

**JUDGES' BIOGRAPHIES**

**HUNTING WORKING AIREDALES**

**33<sup>rd</sup> AIREDALE FIELD NATIONALS**



**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> , 2018**

**HOLLY HILLS GAME PRESERVE**

**CHILLICOTHE, OHIO**

## **FUR JUDGES:**

### **Lawrence Alexander:**

I have been breeding Airedales for 40 years and have been involved in all types of hunting with them -- upland, tracking, obedience, agility etc.; my favorite is upland. I have had some great dogs over the years. I have been involved with HWA for over 25 years and have judged in a number of categories. I look forward to seeing many of my old friends and meeting new ones, also seeing some great dogs. Once you have owned an Airedale you will always have a special place in your heart for them.

### **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.

### **Kimberly A. Burrier**

I have been breeding versatile Airedale Terriers with my husband Dale, since 2001. Many of our Airedale Terriers have earned ATCA H/W, HWA, and AKC titles. I entered my first Hunt Test, held in Lapeer, Michigan, in 1997.

In addition to hunt tests, I compete in Obedience, Rally Obedience, Barn Hunts and Conformation. We have bred three AKC champions, and one grand champion, along with over 50 AKC performance titles. We currently have six Airedale Terriers, aged 18 months to 14 years, and two housecats, Scooter & Groucho.

I am the President of the Airedale Terrier Club of Northern Ohio, and Vice President & Obedience Chair for the Youngstown all Breed Training Club. I am also a member of the Steel Valley Airedale Terrier Association. I currently serve on the Airedale Terrier Club of America Hunting & Field Committee, and have served on numerous hunt test committees, over the past 20 years.

## **UPLAND 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**

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:**

#### **Patricia Rose** *(also Workshop Presenter)*

I purchased my first Standard Poodle in 1980 and have been with the breed ever since. I had always wanted a poodle that could do what they were bred to do – hunt – and in 2004 I bred a litter of pups that produced Harper. I started training Harper for field while living in Canada and after moving back to the US showed him to his Obedience Trial Championship and trained and handled him to the Master Hunter title – he was the 8<sup>th</sup> MH in the breed and was the first poodle to hold both OTCH and MH titles. Currently I have Lucas who is the 24th Master Hunter poodle and the second poodle with both OTCH and MH titles.

I love training and working my dogs in both venues but really enjoy the field work – what can be better than a chance to be outdoors with your best friend? I enjoy judging and seeing good dog work – good luck to all.

**Leslie Phillips:**

I have had dogs all of my life. I grew up with an English Bulldog, , a chihuahua, and a "beagle, basset, collie hound" that looked like a golden retriever with midget legs. I got later had a real golden retriever. But, In 1992 I got my first flat-coated retriever and really set out on a hobby in dog competition such as obedience, agility, show, and hunt testing. I am now training my 6<sup>th</sup> flat-coated retriever in field work and hunting.. I love the training, competition, and social interaction involved in hunt testing. Becoming a Hunt Test Judge helped so much in my dog training. Thank you for inviting me to judge your Retriever Test!

**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 44 years, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.