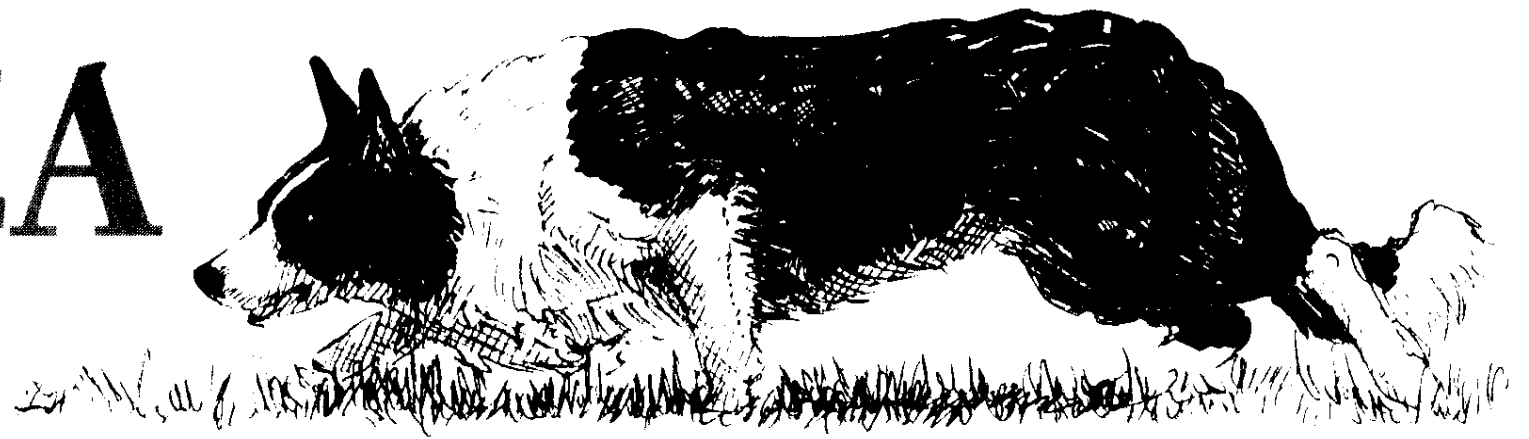


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*Lorna Savage's Dot,
winner of this year's
Fall Foliage
Championship*

NEBCA Fall Foliage

October 9th & 10th
Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company
Chatham, New York

For a third year, we were invited to the Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company to compete again for the NEBCA title of Fall Foliage Champion. The location couldn't be more appropriate than this one; large course, a large number of fresh sheep, gracious hosts, and spectacular surroundings. This is truly autumn at its best.

Ray Edwards ably and fairly judged the event. Though this was his first trip from England to judge in the United States, he did such an impressive job that we have invited him back again for this year's competition as well. There were about 35 dogs running in this year's competition. Each dog ran twice on a National style course. The dogs

with the best ten scores at the end of the two rounds went on to compete in the Double Lift Championship. You had to really do some impressive work to qualify. These were not easy sheep! The farm's yearlings are Finn-Dorset-East Freisian crosses that do not get worked regularly or in small groups, so a challenge they were. They were difficult and stubborn, with many a dog losing either patience or time trying to move them, and therefore missing out on the top ten final runoff.

The double lift championship was probably as difficult as the USBCHA finals. Though the course was not as large, the difficulty of the sheep, coupled together with the height of the Alfalfa in the first gather field and the location of the exhaust, made this tough. Those who made it into the top 10 should be proud.

Our winner, Lorna Savage's Dot, ran impressively all weekend and remained consistent through to the end. This was a great occasion for Lorna, who came to this event with no expectations other than to do the best she could. Dot worked her heart out and proved to be a champion. She was followed by Warren Mick's veteran, Tim, who has shown himself to be one of the more consistently competitive dogs on the trial circuit.

The final placings are listed below.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lorna Savage, Dot | 6. Bev Lambert, Nap |
| 2. Warren Mick, Tim | 7. Warren Mick, Tara |
| 3. Walt Jagger, Roy | 8. Cheryl Williams, Ben |
| 4. Cheryl Williams, Andy | 9. Barb Armata, Annie |
| 5. Sally Lacy, Tru | 10. Bruce Smart, Ken |

Profiles and pedigrees of the Fall Foliage champion and reserve champion appear on pages 5 and 6.

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High-Points Champions

The NEBCA High Points championship was designed to encourage NEBCA members to participate in as many NEBCA-sanctioned Open trials as possible every year. The dogs listed here are the ones that accumulated the most points in NEBCA Open trials between October, 1998 and October, 1999. Obviously, these dogs and handlers don't make this list without performing well

consistently over a long, arduous season. Congratulations to all.

High Points Top Ten:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Amanda Milliken, Eucher | 6. Amanda Milliken, Hazel |
| 2. Warren Mick, Reggie | 7. Bev Lambert, Nell |
| 3. Warren Mick, Tim | 8. Mary Brighoff, Mirk |
| 4. Bev Lambert, Nap | 9. Cheryl Williams, Sadie |
| 5. Amanda Milliken, Grace | 10. Cheryl Williams, Andy |

Profiles and pedigrees of the high-points champion and reserve champion appear on pages 3 and 4.

As many of you know, I have been deeply involved with my mother for the past several months. She is finally stable, semi-conscious, and attempting to get off of the ventilator in a facility near my home. After several life-threatening setbacks, there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel.

A public thank you needs to be expressed to Denise Leonard and the executive committee and Board for taking over the running of NEBCA in my absence. I also would like to thank Gene and Lynn Sheninger for their immense efforts in keeping the high points for the past several years. They set up a computer program that will be easily transferred to Roger and Heather Millen.

I would also like to express our appreciation to Beverly Lambert and Joe Kennedy for expert assistance on the trials committee and the nursery trials committee respectively. These are thankless jobs and require the effort of true professionals. Thank you both.

We have some very exciting proposals for the coming year as you will see in the minutes of the annual meeting. Stay tuned and have a great year of trialing.

— Cheryl Jagger Williams, President

Welcome!

Spring is pushing through the grayness of winter. In the southern reaches of NEBCA's territory, there's probably some green grass starting to lure sheep through winter-weary fences, and dogs that have been semi-unemployed over the winter just itching for the real work of getting them back on the right side. Some of us are starting to train a new dog or two, with high hopes for the coming trial season, or an easier workday around the farm.

This, the spring 2000 issue of the NEBCA News, also marks a beginning. We're going to try a team approach to the newsletter. I will serve as editor and will be responsible for organizing and coordinating the content, production, and distribution of the newsletter.

The other key members of the team are:

- Lori Cunningham, who will be soliciting and developing articles and columns.
- Joanne Krause and her mother, who will serve as typists.
- Molly King, who will proofread and work with authors to hone their prose.
- Lynn Zimmerman, my wife and business partner, who will design and lay out the publication.

Untold thanks go to Carol Champion for her service as editor, and for all the help and resources she's provided to me during this transition. The advice and information that other members of the Board of Directors and Executive Board have provided has also been very much appreciated.

I'd also like to reiterate something that Carol and past editors have printed in just about every issue of the newsletter: This is your publication. Your contributions — whether they be in the form of photos, articles, trial results, event announcements, or suggestions — are what make the NEBCA News the valuable resource that it is. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of the newsletter team with your comments or ideas.

This newsletter is the common ground of NEBCA; it's how we can stay in touch with our far-flung friends, whether they have two legs or four. Keep us up to date!

— Bill Foshier, editor

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Rambow ISDS 153847

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Eucher

1999 High Points Champion

Eucher was a product of a breeding of my beloved Hazel and my Boy. At the time she was born, I had a big dog population and did not plan to keep any puppies. People took their choices and Eucher was the last remaining pup: no one wanted her for her slightly shy, or — more accurately — less than outgoing nature. We kept her in the house as the last pup, and during a rowdy Eucher game, where someone was getting euchered, she was unceremoniously named.

When she was ten weeks old, she held lambs in their creep. We, of course, thought that was cute and smart. She was very easy to train and continues to be remarkably cooperative. Her naturalness in her outrun has been an asset in many ways, but difficult to alter, it is so heavily ingrained. If there are jobs that need doing on the farm and efficiency is sought rather than a training session, Eucher is the choice. She works independently as well as to command, and never accepts no for an answer if sheep are doing the talking.

