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The following **Schipperke Club of America members** have been approved by the Judges Education Committee to work with student judges of the Schipperke. All have met a list of qualifications set by the SCA Board of Directors, and have assured that they have the time available to devote to those requesting mentoring.

The Schipperke Club of America's intent is to provide you with easy access to a qualified and experienced mentor in your area. Our resource pool is being continuously developed, and we expect to add a significant number of approved mentors in the future. The list is provided by region.

EASTERN REGION – AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC TN, VA, VT, WV

DIANE HARRIS (Maryville, TN), 865-856-0330 - Sheradind@aol.com

- Had Schipperkes since 1975, shown in conformation since 1976.
- Member of SCA since 1979. Active in the club and served in various positions, including National Specialty Show Chair, Breeder Education, JEC chair and have assisted with several Judges' Education Seminars.
- In limited breeding, have bred over 50 champions, including BIS, BISS, and various Specialty winners. Our dogs are always breeder/owner/handled.
- Bred, owned, and handled a two time BBE Group One winner at Eukanuba Invitational.
- Judged the first Futurity for SCA in 1995.
- Judged Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes for numerous regional Schipperke clubs.

This breed is my heart and it's a pleasure to share their fine points with our future judges.

SHERWOOD HARRIS (Maryville, TN), 865-856-0330 - Sheradind@aol.com

Have been involved with the Schipperke breed since 1956. Have bred and finished well over 50 AKC champions, including several Top Ten dogs, a Westminster best of breed winner, several ROMs and ROMX award winners, and a multi- BIS, BISS top producing dog.

Have been an AKC Judge since 1979, judging non-sporting breeds. Judged the Schipperke Club of America National Specialty. Have judged the Illiana, Lone Star, Southern California, and Colonial Schipperke Regional Specialty Shows.

Have presented Judges Education Seminars and done ringside mentoring. Am an active member of East TN Judges Association.

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APRIL LESSIG (Sarasota, FL), 941-306-7087 - seabreezschips@aol.com

Showing schipperkes since 1985 in conformation and performance events. Owner/handle own dogs the majority of the time and currently have 8 BBE champions out of limited breeding and include them in my 15 champion and performance titled dogs.

Produced group winning, group placing dogs as well as a top ten breed/all-breed dog. Bred Best in Sweeps puppy at the 2009 SCA National. Also co-bred BIS and group winning Australian Shepherds.

Have given several schipperke breed seminars, worked at several National Specialties, Meet the Breeds at Eukanuba. Mentored new schipperke breeders in Florida, as well as several judges.

CYNTHIA LEWIS (Wakeman, OH), 440-574-4507 – zephyrschips@gmail.com

I feel I am very knowledgeable about our lovely breed. I have been showing them since 1980. I was a novice of course back then and learned a lot about showing from many friends, mentors and handlers.

I have attended many of the judges mentoring programs put on at most of the specialties I have attended. I also have attended many of the breeder's programs at the specialties. I also have attended judges' mentorship programs and have offered my dogs as dogs to be evaluated by prospective judges.

KRISTA NUOVO (Middletown, NY), 516-521-5536 - DeLamer@hvc.rr.com

My fancy for the breed all started at the age of 7. I purchased many high quality bitches from Knotty Knoll Schipperkes. My first Group placing dog won BOB at the first Colonial Schipperke Club Regional Specialty. I have attended consecutive nationals going back to 1990, going Best of Breed twice. I have also produced the top winning Best in Show bitch in breed history.

SHIRLEY QUILLEN (Ashville, OH), 740-983-2071 - imaskip@earthlink.net

Obtained first Schipperke in 1978 and joined Schipperke Club of America. Have shown in conformation, obedience, agility and rally since. Have served SCA as Bulletin Columnist, Breeder Education Chair, Health and Genetics Chair, Trustee of SCA Rescue and Health Foundation, and am on Judges' Education Committee. Wrote SCA booklet "Breeding Your Schipperke" and co-wrote AKC Schipperke Breed Brochure.

Have bred and finished over 40 AKC Champions and put over 25 titles on over 10 of those champions in Obedience, Agility and/or Rally including 3 CH-UD bitches. Have produced 3 ROMs and had two WB-BW at National Specialties.

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EDWARD SIMANEK (Jefferson, MD), 301-834-6302 - simanek@aol.com

I started showing Schips in 1959, dogs belonging to fellow kennel club members, and got a chance to know the breed well. We got our own Schip in 1961 and kept one Schip at a time for 20 years. In the 1980's we got started in Schips again and have produced two BIS dogs, several group 1 and group placing winners and 15 champions in the last 23 years while breeding one litter a year or less. We show our dogs ourselves or allow owners to show them without professional help.

