

Announcing the 2019

ABC National Gun Dog Championship Judges



Bruce Conover

A Brittany owner since 1976, I entered my first Brittany Field trial in 1987. Since that first trial in Oregon so many years ago, I have successfully campaigned 12 Brittans throughout 11 states, achieving 13 Open and Amateur Champion titles. I have judged more than 160 AKC, American Field, and US Complete field trials, including at least 9 National and Regional Championships in all three organizations. Still an active competitor, I now own both Brittans and Pointers and compete regularly in both venues on the East Coast. I consider it a great honor and privilege to judge the first National Brittany Open Shooting Dog Championship in Booneville, Arkansas, and look forward to watching some of the best Brittany Shooting Dogs in the nation perform at the new location.



Brian Gingrich

I'm from Prewitt, NM. I've been going to field trials since I was 12 years old. I've been a pro trainer for 10 years primarily with Vizslas but my string is open to all pointing breeds. I have a North Dakota wild bird Summer Camp & a New Mexico liberated bird Winter Camp.

I've won 9 National Championships (6 AF & 3 AKC) with 6 different dogs and have finished 13 AKC Field Champions and 46 AF Hour CH/RUCH Titles with 17 different dogs

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Mark Keegan

Born in Pennsylvania, Mark was commissioned in 1972 as an Infantry Officer in the Army. It was during an assignment early in his military career that he won his first amateur gun dog stake with his English Pointer on the quail of Georgia near Ft. Benning in 1976. Upon his retirement in the 1992 from the US Army, Mark returned to the field trialing. He has served on the committees for the AKC Gun Dog Championship, American Pointer Championships, and English Setter National Field Championship. He has judged numerous national championship American Field and AKC field trials and continues to judge AKC pointing breed hunting tests throughout the United States. When judging, Mark focuses on the dog that has a bold attractive running style and reaches out to the front. He is particularly impressed by dogs that are handled kindly and quietly. Finally, he highly values courtesy and respect for the brace mate and other handler and requires the highest level of sportsmanship while competing.



Rhonda Haukoos

Obtaining a German Wirehaired Pointer, in 1990, set me on a path of hunting & then field trialing. Eventually, I began judging & have had numerous weekend trial & championship assignments across the country.

As the other half of a professional dog training team, I have been involved in the development of countless Field Champions and 13 National Champions. I have earned over 50 national placements & multiple national derby/futurity wins with German Shorthair & German Wirehaired Pointers in both breed & all breed competition.

Look forward to joining you in December to watch quality dogs & handlers.