In every year that I have run Eucher at the USBCHA finals, she has made the top twenty each time. She runs with authority on fine wools and occasionally comes on a little too hard on light sheep. Like her mother, she shines at the finish. Her shedding work is as much a pleasure to be

with as to watch: she allows risk taking in the ring. She is very good at the pen. In many ways, I see her as an immature bitch, so maybe this coming year will be hers.

— Amanda Milliken



*Amanda Milliken's Eucher,
1999 NECBCA High Points Champion*

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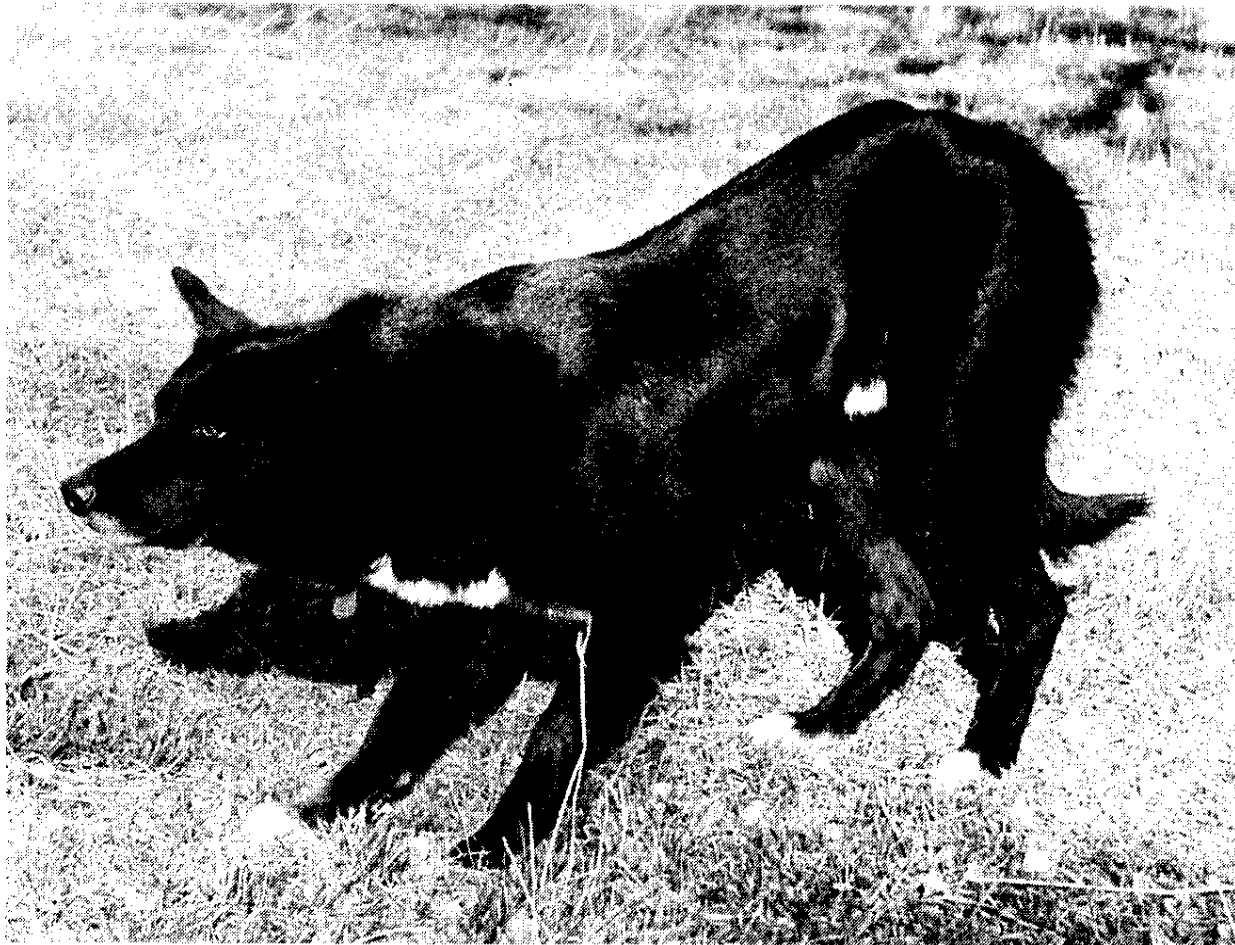
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Warren Mick's Reggie,
1999 NEBCA high
points reserve champion

Reggie

1999 High Points Reserve Champion

In 1996, we bred Tim to Annie, a bitch both Maria and I have run in trials. Annie is very biddable and a superb out-runner, and was a good match to Tim's intensity. Reggie was one of two pups we

kept from the litter. Actually, we had only planned to keep one, but no one wanted Reggie, as he didn't look much like a border collie. For those who were wondering, there is no Labrador in Reggie's lineage. I checked.

Reggie was not an early bloomer. He started training at about 10 months and competed in pro-novice at 18 months, but without a lot of success. His confidence and abilities continuously improved, however, and in his second year he quickly jumped from ranch to open, and at three years started placing regularly. Reggie ran in the National finals in Oklahoma in both nursery and open at two years of age and was sixth in the Fall Foliage in 1998.

Reggie is just four now and still has much experience to gain. I believe it is sometimes possible to handle your way out of difficult situations with a young dog, but there are times when a dog's experience definitely comes into play. I think Reggie's best is still to come.

It is a special honor to have done well with Tim and Reggie in the NEBCA Fall Foliage and High Points Competitions against so many other good dogs. I truly look forward to another year of competing against you all.

— Warren Mick

Reggie's Pedigree

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breeder: Maria Mick, Altamont, NY

sire

@Tim ABC 35579
owner: Warren & Maria Mick
Altamont, NY

breeder: Marc Christopher
West Plains, MO

dam

@Bea Ann ABC 25475
owner: Maria T. Mick
Altamont, NY

breeder: Michael T. Canaday
Altamont NY

Spot ISDS 130361
owner: Archie Adams,
Willow S., MO
breeder: S. Anderson, Scotland

Maude AIBC 102804
owner: Marc Christopher, MO

breeder: W. Gary Weber
Woodward, IA

Sandy ABC 2808
owner: Mike Canaday
Altamont, NY

breeder: A.H. Beaton, UK

Jill ABC 19416
owner: Michael T. Canaday
Altamont, NY

breeder: George L. Conboy,
Wanatah, IN

Tweed ISDS 100927
James Weir, Scotland

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Moss AIBC 62017
Nyle W. Sealine, MO

Lucky Lady AIBC 67760
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Tony ISDS 66922
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A.H. Beaton, Lancs, England

Imp. Max ISDS 110507
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Imp. Nan ISDS 113168
George L. Conboy, IN

Roy ISDS 90930

T. Bowey, Scotland

Solo ISDS 78217

H.R. Beesley, Scotland

Pete ISDS 62837

J.H. Jackson

Gyp ISDS 87397

W. Ellwood, Scotland

Moss ISDS 119491

Bob Childress, Ozona, TX

Imp. Dell ISDS 96946

Lewis Pulfer Jr., OH

Rob ISDS 134062

S. Hallam, England

Nan AIBC 31026

N.W. Sealine, MO

Sweep ISDS 39603

J. Richardson, Berwick, Scotland

Jace ISDS 62098

J.S. Hastie, Kinross, Scotland

Craig ISDS 59425

J.R. Thomas, Wales

Pershore Mist ISDS 96916

E.F. Morgan

#Scott ISDS 57965

T. Flood, Ireland

Nell ISDS 109735

W. Hallinan, Ireland

Spot ISDS 89309

J. Welsh, Wigstow, Scotland

Snoopy ISDS 87374

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breeder: Jim Swift, Grand Junction, CO