MARYANN SIMANEK (Jefferson, MD), 301-834-6302 - messchip1@aol.com

I first showed a Schip in 1954 and got to know the breed in depth. I got a chance to help fellow kennel club members show their Schips in the 1950's and 1960's. After acquiring our Schip in 1961 we kept a single Schip until the 1980's when we went into breeding as well as showing. We breed less than once a year but have turned out two BIS dogs, multiple Group 1 and group placing winners and 15 champions since 1988.

SHIRLEY SMITH (Frewsburg, NY), 716-569-6802 – logaven1@windstream.net

I have bred Schipperkes on a limited basis for over 30 years. While not a volume breeder, a high percentage of puppies finished their championships. A number of dogs have attained top ten status as well as BISS plus several Awards of Merit.

Having judged many Matches, Regional Sweeps and a National Futurity I know the importance of helping others learn the "Essence" of our breed.

I am a long-time member of the Erie Canal Schipperke Club and the Schipperke Club of America and past president of both.

CATHY THISTLE (Selbyville, DE), 302-436-8588 - foxnoirthistle@aol.com

My grandmother knew schipperkes well, being from Belgium, and highly recommended the breed as a pet so I acquired my first schipperke at age nine in 1969. For the next ten years I showed both in breed and obedience. I bred my first litter in about 1981 and started fostering rescue schips. I have bred about fifty AKC and Canadian champions. Presently I am working with a schip bitch in both rally and obedience. In addition to SCA I also belong to the Schipperke Club of Canada, The Colonial Schipperke Club, Potomac Basset Hound Club and the Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club.

MELISSA CHONOS (Jerseyville, IL), 618-920-9269 - mgmnmknl@yahoo.com

I have been in this breed since seeing them at the National Specialty in Louisville, Kentucky in 1991. I have been a member of the SCA since 1993 and have attended National Specialties.

I have done Judge's Education once at the Memphis, TN shows, have mentored and am currently mentoring judges who have gone on to get their license to judge Schipperkes. I have bred 13 champions out of 8 litters in 15 years, including specialty winners and group winners.

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CENTRAL REGION – AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, SD, TX, WI

CLAUDIA FOWLER (Mineral Wells, TX), 940-445-0533 – lusa@juno.com

I started in Schipperkes in 1974. I joined the Schipperke Club of America in 1975 and the Lone Star Schipperke Club in 1976. I have attended several Nationals and Lone Star Schipperke Club specialties and enjoy mentoring new people to the breed.

I have bred and owner handled numerous Schipperke champions under the kennel name Lusa Chula and have owned and co-owned and finished many others. I have also earned several CD titles and a CGC.

I have judged Sweepstakes for the Lone Star Schipperke Club and I am now a provisional judge for Schipperkes and Jr. Showmanship.

AMY GOSSMAN (Cannon, MN), 612-940-2242 - AmyAnnie@Frontier.com

Amy is a native Minnesotan, married, and her lifelong love of dogs led to her involvement with Schipperkes in 1983.

Her first Schip was an enthusiastic obedience and agility dog, but Amy's focus soon shifted to the breed ring. Her "Dante" kennel has since produced several generations of Champions, Best in Show dogs, and National Specialty winners.

Amy's other interests include horses, travel, and keeping up with friends & family.

Her goal is to help you understand the essence of the Schipperke, so that you can feel confident and enjoy judging this unique breed.

AMY HALTERMAN (Howell, MI), 517-546-2490 - rivendel@charter.net

I purchased my first Schipperke in 1977, have been involved in breeding and showing ever since. I have been a member of SMSC since the late 80s and a member of the Schipperke Club of America since 1994. Served on the SCA board for two terms. To date I have bred over 50 champions.

As a breeder my accomplishments include multiple group winners, multiple BISS winners and multiple grand champions, ROM and ROMX Schipperkes. Have participated in over 15 Nationals and a very large number of regional specialties. Because of my willingness to travel, I have had the opportunity to see Schipperkes throughout the country and have both attended and presented dogs at several national seminars. Have also assisted with presentations at other venues.

Schipperkes are a way of life for me and enjoy mentoring prospective judges on this wonderful breed.

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BEVERLY HENRY (Little Elm, TX), 214-728-6522 - chestara@sbcglobal.net

Member of SCA since 1976. Shown in conformation since 1962. Served as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Director of SCA. Formerly chairperson of Judges Education and Membership Committees and was a founding trustee of the SCA Rescue and Health Foundation.

Judged Schipperkes for 24 years until recent retirement; judged Colonial, Southern California and Lone Star specialties. Owned and/or bred 20+ Schipperke champions. Have made presentations to many judge's associations and judge's seminars at all-breed shows, attended at least 19 National Specialties; have assisted in many presentations at National Specialties both in the hands-on and in the mentoring box. Mentored many current Schipperke judges.

