

her championship in 1984 during the Ballston Spa summer circuit.

Dick had been hospitalized shortly before that circuit began, and his treatment required that he be rendered unconscious for a period that included the weekend. Devoted wife that I am, I concluded that he wouldn't appreciate me being by his bedside during this time. So rather than staying with him in the hospital, I drove our motor home out to the shows in New York with two friends so I could see "Ruffian" finish, and then drove back in a borrowed car to tell Dick all about it when he woke up.

Dick: As a special, "Ruffian" won 30 BBs and 34 BOS placements, as well as five Group I's, four Group II's, seven Group III's, and two Group IV's. This was a time when the Sheltie ring was very competitive, and "Ruffian" often competed against the more heavily coated male specials of the time.

Nancy: We bred "Ruffian" to Ch Sunnybrook's Heritage Spirit, ROM, ROMC, producing a litter of five bitches. So much for our hope of getting that future Cindahope stud dog! But out of that litter came Ch Cindahope Serendipity. "Dippy" was a 14 1/2-inch bitch with correct proportions and a beautiful head. She had a lovely eye, good stop, and a smooth skull. Unfortunately, she was more of a "bed dog" than a show girl, but thanks to Nioma Coen's conditioning and grooming, "Dippy" finished her championship when she was six.

We bred "Dippy" to Ch Macdega Glenhart Grand Prix, ROM, ROMC, and whelped a litter of five. Sadly, we lost both males. So we were left with three bitches, but they all finished: BIS/BISS Ch Cindahope Golden Girl, AOM ("Tess"), Ch Cindahope Heart Of Mine ("Michelle"), and Ch Cindahope Picture This ("Taylor").

Dick: "Tess" was the first to finish her championship, in 1988. The Coens later showed her to Best In Show at the 1997 ASSA National under Judge Linda More from the



*Am/Can Ch Cindahope's Ruffian, CD.*



*Ch Cindahope Serendipity.*



*Ch Cindahope Heart Of Mine.*

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9-to-12-Year Veteran Bitch Class at 11 1/2 years old. She had one BIS, five Group I's, eight Group II's, four Group III's, eight Group IV's, and 55 BBs, including 14 Specialty BBs. She also won an ASSA Award Of Merit in 1993 at the ASSA National in Texas under Judge Dorothy Christiansen.

Nancy: In 1990, "Tess" was bred back to her sire, "Jeep," because I had hoped to lock in the good qualities of both. Breeding 101: when breeding very closely related individuals, choose excellent specimens. From that breeding we kept Cindahope Sunshine Girl ("Sunny"), a lean-headed, moderate, good-moving bitch who loves everyone. She was never shown, mostly because she felt very strongly that the leash was beneath her dignity. She did, however, become one of our best-producing dams, whelping four champions out of three litters by "TC" (Am/Can Ch Kylene Cindahope Town Cryer, ROM, ROMC, sire of 34 champions).

The first "TC" breeding was based on a hunch. The family had gone well together in the past, and "TC" was starting to produce some nice pups. There was one champion in the first litter, Ch Cindahope Golden Gloves ("Punch"), so I decided to repeat the breeding. Two bitches finished from the second litter, Ch Cindahope Ventura Elegance, AOM, NA, NAP, OJP, CGC ("Jessica Ann"), co-owned with Sara Foy; and BISS Ch Cindahope Designer Jean, NA, NAJ, OAP, AJP, CL2, CL3-R, CGC ("Jeanie Frances"). A third breeding produced one more champion for "Sunny," Ch Kylene Cindahope Savin Hill, U-CDX, CDX, RE, AX, AXJ ("Jared"), owned by Sue St. Louis (DVot'd).

Dick: "Jessica Anne" was an Award Of Merit winner in 1995 at the Marlborough, Massachusetts National. She was just 20 months old and, at the time, was the youngest Award Of Merit winner ever. She is the grandam of two champions, Ch Cindahope Key To The City ("Willy") and Ch Cindahope Caprice Concertina ("Tina"), owned by Louise Cote.

"Jeanie Frances" produced two champions by Ch Macdega Sausalito, ROM, ROMC—Am/Can Ch Cindahope Trade Mark, TD, ROMC, and Ch Cindahope Trade Secret, NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, CGC.

Nancy: Going back to "Tess" and her littermates, "Michelle" finished in 1989 and produced a champion by Ch Connemara Shortstop ("Corey"), Ch Sunnybrook's Cindahope Sin D (Becky Cram bought her from us). We later bought our "Teddy," a "Sin D" grandson, as a puppy from Edith Overly (Halstor). Edie owns his littermates, a brother, Ch Halstor Cyrus The Great, NAJ, and a sister, Halstor's Shooting Star, AX, AXJ.

"Michelle" and "Corey" had similar virtues—good movement, solid structure, and elegance. "Corey" also had a lovely head-piece, a beautiful red coat, and lovely expression, whereas "Michelle" was bi-factored with a darker coat and lacked a bit in the muzzle. However, I have always felt that she was the best mover of the three sisters.

Sister "Taylor" had nice head quality, substance, excellent movement and balance, all in a very feminine package. She was owned by Melinda Taylor and finished in 1990. The day after she finished, she ended the day by winning the Herding Group.