

Announcing the 2009

National Championship Judges



James Cohen

I started training Brittanys in 1972 and finished 4 field champions.

I then switched to long tails in 1976 and owned (Judy & I) National Champion Heritage's Premonition (1982) and Top Shooting Dog Winner Fox Fires' Rhea (1992-93).

I've judged the Brittany Nationals twice. Some other judging assignments include; (2x) National Open Shooting Dog Championship, (2x) National Pheasant Championship, National Amateur Shooting Dog Chicken Championship, National Open Chicken Championship, Canadian Open Chicken Championship, Canadian Open Shooting Dog Chicken Championship, Kentucky All Age Open Championship, Kentucky Open Shooting Dog Championship, (2x) U.S. Open Championship.

Judy & I are still enjoying life, in good health and only 1 (one) dog.



John Kline

John Kline has been involved in bird dogs for over 45 years. He is a charter member of the Northern Virginia Brittany Club and the Rappahannock Brittany Club and has served in most executive positions in these local clubs. He has conducted seminars for new trial participants and developed a training video for public television.

During the sixties John taught earth science in the Virginia school system and hunted and trialed his own Brittanies. In the early 1970's John, his wife Sharon and family moved to historic Fauquier County Virginia at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

John and Sharon established a boarding and training kennel and a private shooting preserve. In 1989 he retired from teaching and began campaigning professionally on the east coast. He soon began limited trialing in the mid-west and in 1990's established a summer training camp in eastern Montana and concentrated on hour stakes and the championship circuit.

John was very competitive in all age hour stakes, winning the ABC Open All Age Nationals in 2000 and 2004. He has also won and or placed in championships on chickens, quail and pheasants in a variety of environments.

John loves watching good bird dogs and has judged the AKC Nationals, ABC Amateur Gun Dog Nationals, ABC Open Gun Dog Nationals, ABC Chicken Championship, Deep South Free-For-All, Dixieland Championship, GSP National Shooting Dog Championship and many open and amateur stakes on all the pointing breeds. Since retiring from the trialing circuit he continues to train and help clients with problem dogs.

Dogs have been a large part of John's life since childhood and have given him the great pleasure of meeting many interesting people from all walks of life. He considers it an honor and opportunity to be invited to judge the ABC National Open All Age Championship.



Bill Stubblefield

I retired from health care management to devote full time to my love of horses and pointing dogs. I grew up hunting and fishing in the Ozarks of Arkansas and continue until this day.

I first learned about field trials in 1983 and started running my dogs in NBHA. Later my interest was turned towards the running All Age dogs.

I think one of the most beautiful sights is to view an All Age cast out on the prairie where the dog is almost out of sight and slams into point with head high and tail at 12 o'clock straight up. You ride for 5 minutes to get to the dog and flush the chickens out in front of the dog and the dog stays frozen until released for watering and sent out once again.

I credit my judging skills to John Criswell who tutored me on judging field trials and running All Age dogs.

I have judged most of the major championship trials from South Dakota to Louisiana. This includes most breeds: Pointers, Setters, Shorthairs, Brittanys, and Vizslas.

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Greg Dixon

I have been hunting and training bird dogs for over 25 years. My first bird dog was a Brittany, but have since owned many breeds, primarily German Wirehaired Pointers.

I have been training bird dogs professionally for over 15 years, and have finished more than 35 field champions of all breeds. Since 2002, my wife and I have bred and trained four German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America (GWPCA) National Field Champions. I have also trained two National Champion Gordon Setters, and one National Champion Vizsla. A GSP that I trained went on to win 15 one hour NGSPA Championships. I train and campaign all pointing breeds. I train year round at our farm in western Wisconsin, winters in the rolling plains of Texas, and summer camp in North Dakota. I feel that training and hunting on wild birds is one of the keys to developing high class bird dogs.

I have judged the NGSPA Region 4 Championship, the German All Breed All Age Championship, Weimaraner National Championship, plus many AKC field trials.

