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Futurity: Marianne Creary



Marianne lives northwest of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, an area where there are several established Cavalier King Charles Spaniel breeders. For years she dreamed of having a Cavalier as a pet but put that dream on hold as she and her husband, Bob Johnston, were living a busy life with full-time jobs and raising a blended family of five teenagers. But circumstances changed, teenagers became young adults and there was almost always someone at home. Marianne exchanged her job with a long commute to downtown Toronto for one that was less than 5 minutes from home. A lovely tri-colour, male puppy joined the Creary/Johnston household and dreams became reality.

As Cavalier lovers are well aware, there is no such thing as having just one and Marianne harboured a secret desire to have a show dog. It wasn't long before a delightful blenheim boy was obtained. Much work and effort was spent learning the ropes about ring procedure, handling and grooming, and this boy became Marianne's first owner-handled Canadian Champion. Over the coming years, life revolved more and more around the Cavaliers. Marianne applied and the Canadian Kennel Club approved the application for the kennel name, Cempa, an old English word meaning Champion. With the knowledge and assistance of fellow area breeders, she then ventured cautiously into breeding under the Cempa prefix.

Marianne's involvement with our breed wasn't just focused on showing. Both she and Bob contributed volunteer time and effort to the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canada and to the Regional Club, Cavalier Fanciers of Southern Ontario, where Marianne has held the positions of Secretary, Vice-President and President and where she currently holds the position of Past-President.

Going to dog shows was a wonderful weekend outing for Marianne and Bob and together they finished several more Canadian Champions as well as AKC Champions. There were other highlights along the way for their dogs. Byron, AKC & Can Ch Woodmere's Lord Byron, bred by Joan MacIntyre, was campaigned to top Cavalier and 4th in the Toy Group in Canada. The accomplishment earned him an invitation to the Eukanuba National in Orlando, Florida, where he received an Award of Merit from Judge Andrew Brace. Carly, AKC & Can Ch Cempa Carly Who's so Vain, finished her Canadian Ch at the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Canada's National Specialty Show by being awarded WB, BOW and BOS over specials. She went on to earn her AKC CH with 4 major wins through the Bred By Exhibitor class. Justin, AKC and Can Ch Kinvaar Believer Fever, imported from Debbie Kerr, Scotland, was awarded Best in Sweeps at the American National and Switch, Cempa BoomBoom Out Go Dalites, a son of Justin and Carly who is co-owned with Penny Freberg, was awarded Reserve Winners Dog at the American National in 2014.

Marianne believes the real highlight of being involved in the world of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is the opportunity of making new and lifelong friends around the world. A whole new array of experiences opened up including travel to shows in muddy fields, to shows under the bright lights of New York City, to shows in the plains of the Midwest and overseas to shows in the UK. Now semi-retired and balancing the joys and responsibilities of family life as well as the joys and responsibilities of caring for her Cavaliers, Marianne is honoured and humbled to be invited to judge the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club's Futurity in 2015.

Sweeps: Sandy Harrison



I became interested in the sport of pure bred dogs when I was given a Black and White Parti Colored Cocker Spaniel in the early 1970's. Robwil's Sailor Man, "Popeye", quickly earned his Championship, and went on to become the #4 Parti Color Cocker for 2 years. At the time, I had no idea how lucky I was. What a thrill it was to win Group placements in the Sporting Group under wonderful judges such as Anne Rogers Clark, Nicholas Kaye, Ann Stevenson, and Bob Tipton. Even after I was given his dam, who produced 3 more Champions, I was still quite naïve about the sport.

In the mid 1980's I began breeding Pugs. My luck was not as good in the Pug ring, due in part to the fact that my 5 children were involved in sports, and that took up a good portion of my weekends. Even though I enjoyed the Pugs, in 1998 when I saw my first Cavalier at a show, it was love at first sight! I researched the breed for well over a year, and decided that it would be my next venture into the show ring. This breed has truly won my heart!

