



## *Announcing the 2024 National National Amateur Championship Judges*



**Bruce Bryant**--I was born and raised in southwest Iowa where I enjoyed wild bird hunting and running coon hounds with my Dad. My field trial career began by winning a walking Derby stake over 15 years ago at Branched Oaks field trial grounds. That experience has developed into competing in both amateur and open stakes in AKC, NGSPA and AFTCA events. I am an active member in the GSP club of Nebraska, GSP club of Central Iowa and current President of the Nebraska Field Trial association. Darla and I have been married 40 years. We live in Silver City, Ia. where we enjoy our 5 grand kids.

My brother and I started Keg Creek Kennels in 2005. Our dogs have placed and won both AKC and NGSPA Championships, AKC Classics and weekend trials. I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction in handling personally trained dogs. Our kennel has produced 17 Field and Amateur Field Champions. Some of the most recent accomplishments are winning the NGSPA Invitational and Nebraska Field Trial Association Joe Fingerlin Dog of the Year award.

It's been my privilege to judge over 200 AKC weekend and regional events. These include both GSP and Brittany championships, the English Setter and Vizsla National Championships. I appreciate an animated dog that works the front while handling their game with style and intensity. I feel both honored and excited to judge such a prestigious event. I would like to wish all participants the best of luck.



**Gary Fromme**-- I am a Colorado native and while I had dogs when I was a boy, I did not have bird dogs until I was in my late teens. I chose Chesapeake Bay retrievers and Labradors and hunted upland game and waterfowl. As my love of bird hunting increased, I became involved in competition. I ran my retrievers in field trials sanctioned by the AKC as well as NAHRA.

After being exposed to the thrill of hunting behind some well-mannered pointing , I had to make the switch. I have had German Shorthaired Pointers since then. To start with I competed in NBDCA, NSTRA and NAHDA events. It didn't take long to find my way to field trials. I have been blessed to have some very good friends in the sport. Their guidance was invaluable. I have also had some wonderful dogs which I campaigned with some success, in GSPCA and NGSPA events.

I guess it was the natural progression of things for me to start judging, I love to watch good dog work and I am honored and grateful to have been asked to judge the 2024 American Brittany Club National Amateur Field Championship. I am looking forward to it.



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### *Jim Michaletz*



My wife Sherri and I started training and running Pointers and Setters in Field Trials in 1984. We were fortunate to have been able to work with, and learn from, some of the top Shooting Dog and AA handlers. Our Dogs have won somewhere around 20 to 25 Championship placements in Horseback Shooting Dog and All Age Placements. We have also accumulated between 15 to 20 Dog of the year awards primarily in Oklahoma. Our dog Jetsetter won the Herman Smith Top AA Derby award and had accumulated more points than any Setter ever to win that award. A few of our noteworthy dogs are Ch Southern Expedition, Ch Yankeeman's Dixie Lady, CH Barnhill Jill, Ch Barnhill Dynamite, Ch Barnhill Nikki, RU CH Barnhill Jake, RU CH High Definition, CH Barnhill's Tight Genes, RU Ch Spectre, RU CH Jets Stardancer, and Ch Jetsetter. Most of these dogs were multiple CH or RU CH. We bred, raised and trained all these dogs with the exception of Southern

Expedition and Yankeeman's Dixie Lady, which were purchased as pups. Many other dogs we bred have been successfully trialed by others. I have Judged the Red Setter Nationals, Irish Setter Nationals, Vizsla Nationals, German Shorthair Nationals, The American Field Quail Invitational AA CH, The US Open AA CH, Oklahoma CH, Missouri CH (with my old friend Francis Clausen), Southland Ch, Montana OSD Ch, National Chukar Ch and many other premier Pointer, Setter trials throughout the Country. Nearly all the trials I listed I judged multiple times and range from Punta Gorda Florida to Sunnyside Washington. I also Judged the Kansas AA Brittany Ch at the Oliver Ranch 4 times I believe. I do know the Grounds at Blue Mountain very well as I have Judged many times there, ran dogs in trials, Scouted and trained there in the early 90's through the early 2000's. I have been asked to Judge the Brittany Nationals a couple times in the past but was unable to do so due to conflicting circumstances. I am looking forward to looking at the Top AA Brittanys in the Country in December.



### *Stan Wint*

I reside in Gardner KS with my wife Julie. I recently retired from my periodontal practice of over 41 years. I have loved dogs and horses since I was young. I have competed in field trials for over thirty years. I have owned several notable dogs. 9x CH Honky Tonk Attitude was my favorite. I have placed my dogs in over 350 field trials with 13 National and 20 Regional championships. I was elected to the KFTCA and NBHA Hall of Fame in addition to several of my dogs. I have judged walking, horseback shooting dogs and all age championships. I judged the Quail Futurity 4 times, the All Age Quail Invitational 3 times and the National Championship at Ames 6 times. I love watching dogs compete.