

## 2015 WCA Lifetime Achievement Award

### Marilyn Horn

What was an additional 300 miles when you are already committed to the annual two thousand mile journey to lend your support to the Weimaraner National Field Championships and Field Futurity in Oklahoma? That was Marilyn to a tee, if something was good maybe it could be better. She and her traveling companion spent the day checking out grounds in Arkansas before arriving at Ardmore.

Marilyn was a dedicated sportswoman who was part of the small army of volunteers who tirelessly work behind the scenes to provide National, Regional and local field trials. These events provide venues that make it possible for the continued evaluation of the present day Weimaraner, giving them an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to accomplish what they were initially bred to do - Hunt. Marilyn supported the field trial Weimaraner through her well planned breeding program. She bred, raised, trained and showed Weimaraners for field.

Marilyn started out in breed with her Weimaraners, mentored by Dorothy Remensnyder. But quickly field became her passion. She bred, raised and trained Weimaraners for field competition under the Von Horn prefix. From 18 litters, 4 National Field Champions, including 1 two-time NFC, 1 Amateur National Field Champion, 8 Field Champions, 6 Amateur Field Champions and one Weimaraner Hall of Fame inductee were produced plus numerous Field Classic placements. Marilyn also owned a Dual Champion, NFC/DC/AFC The Sundance Kid, CD VX.

#### VON HORN NATIONAL FIELD CHAMPIONS & NATIONAL AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPIONS:

NFC/FC/AFC Edith Ann v. Horn, NSD, NRD, FROM, HOF  
NFC Rynmichel Sir Knight von Horn, CD  
2xNFC/NAFC/FC /AFC High Ridge Jesse von Horn  
NAFC/FC/AFC Egon Blitzkrieg von Horn

#### VON HORN FIELD CHAMPIONS & AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPIONS:

FC/AFC Falke von Horn  
FC/AFC Grendel von Horn  
FC Ida Augusta von Horn  
FC Flatland Isadora von Horn, SDX  
FC/AFC Krystal Elena von Horn, CD SD V

Marilyn joined the Weimaraner Club of America in 1968, serving 14 years (1993-2007) as a Director. She lent her support as a member of the Garden State Weimaraner Club and Chaired or was Secretary of four field trials per year for almost 40 years from the 1980's until 2014. Garden State is one of the two remaining clubs on the East Coast providing these local field events. Marilyn wore many hats, alternating roles as Chairperson, Secretary, Committee Member, bird planter, Judge, Marshall and chief cook/bottle washer at National, Regional and local trials.

Judging of juvenile stakes was a task that she particularly enjoyed. It gave her the opportunity to touch base with people new to the breed. No one enjoyed watching a talented young dog work more than Marilyn. She encouraged new people to ride or walk as many braces as possible and become involved. She contributed to the breed through her mentoring activities as well as her detailed record keeping of field blood lines and their performances. Traveling across the United States with her dogs and horse enabled her to see her breed compete first-hand. She worked hard to draw new people into participation, encouraging them to enjoy the versatility of the breed. She embraced all the activities that the WCA provided. She often stewarded in breed at regional events and stewarded at Garden State's Obedience Trials for at least 15 years. Her dogs never really retired and neither did she.