

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2021 (MORE TO COME)

Laura Rinard – Daily Show Treasurer and Promotional Item Chair

I have worked for Los Angeles County for over 32 years, 20 within the Department of Auditor-Controller. The first half of my career I worked as an internal auditor, and I have a strong understanding of the importance of internal controls. Currently, I am the Division Chief with the Auditor-Controller's Countywide Payroll Division. I manage the County's central payroll for over 110,000 active employees. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree, with a Major in Accounting, from the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. In 1994, I became a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the State of California. Outside of my employment with the County of Los Angeles I own a small, tax business and I also currently sit on the boards of the High Desert and San Gabriel Valley Collie Clubs where I function as treasurer. Additionally, I am the treasurer for the Calizona Appaloosa Horse Club.

On a personal note, I have loved collies since I can remember. I got my first collie in 1987 and never looked back. I consider myself a true hobbyist. My collies are my pets that I am fortunate enough to be able to take and compete successfully at dog shows. I am a person that is not comfortable sitting back, I want to get involved and help wherever my talents can be used. I have been a member of the Collie Club of America since 2002 and I am currently serving as one two District Directors for Southern California. I look forward to serving the 2021 Collie Club of America National Show as the daily show treasurer and promotional item chair.

Sally Mobraaten – Agility – Chair

My name is Sally Mobraaten, and I started in Collies about 45 years ago with a Holmhaven pup, my first dog. We started in obedience, and I have been a performance dog person ever since. I started showing in agility around 2003, and all my collies since have attained multiple agility titles -and we love it. I have trained one very wonderful talented Smooth Collie to his MACH. He was my heart dog.

I am also on the board of an all-breed club and we put on a large all breed conformation and obedience/rally cluster show each year called Summerfest. I have helped with that each year, not show chair, but know there are a myriad of details to attend to and knowledge is the key. That is why I am willing to co-chair with an experienced person like Susan Larson who has run a CCA agility trial before. I am more familiar with the venue, and we can work together to put on a wonderful CCA agility trial.

Sue Larson – Agility – Co-chair

A collie was the first thing I bought when I got out of college. I took him to obedience school and when I went to my first trial, I was hooked. I've had collies ever since and competed in conformation, obedience, herding, agility, and tracking. I've bred a few litters and have produced several champions including the only all breed BIS winning Ch UDT collie in the history of the breed (owner handled).

I go to most every CCA and compete in conformation and usually herding and agility depending on what dog I have ready to go. I have been agility chairperson for 2 west coast CCAs and obedience co-chair for one. 2019 is my 50 year anniversary in the CCA.

I've been a member of the National Show Rules committee since 2010 and led the way to organize and improve the Performance section. Our committee is now in the process of going through and updating and clarifying the whole show rules document.

I've been a member of the National Show Committee for just about as long as the SRC and am the go-to person for questions on the performance events. We help prospective bid-submitting clubs be sure they have their bids complete and ready to go to the board for voting and we troubleshoot, when necessary, at the National.

Robette Johns - Facility – Chair

Krista Hansen – Herding – Chair

Krista Hansen began her journey in dogs in 1984, with her first Collie. Together they learned how much fun it was to learn; for Krista she learned how to train a dog, and for her dog, Bonnie, she had fun earning treats and making Krista happy. It created a bond, that was the best reward of all!

While attending dog shows to compete in obedience, her interest in conformation shows and breeding was piqued. In 1989, she married David Hansen, DVM, DACVD and together they acquired their first show dog the same year. It has given them great pleasure to have produced numerous dogs who have gone on to earn conformation, obedience, herding, rally, nosework titles for themselves and their clients under the Camloch prefix. Out of their breeding, there have also been service dogs and therapy dogs.

In 2012, Krista became an AKC judge for her breed. She found it to be an enjoyable experience and started branching out to other breeds. Each new breed is a challenge which has broadened her understanding of the nuances of that breed.

She is an active member of the Collie Health Foundation, serving on promotions, and the Board of Directors and is currently Vice-President. She is also a member of the Collie Club of America, and the Rochester Collie Club.

Krista enjoys gardening, needle work, and has found a passion in herding with her Collies!

Steve Johns – Herding – Co-chair

I became involved with dog shows and Collies when I met Robette in NYC, where we both worked. Within a year of meeting her, I had been to a dog show in NJ and then to Westminster. Two years later, I had put a CD on one of the two dogs in our first litter and finished a champion from our second litter. Thirty years later, I've put a CD on another of our dogs and HT on four others. Along the way I campaigned four of our Collies into the Top Ten and finished dozens of Champions. I'm a member of the CCA and the Quarter Century Collie Group, as well as the Collie Health Foundation.

