

JUDGING BIOGRAPHIES FOR CONFORMATION CLASS NOMINEES FOR THE 2019 PCA NATIONAL

- listed in alphabetic order -

Vicki Abbott - Vicki resides in Fairview, Texas, and has been involved in the sport of purebred dogs as a breeder, handler, and judge for more than 40 years. She has bred Maltese, Pekingese, and Shiba Inu, and has handled some of the country's most top-winning dogs, including the top Maltese Dog of all time and the Westminster Group winner for 1992 – Ch. Sand Island Small Kraft Lite, "Henry". She has bred and shown her own Best in Show winners as well as handling top dogs for other breeders. Vicki has authored several books on the Maltese breed, is a speaker at many events, and continues to write articles for national canine publications. Vicki judges the Toy, Non-Sporting, Sporting, and Terrier Groups as well as Best In Show. She judges in the United States and internationally, and has been seen on Television judging Best in Show on the "Animal Planet", and Best in Show on the NBC National Dog Show on Thanksgiving Day.

Janet Allen – For the last 40 years Pekingese have been Janet's passion – as an owner, breeder, exhibitor, judge and foremost lover of the breed. As a partner in Sing Lee Pekingese for many years, she made up over 50 champions with numerous BIS and BISS winners (including 2 national specialty winners). She continues to own (and occasionally show) Pekingese and remains active in club activities. Janet is honored to have judged specialties throughout the US and award CCs in England, Australia and New Zealand- and judge Pekingese in China, Korea and Taiwan. An AKC judge- Toy and Non-Sporting Groups, Janet is active in judge's education, with the objective of sharing an understanding and appreciation of our special breed. She takes very seriously her role as a mentor for newcomers, as well as her continuing dialogue with established breeders and exhibitors. It is with appreciation and with a commitment to Pekingese that she is considered to judge the 2019 PCA National Specialty.

Dana P. Cline – Dana's parents gave him his first Great Dane, and he began breeding and exhibiting as a boy. He exhibited in 4H, training in both obedience and conformation. He found the dog show world in his teenage years, spending nearly every weekend traveling to shows. While his main interest was always in Great Danes, he worked hard to learn about other breeds and to become more active in all breeds. He has bred nearly 80 champions in a number of breeds (such as Beagles, Borzoi, German Wirehaired Pointers, Great Danes, and Miniature Bull Terriers - including one of the few BIS-winning Mini Bulls in the breed's history), and he finished numerous Pekingese, many from Ed Jenner and Luc Boileau's Knolland Farm kennels. An AKC judge since 1998, he is licensed to judge all breeds, as well as Best In Show. He includes among his career highlights judging at Westminster, at two AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Shows and at numerous national specialties and Regional Pekingese specialties as well.

Jason M. Hoke - Jason is a second generation dog man whose family began in the sport of pure bred dogs breeding German Shepherds. He has bred Great Danes, German Shepherds, Pekingese, Maltese and Whippets, exhibiting these breed to Numerous Best in Show awards and Top Rankings. His dogs have won best of breed at National Specialties as well as the Prestigious Westminster Kennel Club. Jason then continued his career by becoming a professional all breed handler, garnering many top awards in his career in every group. He also volunteers for Take the Lead, a charitable organization which assists people in the sport of pure bred dogs when facing terminal illness. Jason has enjoyed great success in his judging career, with appointments throughout the United States and worldwide, with judging experience in Japan, China, Mexico, Italy, Australia, Ireland, and Korea. He has had the privilege of being invited to judge the Pointer National, Miniature Pinscher National, Great Dane National, and Pug National as well as the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America and most notably the Toy Group at the 2016 Westminster Kennel Club. Currently he is licensed to judge all Toy Breeds as well as multiple breeds in five other groups.

Hiram Stewart – Hiram has been involved with breeding and showing Pekingese since the early 1970s, and he is still currently involved nearly 46 yrs. later. He is a member of PCA and several other independent Peke specialty clubs. He is a registered AKC handler and has been a part of this organization for nearly 20 yrs. Hiram has bred, own and shown many multiple all breed best in show and national specialty winners. He finds that it is still one of the greatest thrills to watch a young dog mature and then see him come into his own as he proudly moves around the ring. Hiram truly hopes that he will be given the honor to judge the beauty of your work at the Pekingese Club of America National Specialty.

