

Year of Induction – 2009

CATEGORY: Prominent Person



MR. William (Bill) Loftus - NSW

Bill Loftus was inducted into the Hall of Fame in recognition of his extensive contribution to the sport of Gundog Retrieving.

As a Club Official

Bill was an active member of both the Labrador Club of NSW and The Gundog Society of NSW. As a member of the NSW Gundog Society, Bill served on the Retrieving Trials Committee for a number of years.

In this capacity he passed on his knowledge and experience to the newcomers to the sport and aspiring judges, through the training sessions that he helped to organise and conduct.

Bill did not only introduce these people to the wonderful game of retrieving but a lot of the time he coached them and their dogs to become better at this game.

At State level Bill represented the retrieving game as a member of the NSW Retrieving and Trials committee (Raft Committee).

As a representative on the RAFT committee Bill was very much involved with the issues of concern, to judges training and testing, rules review and other matters of high importance to the clubs that conducted retrieving trials and their participants.

As Judge

Bill is qualified to adjudicate at all retrieving events from Puppy stakes through to National Championships. At all times Bill did this with the one aim in mind and that is, to establish the best dog on the day which one can consider breeding from.

In NSW Bill Co-Judged with Peter Halford the 1998 National Retrieving Trial Championship. Bill has also adjudicated at a number of State Championships over the years in NSW and outside NSW.

As Owner/Breeder

As owner of Labradors Bill has managed to breed Champions and National Champions through his Kaemajae prefix, Bill bred dogs for work as well as type.

Bill's number one dogs were Kaemajae Tammy and Yamba Touch A Class, a daughter of Tammy.

As Handler

Bill travelled over most of this country handling his dogs in Obedience trials and Retrieving trials.

He enjoyed numerous successes in the Obedience Ring as well as in the Retrieving Field Trials.

Bill's handling and training methods excelled his dog's performances in the two disciplines that he competed in.

IN BRIEF: MEMORABLE HIGHLIGHTS

- Attaining a number of Retrieving State Championships wins with Tammy and Touch.
- Winning three Retrieving National Championships with Kaemajae Tammy.
- Placing his other dog Touch second to his winning dog Tammy in Retrieving National Championship.
- Winning of Obedience National Championship.
- Bill trained and handled Kaemajae Tammy; this dog's record boasts 500 Championship Points at the end of Tammy's career as a retriever.
- The breeding of retrieving Champion dogs and National Champions.

Bill had a great influence on others just starting out in the game of retrieving. It is very difficult to the novice just starting out in the game of retrieving, to learn the full requirement without someone giving you a helping hand, Bill Loftus made himself available to all others striving to a