

## Introducing the 2022 American Brittany Club National Open Walking Gun Dog Judges

**John Perry**



**Joanne Perry**



Joanne and I have owned Brittansys since 1980 and have been competing with Brittansys in both AKC and AF events since 2002. We are honored to have been asked to judge the 2022 ABC Open Walking Gun Dog Nationals. We have put multiple titles/championships on our dogs and other dogs that we have had the opportunity to campaign for our friends. We have trialed, judged, and shown our dogs for the past 20 years primarily in the North-East, Mid-Atlantic and have expanded the last few years to include the Mid-West regions. Over these past 20 years, John has served as President, 1st Vice President and Field Trial Committee Chair for both Del-Val and North Jersey Brittany Clubs while Joanne has served as President, Field Trial Secretary and Director for several clubs. Additionally, John has served as stakes manager, field trial committee and field trial chairperson for ABC Classics and Gun Dog Nationals. Joanne has served as the reporter for several regional and National events. Throughout our club and trial experiences we have been willing to listen and mentor new members, debate longstanding members, as well as being an advocate for all activities that our versatile Brittansys compete in. We enjoy working behind a polished dog whether it is a field trial champion or a hunting dog. We have spent most of our training experience under the tutelage of Pete DeAngelis, who has trained numerous National Gun Dog Champions. We enjoy competing with dogs at the Ionia Field Trial grounds and look forward to this year's crop of potential Champions. Good Luck to all handlers, scouts, and dogs. We look forward to judging this year's event.

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**Jeff Currier**

I am originally from NH and now live in Alburtis PA with my better half Linda McCartney, our horses and dogs. I was raised in a family of avid hunters and sportsmen. I have had Brittanys since the early 70's and have hunted grouse, woodcock, pheasants, and ducks with them. About 22 years ago I started playing the field trial game and got hooked! Thus far I have one National Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion, one Runner-up National Open Gun Dog Champion. I also have/had 7 Dual Champions, 1 Field Champion, 6 Amateur Field Champions. Along the way I have a multitude of bench Champions along with MH, SH, & JH. I have also run and finished a Gordon setter to his AFC title and won retrieving stakes with a GSP. I have been judging for 20 years. I have judged from GA to ME and

West to OH in both AKC and American Field events. The events of note I have Judged are the NGSPA Pheasant Championship at Wye Island, The 2021 Vizsla Nationals and multiple Championships in both Regions 1 and 3. I currently have had over 175 local field trial assignments.

I was the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President and chair of the ABC Gun Dog Nationals in addition to serving the event for over 10 years doing everything from bird planting to taking out the garbage! I look forward to this assignment and truly appreciate being asked to judge your dogs!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> in the ABC NAGDC in 2002. The same year, at the same venue, our youngest charge, "Dub" (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 2022 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!