



BARBARA ARNDT

Ontario, Canada - just 20 minutes from beautiful Niagara Falls is where I was born and the area in which I live. Growing up, my family has always had dogs and in 1972 I purchased my first Afghan Hound. Since then, I have never been without this beautiful breed sharing my home and my life. Presently 3 Afghan Hounds grace my furniture and my yard. I have also owned and shown Salukis and have a Standard Long Hair Dachshund that I am showing in the United States and Canada.

As a breeder, owner and handler I have had the privilege of producing and finishing many Canadian and American Champions. Dogs of my breeding have many specialty and group wins in both Canada and the United States and have proven to be multi-talented in lure coursing, obedience and agility. I am licensed to judge all of the breeds in the Hound Group, the Sporting Group and part of the Terrier Group. I have had the privilege of judging at all breed shows in Canada, the United States, Australia and Slovakia. I have judged Hound Group Specialties, Sighthound Group Specialties as well as individual specialties for Afghan Hounds, Basenjis, Deerhounds, Greyhounds, Ibizan Hounds, and Pharaoh Hounds. I have judged in Canada, the United States, Australia, Denmark, Italy and Sweden.

My club involvement includes being a long time member of the Canadian Kennel Club, the Afghan Hound Club of Canada, and being active in 3 all-breed Kennel Clubs. Presently I am the Past President of the Afghan Hound Club of Canada and have held Executive positions with this club for many years as well as being Show Chairman for 2 National Specialty Shows.



JUDI PERCHARD ELFORD

Judi has been captivated by all things canine since she can remember. Growing up as a child in Newfoundland, Canada, she would regularly be found bringing home every stray dog she could find, and leaving out food for any wayward animal that might be passing by. Eventually her parents were to permit her to own her own dog, and it was the Samoyed that she selected. That first Sam went on to be a group winning Champion and CDX title holder. It was a natural progression then that she should go on to become a dog fancier, breeder and judge under the CKC system. Together with her husband Blair Elford, she has bred and/or finished over 300 Samoyed Champions world wide, including many Best in Show, National Specialty, World Winners and #1 Samoyeds in Canada. Throughout the years the “Vanderbilt” Samoyeds have competed successfully in all corners of the globe, and indeed breeding for “global breed type” has been one of the primary mandates of the kennel. Not just a pretty face, the “Van Sams” (as they are affectionately known by their owners and fans) have also taken on and excelled at such working challenges such as sledding, herding, agility and obedience. Judi believes strongly in the importance of sound construction and proper temperament suited to original purpose in purebred dogs.

As a judge, Judi is currently licensed for Sporting, Hounds, Working, Herding and on permit for NonSporting in Canada, and has judged in Denmark, Czech Republic (Euro Show), the UK, as well as Canada and the USA. Judi still actively breeds and exhibits her Samoyeds, and in 2015 to date, has finished 14 American and 15 Canadian Champions. All but one of these being homebred.

Professionally Judi recently retired as a labour and delivery registered nurse – a field she had practiced in since 1981. Now she is “gone to the dogs” full time, and is loving it!



ANN INGRAM

I was born into the world of dogs with a mother who bred Boxers and a father who was a Terrier man and professional handler. I started to handle almost as soon as I could walk!! Wanting to have something different for myself I bought a Boston Terrier from England which became my first English Champion when I was just 14 years old. It was not long before I transferred my affections to Boxers and Poodles and in later years Lhasa Apsos with the occasional Whippet, Beagle, Pug and Shetland Sheepdog just for fun!!! I have subsequently made up 29 English Champions and over 100 Irish Champions.

Past President of the Irish Boxer Dog Club and Poodle Club of Ireland and currently President of The Boxer Society of Ireland. At age 16, I had my first judging appointment under both I.K.C. and E.K.C. Rules. and awarded Greenstars in Ireland for the first time.

