



OBEDIENCE & RALLY OBEDIENCE JUDGES

Saturday 8th July 2017

Mr Ritchie Butler (NSW)

Judging

Utility Dog Excellent, Utility & Open

Ritchie joined ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) in 1976 when he acquired a nervous 4 year old German Shepherd which needed training (so did he) plus socialization. He then found that under the ACT Alsatian Ordinance, training at an Obedience Club was compulsory and a certificate to that effect needed to be provided to the authorities annually. Jodie passed twice at the Novice level before dying of a kidney complaint.

Next he purchased his foundation Golden Retriever bitch and bred, showed and trialed the breed for 10 years. At the same time he bought a male lunatic GSD puppy - more trial titles somehow followed.

After passing the level 1 and level 2 instructors courses he became a Novice judge in 1979 and a full panel obedience and tracking judge in 1983. He has continued to judge ever since, together with his wife Anne and has been on the NSW State Titles judging panel 9 times and the Queensland panel twice. He currently shows and trials, with Anne, their 5 Vizslas.

In administration work he was on CDC's committee for 15 years (8 as president), president of the Gundog Society for 3 years, president of Queanbeyan & District Dog Training

Club for 7 years and treasurer, then president of Dogs ACT in the 1980s.

Mrs Anne Butler (NSW)

Judging

Community Companion & Novice Classes

Anne started out in the dog world in the 1970's with showing Rottweilers and then started obedience with the 'Rotts' in the early 1980's. She has since showed and trained English Pointers and now shows and trains Hungarian Vizslas.

Anne has been judging Obedience since the 1980's and currently instructs and trains at Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club.

Ms Patricia Looker (VIC)

Judging

All classes Rally Obedience

Patricia qualified as an obedience instructor over 30 years ago and has been actively instructing ever since. She also instructs rally obedience classes and occasionally agility and holds ANKC judging licenses in all three disciplines.

Over the years, she has trained two English Springer Spaniels to CD and CDX titles, a Silky Terrier cross to her CDX and novice agility titles, and a Cocker Spaniel to her Obedience Championship, novice agility titles and RA title.

She is currently training a Cocker Spaniel who has achieved his breed Championship, CDX, RAE and TD titles so far. If he can remember to keep his mind on the job in the ring instead of finding feathers and wanting to check out who's walking past, he may one day finish off his UD title – but she's not holding her breath!