



BEST OF THE BEST

Best of the Best Judge

Robin Rhoden

We welcomed our first Norwegian Elkhound in 1983: Windy Cove N Norelka Snowkist. She was a stunning girl, and although we weren't in a position to show dogs at the time, she captured our hearts and introduced us to the breed we would come to love. When she passed, we brought home Ch. Norelka's Caught in The Act, CD, OA. This time, we decided to try showing her—and we were instantly hooked. We bred our first litter in 1997. Since then, we have proudly bred 55 Champions. Among them are dogs who have achieved remarkable success, including:

- Best in Show winners
- Reserve Best in Show winners
- National Specialty accolades: Best of Breed (BOB), Select, Winners Dog (WD), Reserve Winners Bitch (RWB), numerous Awards of Merit (AOM), Futurity Winner, Maturity Winner, National Cavalcade - BOB, and 2 Winners Dog/Best of Winners (WD/BOW)
- 23 Regional Specialty winners
- NEAA Top Producing Bitch – 6 NEAA Top Winners
- #1 All-Breed winner and #1 Breed Point winner
- 14 Group winners and 19 Group placers
- 1 Gold Grand Champion (holding the most lifetime GCH points to date)
- 4 Silver Grand Champions
- 3 Bronze Grand Champions (including one who earned GCH in just one week)
- 7 additional Grand Champions
- Multiple Agility and Obedience titles
 - BOB winners at both Westminster Kennel Club and AKC National Championship



Beyond conformation, obedience and agility competition, I have been deeply involved in the Norwegian Elkhound community. I served on the board of the Columbine Norwegian Elkhound Association and as its President. I also dedicated 10 years to the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America (NEAA) board, holding multiple positions—including two terms as President.

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Nina Van Camp

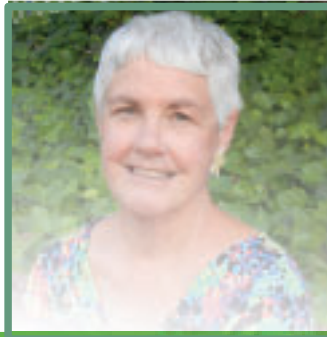
My original breed is Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Got started in Conformation showing after a very brief stint exhibiting in obedience. I am a member of Pembroke Welsh Corgi parent club and several of the regional clubs.

I began judging Pembroke's in 1989 slowly adding additional Herding breeds though the years. Because so many of my travel "buddies" were Hound Fanciers they were the next group that I was approved to judge. Now I am also approved for the Toy Group and few other varied breeds that I greatly enjoy judging.

I have judged at varied region and national specialties for breeds in all 3 groups. I've always enjoyed judging events such as Best of the Best for other breeds. In judging them found out that I've learned a great deal more about that specific breed from those special events.

I appreciate the Norwegian Elkhound standard for its insightful, but not limiting, word "pictures of good and great examples of the breed.

Thanks to the Norwegian Elkhound Club for this great opportunity.





Best of the Best Contest Judging

All handlers and dogs shall enter the show ring to allow both the judges and the audience to observe all the dogs assembled.

- All dogs shall be presented stacked or free stacked, gaited around the show ring as one assemblage, and then temporarily dismissed from the show ring until the judging of Groups.
- Each judge shall be assigned to one of two (2) judging stations.
- The first Group of two (2) participants shall enter the show ring and present the dogs stacked or free stacked in front of the two(2) Contest judges to begin the scoring.
- After individual scoring has been completed by each judge, the participants shall rotate to the opposite station until both dogs have been scored by each judge.
- Both judges will assemble at the end of a mat. Each handler and dog will individually move down and back twice, circle the ring one full time for both judges. After both dogs have completed the individual gait, the two participants circle the ring together and are dismissed could occur from the show ring until the judging of all Groups are completed.
- Both judges shall score each dog's gait and return to their designated station to score the next group.
- Once all groups are scored, all participants return to the ring and will be presented stacked or free stacked for final review by the judges. Any dog may be reexamined or moved at the discretion of either judge. At this time all scores are finalized.
- Completed contest score sheets shall be given to the Show Chairperson for tabulation.

CONTEST SCORE SHEET

The Contest Score Sheet, to be completed in detail by each judge, shall be sourced from:

- the Official Standard of the Norwegian Elkhound (© 1989 AKC)
- the Interpretive Comments on the Norwegian Elkhound and the Standard (© 1989 NEAA).

Examination scoring shall be:

- Head - 15 points
- Forequarters and Hindquarters - 15 points
- Temperament - 10 points
- Body - 25 points
- Gait - 20 points
- Tail - 5 points
- Coat and Color - 10 points
- Total - 100 points



TABULATION OF SCORES

- The combined score of both judge score sheets determines the Contest Winner.
- In the event of a tie, the dog with a higher score in multiple sections shall be declared the Winner.
- If two or more dogs remain tied the dogs shall be re-examined by each Contest Judge during the evening program.

