

Year of Induction 2003

Category – Prominent Persons



***The Late Mr. Beale Stitt - NSW
1920 - 2003***

Beale Stitt was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Category – Prominent Person, in recognition of his services to the sport of Retrieving and the Gundog breeds.

Mr. Beale Stitt's contribution to the dog world was as a giver, of Olympian proportions.

Club official:

As a club official Beale Stitt's activities were spread concurrently over four dog club organisations during a forty two year span of continual active service.

SUMMARY - YEARS OF ACTIVE INVOLVMENT:

Royal Agricultural Society Kennel Club & NSW Canine Council, 1960 – 1989

Labrador Retriever Club of NSW, 1960 – 1989

The Golden Retriever Club of NSW, 1966 – 2003

The Gundog Society of NSW, 1980 - 2003

Life Membership by the Raskc & NSW Canine Council in 1996.

Life Membership by the Labrador Retriever Club of NSW in 1969.

Life Membership by the Golden Retriever Club of NSW in 1970.

Comments from the Clubs which Beale supported

Labrador Club of NSW

Beale became involved with the Labrador Retriever Club through his dogs Ch. Nylander Nipper Boy and Baldora Candyring. He became Secretary of the Club in 1960 and immersed himself in Club work. He was the Club Secretary of the two Conformation Shows, Obedience Trials and Gundog Obedience each year, Trial Secretary for the five Retrieving Trials each

year, and Editor of the monthly News Sheet until 1978. He supplied and maintained his two non-electric typewriters and his hand operated Gestetner printing machine, his trailer and much equipment, even to the bunting for the Club's show rings. He was generally the first to arrive and the last to leave any of the Club's events, for over 30 years. Beale was awarded Life Membership of the Labrador Retriever Club in 1969.

Beale gave back much to the sport he loved. He spent much of his time helping newcomers to the sport. His friendly manner and encouragement induced many newcomers to continue on in the Dog World he loved. He supported all disciplines, and would support any Club which needed assistance. Up to 1989, Beale was variously Honorary Secretary, Vice President, or Retrieving Trial Secretary. In recent years, as age caught up with him, his physical support had to wane. But he still maintained, as ever, his interest and support, and his love for dogs.

Golden Retriever Club of NSW Inc.

Beale was an active member of the Golden Retriever Club from 1966 when he was invited to attend a meeting and give a talk on retrieving. This eventuated in the Club holding its first Retrieving Trial in September 1966, under the guidance of Beale. He has been involved with the Club ever since.

Beale has been an inspiration to members over the years, always there to guide, encourage, and give advice when asked. He was the Club's first Life Member, this honor bestowed on him in recognition of his continued work for the Club in all spheres. He has Stewarded at most Club Shows, and Judged at many of the Club's Retrieving Trials and Gundog Working Tests. Beale held many positions with the Club - Committee, Trials Secretary, President, and currently was Vice-President. Most of all, he had been loyal to the Club and held it in high esteem. Beale gave all his time to the Dog World and he will be very much missed by this Club and all the other Committees he was involved with.

The Gundog Society of NSW Inc.

Beale joined The Gundog Society in 1980 as a member, and was elected President in 1985, and was a Committee member for Retrieving Trials. From 1989 to 1992 Beale was Vice President and a Committee member for Retrieving Trials. In 1993 Beale declined nomination as a Committee Member due to commitments to the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd. the Labrador Retriever Club and the Golden Retriever Club. From 2001 to 2003 Beale was Vice President and served on the Retrieving Trial's Committee.

The ROYAL NSW CANINE COUNCIL Ltd. (1960 — 2003)

In the early years Beale started to judge Obedience Tracking Trials and Gundog Obedience. (later Gundog Working Test GWT), and held Championship level Licenses for Pointers and Setters, Spaniels and Retrievers, and Utility Gundog Field Trials, as well as Retrieving Trials. When the RASKC formed a Field and Obedience Committee, Beale was a part of it. In 1968 he worked with Roy Burnell to launch the first Australian National Retrieving Trial Championship. He was Secretary of the Organizing Committee for that first event, held on 18 October 1969 at Yarramundie. He continued to serve on the RASKC Committees in various roles. Following the first National Retrieving Trial, Beale, who was a member of the Retrieving and Field Trial Committee, was appointed in 1974 as Chairman of the Organizing Sub Committee for State and National Retrieving Trial Championships. He also assisted the Oxley Dog Training Club, and the Southern Gundog Society to start their Retrieving Trials. Beale judged the NSW State Retrieving Trial Championship in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1992, 1995, and the National Retrieving Trial Championship in 1981. In October 1994, Beale was appointed Chairman of the Retrieving and Field Trial Committee, and retained his Chairmanship of the Organizing Sub—Committee for NSW State and National Retrieving Trial Championships. Beale held both Chairmanships, up to the time of his death 19 January 2003. Beale was awarded Life Membership of the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd in 1996. In 1999, Beale was appointed as National Chairman of the ANKC N. Raft Committee.

EPILOGUE.

Beale Stitt, although short of stature, was a giant in the Dog World. he gave of himself, unrestrained, in his love of his chosen sport.. The support he received, from both his (Late) wife Nancy and family, and second wife Barbara and family, should not be overlooked. The self imposed work load he carried, could not have been achieved without the encouragement and support of both his families

Recognition of his achievements is reflected by Beale Stitt receiving Life Memberships, from the Labrador Retriever Club of NSW, the Golden Retriever Club of NSW and the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd.

The Comments from the two Breed Clubs, says it all.

The Golden Retriever Club; His honesty and integrity, and happy smiling face will be greatly missed. He truly was a dedicated man.

The Labrador Retriever Club, He will be greatly missed; we will not see his like again.