

WHO'S WHO WITH COLLEEN NICHOLSON & CINDY KELSO KELVIEW DOBERMANS



CH. Kelview's Ariana V. Nova "Ariana" (Winners Bitch & Best of Winners at the National while Colleen was eight months pregnant with her second child)



CH. Destiny's Mystic Masterpiece "Magnum" (Colleen's first Doberman)

WHO WERE YOUR MENTORS AND WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE OR VALUABLE THINGS THEY TAUGHT YOU?

I got our second Doberman, "Magnum", a black male, from Carole Bohanan-Uhler of Destiny Dobermans. He was a wonderful dog in looks and in temperament. I was twenty-three years old and had shown some dogs for other people, though not well I'm sure. Carole had faith in me. I had no money, so she let me work off the payment by showing Magnum's two sisters. I finished Magnum, his two sisters as well as a brother from that litter. She taught me how to care for them, groom them etc...

I will always be grateful for the start Carole gave me in Dobermans.

Along the way as I was showing Magnum, I met Jeff Brucker. He asked me if I would work for him and he would teach me to show dogs. So, my love for showing began. I worked with Jeff for three years and became more skilled working with all different breeds. Jeff has great hands on a dog; he is a master at showing a dog. I will always be grateful for his advice, patience and the knowledge he shared with me. After Jeff moved to Florida, I would pester Terry Hundt with more questions and solutions to problems. She gave me the single best advice—"If you can get into the head of each dog you show, you will master the

secret of showing them successfully to the best of your knowledge and ability." I have lived by that and have found success with it.

IN FIVE WORDS, DESCRIBE YOUR IDEAL DOBERMAN.

Alert, Guardian, Square, Heavy boned, Majestic.

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A DPCA NATIONAL? WHICH ONE WAS YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY?

I have attended a lot of Nationals over the last 25 years and have several favorites. In 1999, while eight months pregnant with my second child, I went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners with CH. Kelview's

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CH. Kelview's Final Inquest "Juri"



CH. Kelview's Brenna V. Nova "Brenna"



BISS Am GCH Can GCH Kelview's Crown Jewel V. Mueller "Tia" (Top 20—2014, breeder/owner/handled)



CH. Beaulane Hot Topic "Dagger" (shown by Colleen to his 3rd major at 8 months old)



CH. Kelview's Dynasty V. Nova "Dynasty"

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Ariana v. Nova, a bitch that we bred and co-owned. In 2001, CH. Nova's Zolara v. Kelview, shown by Ann White, went Best of Breed under Linda Krukar at just 16 months of age. We were sitting outside the ring just so excited that we might get an Award of Merit! In 2009, while fighting Stage 3 breast cancer, I won Best of Breed with CH. Triadels After Tomorrow "Tommy" under Mary Rodgers. It was so unexpected and I didn't even know if I would get to go and show because I had just finished chemo.

HOW MANY LITTERS/CHAMPIONS/TITLED DOGS HAVE YOU PRODUCED?

My sister Cindy and I have never been about how many champions we have produced. We are more concentrated on the quality of the dogs we show. We think that is much more important—Quality over Quantity. We do have champions and/or performance dogs out of each litter and we only breed one or two litters a year.

IS THERE A BREEDING YOU WISH YOU WOULD HAVE DONE?

Yes, back when we were breeding with Frank and Eileen Schenck, I wish we would have bred Yolanda to Cryptonite. I loved that dog from the moment I saw him at seven months of age.

WHAT DOG FROM THE PAST DO YOU MOST WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN IN PERSON?

CH. Marienburg Sun Hawk. He looked so impressive and has been in so many pedigrees.

ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE BREED WHO PURCHASED THEIR FOUNDATION STOCK FROM YOU? ANY PEOPLE YOU ARE CURRENTLY MENTORING?

We have become close with two sets of people who we are mentoring.

