

JUDGES' BIOGRAPHIES

HUNTING WORKING AIREDALES

34th AIREDALE FIELD NATIONALS



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HOLLY HILLS GAME PRESERVE

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

FUR TEST JUDGES:

Dale Burrier

I have owned Airedales since 1982 and have competed in obedience trials since 1986, having put 24 obedience, rally and hunt test titles on 10 Airedales. I have groomed and shown 4 champion and 2 grand champion Airedales since 2013.

From 1990 to 2007, I have been involved with ATCA Hunting/Working activities, and had served on the ATCA H/W committee between 1994 and 2007. To date I have also put 15 ATCA hunt test titles on 3 Airedales.

In real life, I am a semi-retired registered Landscape Architect. I am also the Training Director for Youngstown All-Breed Training Club in North Jackson, Ohio. I live on 8 acres in an 169-year old farmhouse with my wife Kimberly, 4 Airedales, 2 cats and the occasional Airedale litter.”

Chris Halvorson:

My husband Tom and I discovered the Hunting/Working Airedale movement in the early 1990's. I got so excited about seeing Airedales work that I started snapping photos of them and haven't stopped since. For many years I was a pro photographer specializing in the conformation dogs and hunting Airedales. With the retirement of our photography business, we have time to train our own Airedales, currently 8 year old Bruce and his son, 3 year old Mike. We have owned Airedales since 1976, with several conformation champions, obedience titled dogs, and most fun of all, hunting titles.

UPLAND TEST JUDGES:

John Dudash:

I live northeast of Gahanna, OH. with my two English Springer Spaniels, Shiny and Rainy; my Brittany, Windy; and my wife. I have been an avid hunter and fisherman since my teens, in other words a long time. I got my first Springer, Shiny, about 5 years ago and started training with Brent LeMaster and the Ohio Valley English Springer Club about the same time. Shiny and I finished our Senior title and Master title within a year, having skipped the junior title. The jump from senior to master was not easy and we did not get a leg from the first master events, and it took two events to get that last leg. Shiny and I are now working on Master Advanced; we have two legs towards that title. I have started with my second Springer, Rainy, participating in field trials. I am relatively new I have learned what it takes to be successful, when to reward success,

and when to encourage and praise effort. I am looking forward to seeing the dogs and handlers work and having fun.

Rick Abolt (*also judging the Retriever Hunt Test*)

I have owned and hunted Labrador Retrievers since 1986. In particular, chocolate labs. They needed all of the help they could get! I started training for hunt tests in 2012 while living in Texas. I had the time, patience and fantastic training group. Also, in 2012, I discovered the AKC Spaniel Hunt Test and I was hooked! We had tremendous success and titled the first chocolate AKC Master Hunter Upland in the US. Shortly thereafter, I started training professionally and selectively breeding. I am an 8 point AKC Spaniel hunt test judge and had the privilege to judge every eligible breed. I live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with my wife Connie, son Collin, Labs - Maggie, Memphis, Rosie, Maddie and Boykin Spaniel named Leroy.

RETRIEVER JUDGES:

Rick Abolt (*see above*)

Joe Ricupero

My name is Joe Ricupero, and I currently live in Cleveland, Ohio. I have been training dogs for 9 years now and have found a real passion that I absolutely love. I consider myself very fortunate over the years to have met and trained under people that I found very knowledgeable about our sport. My wife Jan is very supportive and together we currently own 3 labs. George our yellow English is 10 years old with a junior titles and also has his RAE title...Frankie is our 4 year old black American lab who has just completed his 11th master pass and has qualified for the master national this year....Last is our Gracie, a black American lab who is 2 1/2 years old with a senior title and 1 master pass.

I have been judging AKC Retriever Hunt Test for three years now and can judge junior, senior and master....I have found that by judging I have learned so much more about training dogs. I believe I can make a contribution by judging and teaching others that also have the same passion.. Giving back to the sport can only make a better future for the sport. Most of all I would consider myself a people person. I'm looking forward very much to meet with all of you and helping where I can.
See you in September!

WORKSHOP PRESENTER:

Brent LeMaster:

Brent is a professional gundog trainer from Amanda, OH. He and his wife, Rosalinda carries on the legacy of Guadaira Kennels, which was started in 1971 by Rosalinda's father, John Issacs. (See www.guadairakennels.com) Brent now breeds English Springer Spaniels, but he has owned and trained setters, pointers and cockers. Brent is also the first professional handler to make the first two Master Hunters Advanced in the country, with both a Clumber Spaniel and an European imported Springer Spaniel. In recent years, Brent has done well with his Airedale clients too! He is an AKC Field Trial judge who brings considerable expertise to our HWA test program and our workshop for pups and new dogs.

HUNTING INSTINCT TEST JUDGE:

Sherri Glass

I grew up on a family farm and have been around animals all my life. We always had a farm dog that hung out on the property. When my husband John, who was a police officer, got a drug dog, my life changed. I found Airedales! I really enjoyed the challenge of trying to stay one step ahead of them and making the training interesting for the dog. With my husband ties to law enforcement, I trained Airedales for Drug Detection and Search and Rescue, along with some Obedience, Rally and Coon Tracking. Because my first working dog, Bo, was picked using the puppy test, I really believe in and love doing puppy test and instinct evaluations. I have used the Puppy Aptitude test for over 25 years, testing Airedale litters as well as numerous other breeds.

I own my own grooming boutique and am a licensed grooming instructor for the State of Ohio and have taught many groomers their new careers. I'm a breeder of Airedales and constantly strive to find the "perfect" dog.

John and I have been married almost 45 years, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.