

## **2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – AL & PAM PATUNOFF**

Pam (Miller) Patunoff obtained her first Weimaraner, Am. Can. Ch. Bruno von Fieldfeather, CDX (Bret) in 1968. Bret, a chance-bought first dog, taught her the essentials of the breed standard. Bret finished with back-to-back specialty wins, and was a group winner with 51 breed wins. Pam continued her love of showing and was taken under the wing of her mentor, Dorothy Remensnyder. Pam's Breinar line began in 1976, with Am. Can Ch. Breinar Johannes, NSD (Hannes). In 1980, Pam and Al were married. They purchased a dog from John and Diane Archibald as a mutual wedding gift to each other and, as a result, the Weimaraner team of Al and Pam Patunoff began.

Since that time, they have together owned, trained, showed and bred dogs that have been outstanding examples of the breed (Am. Can Ch. Breinar Freedom Hills Isis, BROM and Am. Can. Ch. Breinar Maker's Mark, BROM). Additionally, they have combined Pam's knowledge of the breed and Al's programming expertise to unselfishly support efforts of the Yankee Weimaraner Club and the Weimaraner Club of America.

### **A. WCA BROM/FROM Database Programming**

Prior to 2008, the Breed Register Of Merit (BROM) database and the WCA's dog database were kept in different programs. The BROM system was in dBase and the WCA's dog database (created by Dorothy Derr, recording Weim titles going back to the 1960's) was kept in PFS File, a DOS based program no longer supported by Microsoft. The two databases needed to be merged but it presented a programming nightmare for the WCA.

Al came to the WCA's rescue and re-wrote the old BROM system from dBase to a web based system using ASP.net and a SQL database. He spent many hours (possibly as many as 1000 hours) writing the program and completing the merger with the PFS File records at no cost to the WCA. (It should be noted that this type of programming would have cost the WCA a fortune.)

It took several months during 2008 and 2009 in the creation of the new program, troubleshooting it and merging the WCA dog data from text files pulled from PFS File. Duplications needed to be identified by dog names and AKC numbers and missing information was filled in as much as possible for the over 10,000 dogs in the databases. Screens had to be set up for maintaining and editing the records. Programming had to be completed for the intricate calculations needed for the BROM. The result is a very accurate database which now holds information on almost 20,000 Weimaraners.

Al's valuable and appreciated service continues today with programming updates and trouble shooting. Thanks to Al, the WCA's dog database now resides in a secure, online server. It is an invaluable resource for the WCA.

### **B. Dog Show Catalog Program**

In order to support Judy Colan's notion that the Yankee Weimaraner Club could self-superintend their own shows in a more organized fashion, Al Patunoff graciously accepted the challenge (at no cost to Yankee) of writing a computer program that would allow for input of all show catalog information, sort required information by class and print catalogs without the assistance of MBF (or any other agent), thus increasing organization of the event and profitability for the club. Pam assisted Al with her knowledge of the details that go into the show catalog and judging program making it a seamless process once data entry is completed by the show secretary. As a result, Yankee's profits did increase and in turn the WCA benefited through Yankee's donations to various funds over the years.

The program was then donated for free to the WCA's National Show Committee who used it for nine National Specialty Shows (and their associated regional specialties,) earning the WCA a net profit of over \$85,000. Prior to using the catalog program, the National Specialties consistently showed a net loss. The program has also been donated for use by other local Weimaraner clubs.

### **C. Breinar Weimaraners Interactive Pedigree Database**

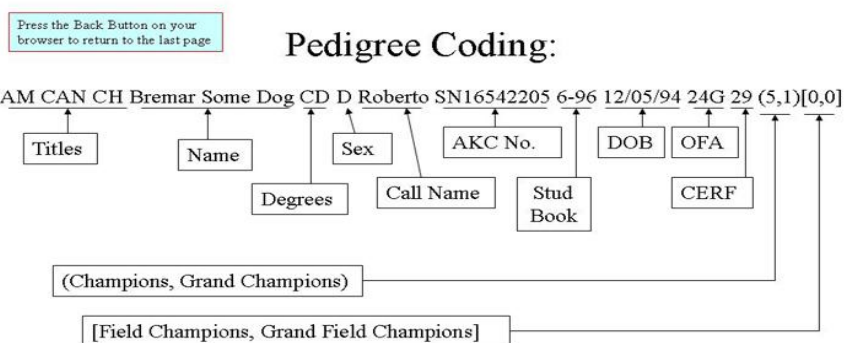
Dr. Claudia Orlandi is a well known author supported by the AKC for her work: *The ABCs of Breeding: What Every Breeder Should Know*. It is Dr. Orlandi's belief that "A dog breeder's knowledge and use of genetic principles is of paramount importance to the success of a breeding program." (AKC Breeder – April 2006) The pedigree and genetics are two

components of Dr. Orlandi's toolbox to successful breeding.

Pam has studied and followed Dr. Orlandi's principles in her breeding program. She understands pedigrees and the influence of the pedigree in successful breeding programs. Together with Al, they have compiled a searchable database (Bremar Weimaraners <http://69.54.29.103>) of over 14,000 online pedigrees of over 24,000 Weimaraners to share with other breeders throughout the world. This compilation allows an individual to pick a sire and dam and trial research the percent genetic contribution (blood percent or inbreeding coefficient) with the belief that a good producer should pass its qualities on to the following generations. This tool is an invaluable resource that allows an individual to make informed decisions regarding their breeding program that will result in an improvement of the breed. This database results in no personal gain for either Pam or Al.

