



NAGDC Judge: Scott Thielen
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Scott Thielen started field trials in the seventies with English setters and pointers in Missouri. He then joined the service in 1981 and was away from the sport for a few years. After coming back from overseas, he moved to Nebraska and has been active competing and judging ever since.

Scott has judged several Mid-western Brittany trials over the last couple of years and has commented on how much he enjoys the collegiality and cooperation amongst the competitors; even attending some events that he wasn't judging. He has stated publicly how much he's enjoyed the quality of the competition, sportsmanship and positive nature of the Brittany events and has truly enjoyed his time in the saddle. Scott looks forward to watching and experiencing the best the Brittany community has to offer while in Booneville.



NAGDC Judge : Denny Sullivan
Laramie, Wyoming

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, I was honored last year, 2022 to judge the ABC National Open GD championship 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 return this year 2023 and judge the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship in Booneville, Arkansas. I look forward to judging a class event, with some of the best Amateurs handlers in the country.
See you all in Booneville.



NGDC Judge: Peter Coppens
Highland, Illinois

I have been involved with bird dogs from an early age, at one point I discovered that my then-current hunting dog wasn't much of a hunting dog - but was really a horseback field trial dog! This led me into the field trial world and eventually to a competitive level. My dogs have earned many FC titles and won both Open and Amateur National Championships.

I began judging in 2004, and have judged many different breeds, including GSPs, Brittany's, Vizslas, Pointers and Setters. I have ran dogs and judged weekend trials and one-hour stakes in both AKC and American Field trials. I have judged the Vizsla Club of America National Amateur Field Championship, National German Pointing Dog Association Championship as well as the NGSPA Championship.

I, along with my wife Diane, am currently in charge of 4 championships. NGSPA – Region 5, NGSPA – Region 16, NGSPA – Savannah River and the National German Pointing Dog Association.

I am married to Diane and live in Highland IL. We are What's the Point Kennels. I am the supervisor at St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville, IL. I currently have three GSPs. One is still competing and two old trial dogs.

"I look forward to watching a good going dog and spending enjoyable time with folks in the field trial community. I look for the betterment of all breeds in these Championships."



NGDC Judge: Ken Chenoweth
Fair Grove, Missouri

My passion for bird dogs started back in 1974 when I purchased my first German Shorthaired Pointer. By the early 80s I was training a few dogs for the public and by the mid-80s I had judged some of the local trials.

As my passion and experience grew, I began to accept more and more judging assignments. Since that time, I have had the fortune of judging several National events for the German Shorthair Pointer National Championship, Gordon Setter National Championship, Irish Setter National Championship, Vizsla Club of America National Championship, Red Setter National Championship, German Wirehair Pointer National Championship, and the American Brittany Club (All Age & Gun Dog) National Championship. I have also judged many regional championships including the Rocky Mountain Championship, Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship, Hawkeye Shooting Dog Championship, and Missouri Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. I have also had the fortune of judging several Brittany Championships like the Prairie States Championship and Iowa Gun Dog Classic.

Besides being busy spending time in the saddle judging, I have had the opportunity of finishing several Field Champions, Amateur Champions, and Regional Champions.

I am looking forward to watching fine dogs from across the country compete at the American Brittany Club National Gun Dog Championship.