

Year of Induction - 2003

CATEGORY: Outstanding Performance in Retrieving Trials



Nat Rt Ch Derbyshire Ace A Hearts (Cass)

30-09-72 - 22/08/85

BREED: Labrador Retriever

Sire: Rt Ch Casray Beau

Dam: Sandycasador Wish

Breeder: Mr. Peter Halford NSW

Owned by Bill Bailey NSW

Handled by Bill Bailey

Winner of 9 State Championships & Runner up in 4 State Championships

- Winner: 1977 - NSW, ACT, Victoria
- 1978 - NSW, Queensland, Victoria
- 1979 – NSW, Victoria
- 1980 - NSW

Completed 3 National Championships

- Winner: 1980 - Victoria, 1981 - NSW,
- Completed: 1976 – Fourth
- Winner of 35 All Age Stakes

In Brief

There is no doubt that Cass was largely responsible for his own success. As anyone who saw him would tell you, Cass did best when I did as little as possible. One time I was told that some of the Victorian handlers once asked Charlie Ball "If Cass had any faults"? Charlie replied "He only has one and it is a serious one, but I do not know how to fix it"? He paused, so someone asked for more information and Charlie said "He lives with Bill Bailey, and not with me". I accepted that as being a compliment coming from a man like Charlie Ball.

The highlight of Cass's career was winning 7 consecutive State Championships including winning the Championships of NSW and Victoria in the same year, for 3 consecutive years. He then finished his career by winning the Retrieving National in 1980 and again in 1981.