

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductees 2014

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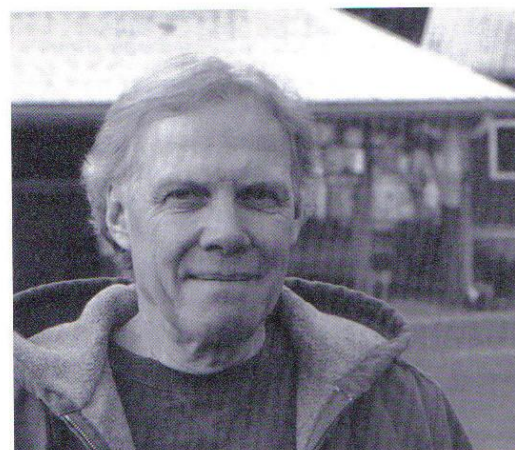
A light snow and cold temperatures greeted retriever patrons on the morning of Sat. Feb. 8th at the National Bird Dog Museum, Grand Junction, TN. But the gathering crowd warmed quickly to the fellowship of friends, family, and fellow competitors from across the country - the occasion, the annual induction ceremony for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame.

After opening remarks and a welcome by Mayor Curtis Lane of Grand Junction, Bev Matthews of Windsor Locks, Connecticut took the podium and acted as presenter. This year, only one distinguished person and one deserving dog were named (see accompanying photos). Afterwards, a sumptuous luncheon was provided by Purina. The day's events were co-sponsored by Ainley Products, Garmin, Bird Dog Whiskey, and SportDog Brands. The *American Field* magazine of Chicago also hosted an evening reception. This year's inductees joined the nearly 90 other dogs and persons already enshrined in the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame. The Bird Dog Foundation, an umbrella non-profit organization, provides 30,000 sq. ft. of building space devoted to nearly 40 breeds of sporting dogs. Learn more by visiting online: www.birddogfoundation.com.



Bev Matthews of Windsor Locks, Connecticut served as presenter for the recent induction ceremony of the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame held at the Bird Dog Foundation, Grand Junction, TN.

Inductee Dr. Jeffrey W. Miller of Rochester, Washington.



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Plaques presented prior to ceremony:
Sharon Mueller of Indian Head Park, Illinois – Honored with a Bird Dog Foundation Life Patron plaque, spearheaded by her many ESS friends and field trial associates. Making the presentation was Dean Reinke.



Pat Bramwell of Zenda, KS was honored with a Life Patron plaque developed by her many ESS field trial friends.



Marie Langhans of Harvard, IL was surprised with the presentation of a Life Patron plaque. Contributors were her many friends in the ESS field trial community.



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