

GET READY FOR THE 2026 BSCBAA NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW



Mark your calendars! The 2026 BSCBAA National Specialty Show is happening February 27–March 1, in conjunction with the Maryland Sporting Dog Association Spring Event. This multi-day celebration of Boykin Spaniels and sporting breeds promises top-tier judging, exciting competition, and plenty of camaraderie. Here's a preview of our esteemed judges and some of the weekend's tentative highlights.

Friday, February 27: All-Breed Show & Crab Boil Kickoff & Breeder's Showcase

We're thrilled to welcome Laura Reeves of Grants Pass, Oregon, as Friday's all-breed judge. A lifelong hunting dog enthusiast, Ms. Reeves began her journey training and competing with Labrador Retrievers and has also worked with Clumber Spaniels and German Wirehaired Pointers. She's the founder of Scotia Kennels and host of the acclaimed podcast Pure Dog Talk. "I have always focused on good-looking, good-working, happy, healthy family companions who are successful in a wide variety of competitions," says Ms. Reeves.

Friday evening brings a classic Maryland crab boil and the Breeder's Showcase—a perfect way to kick off the weekend.

Saturday, February 28: Double the Boykin Fun

Saturday offers two chances for Boykin Spaniels to shine: one in the all-breed show and another in the 2026 BSCBAA National Specialty.

Our all-breed judge will be Barbara Pepper of Swannanoa, NC. A respected Golden Retriever breeder and AKC all-breed judge, Ms. Pepper also serves as a Golden Retriever Club of America-approved tutor.

For the National Specialty, we are honored to welcome Ms. Pluis Davern of Royal Oaks, California. With a lifetime of achievements—including the 2022 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award (Performance)—Ms. Davern brings unparalleled expertise. She's an AKC all-breed judge, approved Spaniel hunt test judge, and has trained search and rescue dogs. Her work with Sussex Spaniels includes breeding, showing, and hunt titling.

The BSCBAA will also support our performance Boykins in Obedience and Rally on Saturday. After a full day of competition, we invite you to join us for a festive evening celebration.

Sunday, March 1: A Historic First

Sunday brings another exciting double-header: an all-breed show and the first-ever BSCBAA Concurrent Specialty.

Our Concurrent Specialty judge will be Gordon Hayburn of Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada. Originally from the UK, Mr. Hayburn moved to Canada in 2011. His background includes Golden Retrievers, Setters, and Retrievers, with a strong record in campaigning sporting breeds.

Sunday's all-breed judge will be James Covey of Ballston Lake, NY. Mr. Covey began with English Cocker Spaniels and has long focused on the Sporting Group.

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We can't wait to see you ringside in Maryland—celebrating the dogs we love and the community that brings us together

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