

Year of Induction 2013

Category – Prominent Persons



Mr. Steve Hall – Victoria

Trial History

Steve started competing in trials in 1973 at the age of 20. Over the following nearly 40 years Steve along with wife Margaret became active and positive members of the trialling community. His input into our sport has been wide and varied from keen competitor, breeder, mentor, steward and administrator. His ability to get the best out of his dogs has been shown in his record over the years.

Steve has bred and trained 5 Retrieving Trial Champions. This includes one Grand Rt Ch Bambillay Braveheart. Over the years Steve has placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th in Nationals with multiple dogs and did especially well with Bambillay Braveheart by placing 2nd, and twice 3rd. Steve has placed in numerous state championship including winning the SA championship with Bambillay Braveheart. Several of his other dogs won numerous All Age events and placed in various championship stakes. Rt Ch Shanstar Cassie CM was inducted into the Australian Field and Retrieving Hall of Fame in 2005.

Steve has always been willing to attend and assist at training days and is always happy to talk to new triallers and impart his knowledge, training skills and techniques to other people over the years. Several of his protégés went on to have successful trialling careers in their own right. These include Roland Coffey, Byron Kendall and Richard Carr.

Steve did attend some Field trials in the early days especially with Bambillay Trudy and Shanstar Cassie but found he loved Retrieving trials more and decided to concentrate on them.

Club activities

Committee Member of the LRCV for 15 years from 1975 – 1990, approximately 5 of these years as Vice President.

Committee Member and Vice President for the VGC Inc. for 22 years from 1989 to 2012. Vice President for 6 of those years.

Steve managed retrieving trials along with his wife Margaret for the LRCV and VGC during these years. This included being custodian of all the equipment and guns, organizing helpers, pigeons and other various requirements of trials. Steve has also been the property nominee for several trial sites.

Steve has supported his wife Margaret in her various roles on the Victorian RAFT Committee and committees of the LRCV and VGC. This includes being heavily involved with the running of numerous state championships and 3 national championships. Margaret was awarded life membership of Dogs Victoria in recognition of her ongoing support of the retrieving scene both at a state and national level.

Trial Steward

Over the many years attending trials Steve has been an active trial steward, either as gun steward or game steward and has always been willing to sit on a thrower and very willing to help out at any trial.

Breeding

Steve along with Margaret were successful breeders under the Bambillay prefix. Although not proficient in number, the quality of the Labrador Retrievers bred by them has been outstanding for trialing ability, and soundness of dog.

Beside the 5 dogs trained and handled by Steve the Bambillay prefix accounted for a further 7 dogs that have been awarded the title of Retrieving trial champion. Two of these dogs Ntl Rt Ch Bambillay White Ash and Ntl Rt Ch Bambillay River Sands won the national championship a combined 4 times in 91, 93, 94 & 96.

Steve and Margaret also bred one Triple Champion in Bambillay Tempest (FT, RT & Show) He has bred many other dogs that have won minor titles of AARD, RRD and NRD, showing the retrieving ability that was naturally bred into the Bambillay line of dogs.

At the time of nomination for the HOF, Steve was still active in the sport and his love for the sport and for the Labrador retriever is on show every time he attends a trial. He loves to see dogs working and showing their natural ability and expertise in the field.