VICKI HESTER (Lapeer, MI), 810-667-3712 - vhester19@aol.com

SANDRA KING (Taylor Ridge, IL), 309-787-6363 - sandyking@mchsi.com

I started in Belgian Sheepdogs in 1972; I have bred and shown Belgian Sheepdogs to their championships, obedience titles and group placings. I've been a member of the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America since 1973 and am a lifetime member.

I joined the Schipperke world in 1978. I joined the Schipperke Club of America in 1995. I have several generations of champion Schipperkes as well as Schipperkes in the Top Ten. I have had group winning Schipperkes, including Specialty wins.

I am an AKC approved judge. My goal as a mentor is to educate judges on the Schipperke standard.

MARY KRAUS, Doctor of Pharmacy (Waukesha, WI) - mary@kraushouse.org

I started showing when I was 13 and grew up in Siberian Huskies and Schipperkes. I have shown and bred many Schipperkes (close to 50) to their championships over the years competed in Juniors with a Schip (1993 Top SCA Junior). I have owned and exhibited many Schipperke Best in Show, Best in Specialty Show and National Specialty Winners.

Committees that I have served on for SCA include: Board Member, JEC Chairman and Presenter, National Specialty Coordinator, Bulletin Editor and currently Breeder's Education. Currently I breed and exhibit Schipperkes, Belgian Sheepdogs and Siberian Huskies primarily in the Midwest.

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VIRGINIA LARIOZA (Fowlerville, MI), 517-223-4248 - raffineeskips@ohanakarate.com

Involved in the sport since childhood exhibiting in breed, junior showmanship and obedience. Together with my daughter (a former top junior) we have bred over 50 champions, numerous specialty winners and Top 20 Schips. We proudly have several top producers including the top all time producing sire. I have served as the Gazette columnist for over 15 years, past board member, Bulletin editor, Show chair and chair of the JEC. In addition having judged the SCA National Sweepstakes and taught a number of JEC seminars.

TOM LUKE (Peru, IN), 765-473-8380 - chatelet@earthlink.net

Bought first show Schipperke in 1978 and attended my first National specialty in 1979. Since then I have attended most National specialties and many more regional specialties. Have produced over 100 champions as breeder or co-breeder. Many of these have won at specialties; six were ranked in the top twenty, four in the top five and one won BIS, all owner-handled. I have assisted in several SCA judge's education seminars, given several others and have been a ringside mentor numerous times. I am currently approved by AKC to judge Schipperkes and Dalmatians.

JUNE MOORE (Midland, TX), 423-214-3399 – tschips@suddenlink.net

I am an AKC approved judge for schipperkes. Involved in the breed since 1993, I have bred numerous champions, top 20 ranked schipperkes consistently, ranked obedience and agility schipperkes. I have also produced two top-winning dogs in New Zealand. My primary focus in the breed is conformation, breeding for sound structure, temperament, health and breed type. I have served SCA in many capacities over the years, including President, Secretary, Treasurer, and various committee chair positions including the current JEC chair. I am dedicated to the preservation of the breed and the club. My goal is to educate judges on correct breed type.

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DIANE RAMSEY (Holt, MO) - dianeramsey@hotmail.com

I have been in Schipperkes since 1986, am a member of the Schipperke Club of America (SCA), Illiana Schipperke Club and Schipperke Club of Greater St. Louis. I was top SCA Junior Handler in 1994/1995. I have attended every SCA National specialty since 1991.

Our kennel has produced Register of Merit Excellent dams, multiple specialty/sweepstakes winners, and numerous champions. We've assisted several provisional judges with kennel visit evaluations.

My goal as a mentor is to educate judges on the Schipperke standard and the uniqueness of the breed. With that knowledge, hopefully you will be able to judge Schipperkes with confidence.

LEE ANN STUSNICK (Shawnee, OK), 405-273-8165 - Lstusnick@aol.com

Member of SCA since 1980, serving as President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. Owned and showed Schipperkes continuously since 1978, breeding first litter in 1980.

- Breeder of over 60 AKC Champions, including "top ten", group winners and six ROM bitches
- Ring side mentor at many national specialty shows and individually mentored several judges
- Sweepstakes judge for specialty club with entry over 100
- Attended over 30 SCA National Specialty Shows
- Past member Judges' Education Committee
- Presented or participated in several judges' education seminars

My goal is to facilitate understanding AKC Schipperke Standard and essence of the Schipperke.

