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AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER



The Quarter Century Collie Group Inducts Glen Twilford and John Honig into Hall of Fame; Svend E. Jensen Honored with the Right Stuff Award



Tom Coen, Collie Club of America's Quarter Century Collie Group President announcing 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees in Peoria, Illinois

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Marriott's Pere Marquette's Cotillion Ballroom was the venue for this year's Quarter Century Collie Group's Hall of Fame celebration. The historic grand ballroom's architecture was breathtaking, as were the room's many chandeliers and magnificent mural. It was the perfect choice for such a special occasion. Hall of Fame poster boards picturing each of the 55 honorees from the past 35 years lined the room. It was quite an impressive display!

Collie fanciers were not the first to party here. Previous luminaries to grace the room included Presidents Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and John Kennedy. Bob Hope, Tony Bennett, Richard Pryor, and Dr. Martin Luther King also enjoyed the specialness of this grand salon.

President Tom Coen and Vice President Leslie Jeszewski were joined by Joe Reno and Judy Evans for presentations for each of the honorees. Board member Larry Parsons was indispensable. His technical expertise made everything perfect!

A video was made possible by CCA Audio Visual Film Chair Kathy Peters including an interview with John Honig by our beloved Hal Sundstrom.

The following appears on the story boards of each of the inductees:

JOHN HONIG

Tonight, John Honig joins the ranks of our past luminaries into the Quarter Century Group Collie Hall of Fame.



John Honig/
CCA Hall of Fame

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It is difficult to come to terms with what we have lost. Much can be said about the man, his legacy, and his many talents.

John Honig came into the world of Collies as a novice just like the rest of us. A fast learner and a very determined and unique individual, he quickly gained prominence in the Collie Club of America. He held every CCA office from District Director, President, Secretary, Director at Large, and served as A.K.C. Delegate for Worcester County Kennel Club as well.

John was a great problem solver, diplomat and mediator; always courteous and a gentleman whether it be judging dogs or attending CCA functions. His driving force kept the Club together during many crises with common sense and intelligent solutions. To whom did we turn to in a time of a major crisis? It was John Honig, of course, and he would find a pragmatic way to settle disputes in a timely fashion.

John began his "affair" with Collies in the mid 1950s acquiring Ch. Windswept Domino Jac whom he successfully campaigned to the Best In The East during that era. Later, Jac was retired from the show ring after winning Best of Breed under Dorothy Long at Westminster Kennel Club dog show. We hate to admit we have

favorites, but secretly we do, and Domino Jac was John's favorite Collie of all time.

The next great dogs owned by Accalia were Int. Champion Stoneykirk Reflection and his daughter Ch. Mayoline Welcome Reflection. This father and daughter team are remembered to this day for winning Best of Breed and Best of Opposite at the CCA National Specialty in Pikesville, MD in 1962.

John was a teacher and mentor if you were willing to listen. He told it like it was, like it or not. As a lead speaker in the 1970s at the annual Acconeus Collie Colleges, John's talks were like the Sermon on the Mount and would leave the audience clamoring for more.

In the scheme of things, John's professional judging career began around 1968, starting with Collies and Shelties, and he quickly gained respect catapulting from there to judging many breeds, five groups, and finally, Best in Show.

As time passed, John reduced his kennel to two older dogs and cut down on his judging assignments. He never lost his love or interest in Collies or the Collie Club of America. He always said, "There is a time to come and a time to go." —Kathy Peters



GLEN TWILFORD

Glen Twilford's formative years were spent on his family's three cattle and sheep ranches, each totaling 25,000-45,000 acres in and around Cassa, Wyoming, where one band of sheep numbered 3,000. His early passion for Collies grew out of the necessity for dogs to move large herds, each doing the work of five men. At the age of twelve, his 80-year journey in Collies began with a sable son of each sire, Ch. El Troubadour of Arken and Ch. Cock Robin of Arken and a white son of El Troubadour. Ranch life provided Glen

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with years to sit on a horse and watch Collies work livestock while analyzing the Collie Standard, impressed with the practical aspect of it, and applying it as a future breeder and custodian of Collies. He started exhibiting in conformation ten years later. After graduating from UCLA in the 1930s, Glen solidified his own strain of Wind-Call Collies based on Bellhaven and Arken bloodlines with the Tazewell Collies through his invaluable Sapphire of Kelmar (1939) and prolific sire, Ch. Black Ace of Kelmar (1940). In the 1950s, he moved to Denver where he introduced the Tokalon strain into Wind-Call. For over half a century, he bred innumerable champions that were spot-on identifiable as Wind-Call, such as 1965 CCA Best of Breed winner Ch. Wind-Call's Night Hunter, 1961 CCA WB Ch. Wind-Call's Silver Sapphire, 1973 CCA WB Wind-Call's Waxwing, 1956 BIS winner Wind-Call's Whistle Stop, and prepotent sire Woodman (1946), Wacoon (1956), and Weathervane (1987). In 1979, Glen moved to 17 acres in Valley Center, California, where he continued his breeding program. For 80 years, he was never without Collies.