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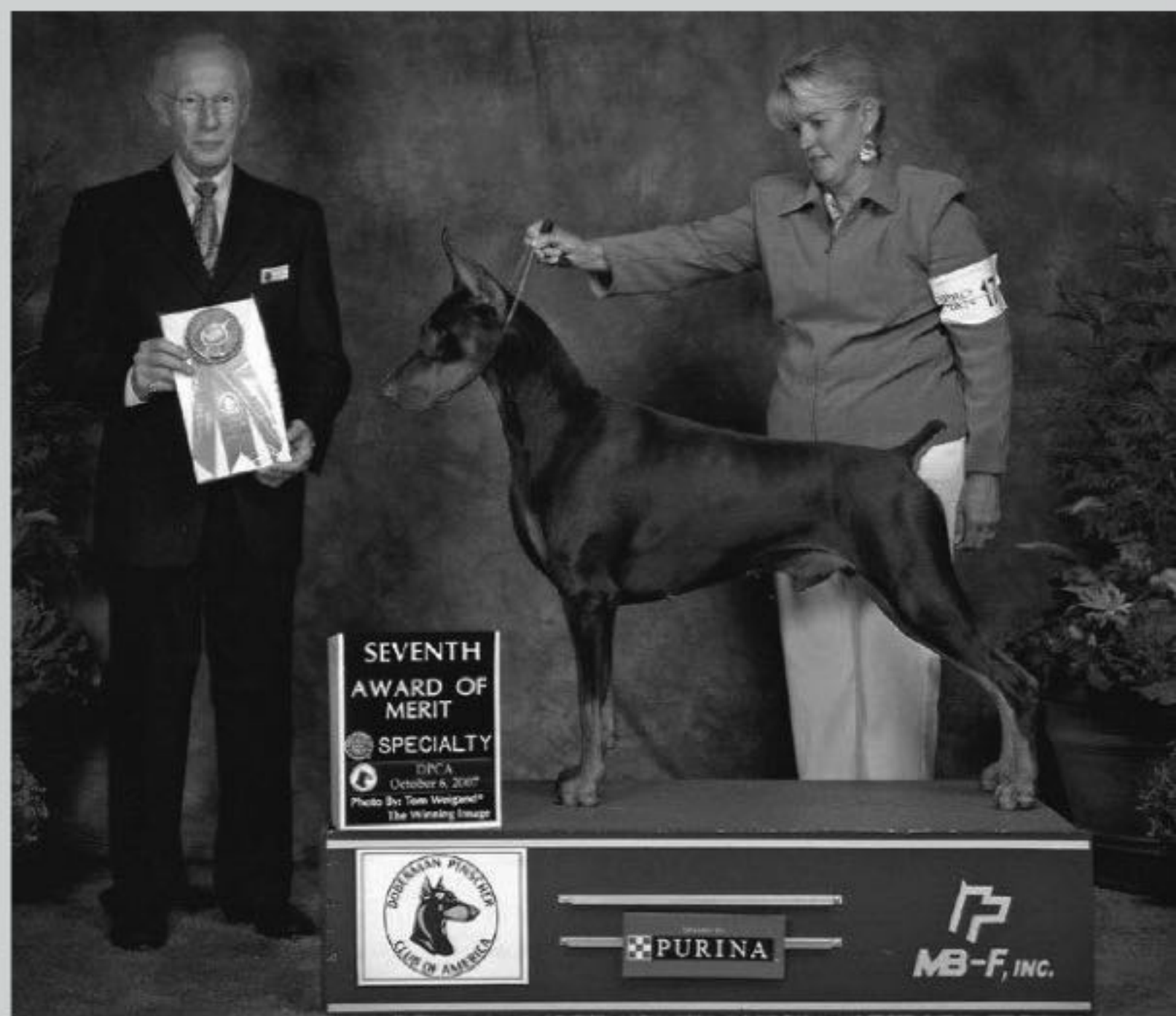
CH. Nova's Zolara V. Kelview "Zolara" (pictured at 7 1/2 years old. She was BOB at the 2001 National at just 16 months of age)



CH. Triadel's After Tomorrow "Tommy"



BISS Am GCH Can GCH Kelview's Gemini V. Nova "Gemmi"



CH. Nova's Zhivago V. Kelview "Yuri"

Pam and Charlie Stedman of Stedfast Dobermans purchased their foundation bitch from us eleven and a half years ago. She is a breeder-owner-handler and has finished many champions. Our Canadian friends Greg Chan and Theresa Connors-Chan of Connquest Dobermans are also breeder-owner-handlers. They have produced many nice litters. Greg showed their dog Gage to Top Working Dog in Canada. We feel blessed to be able to help them learn to

be better handlers and breeders and see them succeed.

WHAT FUTURE GOALS DO YOU HAVE IN THE BREED?

We always have something we want to attain in Dobermans. Something that has eluded us is Grand Prize Futurity at the National. We have had Best Puppy or Best Junior but not Grand Prize. We think it would be an honor to win and someday an honor for Colleen to judge.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE GREATEST THING A BREEDER CAN DO TO GIVE BACK TO THE BREED?

Our goal for our breeding program is to breed healthy, correct conformation, performance dogs staying true to our standard. We also look forward to mentoring new people into our breed. All of this so our breed can continue to improve now and in the future. ■