

Life Member: Audrey Collins

Audrey Collins has been a member of Yankee Golden Retriever Club since the early 1960s. She has served the club with dedication on many committees, and is always willing to help out cheerfully. She has always welcomed newcomers to Golden Retrievers with friendly and respected advice. She was the Board Advisor Director for several years.

Audrey and John bought their first Golden in 1964 from the Worrest's High Farms Kennel. Since that time they have bred and finished eight champions. Diana, their third champion, was from their first litter. She became an outstanding dam. Yankee's Best of Opposite Sex perpetual trophy was donated by Audrey and John in honor and memory of Diana.

Audrey has been an AKC judge since the mid-1980s. She is now qualified to judge ten sporting breeds. She is a GRCA member and is very active with the Framingham Kennel Club.

Audrey's devotion to the breed includes field work. When she was training her love and special dog, *Boomer*, he behaved like the typical older stud dog in the field, marking every blade of grass as he went out for his bird and as he returned with it. The process took lots of time, and Audrey yelled out, *Boomer, get in here or I'm going to make Boomer-burgers out of you!* The threat worked; Boomer became a good worker.

Boomer learned a lot before his untimely death to cancer, but Audrey still needs to work on her bumper-throwing skills. We present you with this tiny 3" long bumper to keep your arm in practice!

We are proud to name Audrey Collins a Life Member of Yankee. See you in the field!

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excerpt from the speech by YGRC President Ann Houston*