



2023 National Amateur Championship

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My involvement in Springer Spaniel field trials began 25 years ago when I set out on a search for a hunting dog to replace my Labrador that had recently passed. One of my close friends told me that I should consider a Springer Spaniel as they were great companions, excellent upland dogs and would also fit the bill for my limited waterfowl interests too.



During the process of searching for a "started" Springer I was also able to see some well-trained field trial Springers. My immediate response was "I want one of those". A short while later I had my first field bred Springer and it was just the beginning of a long and rewarding relationship with this great sport.

In the last 25 years I have I have participated in Springer Spaniel field trials all across the US and Canada. That experience has been very rewarding in experiences and also has resulted in many friendships.

I have chaired numerous field trials including 2 National Championships, and I have shot many all-age trials in both countries. My judging experience includes over 35 all-age trials in the US and Canada and a US National Open Championship.

It's truly an honor to judge your dogs in the 2023 National Amateur Championship. I don't take that responsibility lightly as I fully understand the amount of time, effort and significant personal investment that an amateur handler commits to get each dog qualified and compete in this event.

I wish the best of luck and the opportunity to excel in performance to each of the dogs and their handlers.