

Year of Induction 2025

Category – Prominent Persons



[Stephen Burke]

Club Activities

Victorian R.A.F.T Committee 5 years, back on committee 2025
GSP Club of Victoria Committee member 10 years
Victorian Gundog Club Committee 2 years
Member of the GSP Club and Golden Retriever Club for over 30 years
Member of Dogs Victoria 45 years
Member of Echuca and District Kennel Club for over 20 year's committee member 15 years.
Has provided Field Trial Paddocks for over 30 years to all Utility Gundog Clubs

Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing

Judged National Utility Gundog Field Trial 2004
Judged 6 Victorian State Utility Gundog Field trials. 2006 2008 2010 2015 2016 2017

Owner/Breeding

Bred and trained 3 Field Trial Champions
Dual Champion (F) Pointgold Tolkus (GSP)
FT CH Pointgold Last Chance (GSP)
FT CH Point gold Keen N Able (GSP)

OWNED AND TRAINED

Nat FT CH Alderbrook Hayleigh (GSP)

TRAINED and TRIALED

FT CH Pointgold Gun Fighter NRD (Philip Stevens)
FT CH Pointgold Great Wish (Greame Watson)

BRED

GR FT & RT CH Pointgold Obliterate (First and Only Utility Gundog and first and only GSP in Australia to be awarded the title of Grand Field Trial champion)
Dual CH (F) Pointgold Tolkus (GSP)
Dual CH (F) Pointgold Lorian (GSP)
CH Pointgold Masikeen (GSP)

CH Pointgold Cut T TH Chase (Golden Retriever)
CH Pointgold Unforgettable (Golden Retriever)
CH Pointgold Ubelieveable(Golder Retriever)
CH Pointgold Abit O Teez (Golden Retriever)
CH Pointgold Chain Reaction (Golden Retriever)

BRED 3 Novice Retrieving Dogs

Pointgold Gun Fighter NRD (GSP)
Pointgold Unpredictable CDX TDX ET NRD (Golden Retriever)
Pointgold Trigger Happy NRD (Golden Retriever)

BRED 1 Novice Field Dog

Pointgold Outspoken NFD (GSP)

TRACKING

T CH Pointgold Pure Pleasure CDX ET (First Golden Retriever in Australia to gain this Title)

OBEDIENCE

Pointgold Bill Hickock CD ET (GSP)
Pointgold Mixed Reaction UD (Golden Retriever)
Pointgold Unpredictable CDX TDX ET NRD (Golden Retriever)

Handling/Trial History

Steve has been a Field Trial judge since 1989 to current a Championship judge since 2002.

Has competed in State Utility Gundog Field Trial competitions in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

Has competed in National Utility Gundog Field Trials in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

Competed in Retrieving Trials since 1987

Steve is the usually the first Judge selected to judge the Victorian GSP Club Non Qualifying Trial in Victoria due to his easy going manner and encouragement to new trailers. and the only time he is not selected is if there is a new aspiring judge selected to give them experience at judging, but Steve will be there walking with the aspirant helping and advising if required.

Steve's great strength is his ability to encourage others to experience the pleasure of working their Gundogs in the field, and give them the belief that they have that special dog that could possibly go all the way to become a Field Trial Champion.

If you contact Steve Burke for any advice regarding training trialing or just a chat regarding Gsp's there's always an invitation to come and train with him in his paddocks in the Echuca area and this method that Steve employs has brought numerous trailers to the Utility Gundog Field Trialing scene in Victoria in the last 30 years.

Steve's easy going manner and sincerity has enabled him to get access to many properties to train and trial his dogs (this is not an easy proposition in this day and age of risk aversion) and then to ask if 20 trialers (complete unknowns to the property owner) could use the property to hunt Quail in a trial situation with loaded firearms it takes a special personality to achieve this.

It would be fair to say that in the drought years (Millennium Drought) 1997 to 2010 without Steve paddocks Utility gundog Field trials in Victoria would not have been able to run.

Steve has travelled the length and breadth of Australia to compete and gain knowledge of training gundogs. Travelled overseas to the UK and Ireland all in the pursuit to further his knowledge.