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## Hugh Arthur



DOB: August 26, 1944 – December 26, 2020

Hugh contributed to the sport of trained retrievers for more than 40 years. In that time, he co-founded and led retriever clubs (Palmetto and Central Savannah), chaired the bird thrower committee at Nationals, trained handlers as well as their dogs and established one of the premier kennels in the country, Sandhill Retrievers. Sadly, we lost him in 2020.

Training or just spending time with Hugh Arthur was a privilege. His keen eye and often tart responses to questions would typically point you toward the answers, encouraging you to think and learn.

For Hugh, mentoring went beyond training dogs. He trained for and coached clients North America. Perhaps his greatest legacy is the number of clients who have not only chaired Nationals, but judged 14 National Open and National Amateur Championships. More recently he took some pros under his wing and helped them build successful field trial careers.

Hugh ran his first National in 1977 with FC Super Joy Of Spring Oaks and won in 1985 with NFC-AFC Dynamite Duke IV. However, his real love was training young dogs and guiding their careers. He put more than 100 dogs on the Derby List including the 1990 High Point Derby Dog, FC-AFC Carolina's Full Force Gale. He titled the first chocolate female, FC Beggar's Bush Venna and trained the first – and so far only – titled Flat Coat, AFC Jon-Lee's Spring Valley Atari. The list of Field Champions Hugh trained and handled totals more than 70 dogs.

Those fortunate enough to have spent time with Hugh understood that his interests ranged from retrievers to coon dogs and pointers, horse racing and fishing, but most importantly to family. A true gentleman, his values reflected his love of family, respect for competitors and peers, and a genuine enthusiasm for the goals and joy of his clients.



Hugh Arthur's family with his portrait at the 2022 Retriever Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

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