

Leslie Dove



It was 1970 and I wanted a dog. We had 2 cats and my vet suggested a “golden retriever”. I said “ a what?”, never having heard of the breed. Bought a pet puppy “Wendy” and became interested in the breed as a whole and started my research. Purchased a show prospect from a local breeder. Her bite went off. Placed her. Bought a bitch from a breeder that guaranteed her dogs. She was dysplastic. Returned. Her replacement, plus a littermate (that I bought), both had problems. Returned. One more replacement. Same result. Returned. Then I was very lucky to get and co-own 1 1/2yr old bitch with hip & eye clearances from Marilu Semans of Golden Pines fame. Her name was “Just-A-Minute”. I took a handling class and finished her myself and she became my foundation.

In 1975 I bred her to the leading sire “Ch Cummings Gold Rush Charlie” OS, and that litter produced among others, Ch Goldwing Rhythm-N-Blue OD, that I finished at 1yr. When “Blue” was 2 I bred her to her close relative “Ch Gold Rush’s Great Teddy Bear” OS and had 2 puppies. Ch Goldwing True Blue CD-TD & Ch Goldwing True Bear OS. (I repeated the breeding 2 yrs later and got 5 more Ch’s including 3 BIS brothers.)

Bear was BW from the BBE class at the 1979 GRCA National and after finishing his championship he was BOB at the 1980 GRCA Eastern Regional and I started to campaign him. He went on to win the 1981 Eastern Regional and became the breeds #1 Specialty winner with 7 Best In Specialties – 12 Group First – and 2 All Bred BIS’s. I believe that at that time it was an record unequalled by any other breeder-owner-handled male.

Thanks to the many wonderful breeders who brought their quality bitches to him, Bear became the #1 Golden Sire for 3 yrs and the # 1 Sporting Sire for 1 year. I retired Bear from active showing after he won BOB at the 1984 Westminster Dog Show over the largest breed entry (77) at that time. I loved showing good dogs and friends and acquaintances began to ask me to exhibit their dogs. I was able to get championships on many and some with notable Group wins. It has been my pleasure to groom-present and move around the ring with a quality golden on the end of my lead. I have bred over 60 Ch’s and title holders with the Goldwing prefix and it all started with Marilu Semans and a lovely bitch named Ch Golden Pines Just-A-Minute OD

But of all the wins that I was fortunate to receive, the most memorable was when Bear did not get the highest honor. It was at the 1986 GRCA National in California, Bear had won the prestigious Veteran Dog class, over some of the most deserving veterans in the country. And when the judge was considering his BOB contenders and chose a beautiful bitch Ch. Toasty's Royal's Mercedes. And as we left the judging area and walked across the large grassy field, the crowd started chanting his name. “True Bear-True Bear-True Bear.” That recognition by my peers remains the highlight of my career in dogs, and to this day, I have a lump in my throat and have to catch my breath when I try to speak of it. I can never do so without tears of gratitude. It remains my most cherished memory. So thank you to all those who were and still are part of my journey with this beautiful and truly “ golden” breed.

Pamela Oxenberg



I have previously served on the top twenty committee for many years.

I am so excited and grateful to be included in this year's 2024 panel as AKC Breeder Judge. My lifelong journey has been based on the love of our dogs, yours and mine. It started when I was 12, I put a CD title on a beagle. The bait was set and the journey began. I put a CH title and a UD title on my first golden in the late 70's. While showing my golden in 1979, I met my husband, Jerome Oxenberg at the golden ring.

He is the genius of Toasty, and Together we made some history. Our Toasty Golden Journey

Garnered: 2 National Specialty BOB Winners:

Ch Toasty's Royal Mercedes, Ch Toasty's Treasure Island

3 National Specialty Best in Sweepstakes winners:

Best Puppy in Sweeps 2001 National Best Puppy In Sweeps 2005 National Best Veteran in Sweeps 2005

National 3 time's BOB at the AkC Show all owner/breeder handled:

Ch Toasty's Sting Like a Bee SDHF Ch Toasty's Hello Dolly SDHF Ch Toasty's Race For Love SDHF

4 Top Twenty wins

Ch Toasty's Hello Dolly Ch Happy Hour HighMark Toasty SDHF, OS Ch Toasty's Treasure Island SDHF

Two time Winner 4 Consecutive years BOB at the Westminster Kennel Club:

Ch Happy Hour High Mark Toasty SDHF, OS and his daughter, Ch Toasty's Treasure Island SDHF Three time BOB winner and Group 2 "Treasure" was piloted by Clint Livingston and went on to garner the

Number ONE Sporting dog in America in 2009. A journey I'll never forget and thrills to last a lifetime. But

enough about Toasty, Let's get back to why we are here!!

The many lifelong friendships I've developed over the years, with fellow breeders, exhibitors, Mentors, Handlers, and kindred lovers of our breed, reminds me how we all share in a common bond and

purpose. Breeders, Owners and Handlers of the

Top Twenty class of 2024, Congratulations on your Great Achievement.

I truly appreciate the dedication and resolve you've invested.

to bring us your fabulous dogs for us to enjoy on this very special evening.

The future is in your Hands!!

Thank you from the heart, Pamela Oxenberg

Dr. Steven Herman



The sign in my office reads "Full Time Dog Man-Part Time Attorney". I started in dogs in 1980, just a couple of years after beginning my practice. Picking my first German Shorthaired Pointer puppy, at ten weeks of age, I did a pretty good job. Rommel was a top ten dog, along with being my versatile dog - doing obedience and NAVHDA. I have remained active and successful in this breed. My bitch was Best of Breed at Westminster in 2010 and she went on to be the top producing dam for 2011. Her son garnered my first All Breed Best In Show with a German Shorthaired Pointer, in 2013. He was top producing sire for 2013, 2014, 2015 and now has over fifty champion get. One resides with me. Dare is eighteen months old and has her Bronze Championship and Junior Hunter titles. In conformation she finished with two Specialty five point majors and won Select Bitch at Royal Canin the following day. Shown occasionally in 2022 and 2023 she is a multiple Breed winner over top ten competition and in substantial entries.

With my first Wife, I exhibited Afghan Hounds for many years. Then, I did some showing and breeding of English Cocker Spaniels and Golden Retrievers. However, my next big venture was with Pointers. Since 1990, I have been involved with this breed. Owning and breeding many Group and Best In Show winners. Most have had their hunting titles, too. One Best In Show bitch also was the top Field Trial puppy, a previous year.

Acquiring a German Wirehaired Pointer bitch in 1995, I campaigned her to the top ten. A bitch from her litter was shown by me to the top ten, three years in a row. During this time, I also owned a Miniature Wirehaired Dachsund. My current Wirehair has been in the top ten the past two years. He won the National and concurrent Regional Specialties in 2019. He is a multiple Group winner.

My experience with the three Pointer breeds led me to present a comparison seminar about them. I now judge the entire Sporting and Hound Groups, Doberman Pinschers, Giant Schnauzers, Poodles and Best In Show. I have officiated at the German Shorthaired and Wirehaired Pointer, American Pointer Club, Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Pointer Club of Canada and Golden Retriever Nationals. My Wife and I live with, show and hunt GSPs and a GWP in Wesley Chapel, Florida. I co-own a number of other GSPs, that allow me to remain active in confirmation, breeding, hunt tests and field trials.

We collect dog art and travel to Crufts, regularly. I have judged in Colombia, Canada, China and Sweden.