

## 2008 Silver Buckle Awards

There will be **four silver buckles** awarded at the **Cow Country Classic** in July. Three buckles will be high combined awards for dogs with the highest cumulative scores across all 6 trials and the fourth buckle for the Most Promising Started Aussie\*.

Guidelines for the awards:

- Each dog competing must be entered in all trials and all classes (18 runs) to be eligible for a high combined award.
- The Most Promising Started Aussie does not require entry in all trials but the dog must be entered in all classes of stock in Started.
- A dog can only compete for one buckle.
- For a buckle to be awarded there must be at least two dogs competing for the award.

The four award categories are:

- High Combined Aussie WTCH
- High Combined Aussie non-WTCH
- High Combined Other Breed
- Most Promising Started Aussie\*

\*Note: only started scores will be counted toward the total of the Most Promising Started Aussie award. For that buckle we use only the two highest started scores for each class of stock--ducks, sheep and cattle, to compute the combined score. This provides the opportunity for dogs to move up to open after two qualifying runs if the handler wishes to do so. However, if the handler of a started aussie wishes to compete for the High Combined Aussie non-WTCH award (instead of the Most Promising Started Aussie award), that intention must be declared before the start of the trial.

**2008 Series Buckles—Three silver trophy buckles** will be awarded at the **Grizzly Jamboree** in September for the high combined class scores accumulated over all four ASC of Montana 2008 stockdog trials—one each for sheep, cattle and ducks. A dog must compete in at least two weekends of trials to be eligible. Since these awards are for high combined by class, a dog does not have to enter every class to be eligible for the award. That is, one could receive the High Combined Sheep series award while entering only sheep trials so long as they participated in at least two trials of the four ASC of Montana trial weekends. Scores from Ranch trials will not be considered in the total.