

Lifetime Achievement Award 2010

Charlie Williams

Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Charlie Williams started in Weimaraners in the 1950's and his dog was one of the first to receive AKC field points, however, in all of the people that we spoke to, they all mentioned his willingness to share his wealth of information and the candy that he carried in his saddle bags that he shared with everyone in the gallery.

Charlie founded the Deaugh prefix which is known to all who study the Weimaraner with it's notable history of many generations of top field dogs. Charlie worked hard to make the "Gentleman's Hunting Dog" competitive with the other pointing breeds.

In researching Charlie's background and life, he had 2 sayings that were often repeated and apply today in the field, obedience and conformation:

In training, when a dog makes a mistake, 75% of the time it is because you taught him wrong or allowed him to proceed along lines that that created a fault.

In breeding, breed the dog to meet the Standard, don't lower or change the Standard to meet the dog.

While Charlie was known for his success in the field, the stories that people told me focused on his generosity. For many years, Charlie trained on public grounds and anyone who came along was welcome to join the training session and receive the benefit of his wealth of knowledge. Many in the field trial community started their journey with Charlie, in fact, the 1st three Colorado Amateur Gun Dogs of the year came as a result of Charlie "starting a fire in the belly" for Eric Cook, Alan Davidson and Kevin Waide. Charlie set an example that has been passed on to those who benefitted from his tutelage, for those who were touched by Charlie, they all echo the goal to try to be good stewards of the standard that he embraced.

Dorothy Remensnyder – Shadowmar

Lifetime Achievement recipient, Dorothy Remensnyder and her husband Bob acquired their first Weimaraner in 1951. They lived on a 150 acre farm in rural upstate Garratsville, NY. Bob showed and finished their first Weimaraner but preferred hunting to dog shows so Dot took over showing. While Bob, an avid bird and duck hunter continued to hunt with their dogs and Dot continued to show the dogs maintaining temperament, hunting ability and outstanding breed type was of the utmost importance in the Shadowmar breeding program.

In her 25 years in the breed, Dot bred one or two litters a year. In the 40 litters bred over this time, Shadowmar dogs produced over 50 title holders including Futurity winners, Group winners and Top Ten dogs. The most notable were Ch Shadowmar Barthaus Dorillio, BROM who Dot handled to multiple Specialty and Group wins and a Best In Show., Amateur Field Champion Shadowmar Hunter Jake, RDX and Dual and Amateur Field Champion Shadowmar Artemis Impenda, CDX, RDX, SDX, VX. All of these dogs were amateur-owner handled to their wins.

The most exceptional Shadowmar top producing dogs were Shadowmar Valentress, BROM dam of 9 champions including Ch Normans Rona vd Reiteralm, BROM dam of 20 champions and Ch Shadowmar Barthaus Dorillio, BROM. sire of 33 champions. Dors real contribution to the breed was his ability to produce offspring that were also top producers. He can be found today behind many of the top producers of today. He was the double grandsire of Ch Colsidex Standing Ovation #1 BROM sire.

Dot's most valuable contribution to the breed was her ability as a mentor. If you visited Dot not only did you get a wonderful home cooked meal, you got to sit for hours and discuss the breed. She would answer questions honestly and point out the faults in her dogs and their attributes. She understood breeding and would say "Don't breed to the dog you like, breed to the dog that produces dogs that you like."

GORDEN HANSEN

Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Gorden Hansen brought out the best in all those he came in contact with. You just couldn't help but like him and want to help. Gorden gave so much of himself, he was always willing to help in any way possible all newcomers to the field. He would give encouragement on what your dog was doing right and what needed some work. He would even take time out from training his own dog to help someone that needed it. He would give you the shirt off his back or the saddle off his horse if it would bring you out to more field events.

He would praise a good running dog even if it belonged to a competitor and offered heartfelt congratulations when that dog was rewarded with a win, even if it beat his dog. More than once he took a group of newbies under his wing, and through encouragement, and genuine friendliness brought many new Weimaraner owners into the field.

In the early 70s, Gorden's brother Tom was an armature handler. He kept after Gorden telling him that Gorden needed a Great Running Dog.... One day Gorden came home from work to find that Tom had sold a tractor that Tom and Gorden owned together.... And you guessed it bought a "Great" running dog! The next thing Gorden knew Tom was telling him, "Now that you have a dog, you need to get a horse to watch your dog run!" Gorden bought a horse.....saddle.....trailer..... All so he could watch this Great dog run. Turns out the dog wasn't a great running dog, but Gorden was hooked!