BEST OF THE BEST CONTEST WINNER (Evening Program)

- Each participant shall enter the show ring, to their chosen music and be introduced to the audience, complete one full circle around the show ring, ending at the center of the show ring. The handler shall stack or free stack the dog and then shall move to an edge of the show ring.
- If two or more dogs remain tied the dogs shall re-enter the show ring for additional judging. Each Contest judge shall re-examine each dog and both judges together shall observe the dog’s gait in a traditional dog show format. The judges shall confer to reach a consensus on the overall Contest Winner
- Presentation of awards may be made when all participants are once again assembled in the show ring. Score will be acknowledged, revealing the official score, and declared the Best of the Best Contest Winner.
- Immediately following and while all dogs are still in the ring, the Committee will announce the People's Choice Winner.
- Once the presentation of awards has been completed, participants may request from the Show Chairperson to be given the two (2) tabulated Contest score sheets.

Best of the Best Contest Prizes

Best of the Best Contest Winner ... Purple and White Rosette

Peoples Choice Award Purple and White Rosette

Each Participant will receive a Purple and White rosette with their dogs name embossed



Best of the Best Entries

National _____

- 167 **GCH SHOOTNSTAR CAN YOU HEAR THE SIZZLE CGC (CHEF).** HP67342902. 1/20/2023. Dog. Breeder: Mary Albee & Leslie Trapnell. By GCH Daggarwood N Kingdoms Knockout - GCH Shootnstar In Case You Haven'T Heard. Owner(s): ANNIKA WILSON.

National _____

- 169 **GCHS SILHOUETTE'S DARK KNIGHT (RIP).** HP64650101. 1/3/2022. Dog. Breeder: Erin & Keith Olsen. By GCHS Kingdom N Daggarwoods Silverado - Elvbend's Soldier In The Rain. Owner(s): ERIN OLSEN AND KEITH OLSEN

National _____

- 171 **GCHS KINGDOM N DAGGARWOODS SILVERADO (EMMETT).** HP58857201. 8/6/2019. Dog. Breeder: Kevin Richard and Nicole Casavechia. By CH Graabine Little Bit O Chilli - CH Isbjorn's Frozen Kingdom. Owner(s): KEVIN RICHARD AND NICOLE CASAVECHIA.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE
AWARD**

National _____

- 173 **GCHB VIN-MELCA'S NIMROD (RODDY).** HP58265903. 7/19/2019. Dog. Breeder: Patricia V Trotter & Charles E Trotter. By GCHS Vin-Melca's Vanguard RATO - CH Vin-Melca's Typecast. Owner(s): MIRANDA VANCE AND ANDY VANC & PATRICIA TROTTER

**AS 2025 BEST
OF THE BEST
WINNER,
SHOWN AS
EXHIBITION
ONLY**

National _____

- 175 **GCHB KINGDOM N DAGGARWOODS TRUE GRIT (REMI).** HP64884901. 2/22/2022. Dog. Breeder: Nicole Casavechia & Kevin Richard. By GCHS Kingdom N Daggarwoods Silverado - CH Daggarwoods Hello Dolly. Owner(s): SALLY ROBINSON

National _____

- 177 GCHB SYRINGA'S DANGERRUSS ACT1 ACT1J (WILSON).**
HP61475501. 12/22/2020. Dog. Breeder: Gaylean Lyne. By
GCHS Vin-Melca's Vanguard RATO - CH Syringa's Janors Ice
Crystals. **Owner(s): KIM LESLIE AND GAYLEAN LYNE.**

National _____

- 179 GCHB ICON'S DIAMOND SKY DENALI RN (DENALI).**
HP65629001. 7/12/2022. Dog. Breeder: Beth Barbary. By
GCHS Himmelbla's Indy2 - Elvbend's Ballerina Serenade NAP
NJP RATS. **Owner(s): BETH BARBARY AND LORI WEBSTER**

National _____

- 181 CH JANORS FLYING NIMBUS 2000 SCN TKA (NIMBUS).**
HP61699102. 1/21/2021. Dog. Breeder: Jan Herinckx &
Lisa Dupre. By GCH Janors Top O' The Mornin' BCAT - GCH
Janors All About The Bling FDC CGCA CGCU TKI. **Owner(s):
ELISE CASTORINA AND NICHOLAS CASTORINA.**

National _____

- 188 GCH SHOOTNSTAR CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW (ECHO).**
HP67342901. 1/20/2023. Bitch. Breeder: Mary Albee &
Leslie Trapnell. By GCH Daggarwood N Kingdoms Knockout -
GCH Shootnstar In Case You Haven't Heard.
Owner(s): MARY ALBEE AND LESLIE TRAPNELL

National _____

- 190 GCHB SILHOUETTE'S A SINGLE THREAD OF HOPE
(MAGGIE).** HP62534801. 5/24/2021. Bitch. Breeder: Erin
Garrity Olsen & Keith Olsen & Sarah Garrity. By GCHG
Silhouette's Au FishCGC - GCHG Silhouette's Hope Solo.
**Owner(s): ERIN GARRITY OLSEN AND KEITH OLSEN
& SARAH GARRITY & STEVE PONIATOWSKI**

National _____

- BEST OF THE BEST** **192 CH HORIZONS WILD FIRE RA NAP NJP NFP CGC TKN
(EMBER).** HP65549504. 5/1/2022. Bitch. Breeder: Linda
Syner, Pam Jonson & Glenda Haggerty. By CH Horizon Rock
Solid - GCH Greyplume's Refugee CD BN RAE AX AXJ MXP
MJP OF ACT2 CGC TKN. **Owner(s): LINDA SYNER, PAM
JOHNSON AND GLENDA HAGGERTY**