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John Goettl



John Goettl has been active in the retriever field trial sport as a contestant, judge, administration, facilitator, and gunner for the past fifty years. He is a past president of the Fort Collins Retriever Club (multiple times), the Rocky Mountain Retriever Field Trial Association (multiple times), and the National Amateur Retriever Club.

John has been serving on the AKC rules sub-committee for the past twenty-five years. He assisted with the conception, production, and editing of the Field Trial Judges Manual. He served on the board of directors for the Retriever Field Trial News for four years. He planned, organized and moderated numerous judging, training, and handling clinics.

John served as the Mountain Time Zone national gun captain for twenty years. He gunned at more than fifty-five national championships including the last thirty-four National Amateurs. He worked on other national championship committees and served on National Field Trial committee many times.

John judged over 130 field trials including fun trials, sanctioned trials, minor stakes at licensed trials, about 60 licensed trials carrying championship points, four National Golden Retriever Field Trial Specialties, and two National Retriever Championships.

John's motivation for his field trial activity over the past half century has been the pure enjoyment of his dogs and the captive gallery audience who continued to laugh at his stories. He has had four titled dogs and competed in a number of National Amateur Field Trial Championships.