

2006

## Jackie Mertens

Started Topbrass Retrievers in 1968. Has bred or owned 26 FC's and/or AFCs. Bred over 100 MH, HRCH, or Qualified all age golden retrievers. Won 1985 National Amateur Retriever Championship. Owned and handled all time hi-point Golden - 270 plus AH Age points. Owned and trained 9 FC and/or AFCs. Won 2 doubleheaders. Finalists in 6 Nationals with 3 different dogs.

Eight point judge since early 1980's judging over 80 major stakes. Judge 1996 National Amateur. Judged 2003 National Open. Participated on the panel in 3 different Judge's Seminars.

National Open Retriever Club -- Past Board member. President in 2002. Chaired 1998 National Open. Chief Marshal 1994 National Open.

Member and worker -- Field Trial chairman and Chief Marshal multiple times for club licensed trials Golden Retriever Club of American -- past board member, current Nat. Representative. American Amateur -- past president. Golden Retriever Club of Illinois -- past board member. Womens Field Trial Club -- current President since 2000. Midwest Field Trial Club -- past board member. Sagehens Field Trial Club -- Jacksonville Retriever Club -- Snowbird Retriever Club -- Tall Pines Retriever Club -- North Florida Retriever Club.

Written many training articles for various Retriever publications. Made "Sound Beginnings" -- a puppy training video to help people get their pups started right.