

Announcing The 2021 National Open Gun Dog Championship Judges

Jim House



Jim started Field Trialing in 1969. He began with German Shorthairs and migrated to Brittanys.

Jim trained and handled dogs as a Pro for a short time in the 70's taking a Vizsla to 3rd at the Vizsla Nationals. Jim was the Founder of the Wasatch Front Brittany Club in 1973 and has been a member of the Oregon Brittany Club since 1987. He has nearly 20 Field Champions and Amateur Field Champions, multiple Master Hunters and an American Field CH.

In 2002 Jim won the AKC Nationals with AKC NFC AFC Jalo's Intern. His current kennel of dogs includes American Field CH AKC FC AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH and 6 other FC/AFC's with Master Hunter titles, all bred, trained and handled by himself. Running against the finest in the Pacific Northwest he has won Dog of the Year 7 times against all breeds. Most recently with FC/AFC Jalo's O Dot in 2017 & 2019.

Jim's vision of a Class bird dog comes from years of hands-on experience training, handling and judging dogs. He has been judging field trials since 1971, both AKC trials and Championships and American Field Championships. Jim has been honored to judge the International Brittany Championship, AKC German Shorthair Walking Nationals, the AKC Pointing Dog Nationals and the Canadian National Chukar Championship.

John Hott



I am pleased to have the opportunity to judge this prestigious Championship. I started with bird dogs in 1964 when Mr. Herb Holmes of Gunsmoke Kennels gave me a puppy out of his Champion Smokepole. At 14 years of age I was hooked on hunting and soon got the field trial bug. Mr. Holmes became a mentor to me and with his guidance, I learned how to train and how to evaluate a dog. Over the years I worked with many of the old time pointer folks and made lasting friendships. I have been honored to meet and train dogs with many Field Trial Hall of Famers over the years and feel that this has shaped me into not only a better person, but a good judge of dogs. I retired as the Site Superintendent of the Kickapoo State Park complex in Illinois, which includes the Middle Fork Wildlife Area, one of Illinois' major field trial areas. I worked for the state for 35 years and have had the opportunity to meet and ride with field trailers from every breed. I have judged the National Open Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship, Red Setter National Championship, Brittany Pheasant Championship, Irish Setter National Championship, Weimaraner National Championship, German Wirehair Pointer National Championship, Brittany Quail Championship, the Vizsla National Championship and the Gordon Setter National Championship along with many classics, several futurities, and many weekend field trials. I train and campaign pointers on the shooting dog circuit and look forward to many more years of traveling and competing. Thank you for inviting me to judge this great championship.

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Stan Williamson



I am honored to be considered and selected to judge the National Amateur Gundog Championship in December in Booneville. I will give your performances my undivided attention. I have spent hundreds of hours in the saddle judging American Field and AKC Championships of all pointing and retrieving breeds.

Kelli Aitken



Hello Brittany enthusiasts! I want to express my appreciation for being asked to judge your National Amateur Gun Dog Championship and tell you all how excited I am to sit in the saddle and see how the Brittans show at my favorite place to run dogs, Booneville, Arkansas! For those of you whom I haven't met, I'm Kelli, and I was raised in the AKC dog world. I have grown up showing dogs, and I have been showing Irish, Gordon, and English Setters professionally since 2011. I have won Winners and Reserve Winners at multiple National Specialties, as well as campaigned a National Specialty Best of Breed winner. I am a member of the Irish Setter Club of Colorado and the Irish Setter Club of America where I am a Regional Director and a member of the ISCA Health Committee. I am the Chairperson for the 2021 ISCA National Gun Dog Championship as well as a member of the National Field Trial Executive Committee. When it comes to Field Trials, I primarily breed, train, and compete with my Irish Setters, but I have also handled and scouted Pointers, Gordon Setters, and Vizslas. I have been lucky enough to have put some nice wins on my own dogs and those of some friends including National Amateur Field Champion, National Gun Dog Champion, and several National placements over the years. This will be my second AKC Breed Championship, the first was the Vizsla Club of America's NGDC (walking). I've also been honored to judge the Southland Championship, the Dr. D. E. Hawthorne Border Classic, and the Mid-America Prairie Championship, all three of which are Ames National Championship qualifiers. When I'm not traveling for field trial season, I live to hunt my dogs as much as I possibly can on the western half of the US. Somewhere between all of that, I manage to work as a Veterinary Assistant outside my hometown of Manhattan, Kansas. Thank you for having me and I can't wait to see some bird dogs!