In the coming years, Gorden started handling dogs in the Amateur stakes and before long he and his wife Shirley started breeding their own weims under the kennel name Outdoors. Under that kennel name they were able to produce quite a few Great Running Dogs. In the mid 80s there was one special puppy that went on to do her share of winning and producing. Her name was Outdoors Tony Lama. This bitch went on to produce 8 Futurity winning puppies, 4 of which swept the 1992 Western futurity by capturing all 4 placements a feat that has only been accomplished 1 time since then.

As great as that is, this award is not about how many accomplishments your dogs have garnered, but about what an individual has done to make the Weimaraner community a better place for the dogs and the people that love the breed.

Gorden is a great example of a true Sportsman, someone who gave, both financially and of himself. He was known and well respected as a true sportsman and enthusiast of hunting dogs in the Pointing Breed Field Trial community. He and his wife Shirley personally sponsored more than a couple Western Field Classics and Futurities. He would draft the entire (or most of it) Hansen family to come out, set up huge Army Mess tents, cooking areas, set courses, plant birds, cook for the masses, help other trainers/handlers, he would even loan out his horses to those that needed one if a wrangle horse wasn't available. People would come from all over the country just to attend a Western that Gorden was putting on, even if they didn't have a dog entered. They knew they would have a good time, be made to feel welcomed, and most likely end up helping out, and enjoying themselves doing it!

While doing all this, he ran dogs, helped others run their dogs, offered support, condolences, a sympathetic ear, and congratulations to winners and the rest alike. He always had a smile ready for any newcomers and would do what he could to encourage them to watch and participate on some level. Field Trials are a lot of work, not to mention competitive. Gorden was the definition of what we should all strive to be..... a Great Sportsman. He loved the sport for what it is and wanted any and all that came out to share his love for the sport and experience the feeling you get when you watch your dog discover (even just a little bit) the instinct that he was born with.

On more than one occasion he offered his service to both members and non members of Southland Weimaraner Club to come out to the high dessert and train, or at least introduce your dog to some birds. He never made you feel you didn't belong out there, even if your dog would barely look at a bird, he'd offer some encouragement and support.

I know this doesn't come close to mentioning everything Gorden did for our breed, the sport of field trialing and for us as members of the Weimaraner community, but Gorden was also a very humble and private kind of guy. He never asked for or expected thanks or recognition for what he did, I think he might even be a little embarrassed by it, after all, he was just enjoying field trialing his dogs, and doing what needed to be done.

Rosemary Carlson

Modest, Approachable, Encouraging – these are just a few of the words that people used when I asked them to describe Lifetime Achievement Award recipient – Rosemary Carlson.

This recognition is about working towards improving the Weimaraner as a whole rather than for any personal success and Rosemary has always put the Weimaraner and the Weimaraner Club of America ahead of any personal achievement.

Rosemary has a rare gift of being able to express her opinion honestly and to focus people to work toward a common goal – in this case the betterment of the Breed – without offending people or being “bossy”. She has always kept at the center of her goal the versatile Weimaraner and works hard to unite show and field.

Rosemary is also a valuable member of Heartland Weimaraner Rescue driving hundreds of miles to help a distressed or abandoned dog.

Most importantly, Rosemary gives of herself, her time, knowledge and experience without expecting personal acknowledgement or accolades but simply because she loves the Weimaraner and all of the people that are part of the Breed.

Roy Pelton

Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Roy Pelton hails from Sulphur Springs, TX. He is well known to most of the people in the Weimaraner community for both his successful career in dogs but also for his generosity.

Roy began his interest in sporting dogs as a hunter with his friend's Weimaraners in 1953. He purchased his first Weimaraner in 1957 from a friend and this became his foundation stud for the successful Birtzel Kennel.

Roy Pelton turned professional in 1971 and left the professional ranks in 1980 because of nagging injuries. During his career, he handled dogs to 3 national championship wins and 8 of his charges became dual champions.

In 1973 Roy began to conduct 2 day bird training seminars for organizations. He taught these seminars for expenses only and asked for a \$100 fee to be split between the host club, their national affiliate and the Bird Dog Foundation. He conducted over 40 seminars across the US, Hawaii, Canada and Australia.

Only a handful of people know that Roy started corporate sponsorships of sporting dog clubs in 1982 beginning with dog equipment for Brittany auctions and then steaks for the NGSPA amateur banquet and has continued to grow. Many sporting dog breed clubs continue to benefit from this generosity today.

Roy very quietly supports not just Weimaraners but all sporting breeds, he does not do this for any personal recognition but simply because he loves Weimaraners and all sporting breeds which is what the Lifetime Achievement Award is all about.