

AGRA HALL OF FAME

Doug Payne (Inducted 2010)

Years involved in industry: 60

Category: Trainer

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Leading Trainer in South Australia for a record 15 years
- Trained the winners of a record four Adelaide Cups
- Committee member of the GBOTA and Strathalbyn Club

One greyhound trainer's name synonymous with the very best is South Australian Doug Payne.

Payne first started training greyhounds in his home town of Broken Hill, before moving to Adelaide in the early 70's to establish the Meadows, and it was this complex that would lead the media and patrons to label Doug as the "Meadows Maestro".



He was the leading trainer for the first 15 years of Greyhound Racing in South Australia, won nearly every feature event on the calendar including an unprecedented 4 Adelaide Cups, with the SA Derby being the only race that eluded him.

A committee member of his home track, Strathalbyn and the GBOTA, Doug was a true professional of our sport and took greyhound training and breeding to a new level in South Australia.

Doug Payne was born in Broken Hill in 1929 and started training greyhounds as his father had before him as a 12-year-old in the early 40's.



A Doug Payne winner at Broken Hill

Doug was a very successful Butcher owning and operating four shops at one stage in his home town, but with Track racing commencing in Adelaide in the 70's he decided to give greyhound training a go professional.

History records how successful he was and he became one of the leading trainers not only here in South Australia but also Australia wide. In 1995 he told me his best dogs were the mighty Bristol Sue and her sister Ascapella Miss followed by two cast offs he got from Melbourne named Red Pulse and Yodel High.

Doug had outstanding success with the Fullock dam line a bitch he brought from Dennis Farrell at Cessnock, Doug trained all her pups for his friend and breeder Amil Borchardt, it was a wonderful partnership which never drew a crossed word.



Doug's favourite Adelaide Cup win although he loved then all was with Kuriakin in 1989. No-one gave the rising four-year-old a chance and he won at 33/1. He believed in simple feeding and plenty of free galloping methods that served him well.

The best dogs he ever saw race were Temlee and the mighty Zoom Top and after his forced retirement in the 90's with a bad back he still enjoyed greyhound racing immensely until his passing in the year 2000.

A true champion with a lead and collar and worthy inductee of the AGRA Hall of Fame Doug Payne.