Elizabeth Tilley-Poole – Betty bought her first pair of Pekingese as pets in 1966. She brought them with her to England and then bought her first show Pekingese. Betty lived in England from 1968 to 1975 and started showing there. She started judging in England in 1972, returning 25 years later to award CC's there in 1997, and during that same year that she applied for her judging license in the USA. She again judged in the UK in 2004. Betty gave up judging in 2009 due to her late husband's illness. After having lived in RI for 30 years, she moved to FL in 2010. She has bred/owned 105 Champion Pekingese, several Specialty and Group Winners, an all breeds BIS winner, and a White English Champion. She is a member of 6 Pekingese Clubs, and has held several offices for PCA including President. She is currently the Treasurer of The Pekingese Club of America, The Pekingese Charitable Foundation and the Triple Crown LLC. Betty is also a board member of the Citrus Capital Pekingese Club and The Pekingese Club of Texas.

JUDGING BIOGRAPHIES FOR SWEEPSTAKES CLASS NOMINEES FOR THE 2019 PCA NATIONAL

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Steven Hamblin – Steven (Dancing Lion Pekingese) has been a dog fanatic since childhood, and has had many different types of Purpose-Bred Dogs in his lifetime. But since childhood, the Pekingese has always held a very special place in his heart. In 2011, he decided to return to his favorite breed with a renewed sense of passion and drive. Founding his kennel on Windemere, Pevyne, Draco, and Muhlin lines, he has selectively balanced whelping and showing in the elusive quest for “The One.” He is a member of the Pacific Coast Pekingese Club (where he’s served on the board and as their AKC Delegate), the Pekingese Association of New York (formerly Pekingese Association), and the Pekingese Club of America (where he currently serves on the board and as their AKC Delegate). He also serves on the board of his All Breed club, Los Encinos Kennel Club, and has been the Show Chair for their summer show in Santa Barbara for the last two years. Steven was recently invited to judge the Toy Puppy Group for the Mission Circuit Cluster in May 2017, and he’s very honored to be considered for PCA’s Sweeps in 2019. Thank you for your consideration!

Gladys Knox - Gladys first encountered the Pekingese breed in 1963, when her cousin transported her Chocolate Brown Pekingese on a 3 day train ride from Albuquerque NM for a family visit to PA. She has been a Pekingese lover since that first acquaintance, purchasing her first English Pekingese in 1980. Future dogs were American or Canadian bred. After 30 years of purebred pet Pekingese, Gladys purchased a “pet” from David Fitzpatrick in 2008 and finished it to a GCH in 2011. She has finished several dogs since that time. She bred her first litter in 2014 and works closely with Beth Ferrier to further her knowledge in breeding, whelping, understanding genetic and phenotype and how they relate to pedigrees and in the breeding process. Gladys is a member of the PCA Breeder Seminar Committee and Chairman of the PCA Membership Committee. She is currently a member of Allegheny Pekingese Club, The Pekingese Club of Texas and a former member of PA. She judged Sweepstakes for English Toy Spaniels in 2015.

Bruce Spencer - In the late 1970s, Bruce attended his first dog show. He was intrigued. A couple years later, Jeff and Bruce acquired their first show dog. She was a 13" Beagle and that was the start. A couple years later they started showing/breeding Chihuahuas. In the mid-80s, they met a local Pekingese exhibitor. She introduced us to Ruth Painter and the Greater Pittsburgh Pekingese Club. Bruce joined the Club since he loved the breed (he had had a Peke when he was a young teenager). Bruce started handling Pekes for other people shortly after that. He and Jeff were soon to meet Karen Schultz-Fries. After many questions to many Pekingese authorities, watching and reading, we acquired our first Ralsham-bred bitch. Sometime after that they obtained another lovely bitch from Karen (Sunburst Pekingese). Since that time forward, the Pekingese has been their passion. Bruce feels that he will never finish learning about this most interesting breed of dog.