

2026 MAI Judges Bios

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I started training my first puppy to duck hunt in 1984. That's when I was introduced to the NAHRA program. I was hooked at my first started ribbon. Eight generations of my own breeding and training I have been blessed with many titles from eight great dogs. This included GMHR, MH, Derby, Qualified All Age, and Open points. I have judged over 60 NAHRA tests, and as many AKC, the master at the National Golden Specialty, and the AKC Master National. Judging has enhanced my own training skills and given me many incredible experiences as well as taking me to places meeting great people I would have never experienced otherwise.

It is a huge satisfaction to see dogs and handlers work together to solve problems and enjoy the experience.

I am honored and looking forward to judging the Master Amateur.

I wish the best of luck to everyone.

"Dog to the line"