

Life Members: Bob Bagley & Jean Bagley

Elected at the January 22, 2000 Annual Meeting

Bob and Jean Bagley joined Yankee in 1978 with their first Golden, which their daughter urged them to buy from a co-worker. They promptly became involved in multiple activities, eventually competing with their dogs in conformation, field, and obedience.

Bob was particularly interested in obedience and field training, and with his beloved Pippin earned a Derby 1st and a Qualifying 2nd in sanctioned field trials. Bob's penchant for field training led him to become a judge of sanctioned trials, WC/WCX tests, and AKC Hunting Retriever tests. He also was the field representative to the Board of Directors, and served as an instructor in Yankee's field classes. Among Bob's students were some others who are now life members, including Audrey Collins (deceased) and Ann Houston, to whom he gave bumper-throwing lessons, using a trash can lid as a target.

Jean Bagey has held a variety of positions within Yankee. In 1984, she was chosen to edit the club newsletter, and she has remained integrally involved in club activities ever since. Among other things, Jean has served as Membership chair, Director (1990-1991), and Advisor Director (1992-1993). For many years Jean has been one of Yankee's highly regarded breeder referral representatives, who must respond to a wide range of inquiries about puppies and Golden Retrievers in general.

Jean and Bob are well known for several other things, especially including their interest in the opera and their own singing talents. They have done therapy work with their dogs for many years. They also have earned the prize for the most elegant contribution to Hunt Test tail-gate parties, in the form of Jean's caviar pie!