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## **Robert Kennon, Jr.**

Bob started in the retriever field trial game in 1965 and has been training and handling his own dogs continuously since that time.

He won the 1978 National Championship with FC-AFC Shadow of Otter Creek, a dog he trained and handled entirely himself. He handled Shadow in seven Nationals and was a finalist in five. Shadow accumulated 132.5 All-Age points in 106 starts, an average of 1.25 points per start which put him 9th on the all-time list as of 1993. Shadow was elected to the Retriever Hall of Fame in 1994.

Following Shadow, Bob trained and handled FC-AFC Play the Red, FC-AFC Pearl of Sweetbriar and FC-AFC Feather of Sweetbriar, giving him four titled dog in succession, all of which he started with at age seven weeks. His dogs have accumulated 383 All-Age points and have won six double-headers.

Bob is an eight point judge who has judged innumerable trials across the country including the 1983 National Amateur Championship and the Open All-Age stake at the first trial held by the Professional Retriever Trainers Association in 1989.

He has been a member of the South Louisiana Retriever Club for over 40 years and a member of the Labrador Retriever Club for over 20 years.

Bob has served as one of five members of the Subcommittee on Rules of the Retriever Advisory Committee for 24 years, in which capacity he has had major input into numerous field trial rule revisions. He was one of 13 writers who contributed to the widely acclaimed manual, Retriever Field Trial Judging published in 2006.

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