1994

1956 National Field Champion
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Massie's Sassy Boots

DOB: May 24, 1948
(**Sire**: Shadow II ex **Dam**: Penny Of Wingan)

Arthur Massie purchased Boots from the breeder/handler, Joe De Loia, for $100 and together the two continued to train the dog. At a fall trial in Duluth, Minnesota, Boots won the Derby, the Qualifying, and was the top dog in the Open All-Age going into the final series which proved to be a bit too demanding for the 15 month old dog. Together they entered 22 stakes, finishing 21, and in 14 of those they were awarded a blue ribbon.

In August of 1949, Boots was purchased Wm. T. Cline of Chicago, IL, for $3,100. The following August, Boots returned to Duluth where he took his first win in an Open. Great things did come for Boots, a second at Midwest in October 1950, first at the Labrador in October 1950, first at American Amateur in June 1951, and another first at Duluth in August 1951, plus other placings.

Early in 1954, Boots was teamed up with the West Coast professional Roy Gonia, from then on it was a succession of wins and placings, culminated by a National Championship in November 1956. Boots was retired in the fall of 1957 but only after a win at Samish in September.

A terrific animal, he was one of the hardest-going retrievers we ever saw. To hold him on line was an accomplishment, everything he did was style plus and he was a wonderful sire. Among his offspring were the sensational FC Beau of Zenith, FC Shoremeadow Tidewater, FC Techacko's Ranger, FC-AFC Jet of Zenith, FC Boocindys Renegade and many others.

1956 Nat. Ch. Massie's Sassy Boots, male black Labrador, according to the records of the Labrador Retriever Club, earned a total of 148-1/2 Championship points, only one retriever in history exceeded this mark prior to this time (Black Panther 172-1/2.)