



OBEDIENCE & RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Sunday 9th July 2017

Mr John Green (ACT)

Judging

Utility Dog Excellent, Utility & Open

John developed an interest in all things obedience following his relocation to Canberra in 1974 followed shortly thereafter with the acquisition of a young Golden retriever.

Based on the need for canine socialisation, he subsequently joined the ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) which in those days was at the original grounds in Fyshwick.

Being a teacher in his early career he was soon encouraged to train in the role as an instructor alongside the path of actively training that young Golden which eventually became the first of that breed in the ACT to obtain its UD qualification in 1978.

Following many years on the CDC committee and being extensively involved in the relocation from Fyshwick to the current grounds, he was subsequently awarded the honour of becoming an honorary life member.

To further his contribution to obedience in the interim he started the long role of becoming an obedience judge to become a full panel charge at all levels in 1995.

Subsequent to this he joined the ACTCA obedience subcommittee and was actively involved in the training of several generations of aspirant judges.

A particular milestone was the introduction of the UDX level in obedience which introduced a whole new challenge for the generation of active triallers and which continues to this day.

With the introduction of Rally Obedience, this has been included against the disciplines which he is qualified to judge. It is encouraging that the introduction of RallyO has reinvigorated much interest in the sport by offering a less formal but still challenging activity as is evident by the recent enhancements to the rally levels.

John is well known as a judge who particularly encourages the handlers and always has a mission of attempting to put them at their ease on the basis that this is a sport run principally by volunteers and indicates that there are always other opportunities if things don't quite go as expected on the day.

Mrs Joanne Hagan (ACT)

Judging

Community Companion & Novice Classes

Joanne has been actively involved in the Canberra dog obedience community for the past 20 years, after buying her first dog in late 1997 and starting on the path of obedience training with him. Over the years, she has been an instructor and committee member for two of Canberra's main obedience clubs, in a range of roles including being responsible for Instructor training, agility training and obedience trialling. She was also the Office Manager for four years, of Canberra's largest dog training club where she dealt with 500 dogs and owners annually, helping them enrol into obedience training classes and providing them with advice and assistance as needed, as well as still instructing at the club and being on the obedience trialling sub-committee – all of which kept her very busy.

Joanne also had involvement with the ACT Gundog Society over numerous years, in roles including Treasurer, obedience trial manager and show manager.

Her own obedience trialling career commenced nearly 20 years ago now, when she started trialling her first German Shorthaired Pointer. She is an active breeder of GSPs under the prefix "Fourjays" and has trained and competed with her dogs in conformation, obedience, rally obedience, agility and jumping, endurance, flyball, tracking, gundog working tests/RATG and retrieving trials. She has obtained obedience titles up to UD level with her dogs, as well as having won Best in Trial at the GSP National and Best Open at the ACT Obedience titles – this same dog had over 30 Open passes from local area trials. Several dogs she has bred have also gone on to compete in obedience including

another GSP National Best in Trial winner and UD title holder.

In 2012, Joanne undertook and successfully completed her CCD and CD judges licence and has been judging in the local area regularly for the past 5 years. She thoroughly enjoys judging at this level and particularly enjoys putting nervous triallers at ease so that they and their dog, can enjoy themselves in the ring and hopefully show their best work.

Joanne is looking forward to judging at this event and wishes all competitors the very best of luck on the day.

Mr Sid Schuck (NSW)

Judging

All Classes Rally Obedience

Sid started in Obedience in 1973 at the ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) with his first Old English Sheepdog, Georgie. On the June long weekend in 1974 she managed to get him through three obedience trials with passes and places of third, fifth and third for her CD title. Sid was hooked!

To put something back into the club, Sid became an instructor and then a committee member. Like a piece of velcro he stuck around, eventually becoming President and later on Treasurer of the club. He must have done something right as they made him an Honorary Life Member in the 1980s.

Of course his interest in Old English Sheepdogs continued and he became the foundation President of the ACT Old English Sheepdog Club. That also meant organising many breed dog shows and obedience trials.

Just so that he wouldn't get bored, he stood for the position of Treasurer of Dogs ACT - a job he was to do for ten years. Again, they must have liked his work as they made him an Honorary Life Member.

Being on the Council of Dogs ACT, Sid took over as convenor of the Obedience Sub-committee. That meant participating in ANKC rules revision meetings and Karl Turnbull from NSW, Ernie Paxman from Victoria and Sid were tasked with creating the first national Tracking Rules. The ANKC decided that Canberra would be a great place to hold the Bicentennial Dog Show and Trial. Guess who won the job of organising the Bicentennial Obedience Trial in Canberra in 1988?

To ensure that the dog section of the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society (RNCAS) had some obedience representation, Sid stood for committee member of the RNCAS. That meant that he won the job of organising the obedience

section of the Canberra Royal each year. Sid remains a Life Member of the RNCAS.

In his spare time Sid also became Treasurer of the Canberra All Breeds Kennel Club, which ran multiple dog shows each year.

Of course, training dogs and trialling dogs led to the next step - judging Obedience. Sid became a judge in 1976, which means he's been doing it for 40 years. In that time he's had the privilege of judging in Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria and Tasmania.

Oh and did we mention that Sid has been judging Rally O since 2012 when it was officially sanctioned as an ANKC event!

Sid judged Agility in the past. He judged the first Agility trial in the ACT over 20 years ago. He has also judged Flyball. Unfortunately, time constraints have meant that he has had to drop out of these two specialties.