

## **Australian Quadruple Champion Tenarda Easy Rider Bench, Field, Obedience (incl Tracking) & Retrieving**

### **"CHIPS"**



Each year the Labrador Retriever Club of Qld Inc. holds a retrieving trial called "The Chips Trial". And why the "CHIPS" Trial may you ask? For the newer people to the Labrador Retriever, Obedience and Retrieving worlds it may be just another trial - for the old stagers, it is a word spoken with almost reverence and awe.

In the 70's, as now, there were many who believed that you could not have 'good looking working' dogs. "Chips" sire, R.T.Ch.Lindhills Centof U.D. ('Dusty'), came from a 'show' kennel in NSW and his dam, Aust. Ch. Allegroe Tia Maria ('Gidget') was also the result of a mating of 2 'show' dogs.

"Chips" was whelped on 27th October, 1978 and at a very tender age went to live with Bob Lodder ('Uncle Bob', 'The Bird Man', 'One of Nature's Gentlemen') and a union that was to rewrite the record books was born.

"Chips", along with "Dusty", "Mandy" (Maryland Manuela C.M), "Saxon" and "Ocker" (Stillrovin Centurian and Sunbird) made up the 'Yellow Peril'.

Bob showed "Chips" lightly as a youngster and started Obedience at Brisbane Club. "Chips" was (like many good dogs) a slow developer and Bob read him perfectly - not pushing him beyond what he could manage but at the same time progressing with his training and taking him away on shooting trips.

"Chips" won his first All Age Trial at his first attempt on 7th November 1981 (Bob had decided to enter All Age in preference to Restricted as the late Norah Gilbert was judging All Age). It was to be a long wait for the second leg as Chips gained all other titles before finishing his Retrieving Trial title and thus being elevated to a place in history - becoming the first Quadruple Champion.

His Novice Obedience Title (C.D.) was attained on 14th March 1981 with his C.D.X. following on 15th August that same year. 1982 saw 'Chips' and Bob training for U.D., Tracking, Field and Retrieving and 'Chips' gained his Tracking qualification on 6th February 1983.

1983 was fairly eventful for this duo as they passed TD1 and TD2 on 19th June and 31st July respectively and Chips gained his U.D. title on 26th November that same year.

1984 saw them well on the way to the elusive goal with TD3 and TD4 being attained on 1st April and 21st October that year and finishing Chips' Bench Title on 5th May 1984.

26th May 1985 saw Chips' gain his TD5 and thus become an AOC (Australian Obedience Champion). Nearly 4 months later on 22nd September Chips gained his Field Trial Title (Spaniel Retriever) making him a Dual Champion with an AOC.

The long awaited news of Chips' Retrieving Trial title was conveyed south by a call from Merrilyn Walsh to say that Chips and Bob had won the Wide Bay Cup that day (6<sup>th</sup> June, 1987) under Bob Bishop - not happy with that they completed the double winning All Age the next day under Jim Hook.

Not content with the achievements already to their credit, the duo attempted Agility - Chips gaining 2 qualifying legs but age was the winner in the end and although Chips had many a clear round the younger faster dogs put paid to any hope of gaining an AD title. Chips continued on his winning ways but the real story is of Bob and his 'mate' Chips - a look between them was worth a thousand words and one can only try to understand the ache left for Bob as Chips went to the Great Hunting Grounds in the Sky on 21st January, 1995.

Look through bloodlines in this state and you won't find Chips' name in many of them but for those who chose to use him at stud and were privileged to do so the rewards were enormous.

The aim of the "Chips' Trophy" for the All Age Stake was not only to recognize the achievements of a great dog and handler but to set a standard of excellence for others to strive to attain.

The inaugural "Chips' Trial" was held on 10th September, 1988 and the Judges and results are as follows:

**NOVICE** - Mr Gary Quinlan

1st. Tenarda Duenna Donna (Mr B Wilson/M.Lodder) Labrador Retriever  
2nd Tekitie Terrific (Mrs H Cattermole) ESS

**RESTRICTED** - Mrs M Lodder

1st Sovanna Black Stone (Mr J Jeffrey) Flat Coated Retriever  
2nd Anderfield Golden Amber (Mrs C Lowry) Golden Retriever  
3rd Ramahlab New Abbey (Mr P Guest) Labrador Retriever

**ALL AGE** - Mr J Palmer (NSW)

1st Leolita Mat (Mr B Nimmo) Labrador Retriever  
2nd RT Ch Zeefree Black Joker (Mrs G Golle) Labrador Retriever  
3rd RT Ch Justlab Tidal Sweep (Mr A Golle) Labrador Retriever

And the 10th Anniversary Trial was held on 22nd August, 1998 and the results are as follows:

**NOVICE:** Mr S Kaggelis

1st Ringlord Dwalin CD (Mrs V Bool) Curly Coated Retriever

2nd Dual Ch(O)Kazia Crescendo (Ms D Mulrain) GSP

3rd Wrangham Rowan Berrie (Mr A Bloor) ESS

**RESTRICTED:** Mr I Besanko (SA)

1st Ch Delmundi Missy Madam CD AD NRD (Mrs L Dick) Labrador Retriever

2nd Yuroka Sea Bandit NRD (Mrs L Dick) Labrador Retriever

3rd Ethylwyn Nudge the Night (Mr P Duffy) Labrador Retriever

**ALL AGE :** Mrs C Besanko(SA)

1st RT Ch Dancingate Templa Troyca CM (Mr P Brendish{WA} Golden Retriever

2nd Wraxwall Ragamuffin (Mr B Pritchard) Labrador Retriever

3rd Alvenpoint Taxi (Mr A Donovan) GSP

4th RT Ch Wrangham Mountain Ash UD AD (A & G Golle) ESS

5th RT Ch Moralan Patton's Pride CDX (Mrs J Duffy) Labrador Retriever

Maybe one day another great companion will achieve the ultimate; until then the LRCQ Inc will continue to recognize the great ambassador of our breed and acknowledge the time and effort (not to mention the EXPENSE) that Bob dedicated to take this lovely dog to greatness.

"Sleep gently sweet yellow dog: you live forever in the pages of history!"