

## NOMINEE BIOS

Charles Born:

In 1964 my aunt Marguerite Manhart of Sugarbrook Kennels fame and one of the top black cocker breeders in the 50's and early 60's put a lead in my hands at a puppy match. From there Cocker Spaniels, the people and the club have been a part of my life. I was fortunate to grow up with and be mentored by her and so many other famous breeders from the past. After college, as a breeder/ owner/handler we resumed a small breeding program and I finished over 20 champions and numerous others for friends. When my career demands forced the end of our breeding program, I served as ASC Board Director, VP and President for 13 years. I've mentored many judges and had the pleasure of judging over 20 specialty sweeps and numerous all breed match shows. It was a thrill to breeder owner handle my own Futurity winner in 1985 and in later years judge bitches at the ASC National Futurity in St. Louis and the entire Futurity at the Flushing show in King of Prussia. As a Life and Hall of Fame member of the ASC, it's such an honor to be nominated to judge regular classes in 2020. Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Gallant:

In 1978 I married my second husband and told him I wanted a cocker spaniel for my birthday. He took me all the way to Detroit(2 hours away) to get that puppy from a woman who also showed cockers (BeBeau) She became our mentor.

I have been breeding and showing cocker spaniels for over 30 years and English Cockers for 15. I judge all the sporting breeds and the non-sporting group. My dog showing career has been very successful with four of my greatest memories being: winning the futurity at the American spaniel club and the cocker national, The winners were mother and son, winning the sweepstakes at the English Cocker National and winning Best in Show at the American Spaniel Club with a black bitch who went on to be number 1 cocker.

I have also been involved in many dog clubs holding several offices over the years. I am currently the Judges" Education Director for the American Spaniel Club. I was instrumental in developing a new power point and a field video which are shown to judges. I have presented several times at Michigan Sporting dog seminars and presented at the Orlando and Louisville shows.

My most recent accomplishment has been to compete in hunt tests with my bench bred Champion Cocker Spaniel. He now has three master legs which make me estatic. I also have agility dogs. My battle cry for people who have dogs is let them do what they were bred to do. It will be so awarding for you and your dog. Seeing a hunting dog in the field doing his thing is a wonderful experience. But whatever your circumstances are, don't just finish a dog and let them sit in a cage.

Douglas Johnson:

Douglas Johnson of Bloomington, In., has had a lifetime of dedication to the sport of purebred dogs. Breeding under the world-famous Clussexx prefix, he has produced more than 250 AKC Champion Clumber Spaniels, Sussex Spaniels, Welsh Springer Spaniels, English Toy Spaniels and Pekingese. He has a passion for breeding dogs and continues to run a top breeding program today. He has judged nearly all of the flushing spaniel breeds for ASC and knows the value of winning there. He has handled a dog to Best in Show at ASC and bred

a dog to win Best in Show at ASC and considers this show to be one of the most historically significant for any spaniel breeder. He respects the time-honored traditions of the show and the history of the breeds. As most of you already know, Mr. Johnson takes his time in the ring very seriously, he is committed to doing his best and will always adjudicate fairly and to his own beliefs. Not shy of opinions, Mr. Johnson has a true vision of these breeds and stays consistent in his desire to reward top quality. Mr. Johnson's breeder focused judging has made him a popular judge for all breed and specialty shows. Thank you to the membership for their consideration.

Kyle Robinson:

I begin showing in Jr. Showmanship with my first Cocker Spaniel when I was 16 yrs old. I owned / co-owned, bred and finished several dogs over the next 3 years. I also apprenticed under several professional handlers. Shortly after, I started my career as a professional handler that lasted 21 years. I showed many top dogs in all three varieties and finished over 300 Champions. I had the privilege to show for some of the top breeders who's dogs appear in many successful pedigrees today. I judged two ASC Futurities, one in Dallas, TX and one in New Orleans, LA. I have also judged over 30 Puppy sweepstakes competitions in American Cocker Spaniels, English Cocker Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, Golden Retrievers and Weimaraners. My career also gave me the opportunity to show in Milan Italy and to judge in Sweden and Finland. I retired from showing professionally in 1998. I then followed my other passion and attended Travel/Hospitality School. After graduating and working for Travel Professionals in Louisville, KY I was hired by Jack Onofrio Dog Shows to help them start Jack's Travel Professionals. I have been the General Manager of this successful agency for 20 years this July. I love my work. One of the benefits is that I still am able to help people involved in the sport of dogs every day. I am honored to be nominated to judge the 2020 American Spaniel Club show. It has been a dream of mine for many years. Thank you for this opportunity.