DARA WILCOX (Lead Hill, AR) 870-577-3906 - daradan@leadhill.net

I started showing Schipperkes in 1986. Since then I have bred and finished championships on 20 Schipperkes. Several of them are multi-specialty winners and ROM dogs. I strive to breed soundness and type in my dogs. My dogs have been used at judge's education seminars at specialties and at the Judges Institute at Cal Poly California. I am interested in helping educate judges and newcomers to the Schipperke breed, keeping in mind the breed standard.

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WESTERN REGION - AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

KATHY GAUL-MONTGOMERY (Winlock, WA), 360-785-3970 - Kleingaul@aol.com

Member of SCA since 1971. Served as President and multiple times as Director. Attended 35+ SCA National Specialties. Served as Judges Education Chair. Committees: Breed video for AKC and The Complete Schipperke (1993).

In the sport of dogs since 1958, exhibited Schipperkes since 1967. Breeder of 100+ Schipperke Champions, with multi BIS, BISS, in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Presenter at several Non-Sporting seminars and ringside mentor at many National and Regional specialties.

All-breed handler for over 20 years. Instructor for Obedience and Conformation for 40 years. Served as President, Vice President and Director for Regional Schipperke Club. Judged Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Futurity and Maturity Classes at the National Specialty.

ANN F. GROSSER (Phoenix, AZ), 602-938-0346 - kenbe@centurylink.net

I have thoroughly enjoyed the sport of raising and showing pure bred dogs since the late 1960's. I have been a breeder and handler of my own top winning Schipperkes since the 1980's.

I have owned BIS, BISS, CD, CDX, NA, and high-in-trial Schipperkes. In 2010 I had four Schipperkes in the top twenty. I have helped present many Judges Education Programs and provided ringside mentoring at numerous shows including quite a few times at the National. I judged the 2012 SCA National held in Lancaster, PA and three regional Specialties including the Regional before the National in 2010.

LISA HAINES (Bonney Lake, WA), 661-816-0382 – haines.lm@yahoo.com

I acquired my first Schipperke in 1986 and bred my first litter in 1989 under the kennel name Ebony Sands, which I share with my mother. I began exhibiting in conformation shows at the age of 16. I have bred and shown Schipperkes, Harriers, Whippets and Basenjis along with professionally handling many additional breeds. I judged the Sweepstakes at the Schipperke Club of Arizona Specialty in 2002 as well as numerous Sanctioned Puppy Matches, Puppy and Bred-by Groups at AKC shows. To date I have bred 45 AKC Champions and I am an AKC breeder of merit.

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KATHY NAVARRETE (Palmdale, CA), 661-609-8370 - ebonysands@antelecom.net

I have been involved in schipperkes for over 25 years and showing for 20 years. I bred my first litter in 1989. My daughter and I have put AKC Championship titles on 32 of our dogs.

I have been a member of the Schipperke Club of America since 2001 and have served on the board of the club as President and as a Director. I have served as chair or co-chair on numerous committees during my membership.

My goal is to assist you in understanding and interpreting the unique personality and inherent qualities of the schipperke.

BETTY JO PATRICK (Tucson, AZ), 520-722-7741 - schipyr@gmail.com

I began showing Shetland Sheepdogs in 1972, purchased a Schipperke in 1981 and joined SCA in 1983.

Service to the Schipperke Club of America:

- Board of Directors
- National Specialty Coordinator
- National Specialty Show Chair
- Judges Education mentor at numerous Nationals
- SCA Delegate since 2004
- Mentored many prospective judges

I have had 20 litters (58 puppies), producing 35 Champions, and when possible, finishing from the BBE class. While producing several group winning dogs, my proudest moment was winning first in the BBE class and BOB at the 1996 National with dogs that were breeder-owner-handled.

MARSHA SCHAFFER (Granger, WA), 509-854-2722 - ramarschips@embarqmail.com

I bought my first schipperke when I was 14 years old for 4-H. I fell in love with the breed then and bought my first show Schipperke in 1975. Over the years I have had many generations of champions and group placing Schipperkes, the majority owner handled. I have had Schipperkes in the Top Ten and many WD/WB, BOS, AOM specialty winning Schips as well as multiple BISS.

I have ring side mentored at both Regional and National level.

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CANADA

MARNIE LAYNG (Ontario, Canada) - mlayng@bell.net

I started in purebred dogs in 1964 and Schipperkes in 1982 joining the SCA in 1984. I have also owned, bred and shown Shelties, Rough Collies and Bearded Collies. I previously was employed as an Animal Assisted Therapist at a mental health hospital. I also have taught handling and obedience classes. At SCA National Specialties my dogs have been awarded Best of Breed, Best Opposite, AOM, WD and WB. One of my males was tied for top stud dog in the USA in 2008. I'm a strong believer in mentoring newcomers to the Schipperke and about the sport of dogs.

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