

## **ABC National Walking Gun Dog Championship Judges**



### **Meredith Mays**

After graduating from high school, I immediately chose the professional of horse training. It wasn't until 16 years later, that I was introduced to horseback field trials which was 2007. That was when I was contacted to train a trial horse. After I attended my first trial, I was hooked! From a barn full of American Saddlebred show horses, I now train, breed, and sell gaited horses. I have 2 English pointers, one of which I bred and boast his best of breed win at the AKC Gun Dog Nationals this spring in Arizona. My first field trial dogs were a GSP and an English setter pup. I currently live in Butler, PA, have 4 kids, one granddaughter, 6 dogs total and about 40 head of gaited horses. I enjoy all breeds of dogs, especially those which enjoy doing what they were bred to do. I enjoy introducing newbies and kids to the sport of field trialing. To date I have judged well over 120 events and 5 national championships. I look forward to adding this event to my resume.



### **Robert Youngs**

I received my first Brittany in 1959 for my 9th birthday. She was 2 years old when I got her. Her previous owner had two hunting Britts and according to the fellow's wife, there were one too many females in the house. So, a lifelong love of the breed began as she taught me how to find pheasants in Flemington, New Jersey as well as slept on my bed and followed me everywhere. Barb and I attended our first Field Trial in 1970, the Southern New England Brittany Club trial at the Flaherty Field Trial Area. We made lots of friends that first day and returned the following day and began planting birds and watching the dogs while riding horses. Dogs had been my passion and the horses were my wife's love. Through the years we have been lucky to have puppy and derby winners as well as dogs worthy of competing on a National Level. We have special memories of the U.S. Open win and RU at the Nationals a couple times in both the Open and Amateur and the special win with an old friend's dog to take the Champion Title at the National Open All Age Championship at Booneville. Upon retiring after 32 years working for a Farm Coop in the northeast, in 1999, I opened the kennel up to trial for 7 years for the public. During this time, we made lots of new friends and had the privilege of working lots of different dogs. The grandsons loved coming in the summers to help work the dogs with me and learned a lot about riding and caring for the dogs and horses. My pride in their growth with this opportunity is immeasurable. June 2006, following auto accident, I had to close the kennel and have not run a lot of dogs. I do spend time attending trials on the pointer circuit and winters in NC and at the Summerhill Kennel south, in Alabama, with the Tracy family. The National Amateur Free For All Shooting Dog Championship and the National are both events we look forward to watching and/or helping by scouting dogs. I am looking forward to judging the ABC National Walking Gun Dog Championship at Ionia in 2020.

## **ABC National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship Judges**



### **Richard Pristov**

I have hunted with dogs all my life and acquired my first Brittany in 1977. Her natural ability and class was immediately evident and I began field trialing her. She was completely amateur trained and campaigned to her Field and Amateur Field Championships. With my wife Elaine's assistance in the show ring we also had a Dual and Amateur Field Champion. I've judged all breeds of pointing dogs at regional trials, classics, and futurities. I've had the privilege of judging numerous assignments including: the Irish Setter National Championship, Amateur Championship and Futurity; the Gordon Setter National Championship and Amateur Championship; the Vizsla National Championship; and the International Brittany Shooting Dog Championship and Derby Classic. Other outdoor activities I enjoy include hunting, trap shooting, jet skiing, and fishing. I'm honored to be invited to judge the ABC National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship.



### **Paul Renius**

I am a Michigan native who has been competing in field trials for over 30 years. After graduating in Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy from Michigan State, I purchased my first Brittany and joined the ABC. I have owned and trained a host of champions and field champions. I judged my first event in 1989 and have now judges over 400 trials including several championships and national events. Now I run a brace of English Setters. Retiring from GM in 2018, I hold a dozen patents and publications.