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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2001 NEBCA HIGH POINTS CHAMPION-
DICK WILLIAMS & DOT!

I am proud to take the opportunity to discuss Dot. I bought her by chance through our friend Mary Brighoff. Dot was brought into the states by Roy Brown of Tennessee. She was from a large farm in Wales. She had been started by the son of the farmer and was imported at 16 months of age. Roy trained her for approximately three months. She was then sold to a woman from out west, who kept her for about two years. From the best I can research she was sold two more times, before I had a chance to buy her from Mary. I guess I liked her because she is pushy. The first time I worked her at Mary's, she about put the sheep through Mary's pretty board fence. So, I brought her home.



This past year was her first full year that I ran her in open. She is an extremely consistent dog. She places, more often than not, usually in the top five. Her biggest win this past year was in Kingston, Ontario. The competition at Kingston is always keen and the sheep are tough. It was one of the most exciting days on a trial course I have ever had. She takes charge at the top and you hang on for the ride. Very seldom do sheep ever challenge her ability.

This past year, with my retiring, Cheryl and I had the opportunity to go to some different trials. The Kentucky Blue Grass Trial was one of them. Dot finished thirteenth overall with a field of over one hundred dogs. Dog after dog was shut down by the most difficult sheep that Dot and I had ever run against. She handled the sheep as well as any dog that weekend. After that trial I realized that I had a special dog. I let her down in Kentucky, as we had not practiced a double lift and that cost us several placings.

Dot is a one-person dog. She is not very sociable, just a little shy. The shyness goes away once she sees sheep. She does not typically tire as she runs with no stress. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to run a dog of her ability. It would be nice if every handler running a dog would have the chance to run a dog like Dot. I guess the match between dog and handler is critical, as she was sold about six times before she came to me. Oh, lucky me, for being in the right place at the right time.

She had only one litter of pups and I'm sorry to say I did not keep one. The pups appear to be very talented in both herding and agility. She is only six and I expect to have at least one more litter of pups from her before she retires. I hope by then to figure out which one is the true champion. By Dick Williams

Pedigrees of High points Champion & Reserve Champion are included in the newsletter!

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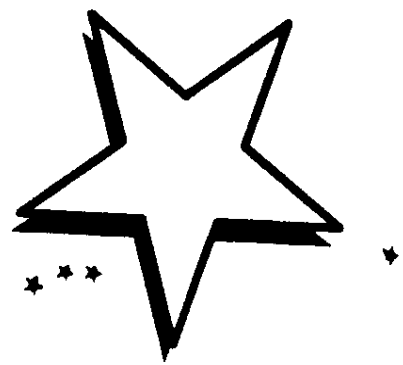
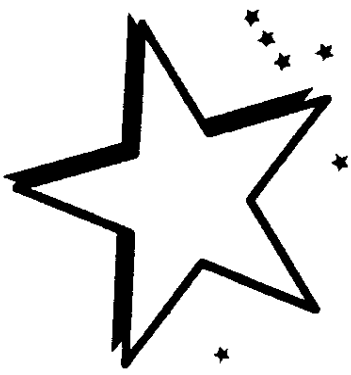
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Handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA prior to participating.

In a trial of 52 or less dogs, the top 10 dogs will earn points towards the High Points Competition (HPC). In a trial of 53 or more dogs, the top 20% (rounded up) will earn points toward the HPC. Each dog will earn as many points as dogs they place above at that trial. Only NEBCA dogs will earn points but only for the placing they receive.

At the end of the season, all points for each dog's best 12 trials will be tallied using the 12 trials in which it attained the most NEBCA points. In an effort to encourage handlers to compete at a variety of trials, no more than 4 trials per state will be included in a dog's 12 best trials.

Awards will be made to the Top Ten High Point Dogs. If two dogs are tied for a Top Ten High Point Award, then the next trial in which points are obtained will be counted. If still tied, then the number of wins (first place) will be counted.



