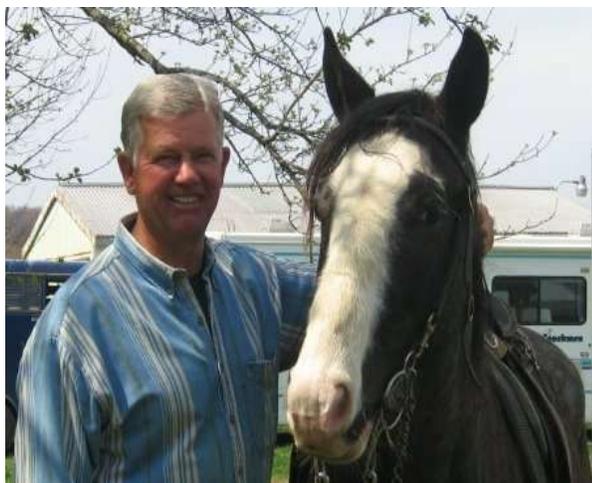


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## **ABC National Championship Judges**



**Chris Rider**

My wife Kim and I still reside in southwestern Pennsylvania. We have 3 daughters and 6 granddaughters. Field trailing has been a large part of my life and that of my family. We have spent many weekends together enjoying the sport.

Judging is something that should be taken very seriously, but more importantly, must be enjoyed. I have been honored to judge the following trials, from California to New York on all types of terrain.

Included in these are National Championships: Brittany (6) times, Vizsla, Gordon Setter, German Shorthair Pointer, German Wirehair Pointer, English Setter, Irish Setter, Free for All, and AKC National All Breed. Other Championships include: Inez Smith, Keystone, Hobart Ames, Canadian, International, Pheasant, and Kentucky.

I've served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Brittany Club, and also served on the committee to choose judges for our National Championship.

I am looking forward to judging the Nationals.

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**William Smith**

I have been involved with Field Trials since 1981 when I attended my first trial on the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee and I was hooked. Since that time I have been actively involved in the four trials held annually on the Plantation and I am currently a Director of the Hobart Ames Field Trial Club.

I was invited by the late Ted Gardner to judge the Border International Championship Stoughton, Saskatchewan and that invitation introduced me to the grandeur of the prairies. Later I was invited to become a member of the board of directors for the Broomhill Field Trial Club in Broomhill, Manitoba, a position I held for twenty years. I was blessed to be able to return to the Canadian prairies for all those years to assist with the running of the Manitoba Championship.

I have had the honor of being invited to arbitrate in excess of fifty-five amateur and open championships including: Brittany Nationals (2012, 2013, and 2015), Red Setter Nationals, Irish Setter Nationals, German Shorthair Invitational, The Border International, Saskatchewan Chicken Championship, Dominion Chicken Championship, Manitoba Championship, Texas Championship, Missouri Championship, Alabama Championship, Kentucky Championship, Amateur Quail Championship, Western Open Championships, All American Championship, Mid America Championship, Southland Championship, Masters Championship, U S Chicken Championship, Georgia Derby Championship, Midwest Shooting Dog Championship and other championship and numerous weekend amateur and open trials.

I sincerely appreciate being asked to return to Boonville for the Brittany Nationals and am looking forward to another great experience.

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## **ABC National Amateur Championship Judges**



**Stan Truksa**

I am an avid bird hunter from the Midwest who resides in Firth, Nebraska with my wife Claudia. As a boy, I accompanied my father on many hunting trips and cared for the coon dogs I grew up with. In 1982, my course as a hunter and handler changed forever when I acquired my first Brittany. That dog, Cherokee, proved to be a relentless hunter and loyal friend and my heart was set on the Brittany breed.

I began field trialing in 1985 and have campaigned and finished numerous field champions as an amateur handler. Some of my finest moments as an owner and handler include winning the Region 17 Amateur All-Age Championship with two different dogs. I serve as the current and past President of the Nebraska Brittany Club. I like to spend all of my spare time with my two grandsons and in the field working with my dogs.

I have judged a wide variety of regional trials for various breeds throughout the Midwest including AKC and American Field sponsored events. I have had the privilege of judging some of the finest dogs of the era at a range of prestigious field trials. I have proudly sat in the saddle at the Vizsla Club of America Nationals, 2005 German Shorthair National All Age Championship, 2010 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship, Gordon Setter Nationals (the first time that it was ever ran as a hour stake), ABC Prairie Chicken Classic (3 times), ABC Central Field Futurity, ABC Pheasant Championship.

I was honored to serve as one of the judges for the 2005, 2006 & 2012 ABC National Amateur All-Age Championship in Booneville and I'm happy to have been chosen as the judge for 2017.



**Charlie Collier**

I have been an avid bird dog enthusiast since my childhood in the Corsicana, Texas area, and started field trialing in 1982 as a Charter Member of the Texas Bird Hunters Association (TBHA). I was fortunate to marry my wife Bobbie and she quickly became ingrained in my bird dog passion. Our trialing has been in walking, shooting dog, and all age stakes. We have amassed over 80 wins to date, and continue to compete today.

I was elected to the Texas Field Trial Hall of Fame and Region 7 Board of Directors in 1996, and am the longest reigning Director. I have judged over 75 all-breed trials on the local, regional, and national scene, and remain an active judge. I have also been Trial Chairman of many trials on the local and regional level for several years including several Region 7 Championships. Some judging assignments for professional trials are the North Dakota All-Age Classics, Texas Open Shooting Dog Classic, Colorado Open Shooting Dog Championship, Southland Open All-Age Championship.

The AKC approved me as a judge in 2001 for the FT Pointing Breed Class. Since then I have judged in fifty-eight (58) trials including Grand Open and Amateur events for the Brittany, German Shorthair, and Weimaraner groups. Most recent assignments are the 2014 and 2016 Weimaraner Nationals, 2016 ABC Quail Classic, 2017 Region 17 Amateur All-Age Brittany Championship, and 2017 U.S. Open Brittany Championship.

It is a privilege to judge the upcoming National event.