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I started in Retrievers in 1978 by purchasing a Golden Retriever and trained through his derby career. In 1980, I went to my first National Amateur in Maine, where Dennis Bath won the stake with Cadillac Mack. Since that time, I have been hooked in the Retriever game and have devoted much of my life to the Retriever sport.

I have judged 93 major stakes and 512 minor stakes. I judged the National Championship stake in 1994 in St. Louis and I judged the National Amateur Championship stake in 2006 in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

I have been a two time National Amateur president and have shepherded the National Amateur on two occasions as president, with the National Amateur being held in Stowe, Vermont. In 1992, I chaired the National Amateur stake in Batavia, New York.

I presently sit on the Board of Directors of the Labrador Retriever Club and I am an active member of the Talbot Retriever Club, the Shrewsbury River Retriever Club and the South Jersey Retriever Club. I have been president of the Shrewsbury River Retriever and the South Jersey Retriever Club and have worked many trials for the three clubs, as well as being on the Board of Directors of the Talbot Retriever Club. I chair approximately four trials a year and work at many local trials, as well as National Amateur trials.

I have trained three dogs to championship status, namely FC-AFC Twin D's One Tough Hombre, FC-AFC Corey Chad's Blue North Axle and AFC Wind River's Most Wanted (Felon). Felon completed the 2007 National Amateur in Castle Rock, Utah. I have qualified for ten National Amateurs with three different dogs and completed one National Amateur.

My private life is totally devoted to the Retriever game, including helping new people in the game train their dogs and giving judges clinics from North Carolina through Maine. I am presently the president of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame, located in Grand Junction, Tennessee, and I devote a substantial amount of time to try to keep the history of the Retriever game alive and well at the Hall of Fame Museum. I continue to train and compete dogs on the eastern seaboard. I continue to actively judge in all four time zones and, hopefully, I will continue to do that for many years to come. I love the Retriever sport and I do all I can to advance the sport and preserve its rich history.