

## **ABC National Amateur Championship Judges**



### **Mike Jackson**

I was a bird hunter in high school and started hunting with German Shorthairs. I found out about field trials in the early 70's when birds declined in our area, and later started training my own dogs in late 70's. I have been competing with them ever since.

I have won several dog of the year awards in Indiana and Illinois. I have judged the German Shorthair Nationals, National Open Shooting Dog Ch, Pennsylvania Shooting Dog Ch (2x), Pheasant Ch (4x), Egyptian Shooting Dog Ch (2x), Indiana Shooting Dog Ch (3x), All American Prairie Ch, Continental Derby & All-Age Ch (2x), Benton Co. All-Age, Lee County All-Age (2x), Michigan Shooting Dog Championship, and numerous club trials in IN, KY, OH, IL.

I am looking forward to judge the ABC National Championship this year!



### **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. 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 also asked by the National Championship Field Trial Club to report the National Championship which I reported in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. I was invited by the late Ted Gardner to judge the Border International Championship in 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 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 68 amateur and open championships including: Irish Setter Nationals,

Brittany Nationals (2012, 2013, 2015, and 2017), Red Setter Nationals, German Shorthair Invitational, Border International, Saskatchewan Chicken Ch, Dominion Chicken Ch, Manitoba Ch, Texas Ch, Missouri Ch, Alabama Ch, Kentucky Ch Amateur Quail Ch on the Dixie Plantation in Florida, Western Open Ch, All America Ch, Mid America Ch, Southland Ch, Masters Ch, U S Chicken Ch, Georgia Derby Ch, Midwest Shooting Dog Ch, International Pheasant Ch, Kentucky Shooting Dog Ch, and others plus numerous weekend amateur and open field trials.

I sincerely appreciate being asked to return to Booneville and am looking forward to another great experience.

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

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 am looking forward to judging the Nationals.



### **Chris Weatherly**

Growing up along the TN/MS border in western Tennessee, I cannot remember a time when pointing dogs, quail hunting, and field trials were not a part of my life. I grew up hunting behind my grandfather's setters and continue till this day behind my own pointers. Through my job at the Ames Plantation I have been fortunate to intertwine this passion with my career. I have ridden almost every brace of every trial held at Ames for the last 17 years serving as a marshal. I am a member of the Benton County (MS) Amateur FTC, Wolf River Amateur FTC, and director of Ames Amateur FTC and Hobart Ames Open All-Age FTC. I have judged Open and Amateur field trials from the northern prairies to the thickets and edge country of the south. I am honored to be asked to judge the ABC National Championship again and look forward to watching your worthy competitors and giving my honest and humble opinion.