines during a turbulent period with Dogs Australia, which required the utmost researched information of all Gun dog Field disciplines to be presented to the board. This advice was always well presented, factual and with all States purposely counselled and considered, he gave a true representation of what the various states had agreed. He is extremely well respected and held in very high esteem.

There is no doubt that Trevor has given so much to the Sport, sometimes to the detriment of his own dogs.

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