I'm a past President of an All-Breed Club and past Chairman of the Grants Committee of the Collie Health Foundation. I'm also a past District Director of the CCA.

Robette Johns - Hotel Liaison – Chair

Pat Jung - Judges' Hospitality – Chair

I have been involved with collies since 1960. In the mid-70's I started earnestly to produce a nice line of collies under the Palary prefix, starting out with a bitch by Ch. BayMar's Coming Attraction ex a bitch primarily of San Lori background, and ended up finishing around 17 champions. My foundation bitch, Ch. Palary's Star Spangled C.D., missed being ROM by one offspring, in an era when classes of 25 at specialties were common.

I have been a member of the Collie Club of Minnesota since that time, holding various positions over the years; a member of CCA since 1983, currently serving as District Director and on the board of the Collie Health Foundation. I have served on the Judges' Education Committee, the Ethics Committee, as secretary for the Quarter Century Collie Group and as trophy chair for the National. I am also an AKC judge approved for collies and 14 other herding breeds.

In my personal life, I have worked 30+ years in biomedical research, first at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, and then at the University of Minnesota.

Richella Veatch – Obedience/Rally – Chair

My passion for the collie has grown into nearly five decades of breeding, loving and showing both varieties of collies in all colors. I am a longtime member of the Collie Club of America and I am currently the President of the East Tennessee Collie Club.

My love and admiration for the collie stems from the acquisition of my first collie in 1974. She was a product of a breeding between two collies that my parents purchased. She was the light of my life and her image and character are forever etched in my mind.

In the early 1980's I had the honor of breeding and owning the No. 2 smooth collie and No.1 male for two years and the No. 3 smooth collie and No.1 male for the 3rd year in a row according to the Smooth Colliers magazine.

More recently, I co-owned the Hawkin's System, No. 8 Rough Collie, GChS Star Country Demuir I Am I Am with Diane Steele. In addition, one of my most beloved Collies is nearly 13-year-old, Baby, GCh. Hollicove Got Her Blu Jeans On, BN, CD, RAE3, ASCA RNX, ASCA HIT CD, CGC, HIC. Baby and I were invited to the AKC Rally National, and we were fortunate enough to be the top ranked Smooth Collie in that competition.

I have always taken my responsibilities seriously. My experience covers exhibiting, judging, breeding, and education as an advocate for pure-bred dogs. I have judged matches, sweeps and tournaments, ring stewarded, and served East Tennessee Collie Club, Oak Ridge Kennel Club and the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club since I moved to Tennessee. I am the AKC-Delegate for the Tennessee Valley Kennel Club, and I was approved by AKC to judge collies and specialty juniors six years ago.

I have been the show chairman for East Tennessee Collie Club for four years, Chair of Obedience and Rally for The Tennessee Valley Kennel Club for five years, and Obedience and Rally Chair for the Collie Club of America twice. Within my community I taught obedience classes at our Senior Citizen's Center.

I have bred over fifty champions. I have shown and finished collies throughout the United States and internationally, including Mexico and Canada, including the No.1 Smooth Collie in Canada in 1978. I also have four International Champions with my kennel name.

It is with great pleasure I've offered to Chair Obedience and Rally for the 2021 Collie Club of America Specialty.

Cynthia ("Cindi") Casby – Obedience - Co-chair

I grew up in the 60's in Red Bank, New Jersey only miles from Bellhaven Kennels, so my love of Collies may have been predestined. I never met Mrs. Florence Ilch, but I fell in love with 2 beautiful neighbor Collies that were probably Bellhaven-bred. I got my first Collie dog, from a puppy farm, in the early 70's (age 13) and took my first Obedience training classes with the Monmouth Kennel Club. I learned I need a purebred dog to show in Obedience, so when I graduated college in 1981 I went looking for my first "real" Collie.

I was living on Long Island, NY, by then and found Jane Jorchelle (RedWynd Collies), who was breeding Royal Rock dogs. I bought a rough sable male puppy from Jane and named him "Hawkeye." I joined the Collie Club of Long Island where I learned from such Collie rock stars as Lee Canavan and Verna Allen. I trained Hawk, and my boyfriend's Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Mail Order Annie, at the Naussa Dog Training Club. Kathy Stokey, also in CCLI, introduced me to competitive Collie obedience. I started training with Kathy in 1982. Later, we connected with Cindy Doren and we both joined the American Working Collie Club during its very early years.

