

# 2013 ACBA Hall of Fame



## Stephen Lussier



Stephen Lussier can be best described as an unofficial Ambassador to the Cavy Fancy. I do not say this lightly, as I have witnessed him in action for twenty years working for and with our membership. I have watched him make sure children received top quality stock, advise new exhibitors and veterans alike, tutor the finer points of raising cavies, and has helped train many our judges by way of their working judging assists under him. Steve always is patient with those he is working with, taking the time to fully answer their questions and educate them about their animals. This is also true of him behind the judging table, always giving comments which will help the exhibitor learn more about their animal, rather than rush to drive home from the show an hour earlier.

Along with his wife Margie, Steve Lussier first caught the cavy bug around 1970 and joined the ACBA soon after. He has raised Americans in a variety of colors, American Satins, Texels, and Teddies, but he is best known for his American Whites and Creams. Steve won Best of Breed with one of his whites at the 2004 ARBA Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, and again in 2013 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He has also won numerous Best in Shows over the years and has provided top quality stock to many a fancier.

Steve and Margie are two of eight founding members of Mid Atlantic Cavy Breeders Association formation in 1975. Steve and Margie have both served the club in capacity of Director, set up their first webpage, were their newsletter editors, and did the show specials for the Mid Atlantic



Classic. He has also unselfishly fulfilled many functions at local shows, including: show superintendent, setting up, ramrodding countless tables, clerking when needed, and tearing down. Steve received his judge's license in 1979 and has judged all over the country ever since, often driving to save host clubs the airfare. He is considered by many to be one of the very finest ARBA cavy judges. This is evidenced by his constant

demand for prestigious judging positions such as state conventions, classics, summer theme shows, and his high vote count year after year in the ARBA Convention and ACBA Specialty preference polls, often placing in the top five, rarely outside the top ten. As a result, Steve has been selected to judge numerous nationals. He has judged several ARBA Conventions, including: 1986 or 1992 in Columbus, 2001 in San Diego, 2005 in Indianapolis, 2006 in Fort Worth, 2008 in Louisville, and 2012 in Wichita. He has been given the honor of selecting Convention Best in Show more than once. Steve has also judged numerous ACBA Specialties, either on Saturday or on Sunday or both days, including: 1985 in Booth Bay Harbor, Maine; 1986 in Denver, Pennsylvania (also listed as show superintendent); 1990 in Topsfield, Massachusetts; 1994 in Macungie, Pennsylvania; 2000 in Topsfield, Massachusetts; 2004 Noblesville, Indiana; 2008 in Caldwell, Idaho; and 2010 in Monterey, California.

Steve has served as ACBA District 7 Director, has served on the ACBA Standards Committee for a time in the 1970s and from 2004-2012. Steve is currently on the ARBA Standards Cavy Sub-Committee, and for decades has attended countless ACBA General Membership meetings and quite a number of ACBA Board meetings as well. In each of these occasions his wisdom and knowledge and passion for the fancy has been of utmost value.

Perhaps, another way to word it, Steve Lussier is an educator. He educates the average cavy fancier as well as applicants working assists for their judge's

license, including this author and a hefty percent of our active cavy judges. He has spoken at many judges conferences as well. Educator, member, breeder, exhibitor, judge, tables, clerking when needed, and tearing down. Steve received his judge's license in 1979 and has judged all over the country ever since, often driving to save host clubs the airfare. He is considered by many to be one of the very finest ARBA cavy judges. This is evidenced by his constant

