

Rally Judge: Hazel Olbrecht

Hazel Olbrich first ventured into the dog training world in 1968 when she took her birthday present, a Saint Bernard puppy, to an obedience class in the parking lot of a pet store in Sacramento.

She spent most of the first two decades of her dog life in the conformation ring, branching out into obedience in 1983. She has enjoyed many aspects of her dog life with her Saints as well as Chesapeakes, a Corgi, and a couple of Terriers (Bull and Irish).

Although in the companion events venue obedience is her first love, her dogs have also earned advanced titles in Rally® obedience, tracking, agility, weight pulling, and drafting. She has also taught competition obedience for Oakland (CA) Dog Training Club. In that arena she has helped trainers of many breeds to meet their training goals.



In her other life she supported her dog habit by consulting in the field of chemical engineering until she retired in March of 2014. She has been married to her wonderful husband, Curtis Munson, for forty years. Currently she owns and competes in obedience, rally, and agility with her eight-year-old GCH Irish Terrier. In October 2020 she also was lucky enough to get another Saint after two years waiting for just the right one. Portia has her beginning Novice and Rally Titles, and will be shown this year in Novice obedience and the more advanced Rally classes.

Over the years Hazel has learned that the bond that is developed during the process of training our dogs is what is best remembered as the years go by. She wishes good luck to all the exhibitors at the trials today.