

Biography: Scott Linden

Scott Linden is an active and energetic media interpreter of outdoor pursuits. His passion for the subject, experience as an educator, musician and writer are put to use making the outdoors come alive for a wide variety of audiences. His specialties are bird dogs, bird hunting and family outdoor activities ... he's written books on each topic.

He's also written a cover story on Epagneul Bretons for *Gun Dog* magazine and produced two episodes of his television series featuring the breed.

Scott was the first producer of high definition hunting and fishing series, for Outdoor Channel and has created a total of nine TV series. He is the creator and host of **Wingshooting USA** television series, the most-watched upland hunting series in the U.S. He also hosts the Upland Nation podcast, is a popular seminar presenter, and blogger at www.findbirdhuntingspots.com, the only website devoted to helping bird hunters access public land and wild birds. Scott's book *What the Dogs Taught Me* was released in June, 2013 from Skyhorse Publishing of New York, with a third paperback printing released earlier this year under the title *Training and Hunting Bird Dogs*. His book *Fun Family Outdoor Ideas* was published in 2000.

Scott's byline has been seen many times in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Quail Forever*, *Shooting Sportsman*, *Pointing Dog Journal*, *Gun Dog*, *Versatile Hunting Dog*, *Quail Forever*, *Pheasants Forever* and *Sports Afield* magazines. He is a frequent guest on television and radio talk shows, designs dog care and training gear, consults with apparel and equipment manufacturers on product development, and serves as a technical advisor and stock footage supplier to network TV and feature-film productions.

Linden's other accomplishments include:

- Creator and producer/host of radio shows for *Field & Stream* and *Outdoor Life* magazines (20 years)
- Creator and developer of the first television series for Boy Scouts of America
- Five international "Telly" awards for creative excellence (every TV series he's created captured this honor in its debut season)

Other TV series (nine total) created by Scott include *Outdoor Notebook*, *Field Test TV*, *Cast & Blast*, *Where to Shoot*, and *Clay Target Shootout*.

Before finding his niche, Scott Linden was a teacher, labor-union president, media consultant and professional musician. Among his former clients are a governor of California, mayor of San Francisco, and legendary sports commentator John Madden.

Linden's speaking engagements include the South Dakota Governor's Invitational Pheasant Hunt, Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic, Huron, SD Ringneck Festival, Safari Club International, Minnesota Game Fair, North American Game Bird Association, Gun Dog Expo, sportsmen's shows, Pheasant Fest, the National Sporting Goods Association, Outdoor Writers Association of America, and "Becoming an Outdoorswoman" workshops.

Scott lives near Bend, Oregon, with wife Karen Bandy, various cats, horses and wild critters, and hunting partners Flick and Manny, German wirehaired pointers.

Way back . . .

- Professional writer with credits including *Inc.*, *Wall St. Journal*, *Bon Appetit*.
- Fly fishing instructor. Specialized in one-day large group "learn to fly fish" workshops.
- General manager, largest public relations agency in Oregon (division of Ogilvy & Mather). Specialized in crisis management.
- Founder/publisher: *Central Oregon Business Journal*
- Political and entertainment media consultant, Sacramento, Calif.
- Taught and directed bands at University of Oregon, Oregon and California junior high schools.
- Professional musician.
- Labor union president – Musician's Mutual Association Local 689.