sire

Jim ABC 14422

owner: Ivan & Janet Weir
Ozona, TX

breeder: Mrs. B. Doyle

County Derry, North Ireland

Chip ISDS 77779

owner: J.J. McSwiggan, Ireland

breeder: J.J. McSwiggan, Ireland

Dale ISDS 55615

Shawn O'Leary, Ireland

Lynn ISDS 28622

J.J. McSwiggan, Ireland

Roy ISDS96930

Mrs. D. Moore, Ireland

Mist ISDS 112263

M.J. McNally, Ireland

Lassie ISDS 139121

owner: Mrs. B. Doyle, Ireland

breeder: M.J. McNally, Ireland

Jaff ISDS 38313

T.T. McKnight, Scotland

Nan ISDS 47878

T. Blacklock, Scotland

#WH Corrie ISDS 13076

J.W. McKee, Ireland

#Bess ISDS 17145

G.L. Pennefather, Ireland

Roy ISDS 67672

W.C. Hemphill, Ireland

Nell ISDS 72091

J.C.S. Moore, Ireland

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T.S. Donald, Scotland

Gael ISDS 95133

J.T.M. Thomson, Scotland

dam

Imp. Tammy ABC 24350

owner: Mari Hoe-Raitto
Salcha, AK

breeder: J.S. Dun

Midlothian, Scotland

Hope ISDS 124402

owner: D. Russell
Kinrossshire, Scotland

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Jan ISDS 81712

James Walker, Scotland

Vic ISDS 128240

J.H.T. Bathgate, Peebles, Scotland

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Midlothian, Scotland

breeder: A. Frame, Lanark,

Scotland

Pam ISDS 143143

A. Frame, Lanark, Scotland

Jasper ISDS 79280

W.D. Reed, Wales

Fly ISDS 74537

J.G. Brownlie, Scotland

Spot ISDS 62961

J.A. Cameron, Scotland

Phil ISDS 58535

James Walker, Scotland

#Roy ISDS 114678

J.J. Templeton, Arys, Scotland

Jen ISDS 106069

J.L. Barr, Scotland

Moody's Hope ISDS 119731

D. Shennan, Arys, Scotland

Lassie ISDS 83949

W.R. Morland, Lanarks, Scotland

Dot: 1999 Fall Foliage Champion

I first saw Dot in 1996 at Sheep Focus Sheep Dog Trial when she was four months old. Ivan Weir had brought her from Texas for me to see. She was a shy little bit of a thing and I wasn't sure I needed another dog. Well, by the end of the weekend, Spin, my first dog and Dot's half sister, had won the exact amount of her purchase price, so needless to say she came home with me.

It took awhile to overcome her shyness, but once she started trialing she really came out of her shell. Her first visits to sheep at a year old were just a blur; I had never seen a dog move so fast. But her desire to work and exceptional style impressed me. I worked her daily and found her very pushy with the livestock. I met a block for a while when I believed she would never learn her sides, and it was a fight all the way in 1998, her first year trialing, when she was the Reserve High Point Pro-novice for the Ontario Border Collie Club. Dot insisted she knew what she was doing by herself. I persisted with her but sometimes found it frustrating. She still impressed me with her ability. One day, while working sheep at the Millikens, I tried her on an open outrun. Mark had the extra sheep hidden in the bush while Amanda held three out. When Dot got to the top she must have spied an ear, a nose, whatever, but she flew into the bush and brought all the sheep to the three being held, picked them up, and brought the whole lot to my

feet very satisfied with herself.

Her first open year started a little wild, but by mid-season she had settled in somewhat and placed fourth at Grass Creek on tough sheep and a tough course. From there she continued to improve, and I received many remarks from other handlers who were impressed with her ability to move stubborn sheep. At thirty-two pounds soaking wet, she will walk up to the most obstinate sheep and insist they move for her. At home she will tackle the cattle. She may be small but she is fearless.

1999 showed only improvement, and at four she is more consistent and settled. She is also extremely biddable. The Fall Foliage was Dot's very first big win. She was consistent over the weekend on very tough sheep from two different lamb flocks. The double lift was tough with the first outrun into the next field. She had never done a look back on a trial field, but with encouragement, went out beautifully once she understood what I wanted. The rest is history, although Warren Mick had me worried until he gripped off.

Dot is spending her winter working livestock whenever possible. She plays for hours with the other dogs. She is stick crazy, demands attention, and visits with the neighbours for biscuit breaks. Dot is more than just a working dog; she is a family member and a companion. She will be five this spring and is ready for whatever the upcoming trials throw at her.

— Lorna Savage



Warren Mick's Tim,
1999 Fall Foliage reserve
champion

Tim: Fall Foliage Reserve Champion

I got Tim in 1995 as a two year old from Mike Canaday. Tim was my second dog, coming along three years after Tara. At the time, I didn't really know how to size up a dog, and I relied mainly on Mike's assessment. Mike's words were something like "Tim's as good a dog as you'll ever need." Now that I have a better idea of what makes a good dog, I do think he was right.

Tim was bred in the Midwest by Marc Christopher. Mike got Tim from a fellow in Vermont, who in turn picked him up from Ralph Pulfer. It was Ralph who did Tim's early training.

Tim also did a stint with Doug Peterson who used him on pigs - or so I'm told. (I suppose that makes him a pigdog.)

That's quite a few changes for a young dog. Yet Tim worked for me right from the start and seemed unfazed by it all. He didn't seem to mind who was at the controls, as long as he could work. I started running Tim in pro-novice and we took some time to become a team. I was certainly the weaker player. Then again, Tim's youthful exuberance often made for some surprises. Tim went through the "find the hidden holding pen" stage, the "mount the hold out dog" stage and my favorite, the "stop and pee on the fetch gates" phase. Tim's strong points are that he never quits and never backs down - not what you'd expect from a pint-sized pooch. The not backing down part has cost me a few DQ's, but has also never left me wondering how to move difficult sheep.

Tim has become my most consistent performer. That youthful exuberance has faded, leaving a dependable worker. Tim's been in the High Points the last three years and ran in the National finals the last two years - both times making it to the semifinals. He may lack the precision it takes to get first places, but he's the scrappy type that gets the job done, no matter how difficult. I love taking on a challenge with Tim as a partner, as I know he'll always give his best effort. I try to continue giving him mine.

— Warren Mick

Tim's Pedigree

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breeder: Marc Christopher, West Plains, MO

sire

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owner: Archie Adams,
Willow S. MO

breeder: S. Anderson, Scotland

Tweed ISDS 100927
owner: James Weir, Scotland
breeder: James White, England

Connie ISDS 117136
owner: S. Anderson

breeder: W. Ellwood,
Lanarks, Scotland

Roy ISDS 90930
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Solo ISDS 78217
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Rob ISDS 134062
S. Hallam, England

Nan AIBC 31026
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R. Forsythe, England

Lassie ISDS 59110
W. Ellwood

Laddie ISDS 53645
J. Rogerson, England

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Moss ISDS 77473
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J.G. Brownlie, Scotland

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D. Carlton, England

Gem ISDS 73810
J.G. Longton, England

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Imp. Trim ISDS 75636
Nyle Sealine, MO

dam

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Woodward, IA

Moss AIBC 62017
owner: Nyle W. Sealine, MO

breeder: Lewis Pulfer Jr., OH

Lucky Lady AIBC 67760
owner: W. Gary Weber, IA

breeder: Nyle Sealine,
Princeton, MO

Maplewood Halloween Trial

The sun was shining on the second Maplewood Halloween Trial. There was a nip in the air, making it a perfect weekend for a dog trial.

There were many costumes, showing people had quite the imaginations. Just ask anyone who might have seen Steve Wetmore's costume. In the picture is Rob Drummond (Little Bo Peep), who is a new handler having a first time experience. He came in first with his dog Spy, thank goodness. What a way to start your trialing career. I don't know how any of us did any trialing with all the laughs.

The sheep, for the most part, worked well, as did most of the dogs. It was nice to see familiar faces, as well as new ones. It was a "get your feet wet" first time experience for a few of the handlers.

Maplewood Farm would like to give a big thank-you to Steve Wetmore, Michael Dathe, and George Northrop for working in the pen and setting out sheep all weekend. The Judge, Carol Champion, who also did a great job for two days, and to Betty Murray for taking care of the paperwork.

Best Owner-Trained Dog (Judge's Choice):
Becky Peterson & Fran

Novice-Novice

Saturday

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Rob Drummond, Spy, 59 | 5. Judy Wolfe, Grendel, 24 |
| 2. Cheryl Burr, Tess, 52 | 6. Bill Foshier, Molly, 24 |
| 3. Janet Lindsey, Kelly, 43 | 7. Sue Schoen, Kip, 23 |
| 4. Yvonne O'Brien, Maude, 37 | |

Sunday

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Molly King, Lida, 64 | 5. Cheryl Burr, Tess, 46 |
| 2. Greg Hamm, Maya, 60 | 6. Rob Drummond, Spy, 45 |
| 3. Carolyn Smiles, Faye, 59 | 7. Yvonne O'Brien, Maude, 45 |
| 4. Bill Foshier, Molly, 48 | |

Champion: Rob Drummond & Spy
Reserve Champion: Cheryl Burr & Tess



Little Bo Peep, also known as Novice-Novice champion Rob Drummond, pens his sheep with Spy.

