

**JUDGES' BIOGRAPHIES**  
**And Workshop Presenter**  
**HUNTING WORKING AIREDALES**

**31<sup>st</sup>**  
**HWA**  
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## **FUR JUDGES:**

### **Lawrence Alexander**

I have been breeding Airedales for 42 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. We have owned Airedales since 1976, with several conformation champions, obedience-titled dogs, and most fun of all, hunting titles. I now serve as president of HWA, Inc.

## **UPLAND JUDGES and Workshop Presenter**

**Dawn Schuster** Dawn will serve as an Upland Test Judge and as our **Workshop Presenter**

I grew up in a hunting home. My father and brother hunted regularly. Our house was filled with many talks about where to hunt and what to hunt. Our house hunted it all.

When I turned 13, I took a hunter's safety course and that started it all. Most times you would find me off petting the dogs. We owned an English Springer Spaniel until I was 8. After he passed, we hunted over numerous other breeds of our friends, Brittanies, Beagles, German Short Hairs, and even a German Shepherd!

After moving from home, I started to work with dogs. I worked in boarding and training kennels a few years before taking a grooming job. I now own a grooming business for the past 14 years.

I have had dogs most all of my life, from an English Springer to a poodle, Samoyed, Greyhounds, Toy Fox Terrier, and now English Cocker Spaniels.

17 years ago I had a chance to co-own a Toy Fox Terrier. Gem was the start of me working my dogs in performance events. He became the 1st Toy Fox Terrier in the history of AKC to earn an obedience title. My 1st English Cocker brought me the reintroduction to hunting.

I had not been out in the fields for nearly 15 years, while I married and had 2 daughters, who

now also love to be out with the dogs. I realized how much I loved working my dogs and since then have trained for and earned 6 obedience titles, 9 rally titles and 19 field titles on 10 dogs. I am also training and running my own dogs in Cocker field trials. Liz and I have brought home 7 placements earning 14 points and 2 gun dog awards towards her Field Championship. Now her babies are starting out in trials field events. It has proven to be a very rewarding journey.

My knowledge and understanding of working dogs brought me to the exciting task of judging. I am a senior AKC judge for upland events and have been judging for about 7 years.

I love working with dogs and handlers and am looking forward to working with all of you during the Hunting Working Airedales National event. It will be my honor. Thank you so much for inviting me this year.

### **Jamie Lands**

Jamie Lands has been formally involved with English Springer Spaniel dog trials for the past 10 years, but his appreciation and love of hunting dogs began well before. Jamie was introduced to Springer Spaniels while living in Scotland and brought two dogs back from the UK in 1997. He had three fantastic years of hunting with Springers in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas while living in Aurora, Colorado. After moving back to Ohio in 2000, Jamie befriended Brent LeMaster and got his first U.S. bred Springer Spaniel from Russ Smith in 2006.

Jamie has handled puppies and dogs in numerous field trials. He is an active member of the Ohio Valley English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club. He is a certified gun for hunting dog trials and has judged several Springer Spaniel puppy stakes.

Jamie resides in Stoutsville, Ohio with his wife, Rhonda, and their children.

## **RETRIEVER JUDGES:**

### **Frank McKane**

Frank lives in Oxford, Connecticut. He has been training for the past 30 years. He started with Springer Spaniels for upland bird hunting. Then he got a hound for squirrel and raccoon hunting.

In 2000, he rescued a Labrador retriever from a pet shop near his home. At the time he was a well respected outdoor writer for newspapers and magazines. While he was doing a story on goose hunting, he got the idea to train his Labrador "Clark" for duck hunting.

He joined a waterfowl hunting club and discovered hunt tests. Now he could hunt in the fall/winter and work his dog in the summer at tests.

"Clark wasn't very talented for the hunt test game. And I have to admit I wasn't a very good trainer. But together we muddled through to a Senior Hunter title," Frank said.

That's when he began to study the craft. His next dog "Butte" had the talent and Frank

developed his skills. Butte ended her career with 31 Master Hunter passes and qualified for the Master National three times. Six dogs later - four with AKC Master Hunter titles - Frank became an AKC judge for all levels of hunt tests.

*"I enjoy watching the dogs work, whether they are hunting or trialing. Judging gives you a different perspective on that dog work. I have worked with Airedales in the obedience ring and I'm looking forward to seeing these dogs work in the field."*

### **Kate Ostrowski**

I adopted my first Airedale in 1996. My first two Airedales were great yards hunters. In 2012 a Lawrence Alexander puppy joined our family and it's been all bird hunting and training since. In 2013 we joined Hunting Working Airedales, Inc.

Since 2013 Filson and I have have been training for both Upland and Retriever hunting with Bridget Bodine, a retriever training pro. Together we have progressed to senior titles for HWA Upland, HWA Retriever, AKC Spaniel Upland, in addition to an HWA Junior Fur title.

## **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 in their new careers. I'm a breeder of Airedales and constantly strive to find the "perfect" dog – although a fellow breeder of mine, once said, "You're such a perfectionist, you'd breed the perfect dog, and would find something you didn't like about it"

John and I have been married over 41 years, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.