

Year of Induction - 2005
CATEGORY: Outstanding Performance in Retrieving Trials



Nat.R.T. & R.T.Ch. Cobargo Captain CDX. CM. (Sam)

25-2-1995 - 20-11-2005

BREED: Labrador Retriever

Sire: Cobargo Bobby C.D.

Dam: Wishmore Uranus

Owned by Jake & Carol Christensen - NSW

Handled by Jake Christensen

Winner of 11 State Championships & Runner up in 5 State Championships

- 1982 First Place - NSW***
- 1983 First Place - Victoria, South Australia, ACT***
- 1985 First Place - Queensland, Victoria***
- 1986 First Place - South Australia***
- 1987 First Place - Australian Capital Territory***
- 1988 First Place - Australian Capital Territory***
- 1989 First Place - New South Wales***

Completed 4 National Championships

- 1984 First Place - Victoria***
- 1988 First Place - New South Wales***

- 1983 Runner up - South Australia***
- 1987 Runner up - Queensland***

Winner of 55 All Age Stakes

Sam was the only male pup in a litter of five. When Jake spoke to the breeder Laurie Shaw about purchasing Sam, Laurie indicated that he'd already promised the male to someone else. Jake managed to talk Laurie around promising Laurie that he would make a champion of the pup.

Sam at a small age was very confident and did not need his litter sisters to play with. When we went to pick him up he was sitting under a tree, waiting to be taken home.

The bond that Jake and Sam had was so unique it was incredible. Sam would go to work with Jake every day, sometimes Jake and his offsider (Sam) would have jobs out in the country and there were a few times when Sam went missing. There was a time when a farmer with his plane went out looking for the dog. Sam returned the next day all worn out. Jake was very worried as he thought he was gone for good, but Sam had a great time chasing kangaroos. Often Jake and Sam would go away hunting, they were great mates.

Sam's trialling career began as a competitor in Obedience trials at which he achieved CDX title. Soon after Jake discovered Retrieving Trials and this was the making of a formidable team.

Sam has been one of the great achievers at Retrieving trials his record boasts 516 Championship points at the end of the dog's trialling career culminating from, 2 Retrieving National wins and 2 times runner up, 10 State Championship wins, runner up in 5 State Championship and winner of 55 All Age Trials.

We as owners of Sam feel proud of Sam's achievements as a trial dog and as a companion.