Pro-Novice

Saturday

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Kate Collins, Buddha, 54 | 3. Michael Dathe, Cooper, 36 |
| 2. Susan Myshka, Queen, 44 | |

Sunday

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Susan Myshka, Queen, 70 | 5. Steve Wetmore, Gyp, 52 |
| 2. Denise Leonard, Rose, 62 | 6. Becky Peterson, Fran, 46 |
| 3. Kate Collins, Buddha, 57 | 7. Edie Overly, Meg, 46 |
| 4. Dee Woessner, Joy, 53 | |

Champion: Susan Myshka & Queen
Reserve Champion: Kate Collins & Buddha

Ranch

Saturday

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Sue Schoen, Jet, 73 | 5. Bev Lambert, Kit, 53 |
| 2. Bev Lambert, Pippa, 66 | 6. Lin Reuther, Fan, 48 |
| 3. Becky Peterson, Taff, 56 | |
| 4. Greg Hamm, Galen, 54 | |

Sunday

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Bev Lambert, Kit, 76 | 5. Becky Peterson, Libby, 58 |
| 2. Becky Peterson, Taff, 72 | 6. Mary Ann Fallon, Dell, 58 |
| 3. Bev Lambert, Pippa, 66 | 7. Mary Ann Fallon, Spy, 56 |
| 4. Greg Hamm, Galen, 61 | |

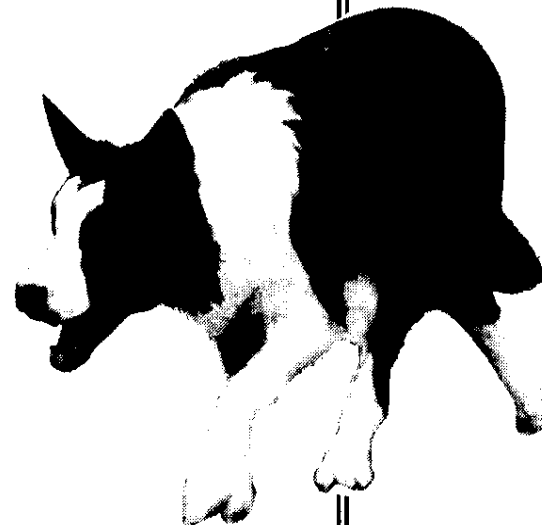
Champion: Bev Lambert & Pippa
Reserve Champion: Bev Lambert & Kit

If you do Border Collie Rescue or wish to, please join the **North American Border Collie Rescue Network (NABCRN)**.

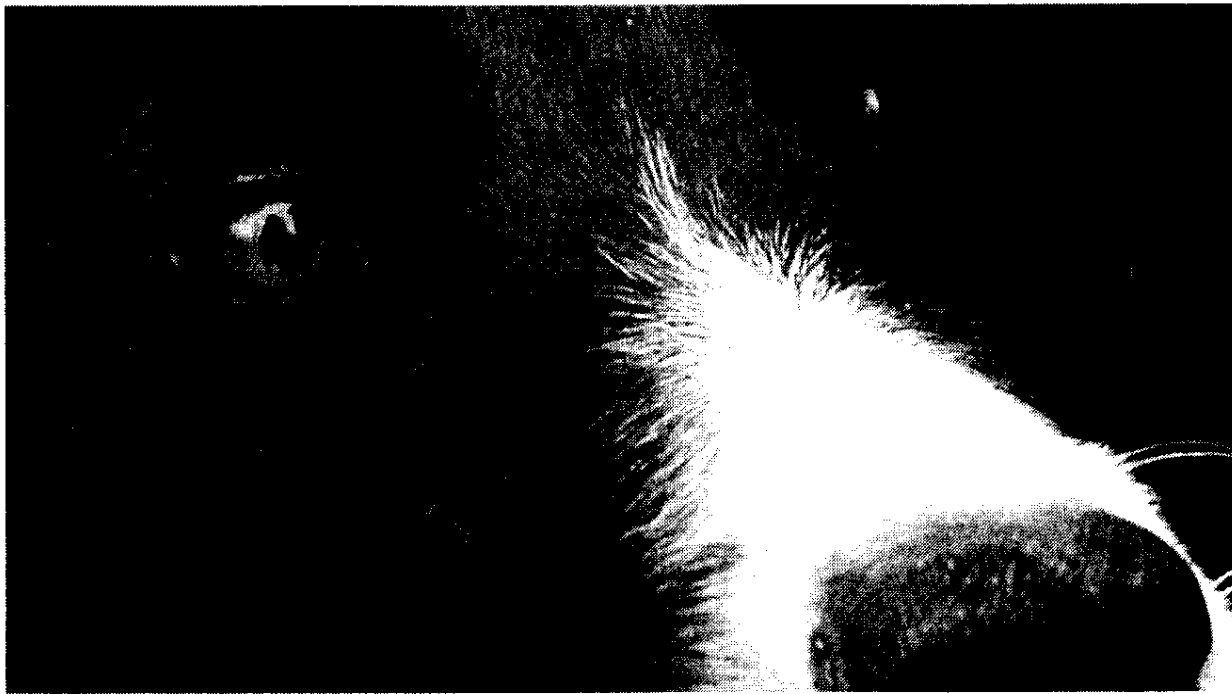
As our name implies, we are a resource network and nationwide (US and Canada) support system for Border Collie Rescue people. We operate without profit and are independent of any breed organizations.

For information, the **NABCRN** List, or to be listed, please phone or write:

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Ithaca, NY 14851 USA
(607) 659-5868**



CEA: Ask and Tell



What should a conscientious breeder be doing to contain Collie Eye Anomaly right now? What should change after a DNA marker test is available? A CEA gene test?

Genetic science was in its infancy when Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA) was recognized as a breed problem. For Border Collie breeders who needed to know more about how this disease was transmitted, it was not encouraging that most geneticists studied mice or pigs, not dogs. Based on very general knowledge of inheritance, the breeding strategies adopted then were the best that people could do. Now the explosion of knowledge in genetic science has changed everything. Dogs are becoming important study objects. With powerful new tools for studying diseases of genetic origin, some dog diseases have yielded their secrets to researchers already. Despair turns to hope for a breakthrough in CEA.

Not many of us are equipped to follow developments in genetics, as discoveries open new possibilities almost on a daily basis. Computer science advances enable more data to be studied, subdivided, analyzed, categorized, sifted, sorted, re-integrated, and generally made intelligible to those who know what they are looking for, and the nearly infinite possible combination and recombination of genetic sequences can be studied to our advantage. Studied by the geneticists, that is.

The American Border Collie Association is backing a geneticist who, with his colleagues at Cornell University, are among the foremost canine retinal disease specialists in the world. Between them they follow genetically transmitted eye diseases in about twelve dog breeds. Dr. Gregory Acland (veterinarian, ophthalmologist

and geneticist) became interested in acquired retinal lesions in working sheep dogs many years ago, and has become very knowledgeable about the differences between acquired and inherited retinal changes. He began to study Border Collies seriously about five years ago. He realized that progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), while he has seen it, was not the primary inherited retinal disease in the Border Collie breed in North America. Both in the UK and North America, Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA) was the heritable disease with the highest incidence.

When it looked as if the UK would not undertake a genetic study of Collie Eye Anomaly, he became interested in acquiring both DNA and funding for a research project. His laboratory employs both the newest computer and research equipment and the latest techniques in gene hunting, thanks to dogs at last being recognized as an important study model for various diseases, and because Dr. Acland also has a grant to study human retinal disease.

The ABCA has committed to funding at least half of this research. Sequencing work has begun and Dr. Acland feels a linked marker DNA test will be developed in about three years, sooner if they are lucky.

Dr. Acland has done a great deal to educate the people who bring their dogs to him at our National Trials. We have also turned to him for advice on how to deal with CEA in the short term, in the intermediate term, and in the long term. Because we came late to the problem of how to control and eliminate the disease, we have been the beneficiaries of more recent genetic advances than the pioneers in the UK.

We are not turning to veterinarians or even ophthalmologists for our primary advice, but to research geneticists with veterinary and ophthalmology backgrounds. Surprising some who are familiar with the older control methods, the counsel is much more conservative than recommendations generally given until a few years ago. Important herding bloodlines should be conserved rather than removed from the gene pool because reducing the genetic diversity of the breed is considered the greater risk. There are several geneticists involved with the breed who are entirely in agreement with Dr. Acland's approach. What follows is a summary of that advice.