**CONGRATULATIONS!
2001 HIGH POINTS RESERVE CHAMPION-**

Beverly Lambert & Pippa

2001 HIGH POINTS CHAMPION- DICK WILLIAMS' DOT, ABC 108052

		<u>Glen ISDS 92091</u> H.G. Jones, Wales
	<u>#Bwlch Taff ISDS 113243</u> Miss C.S. Jones, Wales Breeder Mrs. Beryl Jones	<u>Bwlch Bracken ISDS 74660</u> Mrs Beryl Jones, Wales
<u>Cap ISDS 137731</u> A.L.L. Jones, Wales Breeder C. Williams, Wales	<u>Jess ISDS 120408</u> G. Williams, Wales Breeder I. Jones, Wales	<u>Gel ISDS 104284</u> H.G. Jones, Wales
		<u>Nell ISDS 106926</u> I. Jones, Wales
<u>Imp. Dot ABC 108052</u> Richard Williams, Hop Bottom, PA		<u>Jas ISDS 113325</u> J. Brownlie, Scotland
	<u>Hope ISDS 124402</u> D. Russell, Kinrosshire Breeder RGS Osborne	<u>Jan ISDS 81712</u> James Walker, Scotland
<u>Lassie ISDS 194467</u> J.H. Williams, Wales Breeder J.S. Dun	<u>Jill ISDS 168187</u> Sandy Dun, Scotland	<u>Vic ISDS 128240</u> JHT Bathgate, Scotland
		<u>Pam ISDS 143143</u> A. Frame, Scotland

2001 HIGH POINTS RESERVE CHAMP- BEVERLY LAMBERT'S PIPPA, ISDS 153986

		<u>Ben ISDS</u> N. Maclean
	<u>{Scot ISDS 110726</u> Mrs. E. Rogers, Scotland Breeder Mrs. E. Rogers	<u>Bess ISDS 86506</u> Mrs. E. Rogers
<u>{##Craig ISDS 188525</u> S. Davidson, Scotland Breeder J. Paterson, Scotland	<u>{Gell ISDS 139418</u> J. Johnson, Scotland Breeder D. Johnson	<u>Moss ISDS 103923</u> J.J. Templeton, Scotland
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		<u>Bet ISDS 127153</u> J.E. Davis, Wales

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE TRIAL RULES

*Approved January 2002 at the Annual Meeting
These will take effect starting the 2003 trial season*

Qualifying

To run in the Fall Foliage Trial (FF) each dog/handler team must meet the following requirements:

- . Handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA prior to qualifying.
- . A handler may enter no more than two qualified dogs.
- . In a trial of 52 or less dogs, the top 10 dogs will earn one placing towards the FF. In a trial of 53 or more dogs, the top 20% (rounded up) will earn one placing towards the FF. A dog must earn three placings to qualify for the FF. These placings may have been with a different handler.
- . If the number of entries is sufficiently low, the required number of placings may be reduced from three to two. The Trials committee will make this determination one month prior to the trial.

Trial Format

Preliminary Round: The preliminary round will consist of two runs on a national style course with the best of the two scores determining the placings. The top ten scores from the preliminary round will advance to the finals. If multiple scores are tied for the tenth place, all dogs with that score will advance to the finals.

Finals: If conditions permit, the final round will run a double lift course. The finals will run on a clean slate. Final round ties for first place will be broken by a run-off with the method to be determined by the judge. Ties for second through tenth place will be broken by looking at the final round score breakdown. If a tie still exists, the preliminary round scores will be compared.



Meeting of the black & whites!

Photo taken at Fosterfields SDT last Fall
Submitted by Tom Leigh



NEBCA Annual Meeting Minutes January 19, 2002 Deerfield, MA

Meeting called to order at 10:25AM by president Warren Mick. Twenty-nine members present.