I finished my first two Cavaliers by the time they were each 13 months old. At the same time I finished my 2nd Cavalier, I also finished my last Pug, Ch. Sandi's Reign of Tara. In my first 4 Cavalier litters 8 dogs finished their championships. Five of them I finished myself, 4 from the bred by class. What a wonderful feeling it is to receive that breeder's medallion from AKC. To date I have bred 15 Champions and one Grand Champion.

My most memorable wins in Cavaliers were Grand Champion San-di's Vogue's Best of Winners awarded by Mr. Frank Kane at the 2013 ACKCSC National Specialty, and her half sister, Ch. San-di's Holly by Galli's Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed at the 2014 ACKCSC National Specialty under breeder judge Jeanie Montford.

Parent and Regional Dog Clubs are the backbone of a breed. I am privileged to be the Recording Secretary of the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club and the Vice President of the CKCSC of Southern California.

Although I have only had Cavaliers for 14 years, I have been involved in showing dogs for over 40 years. (I can't believe I'm that old!) Most of my "non-doggy" friends think the way I spend my weekends is a little strange.....I wouldn't have it any other way! In what other sport can you travel great distances to compete, spend a lot of money, loose to a friend, and be as happy for that friend as if you had won yourself? Only in the world of dogs! I am honored to be asked to judge the Sweepstakes for the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel 2015 National Specialty. Best of luck to everyone!

Conformation: Kevan Berry



I grew up in a small town in the North East of England, always surrounded by an assortment of pets. Our next door neighbour bred and showed, very successfully, Bedlington Terriers. Whilst another neighbour across the road bred English Springer Spaniels, so it was no surprise that my interest in dogs should follow on.

It was whilst on holiday with Brian my partner, in 1970 that Brian saw and fell in love with a Cavalier, this led us to the door of a local breeder whom we purchased our first Cavalier from, purely as a pet. It was 1974 that Mrs Burgess sold us our foundation bitch Crisdig Saucy Sue – a beautifully bred bitch that most of the Ricksbury's are descended from. We have always considered ourselves to be small Hobby breeders, little did we realize the great success that was to come our way. To date we have bred or owned 23 UK Champions in Cavaliers, and five King Charles Spaniels, this of course does not include overseas Champions in our breed.

We have had the good fortune to own four Breed Record Holders, and at one time we owned Breed record holder Ch. Ricksbury Royal Legend and litter sister Ch. Ricksbury Royal Temptress – who was until recently the top winning bitch in the history of the breed. Ch. R. R. Legend won BOB at Crufts 3 times consecutively 1999, 2000, 2001. In addition both Brian were very proud when we were awarded, the Accolade of Excellence under the Assured Breeders Scheme, and this is the first and only Cavalier Kennel to achieve this prestigious award at the time of writing.

I have had the great pleasure of judging both King Charles Spaniels and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels at Cruft's, and have judged in most Countries around the world but to be invited to judge the 2015 AKCKCSC National is a first and indeed a great honour for me, and I would extend my appreciation to the Chair and to the Committee as I am very excited to be given this prestigious appointment.

Juniors: Nick Frost

Nick Frost has a special affinity with both Cavaliers and Juniors. His Dehra kennel has owned or bred well over 200 champions across four groups in many countries. This includes 18 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels. Originally from the UK, some of the first Cavaliers exported to early AKC Cavalier breeder predated his own move to the US.

Nick has always taken judging Juniors seriously but also finds it a lot of fun. One of his most cherished judging experience was judging the Finals of the British Junior Handling competition. He strongly believes that a judge has a duty to be breed specific in his examination of the dogs when judging Juniors. Cavalier handlers come off badly in many cases as a good handler of this breed should appear to be doing as little as possible while making his charge look the best!