Now — The Short Term

Before the DNA marker test is developed, the only tool for detecting affected dogs is the time-tested ophthalmic examination. There is a difference between Border Collies and standard Collies in the time it takes for the CEA-affected dog's retina to "go normal" if it is going to do so. Dr. Acland is confident at this time that normal-

eyed Border Collies seen before 12 weeks of age are either clear or will have just one bad copy of the gene (carrier). His advice is not to breed (or to register puppies from) a CEA-affected dog, although there is no reason to exclude it from competitions if it is good enough to participate.

What causes the most concern right now on both sides of the Atlantic is what to do about a proven carrier. The advice given the ABCA by more than one geneticist is to be very careful about what is bred to this dog, but not to exclude it from the stud book. They caution that breeding strategies which reduce the variability in a gene pool can cause a genetic shift within that gene pool. No one can predict just what the unintended consequences will be of eliminating every proven carrier from the stud book; but there most certainly will be consequences, and we may not like them. A strategy that relies on line-breeding and in-breeding to rid the breed of CEA also may not be able to preserve something as complex as the Border Collie's herding traits. While it will take courage for us to follow the geneticists' advice to keep the gene pool as diverse as it is now, the breed will be the better for it if we do.

The advice in a nutshell: Ask and Tell. If a worthy dog proves to be a carrier, the owner of that dog should be open about it and seek up-to-date breeding advice from geneticists. Some people have. Some of these elect to withdraw the dog from stud use. Some do not breed "outside" bitches before informing the owners, and they breed "inside" bitches who come from lines that appear to be normal-eyed. Puppies are tested between 8-12 weeks and only non-affected dogs are put into training. These owners are not hiding their dog's carrier status from potential mates' owners, who must weigh the herding qualities they hope for against the possibility of discovering their own bitch is also a carrier. This is also true for bitches. If she is a proven carrier, tell puppy buyers.

The rules require dogs to be examined before they run in the U.S. National Trials, but not that the dog's eyes be clear. Out of 200-300 dogs examined at the trial site, there used to be two or three CEA-affected dogs. In 1999, none brought to the clinic was affected. It could be that people find out earlier and decide not to put time into a CEA-affected dog. However, a CEA-affected dog and known carriers did run.

Why do we not sanction proven carriers? Once again, it is because geneticists advise against it. Decreeing that an otherwise desirable dog may not contribute to the gene pool because of one bad copy of a non-lethal gene, they say, is short sighted, because they know this bad copy can be bred out in a generation as soon as the DNA test is available.

The short-term goal, therefore, is to hold the line. While ABCA policy is not to register the

progeny of CEA-affected dogs, it has no means of enforcement and relies entirely on the integrity of its breeder members. Central to the short-term goal is to have all dogs be given an ophthalmic examination before they are bred, and to have as many puppies be tested before the age of 12 weeks as feasible. The Association wants puppy buyers to ask for eye-tested parents and to test what they buy; but, following a policy that tries not to push the disease underground, it does not publish any failures.

After the Linked-Marker DNA Test — the Intermediate Term

This is going to be more a test of us humans than of the dogs. If we make many irreversible mistakes we will lose our dog. Dr. Acland predicts that ten years from now, genetic testing in dogs will be widespread and cheap. What do we do in the intermediate term? How can we use the CEA linked-marker test to make progress toward the goal of producing no CEA-affected puppies?

All CEA-affected dogs will have a "finger print," so if a dog's DNA doesn't have that finger print, it will be normal eyed. If a test is done properly, it will tell with certainty which dogs are normal. Because of the rapid advancement in gene-mapping techniques, the time between finding the linked marker to finding the actual CEA gene culprit will not take so long as it might have a decade ago. When that happens the DNA test will be equally accurate for both carriers and normals.

Will it be possible to identify carriers with the linked-marker DNA test? Yes, with a very slight possibility of a false positive. The greatest value in testing will be in locating clear dogs (having two normal copies of the gene) which can be bred to any non-affected dog. We will still rely upon inexpensive ophthalmic examinations to identify affected dogs. We will still want to have an ophthalmologist test young puppies. If an otherwise worthy CEA carrier is identified either through the DNA test or through having produced one or more affected puppies, it can be mated again, but only to a dog that has been given the linked-marker DNA test and proven "clear" (i.e., two normal copies). We can use this information to reach our goal of producing no CEA-affected puppies by breeding dogs from problem lines to these crosses:

DNA tested clear x DNA tested clear
not-affected dog (eye exam) x DNA tested clear
DNA tested carrier x DNA tested clear
produced CEA puppy (carrier) x DNA
tested clear

Why will proven carriers be allowed to continue to mate? If used properly, the test will put breeders in control of the disease. We have to trust that breeders will use the test to clear any carrier

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meeting minutes

Minutes from NEBCA Annual Meeting
on January 15, 2000

Meeting held at Pat Canaday's Farm
in Altamont NY.

The President, Cheryl Jagger Williams, called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM. There were 31 members present.

1. The minutes from the meeting in Chatham, NY, on 10/9/99 were approved as read.

2. The results of the election for the two open board of director positions were given: Eve Marschark 31, Barbara Leverett 51, Dave Young 23, Bud Ames 12, Maria Mick 1, Kate Collins 1. Cheryl announced that Eve and Barbara were re-elected for another 2 year term. Steve Wetmore and Becky Peterson have another year left in their terms.

3. Denise Leonard discussed the status of the incorporation of NEBCA. The forms will be submitted to the State of Massachusetts in about two weeks. The new bylaws were handed out. Anyone wishing a copy should contact Denise. A special mailing will be sent out in the Spring with a ballot vote on dissolving the current organization, NEBCA, and acceptance of the new organization, NEBCA, Inc.

4. The Secretary reported that there were 371 members at the end of 1999 and that as of 1/15/00 124 members had renewed.

5. Cheryl suggested the club try to increase membership. Handing out NEBCA brochures at trials and providing them to breeders and making use of the NEBCA banner at events were suggested approaches. Each member could bring in one new member, essentially doubling membership.

6. The treasurer's report was given (The report included in this newsletter). The audit for 1999 is being prepared by Doug McDonough.

7. Cheryl said a finance committee would be formed to help plan the organization's income and expenditures over the year. The committee would not have the power to authorize spending. The committee will be composed of Joyce Geier as chairperson, Dee Woessner, Kate Collins, and Joanne Krause. Starting in 2001, the procedure will be for the committees to make budget requests to the finance committee prior to the annual meeting so the budget can be prepared. The committee will meet to fill out the forms for non-profit status as soon as possible.

8. The issue of the trial sanctioning fee was discussed. It was pointed out that several trial managers were unhappy about this fee. It was also noted if a trial failed to pay the fee, the only recourse was de-sanctioning the trial and not counting the results. Joanne Krause's motion to have the fee remain voluntary was defeated. A motion was made by Steve Wetmore and seconded by Warren Mick to suspend the trial sanctioning fee indefinitely and passed (19 for, 5 against). A motion by Joanne Krause to form a fund-raising committee passed. The committee will be composed of Liz Phillips, Barbara Armata, Joanne Krause and Clint Brake.

9. Barbara Leverett made the presentation of the animal health guidelines. She expressed gratitude for the work done by the committee to formulate the guidelines. She noted that both the board and many others had expressed concern that the guidelines printed in the Winter 99 newsletter contained too much detail. The board had therefore revised the guidelines to make them more general. Several further changes were made at the meeting. The results are printed in this issue of the newsletter.

10. Cheryl noted that there has been some confusion recently because an up-to-date set of guidelines was not available. She said the Secretary will now be responsible for maintaining an up-to-date set of all of NEBCA's guidelines and to provide them to the organization's officers. It was also recommended that a complete set of trial guidelines be given free to all trial managers, and be made available to members at the cost of printing.

11. Eve Marschark discussed the proposed mission statement printed in the Winter 99 newsletter. She motioned that we adopt both versions (1) and (3), using version (1) when a short statement was required, and (3) when a more descriptive statement is needed. The motion passed.

12. Cheryl proposed the following budget for 2000 that was based on previous years' income and spending. A motion by Joyce Geier to accept this budget passed. (The budget is included in this issue of the newsletter.)

13. Carol Campion said the net cost of the 1999 Fall Foliage was \$855 (a full breakdown is given in this issue of the newsletter). The committee is expecting about the same cost for this year's Fall Foliage. Carol mentioned that Ray Edward will again judge the Fall Foliage, and the cost for his plane ticket would be shared with Wilson's trial which he is also judging.

14. Cheryl announced that Heather and Roger Millen are willing to keep track of the high point competition points and the qualifiers for the Fall

Foliage. It will be easier to send all trial reports to one place.

