

Life Membership: Mike Lappin



Mike is an Eagle Scout as are all his brothers. He got his DVM from Michigan State University. Mike started out to be an Electrical Engineer but changed his major after working at the Philmont Boy Scout Camp. Dr Robert Hutchinson (who does seminars on canine reproduction) was his parents' vet and they lived near his hospital. Mike had standard poodles (and one mini poodle) when he met his wife Fran in 1990. That's when they got their first golden.

Mike has spent more than a dozen years on the YGRC board. Mike was a director from 2001-2007, Vice President 2008-2009, and a director again 2010-2013. He was the chairman of Yankee's obedience committee from 2000-2004. He served as obedience trial chair for the Yankee specialty for several years and arranged obedience and agility training parties for club members. He's been on the trial committee at Yankee agility trials for as long as anyone can remember. He's

coordinated the workers, and he directed the annual Retired Canine Demo held for many years at the December trials to recognize and honor retired agility dogs.

Mike arranged and coordinated some very successful seminars on canine reproduction with Dr Robert Hutchinson in 2002 and again in 2004. He's organized and performed the DNA Blood Draws at the GRCA national specialty and Yankee specialty for many, many years.

Mike was Vice President of the Golden Retriever Foundation 2007-2010. He actively supports and participates in the Morris Animal Foundation / Golden Retriever Lifetime Study as both a vet and a Golden owner.

Mike also had a role in evaluating research proposals/requests that go to the GRF. He supports and promotes the LIFETIME study and has the most study enrolled dogs in his practice of any veterinarian in the country.

Mike is a retired AKC agility judge and rally judge. He earned many obedience and agility titles on his dogs including:

Tess — Edgehill Tipperary Temptress CDX AX OAJ NAP NJP NAC-V

Scarlett — Christie's Red Alert RN AX AXJ OF

Heidi — Rookery's NFL Blackout CDX RA AX AXJ MXP MJP

Joy — Lazydaze Jump For Joy CD RA MX MXJ AXP AJP OFP

Mike was awarded the YGRC President's Service Award in 2001 and the Sonntag Service Award in 2007.

In his free time, Mike is an avid photographer and likes to play golf.

