

As documented in *'The Best of the Best: A History of the IGL Retriever Championship 1909 - 2011'*; women have figured amongst the most accomplished handlers in retriever field trials from the beginning. None more so than **Lady Hill-Wood**, whose mother was a Buccleuch; one of the earliest families to import and breed Labradors.

She was the **first handler to win the IGL Retriever Championship 4 times**, and the second person to win with three different dogs: in 1933 and 1934 with FTCh Hiwood Chance; in 1960 with FTCh Hiwood Dipper; and in 1964 with her daughter's dog FTCh Dacre Hiwood Frank. She made a considerable contribution to the gundog world in a career of 35 years that spanned both pre and post war eras.

In the photo below she is pictured with five of her Labradors (The Kennel Club Library).

*It would be interesting to identify the dogs.*