15. Steve Wetmore brought up a concern raised to him by a NEBCA member regarding the two-dog limit on receiving NEBCA points. The issue was not with the two-dog limit on receiving prizes, but that points should be allotted to the dogs in the order they place regardless of the number per handler. Discussion of this issue followed but no action was taken.

16. Carol Campion addressed the issue of limiting entries to Open trials. Carol suggested that there is no need to change the current rule. By limiting the number of dogs per handler and using an early entry cutoff date (both of which are allowed), she thought entries could be adequately controlled. Much discussion followed on this issue. Several of the trial managers present expressed that not being able to limit entries was a major problem for their trials, and further, that they might not opt for NEBCA sanctioning on account of it. Cheryl requested the committee to reconsider changing the rule.

17. Carol presented the 1999 High Points Competition awards for third through tenth places. The award was a hooded sweatshirt carrying the NEBCA logo. Receiving were Cheryl Jagger-Williams with Sadie and Andy, Amanda Milliken with Hazel and Grace, Beverly Lambert with Nap, Mary Brighoff with Mirk, and Warren Mick with Tim.

18. George Northrup reported on the 1999 Novice Finals. He expressed thanks to Carol and Larry Campion for the use of their farm and sheep for the trial, and also to the many people who helped make the event successful. The net cost of the event was \$349 (a full breakdown is given in this issue of the newsletter). This was comparable to previous years. A similar net cost is expected for 2000.

19. Joyce Geier went through the proposed Novice rule changes. She explained each proposed change and after discussion a vote was taken on each. The changes that were accepted are listed on page 13.

20. Carol Campion noted that she could not continue as the newsletter editor. She mentioned that four members have expressed interest in working on the newsletter.

21. Clint Brake noted that he has not been able to print the NEBCA brochures because the layout material was never provided to him. Warren Mick said he will provide this information to Clint. Pamphlets will be available by the Cummington trial.

22. Speaking on the calendar, Clint Brake noted that of the 750 year 2000 calendars printed, 592 have been sold. The 2000 calendar cost is \$3,123 and the income so far is \$2,957 for a net cost of \$166. Clint was confident that enough of the remaining calendars would be sold to at least break even. A motion to do a 2001 calendar and continue selling it for five dollars was passed.

23. Becky Peterson, speaking for the board of directors, noted that due to NEBCA's pending incorporation, there are six bylaw issues needing attention.

- a) a better definition for member fees for individual versus farm/family membership.
- b) the region issue was to be brought up for a vote at the 2001 meeting.
- c) clarifying the date for appointing a nominating committee.
- d) special election procedure for officer resignation.
- e) a paragraph about the finance committee.
- f) a lifetime membership clause.

Cheryl said that the executive committee will appoint a committee to address these issues and report at the next meeting.

24. The library report was submitted in writing: There was a total of 69 items borrowed from the library by 32 different members. The library had expenses of \$469.85 and income of \$335.80 for a net cost of \$134.05. A budget of \$500 was requested for the current year. Susan Myshka will be resigning as librarian once a replacement can be found.

25. The open trial committee appointments were announced. Carol Campion was re-appointed for another term and will be Chairperson. Warren Mick was added to the committee. Walt Jagger, Lynn Deschambeault, and Bruce Smart will remain on the committee and are each in the second year of their first term.

26. The Novice trial committee appointments were announced. George Northrup will continue as Chairperson, and is in the second year his second term. Maria Mick was added to the committee. Nancy Ortiz and Joyce Geier will also continue on the committee and are both in the second year of their first term.

27. NEBCA regular meetings for 2000 will be held at the following trials: Cummington, Bittersweet, Leatherstocking and Fosterfields. The meeting at Cummington will be on Saturday May 27 following the trial.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10PM.

— Warren Mick

More information from the annual meeting appears on pages 12 and 13.

the financials

1999 Fall Foliage Trial Report

Accounts Receivable	
Entry Fees	\$780.00
Accounts Payable	
Judge	\$450.00
Sweatshirts	\$453.25
Pen Crew	\$200.00
Set-out Crew	\$150.00
Ribbons	\$53.14
Food/Lodging for the Judge	\$114.00
Food for Crew/Judge	\$117.43
Total Debits	\$1,635.57
Accounts Receivable	\$780.00
Trial Cost	\$855.57

Note: Sweatshirts for 1st and 2nd place still have to be ordered.

1999 Nursery Trial Report

Accounts Receivable	
Entry Fees	\$1,500.00
Accounts Payable	
Judge	\$300.00
Port-A-Potty	\$148.50
Sheep Rental/Lamb for Dinner	\$315.60
Food for the Judge/Pen Crew	\$32.00
Food for Dinner	\$84.00
Coffee Pot	\$31.80
Ribbons	\$103.87
Mugs	\$213.45
Crooks	\$354.56
Customs	\$20.10
Portraits	\$120.00
Refunds	\$125.00
Total Debits	\$1,848.88
Accounts Receivable	\$1,500.00
Trial Cost	\$348.88

1999 NEBCA Treasurer's Year-End Report

Submitted by Joanne Krause, Treasurer
January 15, 2000

Accounts Payable December 1999	
Library	\$469.85
Calendars	\$3,099.06
Newsletter	\$3,490.85
Awards	\$1,267.00
Nursery Finals	\$1,848.88
Fall Foliage (1999)	\$1,537.82
Fall Foliage (1998)	\$73.00
Phone	\$35.87
Bank Charges	\$33.00
Misc.	\$2,084.38
Total Debits	\$13,935.46
Accounts Receivable December 1999	
Starting Balance	\$2,263.94
Membership	\$4,695.00
Breeder's List.....	\$360.00
Library	\$335.80
Calendars	\$3,702.96
Newsletter Ads	\$256.40
Fencing Rental	\$60.00
Nursery Finals	\$1,500.00
Fall Foliage	\$780.00
Trial Fees:.....	\$822.00
Misc.	\$1,601.72
Total Credits	\$16,337.82
Total Debits	\$13,935.46
Balance	\$2,442.36

NEBCA 2000 Budget

Income	
Dues	\$7500
Breeder's directory	\$600
Newsletter ads	\$200
Library	\$300
Misc/fencing rentals.....	\$200
Novice finals entry fees	\$1500
Fall Foliage entry fees	\$750
Trial insurance	\$150
Calendars	\$3000
Total income	\$14,200
Expenses	
Newsletter.....	\$4000
Library	\$400
Novice finals trial.....	\$1500
Fall Foliage trial	\$1600
High Points awards	\$250
Office supplies.....	\$250
Insurance.....	\$200
Pamphlets.....	\$650
Incorporation	\$280
Calendars	\$3000
Trial insurance	\$650
Misc.	\$1000
Total expenses	\$13,780

NEBCA Incorporation

Incorporation papers were mailed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on February 12, 2000. We should be hearing within a month that NEBCA has become NEBCA, Inc. At that time members will need to vote to dissolve the "old" NEBCA per Article 9 of our current bylaws. This is merely a formality recommended by the lawyer who advised us on the incorporation.

Watch for a special mailing with this ballot sometime in the Spring. It is important that all members vote in this issue.

Important dates:

May 1: Deadline for June issue of NEBCA News

May 27: NEBCA meeting at Massachusetts Sheep and Wool Festival SDT site, Cummington, Massachusetts.

July 1: NEBCA meeting at Bittersweet Farm trial site, Hampton, Connecticut.

July 31: Close of USBCHA 2000 trial season

Aug. 1: deadline for September issue of NEBCA News

Aug 18: NEBCA meeting at Leatherstocking SDT site, Cooperstown, New York.

Sept. 2: NEBCA meeting at Fosterfields Museum SDT site, Fosterfields, New Jersey.

new trial rules

Open Trial Changes

The Open trials committee has eliminated the regulation that says that no NEBCA Open handler can be turned away from a trial if they enter before the trial deadline. Trial managers will be allowed to limit entries when the number of entries is too great. The trials committee does request that in trials where entries are so numerous that the number of entries be must be limited, that ALL classes be limited, not just the Open class.

In light of the popularity of sheep dog trialing, many of the Open trial regulations and guidelines are no longer effective or pertinent. The Open Trials committee will be reviewing the regulations in the upcoming trial year and will present its findings and recommendations in the coming season. If you have any concerns, please approach any member of the trial committee.

— Carol Campion, Open Trials Chairperson

Nursery Trial Changes

The following changes in the NEBCA Nursery trial guidelines have been adopted. They will be incorporated into a revised version of the Nursery Trial Guidelines that is currently being drafted, but go into effect immediately.