Obedience & Rally: Jean Nocilly



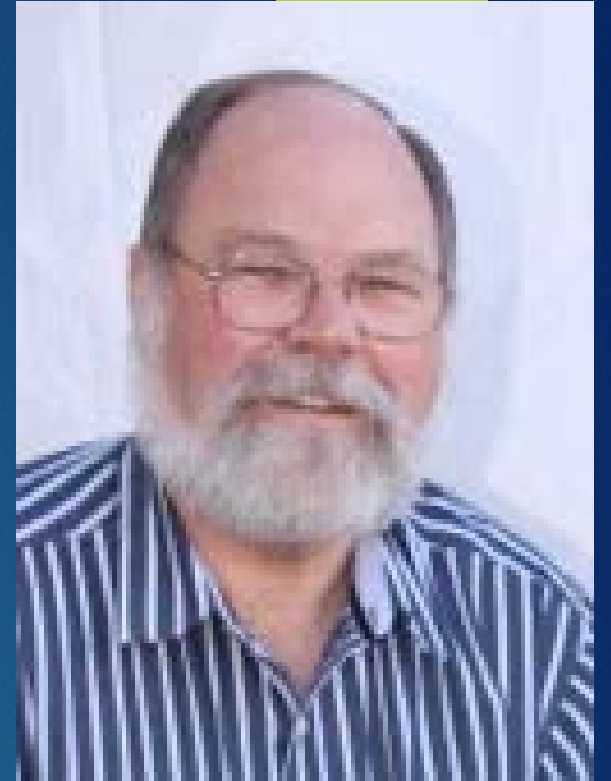
After 20 years of riding and showing Quarter Horses, I acquired my first show dog, a Bouvier named Amos. My Novice A dog took me on a wonderful journey into the world of dog competition. Amos earned American and Canadian Championships and UD AX OAJ HS and HIAd titles.

I have since competed with 6 more Bouviers, earning conformation championships on all of them. My second and third Bouviers, Anchor (Am Can Ch Eclipse Singular Sensation UDX RE HXAd HSAs OA NAJ) and Grover (DC Mapleridge Babochon Illusion UDX RAE HXAd HSBd AX AXJ), allowed me to earn the UDX title. Grover also won the privilege of being invited to the National Obedience Championship in 2006 and 2007. It was a wonderful experience to compete with the top obedience dogs in the country.

I currently have 4 Bouviers in various stages of training in obedience, herding, agility and tracking. "Dust" Ch Skrattegaard Eat My Dust CDX GO GN RE HXAsd AXP AJP NFP, "Mariah" DC Skrattegaard Breakin The Rules CDX GO GN RAE HXAsdc HXBd AX OAJ NF, "Callie" GCh Eclipse Be Careful What You Wish For CD GN BN RE HXAsc HIAd OAP NJP, "Nike" GCh Frontier Just Do It BN RA NAP HXAs HIAdc

In 2009 I realized a goal of mine to become an AKC obedience and rally judge. I am approved in all obedience and rally classes. I am looking forward to judging obedience at the 2015 ACKCSC Nationals in Asheville. Good luck to all exhibitors.

Obedience & Rally: Ted McCall



I first became involved with dog training nearly 30 years ago when I adopted a young German Shepherd and took her to a local obedience class in our community. "Heidi" was a joy to train, and with encouragement from the instructor, we ventured into the show ring; I was hooked!

Eventually, I fell in love with the affable Golden Retriever, and competed for nearly 10 years with "Chase"; together we achieved a perfect 200 and an OTCH before cancer took him away. Currently, I am having fun training my new Golden boy, "T", who promises to provide plenty of adventure, both inside and outside the show ring.

After showing for many years, I became interested in judging, and have been an AKC Obedience and Rally judge for over 5 years. I truly have fun with judging, and enjoy watching the different handlers and their dogs perform together as a team.

I am a member of the Sandlapper GRC and the GRC of America. I have also been active in GR rescue. I teach weekly basic puppy and beginner classes at Companion Dog Training School in Asheville. Dog training has given me many wonderful opportunities to make new friends and to grow as a person in ways I would not otherwise have had.