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Leading axemen in memorial contest

AXEMEN at the Brunswick Show next month will compete for the new Sam Catalano Memorial Trophy in the WA Championship 275mm standing block event but unfortunately last year's champion, Steve Rees of Harvey will miss out with a broken leg.

Up for grabs will be a top-of-the-range New Zealand Tuatahi racing axe, valued at \$570, sponsored by Nola Marino and her brother Lindsay Catalano in memory of their father Sam Catalano.

When Mr Catalano, who passed away in 2002 at the age of 82 years, settled in Brunswick in 1942, he was one of the few residents with a truck and he helped the Brunswick Agricultural Society to clear the land for the show and developed a passion for the log chops events.

The prized trophy will attract top axemen and Brent Rees, who won the State Championship at the Brunswick Show in 2008, said the axe was the ultimate and all top axemen used the brand.

"We decided donating a trophy for the show was something we wanted to do," Mrs Marino said.

"The Sam Catalano Memorial Trophy honours our father and shows respect for his commitment to the Brunswick Show."



Nola Marino, axeman Steve Rees and Lindsay Catalano admire the valuable Sam Catalano Memorial Axe that will be the trophy at the WA Championship log chops event at the Brunswick Show.