

2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – SANDY WEST

The purpose of the Weimaraner Club of America Lifetime Achievement Award is to bring recognition and honor to those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the welfare and advancement of the Weimaraner above the ordinary self interest. These efforts must be of everlasting value to the breed.

This Lifetime Achievement Award recipient has been involved in the breed for over 40 years breeding and showing Weimaraners. She has finished over 75 Weimaraner Champions and shown numerous Futurity and Maturity winners. 3 of her dogs have been Best of Winners at the National Specialty.

Approximately 15 years ago her interest turned to field events. She has bred and owned 3 Field Champions, 3 Field Futurity winners, 1 Versatile Champion, 2 Master Hunters and 1 Dual Champion under the Sanbar prefix.

Our first Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for 2014 is Sandy West. Sandy served 6 years as WCA President, 4 years as Secretary and is currently serving her second year as a Director. In addition she is currently President of the Weimaraner Foundation Fund and served as a Trustee for 2 years.

Sandy took on the Breed Register of Merit program over 15 years ago. This is a painstaking job of recording from the AKC Gazette Awards field and show titles and wins of every Weimaraner who wins at all published events each month and posting them to their sire and dam's records. She developed a computer program that inputs this information to the appropriate records. This has been a labor of love which Sandy has spent countless hours each month on. Many members are aware of the BROM system but have no idea of the time and effort required to keep these records.

Sandy also spearheaded the programming and manual data input effort required to bring the WCA's 2000 membership records into a secure web based system from the PFS File program that Dorothy Derr set up. Sandy spent countless hours manually inputting membership records with help from the Executive Secretary and a raft of volunteers.

In 2007 Sandy chaired the ad hoc committee formed to create the Field Register of Merit and developed the system to record and calculate FROM points for sires and dams.

During 2008 and 2009 Sandy worked with Al Patunoff to bring the BROM records held in dBase and the WCA's dog records held in PFS File together into a single secure web based system. This process took several months of hard work on their part.

Sandy has made countless other contributions to the breed by serving on WCA standing and ad-hoc committees. She is truly an unsung hero of the breed.