



2022 National Open Gun Dog Championship Judges

Andrew Campbell

Thank you for the opportunity once more to judge the American Brittany Club's 2022 National Gun Dog Championship. It was my distinct honor to judge this event in 2020 and I am deeply flattered to be asked back.

I have spent a decade reporting one of the greatest all-age, wild bird trials in the country – the Masters Quail Championship held in south Georgia in early March – and three years attending another, perhaps the oldest

continuously-running field trial in the country, the Continental All-Age Championship held at historic Dixie Plantation the third week of January. I mention this to say that I have seen what it takes to win these championships, what it takes to prepare a dog for the unpredictability of wild birds and what it takes to show a dog for almost two hours. Booneville is not Ted Turner's Nonami Plantation, but it is a great place to show a hard-running, hard hunting dog with both acumen and style on its birds.

I regard one of my greatest privileges to have been to judge the 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.



Dennis Sullivan

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to watch your dogs once more.

I got started in the dog world like many of us did. I just wanted a hunting dog. That was 1986 I believe. I had great support through the years from my wife Pat and often had one or both of my two children (Jeremy & Amy) tagging along to a field trial or helping me train our next new dog. I had selected Brittany's as my breed of choice. I was fortunate to have a number of good dogs to field trial and competed with from Nebraska to Ohio. I have been lucky to have success on the regional and national level in the Brittany world, being able to garner a number of FC, AFC and Nat. Fut. Runner up titles with a few of our dogs.

I have held offices of responsibility from the regional club level to the National level with the American Brittany Club I know how challenging it is to put on a high-quality national event. I have judged more regional field trials than I would care to count, including many of the pointing breeds, Vizslas, GSP, Brittany's, Irish Setters, German Wirehaired Pointers and Weimaraners. I have also been honored to judge the ABC National Am. GD Championship back in 2012, The National Red Setter National Am. Championship and a segment of the VCA National Gun Dog Championship twice and the Irish Setter

National Am. Championship. I have judged futurities for the American Brittany Club a couple of times, and the Vizsla Midwest Futurity as well. I have been able to judge numerous hour championships in the Brittany world from Mich. to Missouri.

I feel honored to be asked to sit in the saddle and judge the top-notch dogs in the Brittany Gun Dog world. It's always a pleasure to watch a class bird dog perform. I look forward to attending your event this year down in Booneville, Arkansas.