I awarded C.C.s in the UK for the first time, in 1977 at the Scottish Boxer Club Silver Anniversary Ch. Show becoming the youngest person to award CCs at the tender age of 25 years old!! I judged regularly over the following years and became an All Rounder under I.K.C. Rules in 1984.

I am currently an All Breeds Judge under F.C.I. Rules and I am approved in the UK to judge at Group Level, All Groups & Best In Show. I have regularly judged in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South Africa, South America, America and 20 European Countries, around 40 Countries in total, including 3 times at the Stockholm International Winners Show, The European Winners Show Budapest, European Winners Show Dublin, Hobart Royal, Best In Show at Brisbane Royal , Best In Show Helsinki International Winners Show, 3 appointments at Crufts, Breeds, Group 9 at the World Show Finland 2014 & Breeds at the World Show Milan 2015.

I still love the Breeding side of the Dog World & try to find a balance between judging and breeding dogs. An ongoing problem with my Achilles tendon forced me to give up the Boxers but I was fortunate that we also had the Toy Poodles so I was able to transfer my energies to them and won the Dog C.C. at Crufts 2008, World Winner Stockholm 2008 and World Winner Herring 2010 , and made up about 100 Irish Champions and my 28th U.K champion in March 2014 and had the Top Toy Poodle in the UK 2013 & Top Dog All Breeds 2014 In Ireland.



LORI IVERSON

Lori has bred German Shepherds under the Nobler prefix for 30 years. Her first dog was unregistered but upon joining the GSDC of Manitoba club in Jan 1979 the world of breeding and exhibiting purebred dogs was opened up. The Nobler kennel name can be found on over 50 champions and on many Best in Show and Best in Specialty winners. As well, Lori handled many other breeds when living in Manitoba, primarily Herding, Working and Sporting breeds. On the Education Committee for the GSDC of Canada, Lori has co-produced 2 ringside mentoring programs at 2 National Specialties for judges and breeders. Currently, she is involved with Alberta Junior Handlers as a coach, as well as mentoring other breeders in establishing their breeding programs.



RICHARD LOPASCHUK

A retired Government of Canada employee and is now working at his own business as a Water Management Consultant. Started in purebred dogs in 1966 with German Shepherd Dogs in the obedience ring and graduated to conformation a year later. Over the next 49 years bred many champion German Shepherd Dogs, Miniature Schnauzers, Cairn Terriers and Papillons. Also bred and exhibited Wire Fox Terriers and Pointers. Richard, along with his wife Nancy still breed Papillons. Richard is a Life Member of the Canadian Kennel Club and was on the Board of Directors of the CKC for 12 years, retiring from the Board in 2002. Started judging in 1989 with the Terrier Group and is now an All Breed Judge in Canada. He has also judged internationally in the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Columbia Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, South Africa, China and Mexico.



HUGH MIDDLEITCH

My introduction to the dog show world started in 1970 with my dear friend and mentor Betty MacKillop showing my first Doberman Pinscher. I started breeding in 1974. I bred and handled Dobs to many top breed honors in Canada and at U.S. National Specialties. We were blessed with our lovely red bitch Lucy, winning Canada's #1 Doberman in 1997.

I never considered myself a professional handler as I did not do it for a living, the income I brought in helped pay my expenses, I handled because of my love of dogs and my competitive nature. I feel blessed to have been involved for many years, enjoying the friendships of fellow dog lovers.

I showed dogs in every group, but mostly Groups 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7. I had the honor of being given beautiful dogs to show, many winning top dog in their breeds with several to top all time in breed history.

I have judged many sweepstakes over the years and it will be my pleasure to judge the 2016 EKKOC summer sweeps.



GUY SPAGNOLO

Mr. Spanolo is licensed to judge all breeds and is a Specialist in the Gundog breeds.

He has been breeding and showing Labrador Retrievers under the “Driftway” prefix since 1972 – having bred over 100 champions including their most highly awarded Grand Champion Driftway Regal Oak with 56 Best in Show awards. Our current top Labrador is Supreme Ch. Driftway Special Envoy with over 40 Best in Shows and 8 Specialties.

