

Sheila Hamilton

Sadly yesterday I received more bad news about a colleague but more importantly a friend, who died on Wednesday evening a short while after returning home, Shelia Hamilton whose name many of you will recognise as a long time judge of a number of breeds

I have missed seeing Sheila at shows for the last few years it was always good to catch up, Sheila had a wonderful sense of humour and we always discussed Denny and his obsession for Golf, her first breed as many of you will know was Siamese and her prefix Frenchelle was synonymous with Seal Points of which she bred many fine examples before becoming a judge, an honour that she was incredibly proud of in both respects

I will forever be grateful to Sheila and it was she who actually awarded me my first CC in my early days of showing.

My heartfelt condolences to her husband Denny, daughter Susan also Susan's children on the loss of their wife, mother and Gran respectively.

As well as being a popular judge, Shelia in her day has been a club President, club Chair, delegate and was always willing to offer advice and assistance if required

Sheila you were one of a kind and will be missed. If I receive more information, I'll post but as yet due to the shock of the experience, there is no other information I can give.

RIP Dear friend it was my pleasure to have known you.

John H Hansson

I was very sad to hear of the death of Sheila Hamilton. We had been friends for many years since we were BOTH young. My first stud cat was from her line.

She was always included in my list of judges invited to my shows she was always popular and reliable and I think the Lancs was the last show she judged at. Her back gave way first thing in the morning but in spite of being in a great deal of pain she insisted on judging her classes, she didn't want to let anyone down. She was a lovely lady.

My condolences to her family for their sad loss.

Chris Titterington Lancashire Cat Club Chairman.

On behalf of Northern Counties Cat Club I wish to express our sadness at the news of Sheila's death. It has been a while since any of us have seen her due to her difficulties in getting about, but she never ceased to follow the fortunes of the Club, sending messages of

encouragement when our shows were imminent, Christmas cards every year and written thanks to the Committee coinciding with our AGM get-togethers. She had been a member of Northern Counties Cat Club Committee since 1978, (then known as Sheila French), and worked her way up from Chairman, through Vice-President to become our President in 1999 and happily judged at our shows year after year. The Siamese breeders and exhibitors in particular will have their own memories of her enthusiasm.

On a personal note, I am grateful for the assistance she provided me over the years - helping me trace long forgotten trophies and guiding me through the minefield of managing a show. We also occasionally shared the joys of becoming grand-mothers at the same time, and the frustrations caused by living with bad backs.

My heartfelt sympathy goes to Dennie and the family at this time.

Anne Al-Jumaili

I was very sad to receive news of the death of Sheila Hamilton who I had known for almost 40 years. We last met at the Lancs Show a few years ago and had lunch together discussing the old days and the shows of today. Our last chat being on the phone a few weeks ago.

My sincere sympathies to Denny, Susan and the grand children at their sad loss.

R.I.P Sheila

Jeff Lenehan

After knowing Sheila Hamilton for over 40 years and many those as my very close friend, I was so sad to hear of her passing. We have spent many happy times together at cat shows across the country, in each other's homes, and in more recent times catching up via emails and over the phone, the last time being just two weeks before she died. She will be sadly missed by me as well as many others in the Cat Fancy.

My sincere sympathies go to her husband Denny, daughter Susan and her beloved grandchildren.

R.I.P. Sheila

Mary Dean