In order to keep the database current, Pam and Al continually retrieve and enter published results from the AKC Gazette and other resources .... approximately 4 to 6 hours per week. Pam makes herself available to assist anyone with questions.

Example of Pedigree Coding, taken from the Bremar Website



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+--AM/CAN CH Seneca's Medicine Man BROM D Doc SA329679 3-67 (27,215)
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  |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Standing Ovation BROM D Joga SB508707 12-75 42N (146,601)[0,3]
  |   |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Dauntless Applause NSD BROM B Pixie SB67661 7-74 (12,198)[0,1]
  |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Nani Reprint JH SD BROM D Jack SE521833 9-87 (72,321)
  |   |   +--AM/CAN CH Nani's Master Charge NSD NRD V BROM D Clout SC755210 4-81 (28,67)[1]
  |   |   +--CH Nani's Cobbie Cuddler BROM B SD519237 7-84 46 (15,148)
  |   |   +--CH Nani's Cascade V.D. Reiteralm BROM B SC677945 1-82 (12,38)
+--CH Camelot's Current Affair CD JH NSD D SF577578 4-92 37G (2,5)
  |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Standing Ovation BROM D Joga SB508707 12-75 42N (146,601)[0,3]
  |   |   +--CH Colsidex Kg Arthur Of Camelot CD SD RD VX BROM D SC185868 10-79 (15,31)[1]
  |   |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Dauntless Applause NSD BROM B Pixie SB67661 7-74 (12,198)[0,1]
  |   +--CH Lady Sarah Of Camelot NSD BROM B SD008550 10-83 (11,25)[0,1]
  |   |   +--Sue's Sir Lancelot UD RD NSD V D 4-77 (1,5)[1,1]
  |   |   +--DCH Lady Rebecca Of Camelot CDX SDX NRD VX BROM B SC100741 1-81 (5,13)[1]
  |   |   +--Lady Guinevere Of Ekselo B 4-77 (1,5)[1,1]
Trial Research Pedigree
  |   +--AM/CAN CH Arokat's Legionnaire BROM D Walter SD587906 10-87 6/10/82 (12,121)
  |   |   +--CH Nani's Southern Cross BROM D Cross SF232694 8-89 4/5/88 24E (90,301)[0,1]
  |   |   +--CH Forshado Nani's Crystal Vision BROM B Louise SE593519 9-88 1/16/86 32G (11,110)
  |   +--CH Camelot's Matinee Idol BROM D Brando SM9995003 11-93 25E (30,42)
  |   |   +--AM/CAN CH Colsidex Nani Reprint JH SD BROM D Jack SE521833 9-87 (72,321)
  |   |   +--CH Camelot's Halley's Comet BROM B SF625469 7-91 51G (11,65)
  |   |   +--CH Lady Sarah Of Camelot NSD BROM B SD008550 10-83 (11,25)[0,1]
+--CH Camelot's Lace BROM B Lace SN20795401 7-97 11/21/94 24E (5,11)
  |   +--CH Wolfstadt's First Frost NSD BROM D Willie SE721256 2-89 (18,66)
  |   |   +--CH Silvermont's Green Mtn Boy D Yuppie SF798386 3-91 (10,9)
  |   |   +--CH Silvermont's Covered Bridget NSD B SE700216 10-89 (2,10)
+--Camelot's Taylor Made B 2-95 (1,5)
  |   +--AM/CAN CH Valmar Smokey City Ultra Easy JH NSD BROM D Easy SD915356 10-85 (148,406)[1,6]
  |   +--CH Camelot's Constellation TD BROM NSD V B SM84072801 4-93 1/8/91 34E (16,18)
  |   +--CH Camelot's Halley's Comet BROM B SF625469 7-91 51G (11,65)
  
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Percent [Genetic Contribution from 4 Generation Pedigree with Orlandi Linebreeding notation](#)

12.500 CH Camelot's Current Affair CD JH NSD D SF577578 4-92 37G  
12.500 CH Camelot's Lace BROM B Lace SN20795401 7-97 11/21/94 24E  
7.813 AM/CAN CH Colsidex Nani Reprint JH SD BROM D Jack SE521833 9-87 Linebred 2 To 4  
7.813 CH Lady Sarah Of Camelot NSD BROM B SD008550 10-83 Linebred 2 To 4  
6.250 CH Camelot's Matinee Idol BROM D Brando SM99995003 11-93 25E  
6.250 Camelot's Taylor Made B 2-95  
4.688 AM/CAN CH Colsidex Standing Ovation BROM D Joga SB508707 12-75 42N  
4.688 CH Camelot's Halley's Comet BROM B SF625469 7-91 51G  
3.125 AM/CAN CH Colsidex Dauntless Applause NSD BROM B Pixie SB67661 7-74  
3.125 CH Colsidex Kg Arthur Of Camelot CD SD RD VX BROM D SC185868 10-79  
3.125 DCH Lady Rebecca Of Camelot CDX SDX NRD VX BROM B SC100741 1-81

The Lifetime Achievement Award Rules specifically call out that “the qualifications for this award must transcend the mere ownership of an outstanding dog, victories in competition or engaging personalities that have made individuals highly recognizable. The candidates chosen will be those individuals that have made it happen through their sustained efforts and personal sacrifice of time and labor. Their contributions must be of the magnitude that they would be recognized as the architects of the foundation on which the foundation of the Weimaraner of today and tomorrow stands.”

In short, Al and Pam Patunoff are quiet individuals who have made unselfish contributions utilizing their knowledge and skills for the betterment of the breed and for the benefit and profitability of the WCA as a whole.