

# ***Year of Induction 2001***

## ***Category – Prominent Persons***



### ***The Late Mr. Sid Howell - NSW***

**The late Sid Howell was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Category – Prominent Person, in recognition of his services to the sport of Retrieving.**

#### **As a Club Official**

As a club official Sid Howell was a tireless worker for Retrieving Trials. His contribution to the sport was outstanding in many ways, especially obtaining the use of many wonderful trial sites in the Castlereagh & Penrith area of NSW.

#### **As Owner / Breeder**

Sid Howell was a breeder and handler of Champion Retrievers but the judging at Retrieving Trials was not something he delved in.

As an Owner and Breeder of Labrador Retrievers, Sid established the CASRAY line of Gundogs with Holton Focus (Imp. UK), sire of Dual Ch. Casray Battler CDX, and progressed further from there to own several Dual Champions and to breed many Retrieving Trial Champions. In fact at one stage Sid Howell had 6 Dual Champions in his kennel.

#### **As a Handler**

As a handler of his Casray dogs Sid's successes were numerous back in the late fifties and then in the sixties.

At the time, Casray dogs won 14 Open trials in succession. They frequently won the "double" (Novice and Open on one day), and the "triple" (Novice, Restricted and Open on the same day). It was not unusual for Casray dogs to take first, second and third in a trial. On one occasion in the late sixties, they filled first, second, third and fourth in the NSW State Championship.

In 1957 Sid won the NSW Championship with Bengali Sister and in 1958 was second with Dual Ch. Casray Battler.

In 1961, Casray Battler competed in 13 trials, won 10, plus a second and a third.

Casray Searcher won six trials in his first year and went on to become a Dual Champion.

In 1965 Sid drove to Perth, a rough journey in those days to compete in the third Inter-Dominion Championship with two Dual Champions, Casray Ben Beau and Casray Searcher who took third place from 23 starters.

## **OUTSTANDING CASRAY DOGS AND DESCENDANTS**

- Dual Ch. Bengali Sister
- Dual Ch. Bengali Betty
- Dual Ch. Casray Battler
- Dual Ch. Casray Searcher
- Dual Ch. Casray Ben Beau
- Dual Ch. Casray Battlers Son
- R, T. Ch. Casray Finder

### **First Generation dogs**

Casray Battlers Lass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place NSW Championship 1965, 67, 68
Casray Beau	1 <sup>st</sup> Place National 1969 and 1972, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Victoria Championship 1968, Australian Capital and Victoria Championship 1969, NSW and Victoria Championship 1973, Runner up in 7 State Championships.
Casray Rambler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place NSW Championship 1968
Casray Hector	1 <sup>st</sup> Place National 1982 and other championship places
Casray Jack	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place NSW Championship 1978
Casray Sunshine	Leading WA dog 1980's
Derbyshire Ace A Hearts	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Retrieving Nationals 1980/81, Wins at State Championships - 1977 - NSW, ACT, Victoria 1978 - NSW, Queensland, Victoria 1979 - NSW, Victoria 1980 - NSW
Derbyshire Wild Deuce	Record not available.
Baldorra Samantha	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Western Australia State Championship -1964.

### **Second Generation Dogs:**

Terranaut Royal Club – winner of 9 State Championship – 3 NSW C/Ships, 2 Qld. C/Ships, 1 Vic. C/Ship, 1 S.A. C/Ship, 2 ACT C/Ships. Runner Up in 5 State Championships and placed 3 times in National Championships.

*The list above highlights the impact made by Sid Howell and his Casray line of Retrievers in the sport of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs. The Casray dog's record in retrieving trials is legendary.*

*Sid Howell was enthusiastic of the Labrador retriever as Gundog and a great supporter of the Labrador Retriever Club of NSW and he encouraged and assisted many a novice who purchased pups from him to enter trials with great results.*