1. Any handler who has run a dog competitively in Open (that is, for a score, not a n/c run) is ineligible in the Novice/Novice class. This goes into effect March 1, 2000, and is NOT retroactive.

2. In Novice/Novice, a handler may wear, drive, or do an assisted drive at their discretion. As a guideline, judging of this phase should be based on the line of the sheep and the workmanlike manner of the dog/handler team.

3. A dog may not be dropped more than one level from its highest level with any handler, regardless of the number of changes of ownership. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Nursery Committee.

4. Trial managers may, at their discretion, restrict a dog to one competitive run in either Ranch or Open, per trial. Trial managers may, at their discretion, restrict a dog who has pointed out of a class from running again in a higher class at the same trial.

— Joyce Geier, for the Nursery Committee
(George Northrup, Nancy Ortiz, Joyce Geier)

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rules



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3. Videos are \$4.00 each. They are lent out for two weeks per single video and three weeks for sets.
4. Borrower is responsible for return mail.
5. Only one book or video (or set of videos) sent out to a member at a time.
6. Overdue fine is 10 cents per day.

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books

Training the Sheep Dog

- E.B. Carpenter, *The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork*
 Katy Cropper, *A Dog's Life in the Dales*
 Bruce Fogt, *Lessons from a Stockdog*
 John Holmes, *A Farmer's Dog*
 Tony Iley, *Sheepdogs at Work*
 Glyn Jones, *A Way Of Life*
 Scott Lithgow, *Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock*
 Tim Longton, *The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training*
 Luke Pasio, *Heather Jean: The Working Sheep Dog*
 Pope Robertson, *Anybody Can Do It*
 Carroll Shaffner, *Training A Working Collie*
 Mari Taggart, *Sheepdog Training; An All-Breed Approach*
 John Templeton, *Working Sheep Dogs — Management and Training*
 Vergil Holland, *Herding Dogs — Progressive Training*

Fiction/Children's

- James Herriott, *Dog Stories*
 James Herriott, *Only One Woof*
 Betty Levin, *Away To Me, Moss*
 Dick King-Smith, *Babe the Gallant Pig*

Miscellaneous

- Jane Burton, *A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family* (photos)
 E.B. Carpenter, *The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988*
 Betty Cavanna, *The First Book of Wool*
 Noel Flanders, *The Joy of Running Sled Dogs*
 Colin Gordon, *One Man's Opinion, An Approach & Guide to Judging Sheepdog Trials*
 Leo Gowan, *The Craft of Stickmaking*
 Sheila Grew, *Key Dogs, Volume 1 & 2*
 Eric Halsall, *Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends*
 Donald McCaig, *Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men*
 Olivia Mills, *Practical Sheep Dairying*
 Jane Simmons-Moake, *Agility Training — The Fun Sport for all Dogs*
 American Rescue Dog Association, *Search and Rescue Dogs — Training Methods*
 Monks of New Skete, *The Art of Raising a Puppy*

General/Health

- Bruce Fogle, D.V.M., *The Dog's Mind — Understanding your Dog's Behavior*
 Janet Larson, *The Versatile Border Collie*
 Marjorie Quarton, *All About the Working Collie*
 Eddie Straiton, *Dog Ailments — Recognition and Treatment*
 Barbara Swann, *The Complete Border Collie*

Shepherd'sLife

- G.M. Anderson, *Times Remembered*
 John Barrington, *Red Sky At Night*
 Edward Hart, *The Hill Shepherd*
 Louis Irigaracy, *A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings*
 Phillip Keller, *Lessons From a Sheepdog*
 Iain R. Thomson, *Isolation Shepherd*

videos

- 1988 *International Supreme* (Parts 1& 2)
 1989 *British International Supreme* (Parts 1 & 2)
 1991 *British International Championship*
 1992 *British International Sheepdog Trials*
 1993 *International Supreme Sheepdog Championship*
 1994 *International Supreme Championship*
 1995 *International Supreme Championship*
 1996 *International Supreme Championship*
 1998 *International Supreme Championship* (Tape A & B)
One Man and His Dog, 1990
One Man and His Dog, 1991, includes part of 1989 International
One Man and His Dog, BBC of America -Tape A (includes 3 weeks shows)*

One Man and His Dog, BBC of America -Tape B
(includes 3 weeks shows)*
1994 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)*
1995 Nationals
1996 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)
1996 Best of the Best Nationals (includes runoff
between Macrae & Wilson)*
1998 Nationals (2 Tape set ; Top 20)*
Training the Working Border Collie, Tony
Collins (Parts I & II)
*Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep
Dog Training*, Glyn Jones
That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience,
Glyn Jones (Tape II)
Take Time, Glyn Jones (Tape III)
Training The Working Stock Dog, Elvin Kopp
(Parts I, II, & III)
Stockdog Training Fundamentals, Mike Hubbard
Training Your Dog for Cattle, Mike Hubbard
SDTF Outwork & Drives, Mike Hubbard
How To Get The Most From Your Working Dog,
Scott Lithgow, (Companion to his book,
Training and Working Dogs)
 University of Guelph Series:
Part 1 "Selection and Early Training of
Border Collies"
Part 2 "Basic Training for Sheep Work"
Part 3 "Advanced Training For Sheep Work"

Training and Working a Border Collie, Rural
Route Video
*The Sheepdog Video, The Training and Handling
of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of
Small Stock*, filmed in South Africa
Training the Working Stockdog, Gary Erikson
How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs, Phil
Phillips
*Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right
Way*, Chuck O'Reilly
One Woman and Her Dog, Katy Cropper
*Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and
Ducks*, Rural Route Videos
A Hill Shepherd Trains his Border Collies, Derek
Scrimgeour
British Sheep Fairs and Crafts, Rural Route
Videos
Sit, Clap & Furbish, Karen Pryor
Ewe Were Made For Me
Babe

audiotapes

Hubert Bailey, *Training Whistle Commands*
 Alasdair McRae, *Whistle While You Work*

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lines. Breeding carriers to a DNA clear dog will produce no affected puppies, and it will produce some that are clear. We will not be eliminating the best hill, ranch, or trial dogs from the blood stock unless they are CEA affected. We do not have to worry that getting rid of CEA will also eliminate desirable working traits from the Border Collie breed because we won't eliminate approximately a quarter of the entire population. (see footnote) Breeding decisions will be in the hands of stock raisers and dog breeders who produced the herding dog in the first place.

Will we be able to get rid of CEA by this method? Yes. In this approach, herding comes first. In order for it to succeed, there must be agreement that for Border Collies to survive as a herding dog, work must have the highest priority. Genetic health will improve concurrently if genetic principles are understood and followed. A very important principle is that genetic diversity must be maintained so that there will always be dogs with one or two good copies of all desirable genes. All dogs now have at least a few mutations for something bad — mutations just happen — which would show up as a new genetic disease rather quickly if the gene pool is decreased. A major

catastrophe can be avoided if diversity is preserved, because there will always be good dogs with at least one good copy of that gene to save the breed.

When a Test for the CEA Gene is Found — the Long Term

In the long term, the geneticists will find where the mutation, the actual bad gene, is located. By then the DNA tests will be relatively inexpensive, especially compared to \$250 predicted for the linked-marker test. We need to think now about how to use this CEA-gene test so that it does no irreparable damage to the working dog. The registry might plan to reward dogs who have DNA-clear test results. In one or two generations, most of the top working dogs will be genetically free of CEA, soon to be followed by the rest. It is important to know that it will not be necessary to ban good herding dogs who carry only one bad copy of the CEA gene to achieve this result.

Note: As a rule of thumb, 2.3% Affected suggests 23% of all Border Collies will be Carriers.

— Sally Lacy, chair, American Border Collie Association Eye Committee; C. Denise Wall, Ph.D., Mellissa DeMille, Ph.D., Amy Coapman, MS

CEA: Ask & Tell

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trials

April 8 & 9

Lamb & Lobster SDT
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
Two one-day Open & two one-day
Novice trials.
NEBCA, USBCHA Sanctioned
Judge: Roger Deschambeault
Contact: Hilary Flower, (902) 634-4833,
e-mail: flower@ns.sympatico.ca

April 15 & 16

Fun Trial at Sheepy Hollow Farm
Hop Bottom, PA
All classes. Entries limited.
No sanctioning.
Contact: Cheryl Jagger Williams
(570) 289-4733.

