

2020

Mitch Patterson



Mitch Patterson with his wife Linda at the 2021 Retriever Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Mitch is very honored and humbled to be an inductee into the Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame. In his fifth decade, he remains a traditionalist of the sport, and has made contributions in many areas:

National Retriever Club:

- President 2018 & 2022
- Vice President 2017 & 2021
- Secretary/Treasurer 2007-2014
- Board Member 2007-2026
- Field Trial Chairman, Chief Marshal, Co-Chief Marshal, Marshals Committee, Grounds Committee Chairman, Traffic Committee, Game Steward Committee

National Amateur Retriever Club:

- Judged 2004 & 2016 National Amateur Retriever Championship
- Co-Chief Marshal, Marshals Committee, Grounds Committee, Traffic Committee, Game Steward Committee

National Retriever Derby Club:

- Lifetime Charter Member
- Judged 2019 National Derby Championship
- Chief Marshal, Grounds Committee Chairman

Other Field Trial Club Involvement:

- Founding member and Past President of Fox Valley Ret. Club
- Past President of Midwest Field Trial Club
- Past President of American Amateur Retriever Club
- Past Vice President of River King Retriever Club
- Member of Bluegrass Retriever Club
- Member of Green River Retriever Club
- Member of American Chesapeake Club
- Member of the Doubleheaders Club
- Judged over 110 All-Age stakes, plus many minor stakes
- Field Trial Chairman of 80 plus AKC field trials, plus Past FT Chairman of multiple Chesapeake Bay Ret. Field Trial Specialties
- Participated, as a judge in multiple AKC Field Trial Judging Seminars

Mitch has Achieved Significant Accomplishments with his Dogs:

- Co-owned, trained & competed with 2013 Retriever Hall of Fame inductee, Dual CH-AFC JJ's Jessie
- Doubleheader Winner
- Qualified and competed in many National Open and Amateur Championship Stakes
- National Amateur Finalist
- Owned, trained and competed with the First Dual CH-AFC Chessie female and First Dual CH-AFC & MH Chessie Female (mother/daughter) at multiple Nationals
- 100% amateur trained FC-AFC with over 110 All-Age points
- Competed and won All-Breed trials with four Dual CH-AFC Chessies and many Labradors
- Bred, trained, competed with multiple FC-AFC, Dual Champion, National Derby List, QAA, MH, Retriever Hall of Fame, Master National Hall of Fame, SH, JH, CD titled dogs
- Bred, showed and finished multiple AKC Conformation Champions (CH)

Mitch co-authored "AKC Field Trials, One Judges Perspective," and also contributes to the Retriever News' "Judges Corner" articles.

He partnered with the state of Kentucky Wildlife Agency, entering into an agreement for the establishment of permanent, year round training grounds in the Western Kentucky Wildlife Area for all retrievers to use and enjoy.

Mitch continues to work at field trials, train, judge, compete, mentor and encourage new people into the retriever sport at all levels while welcoming all to come and train on his southern Illinois property.