

JUDGES RÉSUMÉ

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Believe it or not, I fell in love with Golden Retrievers when I was 4 years old. A family moved into our neighborhood with two Goldens who won the hearts of every child on the block. I decided then that I would someday have one of these dogs. When I was a college student, in 1976, I made my first purchase of a purebred Golden, and as luck would have it she had hip dysplasia and horrible allergies. Lesson learned, I spayed her and got her CDX obedience title. I accepted this first experience as a learning opportunity and went in search of my second Golden.

Three years later I did find my second start, and he became Am/Can CH Beckwith's Zwiurig Sunshader, UD, WCX, Can CDX, Group placing dog. I will forever be thankful to Shader's breeders for entrusting such a wonderful puppy to a graduate student with nothing to recommend her except enthusiasm.

In the years that have followed, I am proud to have bred many CH, UD, JH, WCX, and other working titled Goldens. Included in these are specialty winners, high in trial winners, and Golden Retriever Club of America Outstanding Producers. I added Labrador Retrievers to my dog family in 1987. In addition to Goldens and Labradors, I have owned CH Papillons, Pugs, and a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen. My home is currently shared with 8 dogs, four of them over the age of 12 years.

In real life, I have been in public education for 33 years. I have taught Special Education (Blind and Low Vision) as well as all grades 1st through 8th. I currently am a Special Education Administrator.

I was licensed to judge Goldens in 1991, and added Labs two years later. Among the judging honors I have experienced are: the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty (2001 and 2009); the Golden Retriever Club of Canada National Specialty (three times, the latest in 2010); the Swedish Labrador Retriever Club and Swedish Spaniel and Retriever Club (2012); the Korean Retriever Owners Club, as well as two other trips to judge Goldens in South Korea; the Indonesia Kennel Club (Goldens and Labradors); and over 50 local and regional specialties in both breeds in the USA and Canada. I consider it a privilege to be able to serve my breeds in that capacity.

Over the years I have been involved with many dog clubs. I am currently President of the Golden Retriever Foundation, a true opportunity to give back to the breed that I have loved for 36 years. I have also served as both a Board member and 1st Vice President of the Golden Retriever Club of America, of which I am a Life Member. I have been rescue chair for two Golden clubs, and have sat as President, Secretary, and Board member of all breed, Golden and Labrador clubs.

Thank you for the honour of submitting my resume for consideration.

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