

## **ABC National Championship Judges**



### **Bonnie Hidalgo**

I love a great bird dog! As early as I can remember, field trials and bird dogs have been a big part of my life. I wouldn't have it any other way! Growing up, my whole family went to field trials nearly every weekend, spring, and fall. My Dad started in the sport as an amateur and when I was 10, he turned pro. I watched my dad train just about every pointing breed imaginable and I watched and assisted as some of those dogs excelled and won national championships. The love of this sport is infectious and before long I had an incurable case that would cause me to be dog and horse poor for life.

I grew up with English setters and pointers. I started judging both American Field (now UKC) and AKC trials in the 1970's. I judged my first of many national championship in 1995, the Irish setter at Booneville, AR where my husband Dennis and I met. We train and trial our own red setters and pointers and have been moderately successful with 9 Championship titles and 10 Runner-ups in American Field competition. Prior to 2005, when I became an AKC Field Rep, we had several dogs achieve FC and AFC status.

Dennis and I are both retired; we plan to campaign dogs, judge, and report trials for as long as we are physically able. I feel that judging and reporting is the best way that I can give back to the sport, that has done so much for me. I am very honored to have been asked to judge the 2022 ABC National All Age Championship! What could be better than being able to enjoy good dogs and horses with a bunch of great people who enjoy the outdoors and this sport as much as I do? To top it off, I get a front row seat! I am looking forward to watching many great performances. Best of luck to all competitors! The best dog, from the point of view of the judicial saddles, will win!



### **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, 2017, 2020), 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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**Dave Capstick**

I was introduced to the world of Brittany's during my teen years in the mid 60's, while I was familiar with hunting with pointers and setters a friend mentioned that Brittany's and pointers hunt well together. Being an avid hunter, I was interested in the Brittany it just so happened that another hunting buddy lived next door to Ray Trimble who knew a Brittany club member with a litter available. After acquiring my first pup, I joined the St. Louis Brittany club and under the guidance of Ray Trimble began a lifelong participation in field trail activities. I entered that first pup in a puppy stake at the St Louis Trial at Busch Wildlife area and received 2<sup>nd</sup> place and here we are 60+ years later.

Over the years I have campaigned and finished 7 different Britts to numerous open and amateur field championships and owned one National Champion. While campaigning I have also judged field trials including, Brittany Championships, Pointer Setter Championships, Vizsla Nationals, Red Setter Nationals, the Shooting Dog Open among many other local field trials. Being an active member of the St. Louis Brittany Club I have enjoyed holding and assisting in the operation of many Classics and Championship Brittany field trials.

I have acquired lifelong friends throughout the entire field trial circuit, notably my mentors Ray Trimble, the late Lee Holman and Jim Holman. Without their knowledge and help I would not have bred, raised & trained some of my best dogs. I spent summers in Canada with Jim Holman training and running Brittany dogs during Summer Camp and throughout the Midwest including the Chicken Classic Championship. With a co-owner, Tim Self, we campaigned and won the National Purina award 2 years with the same dog.

Being located in the St. Louis Area has afforded many field trial opportunities all within a couple hours of travel time. I am honored to be a judge for the 2022 National Amateur Brittany Championship.



**George Hill**

First trip north was 1980 to Roy Jines camp in Nebraska. Last 4 years have gone to South Dakota, first 15 years was for 3 weeks and after I retired I have been August & September.

I have been honored to judge the following trials: Brittany Chicken Ch (twice), Brittany Pheasant Ch (twice), Brittany Pheasant Ch (twice), Pointer-Setter Invitational (twice), Region 5 Ch (3x), All-American Derby Ch, National Red Setter Ch, and numerous weekend field trials. I have served as the Missouri All-Age Ch chairman for 15 years.

I'm looking forward to judging the Brittany National Amateur Championship!