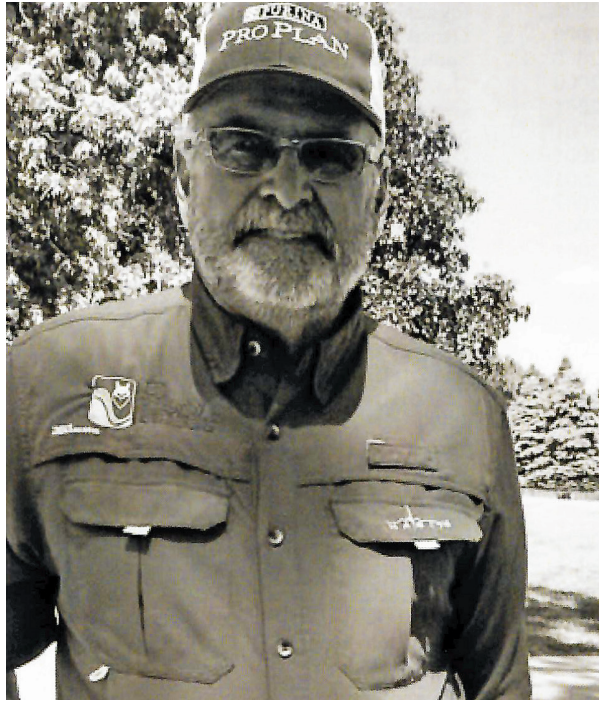


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Wayne Curtis



Wayne has dedicated his life to the advancement of field trials and field trial training. He exemplifies great sportsmanship at all times and continues to be a staple of our sport. Wayne began his dog training career at the age of 20 in 1977 at Webshire Kennels and trained in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Texas before establishing Fox Hollow Retrievers in Mondovi, WI with his wife Terri in 1988.

Wayne has hosted, presented and moderated numerous training seminars, clinics and judging seminars for area clubs with all proceeds being donated to the clubs. Wayne is a Charter Member of the National Derby Club as well as one of its founding members. Wayne helped start the Southwest Georgia Retriever Club, acted as President of the Club, is a Lifetime Member and has been a host/Chair for many field trials during the winter training months.

As a Lifetime Member of the Blackhawk Retriever Club and the Chippewa Retriever Club, Curtis' property has been used to host AKC events for almost two decades and were used in the 2013, 2017 and 2021 National Amateur Retriever Championships. Wayne has worked as the Chairman of the Bird Throwers Committee for the NARC and also multiple National Open Championships. Wayne and Terri were also a contributor to the purchase of Watopa Home Grounds. Wayne donates his time and the use of his Fox Hollow "south" training grounds for the Southwest Georgia Retriever Club. Wayne is a Lifetime Member of the Professional Retriever Trainers Association and has hosted/Chaired many PRTA field trials. He has served as the PRTA Vice President and serves on the PRTA Board now. Wayne was instrumental in the initiation of the field trial club land grant program that exists today to help clubs fund improvement projects on the club grounds.

Wayne has trained many dogs to their Field Championships, readied many dogs (and owners) for their Amateur Field Championships, and has produced multiple top ten High Point Derby dogs through the years. Wayne trained, handled and won the 1998 National Field Championship with NFC-AFC Abe's Ebony and Ivory, "Eba," owned by Gary and Sharon Hanvey. Wayne assisted Hank McNeil with the training of 2xNAFC-FC-CFC-CAFC Candlewood's Bit O' Bunny (2004 Hall of Fame) to the NARC winner's table in 1996 and 1999. In 2010 Wayne trained and assisted owner Pete Hayes to the National Amateur Winner's table with NAFC-FC Fourleaf's Ice Breaker, "Buster." In 2017 Wayne trained and assisted owners Randy and Mary Spangler to the National Amateur Championship with NAFC-FC Mulligan Off The Rainy "T," "Mully." Wayne and his clients have consistently qualified for the National Open Championship and National Amateur Championships throughout his professional career with multiple NRC and NARC Finalists. Wayne has also trained two National Derby Championship Finalists. Over the decades Wayne has coached countless amateur clients to success with their dogs, has helped prepare assistants to go on to become successful trainers and/or kennel owners and has been a mentor of many. All said, without a doubt his greatest achievement and source of pride has been to raise his three sons with Andrew carrying on the tradition of training these amazing animals. Andrew now works for Fox Hollow and is producing his own champions.



Terri and Wayne Curtis with Wayne's portrait.



Wayne Curtis with family at the 2022 Retriever Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony with Wayne's portrait.