NANCY SELF:

I acquired my first show dog in 1975. It was an Afghan Hound. She was a great first show dog that I learned a lot from- what faults were, what not to do in the ring, etc. She did not finish. I did get others and enjoyed finishing all their Championships, many with group placements. I did breed a few litters of which almost all of them finished. I currently have 3 Afghans and 1 Saluki. The people I met so long ago I am still good friends with today and enjoy seeing them at shows.

In 1986 I married Charles Self, and was immersed in showing cocker spaniels. It was a great way to learn the breed. To have the opportunity to show and finish so many different dogs, and to have access to the great mentors was invaluable.

In 1994 I retired from handling and went back to the medical industry focused on cardiac and vascular technology.

I was licensed to judge in 1997. I have always enjoyed judging. The specialty shows are the most fun for me.

I would be honored to be included on the ballot for the 2020 ASC Flushing Spaniel Show to judge Cockers.

Patricia Trotter:

Patricia Craige Trotter registered her first litter of Vin-Melca Norwegian Elkhounds in 1951 and her most recent litter this year. Her breeding program has produced the Top Sire and Dam in the breed's history as well as the breed's top winners. Vin-Melca Elkhounds have won an incredible 11 Hound Group firsts at Westminster, all owner-handled.

When Ch. Vin-Melca's Vagabond became Top Dog All Breeds in 1970, he was the first amateur handled dog to achieve that honor. Pat handled her own dogs to Top Ten All Breed status on 10 different occasions while holding down a full-time teaching job. Her Elkhounds were regular winners of Top Hound honors and Quaker Oats awards.

Pat's original breed was the Cocker Spaniel. She worked for years with Muriel Laubach and the Dau-Han Cocker Spaniels, and handled the R/W Ch. Dau-Han's Dan Morgan to three all-breed BIS victories before moving to CA in 1962. Her book *Born To Win* acknowledged her great mentor Norman Austin for sharing his considerable knowledge over the years. Her love of our breed is well known.

KENNETH 'CASEY' COOPER:

I was born & raised in Detroit Michigan. At the age of 24, I met the late great Mike Kinchsular of Lurola Cocker Spaniels, that was in 1984. I couldn't have had a better mentor & teacher. After traveling to a few local shows in Michigan, we drove to my first summer national in Lincoln Nebraska as his brush boy & kennel help. A few years later Mike hurt his back and so it was up to me to take over as handler. After some ups & downs I was honored to show some very nice dogs for some of the nicest people you could ever meet. One of those dogs was "LUROLA'S BAD BOY"(co-owned and bred by Mike and me) who went onto win Winners Dog and Best of Winners. "Isiah" was the very first non-champion dog or bitch ever to win an Award of Merit from the open class under J. Forsyth at The 1991 ASC in Secaucus NJ. Other highlights as a handler was winning a specialty BOB from the 6-9 puppy dog class at the Mid Michigan Cocker Spaniel Club. Winning ASCOB Winners Bitch & Best of Winners from the 6-9 puppy class in 1997 under Mr. Calvin Ward. I have also won several Sweepstakes, group wins & finishing over 30 dogs (many from the puppy class) during my time in the ring from 1988-1998. I am now living in Palm Springs California enjoying a great life with my husband G. Michael Crosby.

Joan Stallard

Life Member of American Spaniel Club. I live in Northwest Ohio. I have been involved in breeding and showing Cocker Spaniels for almost 40 years as Saratoga Cockers. I have shown Cocker Spaniels in Conformation and various Performance Events. Since becoming an ASC Member, all of my litters have been Futurity nominated including completion of all required health testing. I served on the Breed Standard Committee for

American Spaniel Club for a number of years. I bred and owned the top producing Black Bitch in Breed history, Ch. Saratoga's Secret Center, dam of 26 AKC Champion Cocker Spaniels. I believe the ASC Futurity is a prestigious event and I am honored to be nominated to judge.