

## JUDGES BIO



### **MICHAEL HILL - Conformation Judge (Official & Unofficial Classes)**

- As most are aware growing up in New Zealand I shared my parents interest in the breeding and exhibiting of Shetland Sheepdogs however, and at best only one or two know this, my interest in the Papillon was sparked more than 45 years ago. As a teenager showing the Shelties I wanted a breed of my own and after going through the dog magazines the Papillon was my choice. At that time the only breeder I was aware of was in Christchurch, the kennel name Downavon. I believe as the original stock was Stouravon from the UK and as the river in Christchurch as named the Avon after the English river of the same name. Unfortunately nothing was available from this small kennel so I turned to Australia again disappointment so I turned to my second choice a Pekingese, the breed for which I am most known today having bred and owned accomplished champions in Canada, England, USA and a couple of other countries. Fast forward to 1970, I was living in Canada and Diana Pierce and I made a trip to England and made a visit to the home of Edith and Ben Benson to see the Thingden Papillons. We returned with the delightful and enchanting red and white dog Thingden Topaz. Pip as he was called was our entrée to the world of Papillons. He quickly gained his Canadian title with Group placements and we were hooked on the breed. Pip was joined by several others from Edith and Ben, Am.Can.Ch. Thingden Tortoiseshell and Ch. Thingden Vivante. The Bensons were free with their knowledge of the history of the breed, the trials and tribulations to bring the breed forward in the formative post war years as well as the heartaches in attempting to breed truly good typical dogs. In Canada we had the luxury of knowing Clarice Babbidge and the great and ground breaking Jaclair Papillons, also Rosa Inson another of our foundation breeders. In addition through the connections with Edith and Ben I knew Peggy and Bob Russell-Roberts of the legendary Picaroon Papillons as well as Joan Brown of Quinetta. It was through the latter that Diana and I managed to purchase Am.Can.Ch. Quinetta Panito son of the fabled Eng.Ch. Picaroon Pan and brother to several well-known champions. I am so fortunate to have known these pivotal breeders on both sides of the Atlantic as it gave me such a solid grounding in the breed, the fortune to have seen so many of the breed's great representatives, and to have instilled in me the key characteristics that must be apparent in a quality dog as well as the true essence of the breed. In latter years it was Jenny Scovell of Caswell that I turned to, a brilliant breeder in her own right whose mother had bred the immortal Pembroke Corgi Eng.Ch. Caswell Duskie Knight. It was through the purchase of Ch. Caswell Dora Bella of Iffley (dam of English and Australian champion daughters) that I met Jenny and that Eng.Can.Ch. Caswell Copernicus came to Canada. I could never over emphasize what a truly great breeder of Papillons Jenny Scovell is. As a judge, I commenced judging in Canada in 1981 attaining All-Breed status in 1994. My judging assignments have been at All Breed, Group, and Breed Club Championship shows in Canada, the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Colombia, Venezuela, and the United Kingdom. I judged at the Silver Anniversary Canadian Show of Shows event, twice I have judged The Pekingese Club of America National Specialty and in 2007 judged at the first Canadian Purina National Show. I also judged at the Papillon Specialty in New England. In the UK I have judged large All Breed Open shows and awarded CC's in Pekingese at both All-Breed and Club Ch. shows.

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### **LAWRENCE KLASSEN - Obedience Judge (Official & Unofficial Classes)**

- We have owned Golden Retrievers since 1978. I trained my first one to become an OTCH. He was also shown in conformation and received his championship. I started working my goldens for Field Trials in 1985 and competed as well, also put a WCX and CDX on Dante. Her daughter, Kaylie received her WC and OTCH which started my judging. I started judging Field Trials in 1989 and Obedience in 2001. I was one of the first CKC Obedience judges licenced to judge CKC Rally Trials. Currently I have one Golden Retriever that has her CDX. We are working on Rally and Utility at this time. We have occasionally bred Golden Retrievers.



**MARY JO LOYE - Sweepstakes Judge** - When I was twelve years old I fell madly in love with a Papillon and my life was never the same! After much research (what there was in those days) I located a breeder and my first Papillon, born in December 1965, arrived in March 1966. I then joined the Papillon Club of America and have been actively involved with the breed on a continuing basis since that time. I have served as Secretary of PCA, been regional reporter for the national newsletter – Pap Talk, served on and Chaired the Nominating Committee, served on and Chaired the Pap Talk Committee, was

Chairperson of the 1977 PCA National Specialty (first entry to reach 100) and have worked on various committees since joining PCA, am the PCA Historian and founded the Historical Website. I am privileged to be an Honorary Life Member Handling and breeding Papillons has been my passion and I have been blessed with many a 'great' one over the years. I have been fortunate to handle seven different Papillons to a total of fourteen All Breed Best in Show awards in the States and Canada. I co-bred six Best in Show winning Paps with the late Pearl George (Kvar) – handling four of them to their Best in Shows. I have finished Champions in both Canada and Bermuda. Four times I have had the privilege of winning Best of Breed at the PCA National Specialty and in 2006 won Pap Canada. Sweeps, Bred By, Winners BOW and BOS at both National and Regional levels have been exciting wins – and remain so to this day! Over the years I have had the pleasure of handling Papillons to hundreds of group wins/placements in three countries. In partnership with the late Pearl George our Paps have won both the Gold and Silver Butterfly Awards – the highest breed award presented by PCA. Our Papillons also won the coveted Tournament of Champions award of "Top Toy Breeder of the Year" both in 1989 and 1990 – the only years they were exhibited. I have also trained and handled paps to four High in Trial awards and finished both CD and CDX degrees on my paps (though I haven't been active in the OB ring for a number of years). One of the greatest honors I have had in this breed is that of owning, training and handling Am/Can Ch. Jaclair's Doodles of Josandre, CD, Amer. CDX (bred by Clarice Babbidge) to Best in Shows while carrying these titles. He was the first, and is to date, the highest obedience titled Papillon to win BIS. I currently have a youngster who I feel has great promise. Several people have remarked on his resemblance to the Doodles – both in looks and his devotion to me – that's awesome! I am also pleased to own/co-own a few phalenes and look forward to an exciting 'new beginning' with them.