1. The minutes from the meeting held at West Branch Trial 7-21-01 were approved.
2. Board of Directors Election Results. Votes were tallied for the two available seats: Sue Schoen 48, Richard Williams 55, Mary Ellen Young 36, Dee Woessner 34, and write-in votes for Lori Cunningham 2, Lynn Deschambeault 2, and Michael Dathe 2. A total of 179 members voted. Warren Mick stated that based on these results, Richard Williams and Sue Schoen will replace Barb Leverett and Eve Marschark on the Board. They will join Kate Collins and Roger Millen. Thanks to Barb and Eve for their service.
3. Executive Committee Reports:

Presidents' report - Warren Mick gave the status of the non-profit issues. In 2001 NEBCA incorporated, becoming NEBCA, Inc., and also achieved federal non-profit status as a social/recreational club. The work for this started 3 years ago and cost the club about \$1000. Two of the original goals of this project were to reduce postage rates on mailings and make donations to NEBCA non-taxable. Unfortunately, it was learned only recently that neither is available to social/recreational non-profits. Even though the financial benefits did not pan out, NEBCA will maintain the non-profit and incorporated status as the cost is minimal. It adds prestige and credibility to NEBCA as an organization and being incorporated also protects the clubs officers from liability.

Secretary's report – Maria Mick stated that the membership status as of 1-19-02 was as follows: 229 members including 4 Lifetime and 43 family/farm memberships.

Treasurer's report – Warren Mick presented the report submitted by Jim Strohecker. The report included the balance sheet for 2001 and the budgets for the 2001 Novice Finals and Fall Foliage trials. As of December 2001 there was \$6292.99 in the checking account.
4. Finance Committee report: Warren Mick went over the past budget for 2001 and the proposed budget for 2002. Discussion followed as to cost for insurance and if insurance was necessary with the incorporation status. What should be done about trial insurance was also discussed.
5. Board of Directors report: Barb Leverett stated that the BOD had considered the issue of changing the date of the annual meeting from January to November. Kate Collins explained many of the problems and implications of moving the meeting date. The BOD, after the years discussion, felt that the date of the annual meeting should stand as is.
6. Open Trials Committee report: Steve Wetmore went over the proposed changes to the open trial guidelines and the rules for the High Points and Fall Foliage competitions. The proposed changes, if adopted, would not take effect until the 2003 trial season. Betty Levin motioned to accept the changes to the High Points rules. The motion was seconded by Barb Leverett and passed. Betty Levin motioned to accept the changes to the Fall Foliage rules. The motion was seconded by Barb Armata and passed. Much discussion followed on the proposed open trial guidelines. A straw vote was taken on the minimum number of dogs necessary in an open trial for the trial to be sanctioned. Twenty-one members voted for a minimum of 15 dogs. Warren Mick suggested that due to all the comments on the proposed open guidelines a vote on them should be postponed.
7. Novice Trials Committee report: Bud Ames stated that the novice committee was looking into a way to limit the number of dogs in the novice finals. Last year there were 75 entries with 90 dogs running per day. The committee had come up with two proposals: increase the qualifying points to greater than one or to use a system like USBCHA to just take the top 50 or so entries based upon points earned. Discussion followed that the latter would be a paperwork nightmare and that more information was needed on a possible cutoff for the former. It was noted that the location has a big

influence on the number of entries. The issue of whether open handlers should be allowed to run in the Novice Finals was discussed. Several novice handlers present thought that the open handlers added prestige to the trial and increased the level of competition and that they should be included. Warren Mick said he will ask the Novice Trial Committee to have their final proposal on limiting entries printed in the spring newsletter and the proposal be put to a vote at the next meeting. The changes if approved would go into effect for the 2003 trial year. Emily Yazwinski noted that a cross drive was added in the final run in pro-novice class at the 2001 finals in order to increase the difficulty. She thought it was not fair to add such an element.

