

Life Member: Leila Sears

Elected at the January 17, 1998 Annual Meeting

Leila Sears was a charter member of the Yankee Golden Retriever Club who hosted the club's early matches on her property in Wayland Massachusetts. She also judged conformation at sanctioned matches.

From the October 1969 newsletter:

October 19, 1969 marked the triumphal day of Yankee's second AKC sanctioned match. Over 100 members and their guests watched 45 Goldens compete in conformation, 9 in obedience, and 14 youngsters in junior showmanship, under fair skies, a crisp October breeze and in the ideal setting of Miss Leila Sears's sweeping lawns and bright fall chrysanthemums.

In 1970, Leila Sears was named the first Chair of the newly formed Yankee Program Committee.

Leila Sears bred under the kennel name of Kingoldrum starting in 1956 and continuing through the early 1970s. She was the breeder/owner of Am. CH. Kingoldrum Iolanthe, whelped 4/8/1960.

The Kingoldrum kennel name has now been designated as historical by the Golden Retriever Club of America and represents a breeder who had significant impact on the breed in either conformation or performance areas and who is no longer actively breeding or exhibiting.