

Presentation Kjell Svensson

I have been deeply involved in Golden Retrievers since 1979 as owner, breeder, club official and judge. It started as for many others with a family dog. She wasn't a great show dog but she learnt me a lot. My first successful show dog was born 1984, Norwegian Ch Soft Shadow. She really loved the show ring and was a real handful to handle, but she never gave up. The first SEACREST litter was born in 1986 and I bred 12 litters until 2004 then I stopped breeding due to work commitments.

I have bred and/or owned 3 show champions of the breed and have been showing since 1981. I visited my first dog show in the UK in 1988 and have been following the show scene there since when.

For many years I was very active in several different clubs. I was on the Swedish Golden Retriever Clubs general committee for 8 years, 3 years as chairman.

I have been secretary of the Swedish Spaniel and Retriever Club and a member of the Swedish Kennel Clubs Show committee.

Now days I work as head of the show, trial and education department at the Swedish Kennel Club office. The Swedish Kennel Club has almost 300 000 members and we have about 75 employees at the office. The department I head is responsible for education of show judges, show and trial rules among other things.

I judged my first Limited show for the Swedish Golden Retriever Club in 1989 and judged frequently at breed open shows until 2005. I judged my first championship show in Sweden 2006 and now I'm a qualified FCI judge for all the retriever breeds, Clumber spaniel and Cocker spaniel.

I have been very fortunate to have the privilege to judge Goldens in ten different countries in Europe. The highlight so far was to judge Golden bitches with CCs at the Border Union Championship Show in the UK in 2011 and to judge all the adult Goldens at the Russian Retriever Club Show in Moscow in 2016.

I'm very proud and grateful to have been invited to judge the 10th Golden Retriever National in Australia. I have heard so much about the quality of the breed in Australia, so my expectations are of course very high. It will be a dream come true to fulfil this appointment. Looking forward to see all your beautiful Goldens!

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