

Year of Induction 2022

Category – Prominent Persons



Mrs Sue Axton, Tasmania

Club Activities

One of the founding members and Life Member of Tasmanian Gundog Trial Association Inc. A supporting member of the Gundog Club of Tasmania.

Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing

Sue has served as:

Club and Trial Secretary, Club and Trial Treasurer, A member of the Tasmanian Canine Association Raft Committee and delegate for the National RAFT, Gun Steward, Vetting Steward, TCA representative

Owner/Breeding

Owner and breeder of Labrador Retrievers more than 30 years – Prefix 'Strathesk' Strathesk Labrador Retrievers strive for natural hunting ability maintaining the breed standard.

Handling/Trial History

Although mostly competing in Novice, occasionally in Restricted, Sue enjoys watching the dogs work and the comradery. Always available to help where she could and an expert in making interstate competitors and judges welcome.

Other

Sue Axton has been dedicated to the retrieving fraternity in Tasmania for almost 40 years. Her introduction to the sport was at the Inaugural trial in March 1984, where her husband, Ian (Smokey) competed in the beginners and the novice events that were conducted on the day.

She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes at countless trials. Some of her tasks included preparing schedules for publication, taking entries, ensuring the trial manager had the required support and necessary equipment for the smooth running of a trial. At the trial Sue would Vet competitors, gun steward or place a blind, not to mention organising a catering tent ensuring all competitors/stewards etc could have a hot cuppa and bite to eat on those cold winter days on a trial site. Sue would make sure all the rules and regulations were followed.