

## A Century of Women (Pernice Press - May 2015)



In early years, distinguished handlers like the Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, Lorna Countess Howe and Lady Hill-Wood made an important mark in field sports. But the good work didn't stop there; women have continued to compete and excel in retriever field trials, proving that in this sport at least, they're on an equal footing with men. In fact, at the Century IGL Championship at Blankney in 2009, women constituted one quarter of the card.

***Thirteen women have qualified and run in the IGL Championship at least 10 times.***

### Here is the breakdown:

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|-----|------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1.  | June Atkinson          | 36 times | (13 awards, 1 first) |
| 2.  | Sandra Halstead        | 27 times | ( 8 awards, 1 first) |
| 3.  | Lorna Countess Howe    | 24 times | (19 awards, 3 first) |
| 4.  | Tess Lawrence          | 22 times | ( 9 awards, 1 first) |
| 5.  | Lady Hill-Wood         | 19 times | (11 awards, 4 first) |
| 6.  | Gabrielle Benson       | 17 times | ( 7 awards, 1 first) |
| 7.  | Mary Rountree          | 17 times | ( 3 awards)          |
| 8.  | Jayne Coley            | 15 times | ( 2 awards)          |
| 9.  | Diane Ryan             | 15 times | ( 5 awards)          |
| 10. | Joan Hayes             | 12 times | ( 4 awards)          |
| 11. | Mrs A Heywood-Lonsdale | 12 times | ( 4 awards)          |
| 12. | Janet Webb             | 12 times | ( 6 awards)          |
| 13. | Audrey Radclyffe       | 11 times | ( 4 awards)          |

With special mention to Heather Bradley, Annette Clarke, Sarah Gadd and Mary Lamb, who have each run 9 times.