



CLUB COMMITTEE PROFILES

Jim Spence – Assistant Training Co-ordinator



Ever since I was a tyke in the back blocks of WA (a place called Wiluna) I have had pets, be they dogs, cats, and even birds. In 1985 whilst at Bathurst for the car races, my wife introduced me to a “real dog” and I made up my mind then and there that when I retired from the Army I would get serious about Rotties.

I retired in 1987 and got my first Rottie in 1988, got the bug in 1989 after seeing Frank DeCatania working with his fabulous Dobermann Tutu and the rest is history.

With the help of my first dog Konig, I began to learn what the dog world was all about. His name says it all *Aust Ch Shenhoff Rumpert CDX TDX AD ET*. (That is all the titles that were available in those days with the exception of UD).

Some very lovely people who have been responsible for me keeping the “bug” and teaching me most of what I know are Rick and Honey Gross-Richardson in the Obedience World (I completed both the Junior and Senior instructors courses) and Ron and Ann McKittrick who taught me the beginnings of Tracking.

I have been involved in tracking since 1990 and I am an inaugural member of Trackwest. I have the distinction of having trained the youngest Rottweiler Tracking Champion in Australia, my lovely bitch “JUNO” at the ripe old age of 18 months, and have trained, helped train and handled Rotties, Y’s, and a Border Collie through to Tracking Champion.

This year I have been given the task of assisting Sue with training. I look forward to assisting you in your endeavours in the art of learning to read and understand your dog’s body language, so that you can follow and trust your dog all the way to Tracking Champion.

Don’t forget:

1. If you don’t know ASK
2. If you aren’t sure ASK
3. That no two dogs are the same, and

Instructors don’t bite (well most don’t) and we are all here to help you and your dog.