Hawkeye came with me when I moved to Los Angeles, California in 1984. The CCA National was in Los Angeles that year at the Pomona Fair Grounds. I was thrilled and amazed to attend. Kathy referred me to Jan Shields, who was living in the LA area at the time. I started studying obedience with Jan, who became my dearest friend and mentor. Jan sponsored me to join the Collie Club of America in 1984. So 2019 is my 35th year in CCA! Training with Jan, Hawkeye became **Redwynd's Corwin of Amber CDX HIC TT**. We even earned a High in Trial at the San Gabriel Valley Collie Club show. I also joined the Companion Dog Training Club and became Recording Secretary. We loved showing in obedience all over SoCal.

I purchased my first purebred bitch, **Allenbar's Fireside Chat HIC** ("Cozy") in 1988. I breed her to the beautiful Kane (Ch Amberlyn's Bright Tribute) who was being campaigned by Jodi Ostrowski. Their beautiful son, **Fireside's Presidigitator**, was badly spooked at 6 months when a sudden thunderstorm broke out at his very first dog show. The pouring rain on the tarps, hats and umbrellas was just too much for him and he never showed again. I kept "Merlyn" as a pet, along with littermate "Lancelot" **Fireside's Bright Knight**. I took the boys when moved to Lexington, Kentucky to attend law school in 1995. Lance came down with DMS, which put me on a quest for genetically healthy dogs. Unfortunately, I was very busy in Kentucky and never did connect with the local collie folks in Louisville.

I moved back to Los Angeles in 1999 and was ready for a new Collie by 2001. I reconnected with Gwen Medlin and Joan Berfield (Stony Point) and got my first Tricolor, a rough male I named "Teddy". Teddy and I discovered Agility together. I joined the Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, West Los Angeles Dog Obedience Club and Jump City Agility. Teddy became my first herding dog (thanks to Jan Shields) and my first therapy dog. His formal name was **Stony Point's Rough Rider CD RE HT NAP OJP TDI HIC TT**. He still graces my Facebook page.

In 2004 Amber Shields entrusted me with an amazing Tricolor smooth bitch, "Jessie". Jessie was my first smoothie and I fell in love with the variety. I took her to my dear friend Diana Hiiesalu-Bain for evaluation at 6 months old. Diana finished her in two specialty weekends to become my first breed champion and first specialty BOV. Jessie also took on many sports and ended up **CH Northshield's Fireside Tale RN HT NAP NJP CGC HIC VA**. She was a Most Versatile Collie qualifier at CCA National in Boise, ID (2006). She received her CCA versatility award (VA) at the CCA National in Pomona (2010). Diana showed her in Boise and we were happy she made the first cut in BOV despite being in the middle of a false pregnancy.

Jessie was line-bred to the beautiful Ch Stony Point Unleashed, Gwen and Joan's rough sable male. She produced of my first homebred champion - **Ch Fireside's She's All That Imaje CGC ("Sally")**, who was owner-handled by top 10 Junior Karina Avila. Ed Degner showed her littermate, "Peanut" for me to multiple RWBs, but I eventually decide to take her on to other sports. She ended her days as an amazing therapy dog - **Fireside's Unbelievable Tale BN RN NAJ NJP THDN TDI**.

Shelly Bergstraser and Laura (Bergstraser) Kling bred my current smooth Tri champion bitch, **Ch Wild Wind's Magical Mischief Maker at Fireside RN HT FDC NA NAJ CA BCAT RATN CGC TKI ("Potter")**. I'm so blessed that they trusted me with this awesome bitch who excels at any sport we try! She's earned multiple BOVs and a **Group 3** at Beverly Hills Kennel Club show! She is VA-eligible and I will nominate her for the 2021 national. She is my first dog to qualify for tracking trials. I am so excited to try for my first TD.

This year I bred Potter to my young tri smooth boy from Casey and Cody Campbell (Wyoming). He is from GCHB Ch Qualteri Lazurite Island Tryst IT CGC (top 10 and RBIS white smooth dog being shown by Laura Kling) x Ch Wild Wind Wyoming Blue Jade. "MacGyver" is a very capable boy and currently titled **Meadowlark's I Can Do Anything at Fireside FDC CA BCAT RATI TKN (major pointed)** with legs in RN and RATN. He was #2 FAST CAT collie in 2018, 0.37 MPH behind Moxie Fly by Night! He is currently in training for agility where I expect him to excel!

My young rough tri puppy from Potter,"Gryffindor" (**Fireside's Mischief Managed**) is just beautiful! He's only 5 months old but already doing great with obedience and his agility fundamentals classes. His genetic profile from Wisdom Health is perfect and I can't wait to see how he develops.

I am a member of CCA, the Collie Health Foundation, Southern California Collie Club, American Working Collie Club and the Valley Hills Obedience Club. I would be honored to be co-chair of Obedience for 2021 along with most knowledgeable Judge Richella Veatch, if you so desire.