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## Edward L. Minoggie

Ed Minoggie was born on Sauvie Island, OR, in 1918. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Portland and Oregon State College (now University). After a short stint in the Merchant Marine during WWII, he returned to Portland to work at various fields until he met Tar Baby of Holly Hill - his first retriever. He got Tar when he was a year-old and had never been out of a kennel run and turned him into a Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion. Thus began Ed's 60 years as a trainer and handler of retrievers.

As an amateur, Ed judged five Open All-Age Stakes in the early 1950's and was instrumental in starting the Oregon Retriever Field Trial Club as well as serving as its president for two terms. Ed's success with Tar Baby caused others to ask him to train and run their dogs and in 1957 Ed became a Professional Trainer. He was involved in organizing the Professional Retriever Trainers Association and served as its president for one term. Overall, Ed won approximately 159 Open Age Stakes during his professional career.

According to the 1941-1995 Retriever Field Trial Statistics\* by Susan E. Reynolds, Retrievers trained and handled by Ed Minoggie competing in the most consecutive Nationals were:

- (7) FC-AFC Techako's Ranger, LM (C. Tobin) 1960-1966
- (7) FC Michelle, LF (E. Minoggie/C. Tobin) 1965-1971
- (6) FC Shoremeadow Tidewater, LM (C. Tobin) 1957-1965
- (5) FC Shamrock Acres Super Value, LM (J. Heneghan) 1971-1975
- (4) FC-AFC Jigaboo Of Mountaindale, LM (E. Brown) 1960-1963
- (4) FC Tar Dessa Venture, LM (J. Preston) 1967-1970

\*Pros with National Open Finalists - Ranked by number won - Ed Minoggie is ranked 26th with 6 Finalists: '65/1, '67/1, '68/1, '69/1, '72/1, '77/1

Other dogs that Ed was involved with, either in training, handling or in turning into FC's, include:

Major Tobin of Island Acres, Watchum Sneak, Problem Boy Duke of Wake, Tar Baby's Little Sweet Stuff (CNFC twice), Majik N'oir, Lignite's Red Boy, Cedar Haven Matador, Boocindy's Renegade, Macaroni II, Leroy III, Alaska Fall Blizzard, Gun Thunder Oly, Cedar Haven Matador.

Ed retired as a professional in 1992, but has been successful with some of his own dogs - primarily Island Acres Gold Rush and Island Acres Ditto (Mike). He does well with his dogs because he has great respect for the retrievers' capability. He has always felt that a dog should be judged on its own merits rather than the handlers ability, and his dogs perform well because of their desire to please him. The love he has for the breed and for the sport has been with him for all these years. He is honored to have been elected to the Retriever Hall of Fame - it was a great 90th birthday present.

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