

Year of Induction 2017

Category – Prominent Persons



PAUL LITTLEJOHN - TASMANIA

Club Activities

- First joined the then Tasmanian Field Trial Association - now the TGTA, in September 1985
- Joined TCA (Dogs Tasmania) March 1987
- Secretary TGTA 1987-1988
- Committee TGTA 1989-1990
- Vice-President TGTA 1991
- Elected to the Committee of the Gundog Club of Tasmania when the Club was formed on 13 January 1990
- Trial Secretary GCT 1991-2001
- Vice-President GCT from 2011 to Present 2017
- Life Member Gundog Club of Tasmania 2014

Trial- Judging/Stewarding/Managing

JUDGING TRIALS

- Applied for Retrieving Licence 1992
- Novice Licence - granted 1992
- Restricted Licence - granted 1993
- All-Age Licence - granted 1994
- Championship Licence - granted 1996
- Spaniel & Retriever Field Trial Licence applied 2002
- Novice Licence - granted May 2003
- Open Licence - granted 2006
- Championship granted 2016
- Mr Littlejohn has judged Retrieving Trials in each state of Australia (except NT) to All-Age level.
- He has judged four (4) State Championships and judged one (1) National Championship in 2003.
- Mr Littlejohn has judged Spaniel & Retriever Field Trials in both Tasmania and Victoria and is scheduled to Judge this year's Tasmanian Championship.
- Mr Littlejohn conducted a lecture on Spaniel & Retriever Field Trials in Western Australia in 2013 to encourage the commencement of this discipline in that state.

MANAGING TRIALS

- Mr Littlejohn has managed in excess of one hundred (100) Retrieving Trials and Field Trials in Tasmania.
- He has supplied every field trial site for Spaniel & Retriever Field Trials, except one (1). He has over 50% of all Retrieving Trial sites within Tasmania and has made them readily available to both clubs.
- He has all current trial sites for Utility Gun Dog Field Trials and has managed successful trials for this discipline over the past three (3) years.
- Mr Littlejohn initiated field trials within Tasmania in 1995, firstly for Spaniels & Retrievers, then for Utility Gun Dogs in 1996.
- He has managed every Spaniel & Retriever Field Trial held in Tasmania.

Owner/Breeding

Mr Littlejohn has owned numerous dogs over the period of time he has been involved with Dogs Tasmania. He has owned four (4) Retrieving Trial Champions, one (1) Field Trial Champion and has bred two (2) Field Trial Champions, in addition to a Retrieving Trial Champion under the PALABAZ Kennel prefix.

Tasmania was in its infancy when he commenced trialling and by attending events on the mainland he broadened his knowledge, then returned and shared the information with the Tasmanian trialling fraternity.

He owned the first dog to obtain a title in Tasmania, Bried Shalimar NRD, he also obtained two (2) minor titles when trials were still in their infancy and without the opportunity to fully title dogs.

Handling/Trial History

RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONS – OWNED

- RT CH Gunspring Smut - ESS Dog
- RT CH Cobargo Thylacine - Lab Bitch
- RT CH Ashlake Game Hunter - Lab Dog
- RT CH Nelemm Timeto Return Ovnibrali - Lab Dog

FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION – OWNED

- FT CH Pahautea of Ngauruhoe - ESS Dog

DOGS BRED - FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION

- FT CH Palabaz Croquern Bouche - ESS Dog
- RT CH & FT CH Palabaz Davincis Tribute UD TDX CM - Lab Dog

DOGS BRED - RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPION

- RT CH & FT CH Palabaz Davincis Tribute UD TDX CM - Lab Dog

Other

- Following the Port Arthur tragedy, Mr Littlejohn worked with Parliament to ensure Tasmanian triallers were not disadvantaged by new firearm licence classifications. As a direct result, he managed to have retrieving recognised as a sport and listed under the appropriate category, making it easy for existing members to obtain and keep a firearm licence.
- With the small window of opportunity to hold field trials, he liaised with the Wildlife Department and obtained permission for triallers wishing to train in the off-season. This has been agreed to and written consent has been given.
- Mr Littlejohn was elected to the TCA Council 1992 to 2002. He formed the Tasmanian RAFT Committee from Council in 1992 and has been a member since 1992 until the present time.
- Mr Littlejohn was the Tasmanian delegate for the ANKC National RAFT from 1997 to 2001. He was the Chairperson of the ANKC RAFT from 2001 to 2004. Whilst he was a delegate to the National RAFT, he was a member of numerous subcommittees, including International Judges and the Hall of Fame.
- During 1997, Mr Littlejohn floated the possibility of Tasmania conducting a National Retrieving Trial. He formed a committee, which he chaired. Progressing over a period of seven (7) years until the event was finally conducted in November 2003. Mr Littlejohn judged this National Retrieving Trial in 2003.
- Mr Littlejohn initiated the Tasmanian State Retrieving Trial Championship via their RAFT. He also chaired the Committee for their first six (6) championships, until it was placed directly under the ambit of the State RAFT.
- Tasmanian State Spaniel & Retriever Championship - Mr Littlejohn was Trial Manager, Property Nominee and Chairperson of the Committee.

This nomination is an attempt to cover the many aspects of Mr Paul Littlejohn's achievements in the sport of Field & Retriever Trialling. It is of necessity, brief and incomplete. It does however reveal a person of character and integrity, who has willingly given countless hours of his time and shared great knowledge to foster these disciplines in the hope of retaining the working ability in the gun dog breeds.

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