Glen's accomplishments are many. He ascended from being a true pioneer of Collies as stock dogs to an icon in the breed and expert in Collie genetics. He was a Collie Club of America lifetime member, Collie Club of Colorado charter member, and an AKC honored judge for 50+ years. In 1966, he received a Right Stuff Award from the Quarter

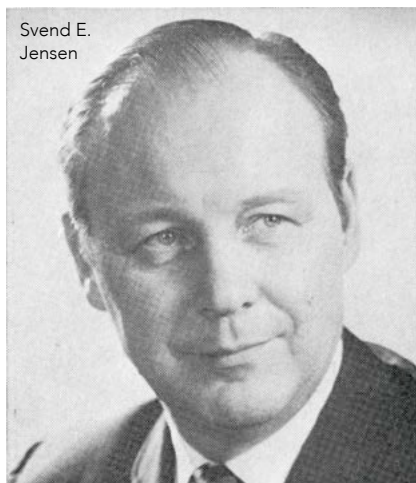
Century Collie Group. He spoke at countless Collie seminars and published numerous educational articles about Collies, hoping to inspire and guide the Collie community. He served twice on the CCA Standard Revision Committee. As an artist, Glen sculpted molds of Ch. Wind-Call's Ballerina for porcelain trophies offered at the 1965 CCA national show that are currently covered CCA memorial trophies in porcelain and bronze. In 1957, he created a stunning mosaic of Ch. Tokalon Blue Banner CD, now displayed at the AKC Museum of the Dog. Glen judged CCA in 1958, 1964, and 1984, and remained a popular judge until retirement on 2001. Above all else, Glen was a humble man known as a caring mentor who lived his life with integrity and the ability to affect those around him positively. —Janine Walker-Keith, Incandescent Collies

"I think it would be fair to say that Glen was a man who did things in a big way. Seventy years of dedication to the Collie attests to this. That's seventy years of participation with foresight, creativity, passion, and dignity, and that is an incredible contribution. Glen was truly one of a kind." —Tom Coen, Maedega

SVEND E. JENSON THE RIGHT STUFF AWARD

Lastly, Leslie Jeszewski of Highcroft Collies paid tribute to the "Right Stuff Award" honoree Svend E. Jenson of Valley Hi Collies.

"When I first received a phone call from Tom Coen, President of our Quarter Century Group asking if I would be



Svend E. Jensen

presenter for this year's "Right Stuff Award," I was delighted to be delegated to such an important honor, yet overwhelmed with the responsibility of doing justice to such an amazing, "true Collie man" and true gentleman...none other than Svend Jensen.

For those of you who are new to our Group, or are welcomed guests, let me tell you a bit of history about the "Right Stuff Award." It came about as the inception of past QCG President, the late and deeply missed, Chip Atkins. Chip wanted to start a new tradition at the Quarter Century Group banquet for future years, by initiating the "Right Stuff Award," to a living honoree, dedicated to the Collie world—a selfless, special person, who made a difference.

Svend Jensen is that 2019 special person. Svend came to the United States in 1950 from his hometown in Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1952, he met his beautiful wife Joyce in Los Angeles.

In 1953 Svend and Joyce married. The two of them were an undeniably, meant-to-be, stunning couple!

Svend and Joyce purchased their first Collie in 1954, which then necessitated them from living in an apartment, to purchasing a house. That same year they joined the Collie Club of America and began attending dog shows. Svend mildly remarked, "That was the end of sleeping late Saturdays and Sundays."

Puppy matches and dog shows became the order of the weekends, and in 1956 Svend and Joyce attended their first CCA. It was held in Santa Monica, CA. Svend wrote, "When the Specials class came in, there was a big black dog I couldn't take my eyes away from. I must buy that dog I told my wife, but I soon found out that those kinds are hardly ever for sale, and certainly not to a novice."

The dog's owners, Helen and Lou Carpenter, promised Svend that he could buy one of the "black dog's" admired puppies, and Svend actually acquired two. One of them became known as CH. Lewellen Watch My Line, C.D. "Stormy" finished his championship title in 20 days with three 5- point Specialty majors, having finished under notable judge Ralph Morrison. Stormy was Svend's admittedly favorite dog, which later quipped Svend, "...the greatest admirer I ever had—and I reciprocated. I believe that he loved me as much as I loved him. Stormy made it obvious to me that I was the center of his life." Even the late Mrs. Cummings noted that she had never seen such a wonderful relationship between handler and dog.

