

## 2009 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 at least two trials and 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.
- All scores, both qualifying and non-qualifying, will be included in the total.

The four award categories are:

- High Combined Aussie WTCH
- High Combined Aussie Open/Advanced
- 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 Open/Advanced award (instead of the Most Promising Started Aussie award), that intention must be declared before the start of the trial.



The Most Promising Started Aussie Buckle from 2008