

2022 National Amateur Gun Dog Championship Judges



Hi! I'm **Howard Burbach**. Let me first begin with expressing my gratitude for being asked to be part of your event; I'm very humbled to be asked to judge. I have and always will hold in high regard this honor. Having dogs all my life I hold with the fact that whatever dog is in front of me, it is "someone's buddy", as my dogs certainly were and still are to me. And that, in itself deserves all of my respect and utmost attention. And THAT is what I will bring to the line each and every time.

I have hunted over many different breeds of dogs in several different states, as well as several species of game birds. I have finished several of my shorthairs in the show ring and in the field, as well as acquiring dual championships. I have been involved with bird dog hunting since my youth in Nebraska. I have judged many national championships in the U.S. as well as Canada. I feel this has given me insight as to how a good bird dog should perform, no matter what the terrain. I hope you all will bring a renewed sense of enthusiasm and excitement for this event. Let's all get out and watch some great dog work, great sportsmanship, kindness and gratitude for this great sport, and the tenacity and resilience we put forth to make this sport fun for us and the dogs. **"Hit the Whistle"**



Cindy Findley

As a lifetime bird hunter, Cindy Findley has owned, trained, and hunted over several different sporting breeds and appreciates the skill and elegance of pointing dogs. She began training and competing at retriever trials in the late 70's and early 80's, and turned to the setter breeds in 2000. An accomplished amateur, she enjoys the challenges and rewards of training her own dogs and currently competes throughout the nation with English and Gordon Setters. As a handler, her dogs have won 6 national titles, and her GFC English Setter was runner-up at the 2017 AKC National Gun Dog Championship.

Findley has judged pointing dogs at all levels throughout the nation, including over 200 stakes, 9 breed nationals, several classics, and many American Field championships. She enjoys traveling, meeting sporting dog enthusiasts and the opportunity to give back to the sport through respectful judging and volunteering.

During her career working with youth in the outdoors, she conducted hundreds of presentations regionally and nationally on land stewardship, ethics, leadership, non-profit board training, and dog training. When not working with the dogs, Findley enjoys prairie reconstruction, and is a skilled wilderness canoeist and bow hunter.

"As a judge I want to ensure that each dog has a fair opportunity, to be absolutely attentive, and to respect the effort of every dog and handler team.

"Thank you for the honor of judging your dogs! I wish you and your dog the performance of a lifetime!"