"Watch My Line's" daughter, Ch. Valley Hi Party Line, went on to be another memorable champion for Svend, as one of her accomplishments was to go Best of Opposite Sex three times at the San Diego CC Specialty, retiring the club's perpetual trophy.

Svend went on to become tirelessly involved in CCA work. He served on several CCA committees, and then in 1961 & 1962 served as California State Director. In 1963 he became CCA Yearbook Editor. Svend memorably wrote in the article entitled From Your Editor, "THE YEARBOOK—a reflection of the Collie breeders' dedication to quality. The yearbook holds up a mirror to life in the world of Collies. It captures and records for posterity the significant happenings and events of the year. It chronicles the history of progress and regression, of achievements and disappointments in the endless effort of Collie fanciers to improve the breed. It is a repository of vital data, and encyclopedia of factual information. It is a library of knowledge—knowledge which has its wellspring in the searching experience of the dedicated Collie breeder."

Svend continued to relentlessly give his time and energy to CCA. He was later elected as CCA Treasurer for three terms, and then elected as CCA President in 1968. In 1970, Svend was honored to judge Dogs and Intersex at the Collie Club of America National Specialty Show held in Worcester, Massachusetts. In the critique of his judging Svend wrote, "The Best of Breed Competition was a gritty affair...Personally, I have a preference for the Rough Collie. I like the beauty of the outline the rough coat gives to a Collie. But as it went on, the Smooth entry came on stronger and stronger, doing everything right under the handling of Les Canavan who knew how to bring out all the best in her dog. He floated down the ring; his expression was full of life and vitality. CH. BLACK HAWK OF KASAN finally convinced me that this was HIS day."

In addition to judging Smooth Dogs at the Collie Club of America 100th Anniversary Show in Chicago as a past CCA President, Svend also judged some of the finest Specialty shows across the country. Just as an aside, Svend also judged Collies and Shelties in his home of origin, Denmark.

Over the years, Svend the Breeder, Svend the Exhibitor, Svend the CCA Yearbook Editor, Svend the CCA Treasurer, Svend the CCA President, and Svend the Judge has more than proven he has "The Right Stuff!" —Leslie Jeszewski, Highcroft Collies

Kudos to Tom Coen and his team for creating AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER! ■

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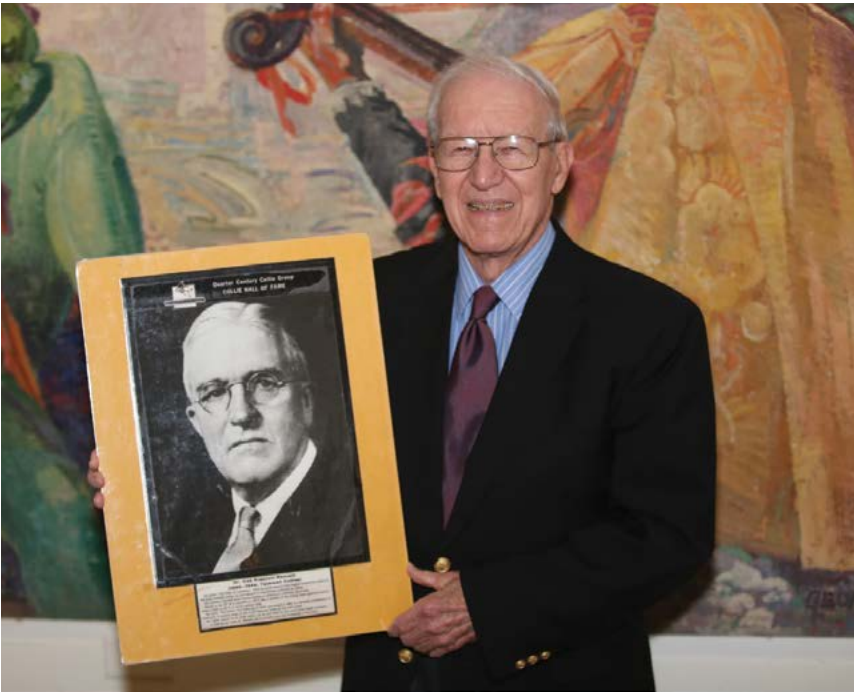
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Tom Coen, Judy Evans and Joe Reno pay tribute to Glen Twilford



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Leslie Jeszewski, The Quarter Century Collie Group's Vice President honored Svend Jensen with The Right Stuff Award.

