

**UNITED STATES BORDER COLLIE HANDLERS ASSOCIATION  
2017 National Judge's Ballot  
Sheep Finals**

One judge will be selected. Each director shall vote for as many nominees as he or she chooses. You can leave blank or enter 0 for any nominee you do not wish to vote for. Indicate your preferences by writing 3 next to the name of your first choice, 2 next to your second choice, 1 next to your last choice and 0 or blank for judges you do not wish to vote for. The secretary shall total the numbers assigned to each nominee by all the directors and, after confirming their willingness to serve, shall notify the directors of the nominee receiving the highest total, who shall be deemed elected. If for any reason an elected judge cannot serve, the nominee receiving the next highest number of points shall be substituted.

**BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED BY May 1, 2017 to:  
1556 Harding St, Enumclaw, Wa 98022  
email: [secretary@usbcha.com](mailto:secretary@usbcha.com)**

Nominee	See directions above for voting. You can leave blank or 0 for judges you don't want to vote for.
Wyatt Fleming	
Peter Gonnet	
Ron Green	

**Director Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Biographies

<p><b>Wyatt Fleming</b></p>	<p>Wyatt is one of the most promising up and coming handlers we've seen in many years. He is a regular participant in sheep and cattle trials and is always competitive. He has made quite a splash in the few years he's been trialing sheep and cattle at the open level. He handled his dog Mirk to the 2016 National Cattledog Nursery Finals Championship. Mirk was also 6<sup>th</sup> in the finals in the Open class at the Cattledog Finals. In 2016 he made the finals of the Bluegrass, was in the semifinals at Meeker in his first run there, has made the double lift finals at the Wisconsin Working Stockdog Trial on several occasions on one of the more difficult courses in the U.S., and has been invited to run at Soldier Hollow in 2017. Wyatt and his family also have sheep and cattle at their farm in Leeton, MO. Wyatt also has developed a loyal base of customers that send dogs to him for custom training.</p> <p>The reason why I nominated Wyatt is that I'm confident he'll do a great job. He'll treat everyone the same, and he'll actually judge the outrun and lift, which hasn't always been the case at past finals. He'll reward the teams that do well on that aspect of the course and score accordingly the ones that aren't as strong. This is a national finals, and we need a standard of judging that reflects that fact. I have confidence that Wyatt will do a job befitting of a national finals, and not minimize the part of the course that separates the Border Collie from other breeds of dogs. Even though he's young, he will be an outstanding judge for the 2017 National Cattledog Finals. (Nominated by Mike Neary)</p>
<p><b>Peter Gonnet</b></p>	<p>Peter was raised on a farm in Alberta Canada where he grew up with border collies. Peter and his wife Pam recently retired from managing a large grazing reserve looking after 1350 cow calf pairs and have a flock of North Country Cheviots of their own. Peter got his first border collie 34 years ago to help him with his work, his dogs are used everyday as well as for trailing. He has won the Canadian championship and has been reserve CBCA champion, Western Canadian driving and WCC nursery champion, nine times SSDA open Champion. Peter has judged numerous trials through out North America, including the USBCHA National Sheep Dog Finals in 2011 and the National Cattle Dog Finals in 2012. (Nominated by Dwight Parker/Richard Brandon)</p>
<p><b>Ron Green</b></p>	<p>Born in Sweetwater, TN, I spent my younger years on a farm in Madisonville, TN. We were poor folks, so a dog had to work to earn its keep. Most of our farm dogs would work cattle or hogs by day and tree Raccoons or Opossums at night.</p> <p>As a military brat by the age of 15, I was living on the West Coast in California. There I owned some of the finest hounds and bird dogs. Dogs were a way of life for me. Next, I moved to Washington State. I acquired a small herd of mixed breed cattle run on 100 acres. Soon I was introduced to the amazing Border Collie. People who saw my dogs work invited me to try out trialing. I won my first belt buckle in 1999 my first trial. By 2002, I had joined the USBCHA, first trialing in the USBCHA Cattle Dog program, and later also started trialing in sheep. Since then I have qualified for the Cattle Dog Finals and Sheep Dog Finals with several different dogs. In 2008, I won the high combined Trophy with AltaPete Teddy-AKA Tait. In 2015, I was third in the Finals with DeltaBluez Kiki. Most years I have made it into the Double lift finals.</p> <p>I have been in many Double lifts and have even won some, both sheep and cattle. I have course directed and judged both Cattle and Sheep dog trials. I'm now semi-retired and enjoying training and trialing my Border Collies. I'm down to just a few head of cattle and a small flock of sheep for training purposes. Now I'm more able to travel to trials meeting old friends, making new ones across our great America. (Nominated by Deb Meier)</p>