

Achievements - Prue Winkfield

In January Prue titled her German Shorthaired Pointer dog 'Joy' in retrieving which is a wonderful achievement. Prue said that titling one of her dogs is something she thought would never happen, and is a wild fantasy come true!

In the 30 years since Prue started trialling there have only been about half a dozen women competing in all age. In the history of the sport only two have previously titled a dog in Victoria – Terri Matthews in 1977 and the late Val Bucklow in 1964 (info from Jack M). The last Victorian German Shorthaired Pointer to title was 20 years ago. We hope that it will not be another 33 years before another lady handler with or without a GSP titles a dog in Victoria!

A little history about Prue.....

Her love affair with GSP's started in 1974 when she was looking for Dalmatians to do obedience. Breeders would not sell her puppies because she was not going to show them, so she picked up The Age newspaper, saw two GSP puppies for sale and started on her long journey of field and retrieving trials.

In 1992 she was the joint winner of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club's Dunfrui Trophy for field and retrieving dogs and she is the only woman to have won this award. She was working "Kiri" at the time.

Although Prue still likes to shoot over her dogs, she has found field trials to be too physically demanding (and a bit "blokeish" for her) and is now spending more time at retrieving trials. At the time of writing "Joy" had four wins at all age level and was placed third in the 2009 ACT State Championship.

Congratulations again to Prue and RT Ch Yorifeld Joy To The World.



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CONGRATULATIONS PRUE & JOY

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