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Doug Ljungren Presents AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards



Our AKC Delegates December meetings take place two days prior to the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin. The setting in Orlando, Florida during a week of dog shows and special events is the perfect place to honor those who have made a difference in our sport.

Each year at the Delegates' luncheon the winners of the American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards are honored. AKC Executive Vice President of Sports and Events Doug Ljungren spoke about each recipient presenting them with an Revere engraved bowl. A Tiffany and Company sterling silver bowl engraved with the names of all honorees past and present is proudly displayed at our AKC headquarters in New York City.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards are the creation of AKC President and CEO, Dennis Sprung. Recipients are selected by members of the fancy in recognition of their many years of selfless dedication, which have significantly contributed to our sport on a national level.

The recipients honored at this year's luncheon on December 15, are Conformation, Dr. Claudia Orlando; Companion Events, Patricia R. Krause; Performance, Judy Powers. The sport mourns the loss of Patricia Krause last May. She would be so proud of her daughter, Lori Barrie, who accepted the award for her mother.

It is inspirational to read about the accomplishments of these members of our sport: Dr. Claudia Orlandi, of Essex Junction, Vermont, has been in the fancy for over 50 years.

She has successfully bred Basset Hounds for more than 25 years under the Topsfield prefix and with her late husband, Dom, has produced over 140 champions. Topsfield Bassets have won more than 100 All-Breed Bests in Show and hold numerous Breed and All-Breed show records. The top group-winning dog and the top-producing dam in the history of the breed were bred by Topsfield and the top winning dam was sired by a Topsfield dog. Claudia was the recipient of the 2009 AKC Breeder of the Year award.

Her enthusiasm for breeding is matched only by her passion for teaching and working with other breeders. Her ABC's of Dog Breeding and Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement self-study courses form part of AKC's breeder education program, reflecting her belief that anyone can understand the practical rules of genetics and canine structure in their quest to breed better, healthier dogs. Knowledge, coupled with integrity and honesty about health problems, are cornerstones of her breeding and teaching philosophy.

Claudia has authored numerous articles and for many years chaired BHCA Judges' and Breeders' Education for which she developed an educational concept called Basset Hound University, whose course designs are available for parent clubs to use as templates. She has spoken at over 150 dog clubs and AKC/CHF Breeder's Symposia.

Claudia was honored by Dog Fancy Magazine as one of the "45 people who changed the dog world" by helping to improve dog breeding and making canine genetics easier to understand.

Patricia R. Krause had been in the sport for more than 50 years before her death in May. She showed Irish Setters in obedience, conformation and field events. She also earned numerous titles in obedience with her Border Collies and Champion Pomeranian. She was the Assistant Director of



AKC Board of Directors Vice Chairman Tom Davies, Dr. Claudia Orlando, Lori Barrie, accepting for her mother, Patricia Krause, Judy Powers, AKC Executive VP of Sports and Events Doug Ljungren



Judy Powers accepting award from Doug Ljungren

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Training at K-9 Obedience Training Club of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, the Director of Training for the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee, and a private trainer at several other clubs in the Milwaukee area.

Pat was an Obedience Judge for more than 40 years. She judged for 25 years before becoming the AKC Director of Obedience in 1999. In 2000, she was named AKC AVP of Companion Events. Her five years as AVP saw the growth of AKC agility and the introduction of AKC rally, which is among the most successful programs AKC's recent history. It was during this tenure that she had the privilege of accompanying the 2004/2005 USA Obedience Teams to the Crufts World Cup Competition. Pat was honored to judge the 2007 Crufts Obedience World Cup Competition.



Doug Ljungren speaking to the AKC Delegates

In the January 2005 AKC Gazette, Pat explained how she and her staff spent four years refining AKC rally before its debut on New Year's Eve, 2004: “We would have test sessions here in the parking lot in Raleigh. We'd bring our own dogs, set up signs, and run different exercises, trying to decide what would work and what wouldn't. It took a long time to be satisfied we had a sport agreeable to dogs of all breeds and people of all ages.”

In May 2005 Krause retired from AKC and resumed judging Obedience and Rally. In her spare time, she volunteered at the Northwoods' Wildlife Rehabilitation Center as an animal/raptor rescuer and rehabilitator.

Judy Powers, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and her husband Jim, have been training and competing with their Labrador Retrievers and contributing to AKC member clubs for more than 35 years. Judy is a “life member” of Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club for 36 years, serving as Field Trial Secretary for 32 years; “life member” of Manitowoc County Kennel Club for 36 years, serving as field trial secretary for 26 years; Women's Field Trial Club for 16 years, serving as Board Member and Treasurer for 11 years; and is a member of the Badger Golden Retriever Club. She continues to contribute to retriever organizations whenever requested, including marshaling, judging, heading committees and/or working in the field. She aspires to do everything she can to ensure the continuance of this wonderful sport of dogs.

Judy has judged 79 major Retriever stakes, 19 minor Retriever stakes, and the 2010 National Amateur Retriever Championship. She has served on marshals' committees for another eight national events. She was board member of the National Retriever Club during the 16-year term. She served as marshal, chief marshal, Vice President and President (2002) during her board term.

In 2016, Judy was elected by her peers into the Retriever Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tennessee, where she joins the Powers' two-time National Amateur Retriever Champion Candlewoods Ramblin Man, inducted in 2012.

She and her husband have owned and titled ten championship dogs including 2XNAF FC Candlewoods Ramblin Man. Judy has titled four Labrador Retrievers and was a finalist with FC AFC Badger State Ram Kicker in 2008 National Amateur Retriever Championship in Stowe, Vermont. Judy and Jim are AKC recognized as Breeders of Merit of Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers.

With 2017 coming to an end, it is a great time of reflection for me. What a blessing that my parents Roy and Hazel Ayers chose American Kennel Club events and the sports of purebred dogs for our family hobby. Seventy years is a long time to be engaged in an activity that brings such joy. I remember each dog from all the years. My father always said, “Friends are the most wonderful part of living”. To you, all of my friends made along the way, I love you and all the memories we have created together! **HAPPY NEW YEAR! ■**