

Announcing the 2020

ABC National Walking Gun Dog Championship Judges



Andrew Campbell

Thank you for the opportunity to judge the American Brittany Club's 2021 National Walking Gun Dog Championship in Ionia, MI. After judging the 2020 Irish Setter Club of America National Field Championship in Booneville, it was my pleasure to return there a month later to judge the 2020 American Brittany Club National Gun Dog Championship. It is both an honor and a pleasure to be invited back to judge another of your national championships. I am an amateur trainer and handler, my primary breed being vizslas, my secondary breed pointers. While I love a hard-running dog, they are not all going to turn out as National Field Champions and I like working behind a polished dog whether it is a field-trial champion or a hunting dog -- and to that end have finished six AKC Master Hunters, one AKC Field Champion, and one AKC Amateur Field Champion, as well as qualified a dog to run in American Field Open All-Age championships over the course of the last dozen years. I regard one of my greatest privileges to have been to judge the late Robin Gates run Shadow Oak Bo at the 2013 Black Belt Open All-Age (a National championship qualifying trial) in south Georgia: he took first with a pointer called Big Sky Pete, and also second with Bo. Robin's incredible skill was his ability to handle his dogs even at great speed and range; his genius was understanding that a field trial is about painting a picture for the two judges not terribly far behind him and then applying that tremendous skill to truly showcase a dog within the frame of that picture. I am grateful for the opportunity to watch your dogs once more.



Art Cohen

Along with my wife Judy, we have enjoyed competing with our Brittanys for over 45 years. She has been successful in conformation shows and I appreciate success field trialing. We are grateful and humbled to have owned and bred dogs that have earned national titles. Two of them won the AKC National Pointing Dog Championship, one is an ABC National Gun Dog Champion, one an ABC National Champion as well as others with placements in the ABC National Gun Dog Championship. Past judging assignments include several national breed championships, AKC Pointing Dog Championships and American Field Championships. Through the years I have held several positions in my regional Brittany club. I am now retired from my career of 45 years as an Addictions Consultant at the University of Maryland School of Medicine which was my other passion. Having relocated from southern Pennsylvania to south central Virginia, I am looking forward to training and field trialing our dogs. Relationships and comradery with other people who enjoy this sport is as important to me as running and watching dogs. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. It is an honor to judge the 2021 ABC National Gun Dog Championship and I am looking forward to watching good Brid Dogs at the prestigious venue.

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Ronald Harling, Jr.

I tell people that I have been involved with Brittanys and Brittany field trials my entire life + 1. My dad and mom (9 months pregnant) and siblings (5 sisters) attended the Brittany Club of Upper NY spring trial and the following day I was born. I have never looked back! It was the typical Brittany story for the next 14 years or so. My dad, a DVM, had several dogs that he wild bird hunted and trialed at weekend AKC trials. I tagged behind, riding any horse I could climb on and retrieving birds he shot over his dogs. As my younger brother and I got into our teen years, my dad got a couple of pups from Dave Kerr, Rimarda's Accolade and Rimarda's Rebel Jac. That started a relationship with the Holman's and a goal of raising, training and competing with our dogs. For years it was the Doc and Jr show, my dad and I traveling all over the trial circuit competing with our dogs. In the mid 1980's I was itching for an adventure, so I took a job with Jim Holman. I attended summer camp in Manitoba Canada, living with Chad, where I got to see on a daily basis dogs like Rimarda's Trademark, Rimarda's Gambler, Markar's Jac's A Dan D, the Magic Moment and so on. My bird dog education took a steep learning curve working for Jim and Chad and it was there that I solidified the type of dog I really liked. To this day, I appreciate a **true bird dog** that has exceptional guts and drive. Throughout the years I've had some pretty good dogs that I am proud of. Black Creek Deacon was my latest trial dog. Dee was R/U National Champion twice and won a bunch of hour stakes. All that aside, my greatest pleasure is still watching a crop of pups figure things out on our annual mid-west

bird hunts. That's where the wheat is sorted from the chaff and who gets to carry our banner in the future. I've also had the pleasure of judging some outstanding dogs of various breeds and look forward to judging this year's National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship!



Kevin Remmers

With all of our Brittanys (past and present) I have enjoyed hunting pheasant and quail in Illinois, as well as traveling to other states in a quest for other obscure (at least to me) upland game birds. I got my first Brittany in 1989. "Clyde" was a rescue that found his way to me via a hunting buddy. Sandra and I got our first of six registered Brittanys, DC/AFC B & H Clyde's Revenge, JH in 1994. "Rev" taught me that I could extend my hunting season by field trialing and eventually he placed 4th in the ABC NAGDC in 2002. The same year, at the same venue, our youngest charge, "Dubb" (Rev's son) would win the 2002 running of the 2000 ABC Gun Dog Futurity Run Off. To prove his style, stamina and desire Dubb would return to Ionia to win ABC's NAGDC in 2005 and would repeat the task in 2007, ending his AKC title search with the AKC registered name of 2xNAGDC/DC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble. I have been an AKC judge since 1998, judging too many regional trials to add (or at least I'm not going to). Spending most of my time in IL but also traveling to AR, MO, IA, MN,

WI, MI, IN, OH, WA and GA to run dogs and/or judge. Including judging the Southern Open Brittany Classic at Showtime Plantation and later the Southern Open Brittany Championship at the Red Pebble Plantation both in Georgia. I am honored and humbled to be asked to judge the 2021 ABC National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Championship in Ionia, MI. I'm excited to watch the best Brittany Gun Dogs in the nation as these walking handlers will cast their charges forward going head-to-head, reaching for distant objectives on the horizon, during the peak of Ionia's fall colors. A picturesque venue to be afield with our Brittanys in search of upland game. I'm looking forward to catching up with old friends and meeting a bunch of new friends. Trust me, if your dog is qualified, you owe it to him/her to come to Ionia, MI to give them a chance to WIN IT ALL!!! See you in Ionia and Good Luck to All!