Between 1974 and 1990 he was also involved in the breeding and showing of English Cocker Spaniels.

Guy has judged extensively throughout Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Holland, Italy (including World Dog Show Milan 2000 (Labradors), Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Japan, Korea, Uruguay, China, Brazil, India, Phillipines, Indonesia, South Africa, United Kingdom, including the Labrador centenary show in the UK in 2003. He also judged the Yellow Labrador Club of England in 2008 and Westminster in February 2008. In 2013 Guy judged at the World Show in Budapest, Hungary, in 2014 the World Show in Helsinki, Finland and in 2015 the World Show in Milan.

Since 1996 Guy has been the Judges training Gundog Group Co-ordinator for New South Wales. Since 1976 he has been a committee member of the Labrador Retriever Club of New South Wales and more recently Vice-President. He is also a Board Member (Director) for DOGS NSW.



GLEN STARK

Glen's love of purebred dogs began over 50 years ago when he began showing German Shepherds owned by his Father. While these Shepherds were not intended to be show dogs Glen persisted and put Canadian Championship titles on 3 dogs until his junior hockey career took priority.

While playing hockey in Europe in the early 70's Glen fell in love with the Belgian Tervuren, the breed for which he would become known for breeding and showing for the next 25 years under the kennel name "Gemfire".

Upon returning to Canada Glen sought out and purchased a Belgian Tervuren from an American breeder who best represented the Tervurens he saw in Europe and the rest, as they say, is history. Glen bred over 60 Champions with both Canadian and American titles in both Conformation and Obedience.

Glen has professionally shown many other breeds throughout his career in all 7 Groups including Scottish Terriers, Shetland Sheepdogs, Rottweilers, Cairn Terriers, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Poodles, Cavaliers, Dandies, Bouviers and many others. In addition, he taught handling classes for over 25 years.

Glen began his judging career in 2004 and is currently a licensed CKC judge for Herding, Working, Terrier breeds and Toys

For the last 12 years Glen has bred Shetland Sheepdogs with his wife Cheryl Pike under kennel name "MacLaren

SUZANNE HEMMINGER

Suzanne D. Hemminger started in the sport of purebred dogs in the early 1970s with Rusty, a Golden Retriever. Rusty did not belong to her, but she had great fun showing him in conformation. While showing Rusty in the breed ring, Suzanne ventured into the obedience ring with Gyngere, a Labrador Retriever and eventually earned her UD. According to Suzanne, Gyngere absolutely loved the sport and truly "played the crowd." Suzanne recalls showing almost every weekend in the 1970s and fondly remembers showing Gyngere at a time when gas was only \$27.per gallon.

In addition to her involvement in the sport of purebred dogs, Suzanne bred horses and showed in the dressage arena for many years. She still has two horses at home and enjoys riding them for pleasure as well as just watching them wander around the pasture in the evenings.

Five years ago, Suzanne retired from the Chicago Public Schools system where she taught English and French for thirty-four years. She currently breeds Golden Retrievers and is approved to judge AKC Obedience and Rally as well as Labradors and Goldens in the breed ring. She also serves as the President of the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois.

LAWRENCE KLASSEN

When we moved to Alberta in 1976, I was introduced to Golden Retrievers.

After attending several dog shows we decided to purchase our first Golden. I trained him to become an OTCH.

Several years later we purchased another Golden from a breeder who competed in Retriever Field Trials. I became involved in this sport, volunteering and training my dog which led to becoming a Field Trial judge.

In the meantime I continued training and competing in Obedience Trials. In 2001 I started judging Obedience Trials. When Rally Obedience started in Canada, I judged one of the first trials in Alberta.

We lost our last Golden 2 years ago. Currently in the process of getting another one.

We bred our Goldens under "Kylesobutte" kennel name.

Occasionally, I go to Seniors' Lodges with my dogs to entertain the residents.