I am honored to have been asked to judge the Brittany National Championship.



June McConnell

Pointing Dog Field Trialing has been a way of life for the McConnell Family (Husband, Larry, June, and son, Kelly) for over 30 years. They started with Brittans. Their first Britts, Dajo's Flying Scooter and Dajo's Majestic Bomber, were the first Field Champions in Idaho. Both dogs were broke and campaigned by professional trainer, Dave Walker- and were Dave's first Champions. Dave continued, through the years, to assist in breaking the McConnell dogs. Larry, a very competitive sort, soon took over handling all of the dogs with June scouting. Larry and June competed at their first National at Ardmore with "Bomber" in 1978. Other Brittany Field and Amateur Field Champions which Larry and June campaigned were Jular H Bomb and Jular Dirty Harry, which competed in the Brittany National Amateur and Open Championships in 1983 at Ardmore, and in 1982 and 1984 at Rend Lake.

June also handled "Harry" and a Derby winner, Kelly's Odie O'Dee in Northwest Regional trials. June handled Dual Champion Sirius Sashay (owned by Nancy and John Hultquist of Washington) during a successful, productive hour run in the Brittany National Championship at Ardmore in 1983.

In the mid 80's June was given a pointer puppy by a good friend who was very involved in hour long American Field Championships. This wonderful bitch was 4 X Champion Wild Cat Strike. "Cat's" awards included the prestigious Pacific Coast Shooting Dog Championship. She directly produced seven champions. Through "Cat", the McConnell's developed their long line of Pointer Champions including Night Raven, Wooden Nickel, Tip Top Dollar, Magic Nickel, and On Thin Ice. The McConnell's also had other winners from other Pointer lines.

June has been a longtime reporter for the American Field. She has reported the AFTCA National Amateur Chukar Championships, Region 9 and 10 Championships, the Pacific Coast Championship, and has reported most of the Northwest Chukar Championship trials held at the challenging Milepost 9 area in the Idaho Owyhee Mountains. She has reported for the American Brittany Club Nationals in Booneville, Arkansas twice.

June has judged the All Age and Derby stakes for many years for the Idaho Brittany Club and the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Idaho. She has judged the Brittany Chukar Classic and the Western Brittany All Age Championship. She has judged at many Pointer trials in Idaho, the Washington State Championship, and at the Region 10 Championship in Oregon. She also served as Judge's Marshal at the AKC National Pointing Dog Retrieving Stake Championship when it was held in Idaho in 2005.

June is an avid horsewoman. She has an equine

background in college rodeo, endurance riding, and trail riding and is a past Director of the Tennessee Walking Horse Club of Southwest Idaho. She is retired from long careers at AT&T and Wells Fargo Bank. She is now the "hired man" at the McConnell farm where she manages a large menagerie of dogs, cats, and horses - and Larry. She is the proud grandmother of year old twins Kyree and Bryce McConnell.



Stan Williamson

I am ecstatic that I was considered to help judge the 2009 ABC National Amateur Championship.

I went as a young man with my father to many walking trials and championships. An avid hunter, I got into trailing in the early 80s thru my very good and close friends Kim and Harry Marlatt.

Being able to travel the last 12 years, I have been glad to sit in the saddle to judge many championships and regional trials including the Deep South Amateur Championship, ABC International Open All Age Championship, ABC Quail Classic, Prairie State Derby Classic, Prairie State Open Shooting Dog Championship, Prairie State Open All Age Championship, Mid-South Derby Classic, Mid-South Open Championship, Illinois Open All Age Championship, Illinois Amateur All Age Championship, GPDA National Championship, GPD National Amateur Championship, GPD National Open Championship. Always feeling the right dog was put on top.

I have participated in 4 ABC Gun Dog Nationals and 4 ABC All Age Nationals. I have always done my own training as a true amateur.

I look forward to seeing you all in November at the ABC Nationals and wish you good luck! I will do my very best to make sure the best performances wins!