April 29 & 30

Springton Manor Farm SDT
Glenmoore, PA
Novice-Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch,
Open (Open entries limited)
USBCHA, NEBCA sanctioned.
Judge: Dr. Ben Ousley
Contact: Sharon Nunan (610) 497-4378;
BARTWILB@aol.com

April 29 & 30

Connecticut Sheepbreeder SDT
Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon CT
Two one-day Open & two one-day
Novice trials plus USBCHA nursery
Novice entries limited
Contact: Carol Champion, 109
Hammond Hill Road., Hampton, CT
06247; (860) 455-9416;
championbc@aol.com

May 13 & 14

New Hampshire Sheep and Wool
Festival SDT
Mount Sunapee, Newbury, NH
Open points trial, NEBCA sanctioned
Pro-Novice and Ranch classes.
Entries close May 1
Contact: Bud and Mary Ames
(603) 448-5429; m.ames@tpk.net

May 13 & 14

Hancock Shaker Village SDT
Pittsfield, MA
One day Open & one-day Novice trial
USBCHA sanctioned
Contact: Eric Johnson (518) 794-8605

May 20 & 21

Nearfield Farm SDT
Center Conway, NH
Two-one day Open &
two one-day Novice trials
USBCHA sanctioned
Contact: Roger Deschambeault,
(603) 939-2255

May 20 & 21

Genesee Sheep Dog Trial
Mumford, NY (just south of Rochester)
Novice-Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch,
Open
USBCHA, NEBCA sanctioned.
Judge: Harford Logan
(Entries are limited). Credit card and fax
entries accepted this year. Entry forms
can also be downloaded from:
<http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/PetPl/sandcreekfarm> Entries open March 20.
Contact: Joyce Geier, PO Box 208
Mendon, NY 14506; (716) 264-4949;
fax (716) 624-8220;
jdgeier@email.msn.com

May 26, 27 & 28

Ewes Welcome Farm Stockdog Trial
Castleton, Ontario, Canada.
Judge: Harford Logan.
Novice, Pro-Novice, USBCHA
Nursery & Open.
NEBCA sanctioned
Contact Larry and Sylvia Forster,
(905) 344 8375; Larsyl@eagle.ca

May 27 & 28

Mass. Sheep & Wool Festival SDT,
Cummington, MA
One-day Novice & one day Open
Contact: Becky Peterson,
(413) 624-5562
★ site of NEBCA meeting.

June 2, 3 & 4

Willow Grove SDT
Willow Grove Naval Air Station,
Willow Grove, PA
Two one-day Open &
two one-day Novice trials
Contact: Nancy Ortiz-Sharpe,
(215) 453-9068

June 3 & 4

Misty Lane SDT, Nearfield Farm
Center Conway, NH
Two one-day Novice &
two one-day Open trials.
Contact: Gabe Merrill, (207) 935-2520

June 9, 10 & 11

Newark Valley Spring Festival SDT
Rt. 38, Newark Valley, NY
Two one-day Novice &
two one-day Open Trials
USBCHA
Contact: Roger and Heather Millen,
1049 Babcock Hollow Rd., Cortland,
NY 13045; (607) 835-6584;
rpm1@cornell.edu

June 10 & 11

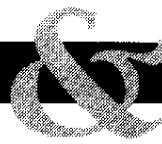
Turn Around Farm Novice Trial
Two one-day Novice trials &
two one-day USBCHA Nursery trials
Sawyerville, QC
Novice, Pro-Novice and Ranch classes.
Contact: Fiona Robertson,
(819) 842-4227; creekside@videotron.ca

June 15, 16, 17 & 18

Pennsylvania State Championship
Sheepy Hollow Farm
Two one-day Novice &
two one-day Open trials.
Hop Bottom, PA
June 15 and 16:
Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch
June 17 & 18 Open
Contact: Cheryl Jagger Williams,
(570) 289-4733

TRIAL MANAGERS

Please be sure to apply for
USBCHA sanctioning.

**July 1, 2 & 3**

Bittersweet Farm SD Trial
Bittersweet Farm, Hampton, CT
2000 Purina Banquet Trial
Two one-day Open &
two one-day Novice trials
USBCHA, NEBCA, Purina Points
Contact: Carol Champion,
(860) 455-9416; championbc@aol.com.
★ site of NEBCA meeting

July 21, 22 & 23

West Branch Sheep Dog Trial,
Pottsgrove, PA
Two one-day Open &
two one-day Novice trials.
Contact: Alan Lynch, (570) 649-6212

July 29 & 30

The 8th Lennoxville International
Sheepdog Trial, Bishop's University,
Lennoxville, QC.
Two one-day Open trials &
two one-day USBCHA Nursery trials.
NEBCA & USBCHA sanctioned
No Novice, Pro-novice or Ranch classes.
Contact: Fiona Robertson,
(819) 842-4227; creekside@videotron.ca

August 5, 6 & 7

Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials
Navall Farm, Township of North
Dundas, Ontario (near Winchester)
August 5: two Novice and
Pro-Novice trials
August 6 & 7: two one-day Ranch,
Open, and Nursery trials
Contact: Werner Reitboeck:
(613) 448 3266

August 8, 9 & 10

Renaissance Farm SDT.
Sydenham, Ontario
August 8 Novice, Pro-Novice & Open,
August 9 & 10 Open
Contact: Lorna Savage (613) 541-0296
or J.P. LaLonde (613) 376-3659

August 11, 12 & 13

Kingston SD Trials at Grasscreek Park
Aug. 11: Pro-Novice and
USBCHA Nursery
August 12 & 13: Open
Contact: Amanda Milliken or
Mark Bustard, (613) 531-9405

August 18, 19 & 20

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial
Cooperstown, New York
One day Novice &
two one-day Open trials.
USBCHA sanctioned.
Contact: Chalmers Means,
meansbar@dmcom.net; (607) 432-4903
★ site of NEBCA meeting

August 26

Vermont State Championship SDT
Queechee Scottish Festival,
Queechee, VT
One-day trial, Open only
USBCHA sanctioned
Contact: Steve Wetmore (802) 765-4466

August 27

Spring Valley Farm Open SDT
Strafford, VT
One day, Open only
USBCHA sanctioned
Contact: Steve Wetmore (802) 765-4466

September 2, 3 & 4

New Jersey State SDT
Fosterfields Museum
Two one-day Open &
two one-day Novice trials
Contact: Gene Sheninger,
(201) 299-9785
★ site of NEBCA meeting

September 18 & 19

Eastern States Expo Sheep Dog Trial
Eastern States Fair
Three Open trials
Contact: Joanne Krause, (860) 267-6125

September 30 & October 1

Canadian Border Collie Association
Finals
Morton, Ontario: Open; dogs must be
CBCA registered, handlers must be
CBCA members.
Contact: Viki Kidd, 416-652-0892 or
Jen Tidman, 613-387-2669

September 30

New Hampshire Championship
One day; Open only
Contact: Roger Deschambeault,
(603) 939-225

October 1

Fryeburg Fair
Fryeburg, ME
One day; Open only.
Contact: Gabe Merrill, (207) 935-2520

October 20, 21 & 22

Hope's Farm SDT
Springville, PA
Two one-day Novice trials &
two one-day Open trials.
Judge: Aled Owen
Contact: Mary Brighoff at Pre-Trial
Management Services, (301) 898-1132

clinics

March 25 & 26

Training clinic with Lyle Boyer at
Hope's Farm, Springville PA
Contact: Louise DiMarcello,
(610) 296-5273

July 8 & 9

Clinic in Greenfield, MA, with Cheryl
Jagger Williams.
Contact: Denise Leonard, 389 Adams
Road, Greenfield, MA; (413) 773-5232;
dal@shaysnet.com

July 15 & 16

Clinic in Fitzwilliam, NH
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Contact: Bill Fosher, 14 Village Road,
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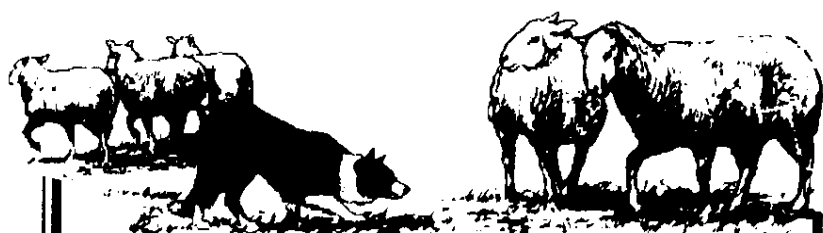
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the classifieds

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breeders

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76 Valhalla Farm Rd.
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