8. Barb Armata gave the Fund Raising Committee report. The 2001 fundraising effort went very well. There was \$2212.83 in expenses and \$2787.30 in income for a profit of \$574.47. She thanked the many people that helped selling the items at trials. Warren Mick noted that the 2002 fundraising will need to be scaled back slightly from 2001 and that careful records kept in order to stay within non-profit outside income limits.
9. Calendar report: George Northrop stated that there were 750 calendars printed in 2001 and approximately 480 were sold. Thanks to Gabe Merrill for being the top salesperson in 2000 and 2001. Clint Brake motioned that that we print approx. 500 this year. The motion was seconded by Barb Armata and passed. The calendar committee will decide on the final number once all the quotes are in.
10. Warren Mick gave the Newsletter report for Lori Cunningham. He stated that \$4000 was budgeted for the newsletter in 2001 and that \$3671.20 was spent on printing and postage. Several present expressed their appreciation to editor Lori Cunningham for a great job last year. The need for a midsummer supplement issue was discussed. Emily Yazwinski motioned that a simple supplement be sent out at the end of July having an updated trial schedule, novice and open points standings, information on the Novice Finals and Fall Foliage trials and trial results if available. The motion was seconded by Joanne Krause and passed.
11. Library report: Emily Yazwinski indicated that circulation is down and only 18 members made use of the library in 2001. Discussion followed as to whether there should be a charge for books, the method of shipment of books and the loan period for books. It was felt that this is one of the perks of membership and that no fee should be charged for books and the method of shipment should remain the same. George Northrop motioned that we accept the report and approve the purchase of four new videos. Motion seconded by Maria Mick and passed.
12. Lunch Break – 12:30 – 1:30
13. Presentation of Awards – awards given to Fall Foliage and High Points winners.
14. New Business
A potential Fall Foliage site is the Leatherstocking trial field in Cooperstown. Barb Leverett has volunteered up to 90 sheep for the trial.
Novice Finals – no site yet. Warren Mick thought a location east of the Hudson River would be appropriate this year.
NEBCA pamphlets – Clint Brake will see how much it will cost to print or copy new pamphlets
Meeting dates – Cummington Sheep and Woolcraft SDT May 25, 2002, Lynch Mob SDT in July 5, 2002, and New Hampshire State SDT Sept. 28, 2002.
National Finals in Tennessee – suggestion made to encourage trial managers to apply to have trials USBCHA sanctioned so that we could have a NEBCA team qualify and attend.
15. Clint Brake motioned for adjournment, seconded by Denise Leonard. Meeting adjourned 2:18.

Respectively submitted,
Maria Mick

Proposed Change to the Guidelines for NEBCA Novice Trials

The Novice Trials Committee is recommending a change to the Guidelines for NEBCA Novice Trials concerning qualifying for the Novice Finals. This proposed change in qualifying would be voted on at the next NEBCA meeting at Cummington on May 25th. This change in qualifying, if adopted, would not take effect until the 2003 season. Also provided are two possible options for limiting entries; these options will also be discussed at Cummington and a "straw poll" may be taken to help guide the Novice Committee. The current and proposed change is as follows:

Novice Finals – Current Guidelines

Each year NEBCA Novice Trials Committee will organize a Novice Finals Trial.

To be eligible to compete the handler must be a member of NEBCA. The handler/dog team must have earned at least one point in a NEBCA Novice Trial since the previous year's Novice Finals.

The dog and handler run in the highest class in which that team has earned points that year. If the dog has pointed out of a class but not yet earned any points in a higher class then the handler/dog team will compete in the lower class where points were last earned.

Novice Finals – Proposed Change

Each year NEBCA Novice Trials Committee will organize a Novice Finals Trials.

To be eligible to compete the handler must be a member of NEBCA and the handler/dog team must meet the eligibility requirements determined by the Novice Trials Committee and announced at the NEBCA Annual Meeting.

The dog and handler team must compete in the highest class in which that team has earned points in a NEBCA Novice Trial since the previous year's Novice Finals.

If a dog/handler team has pointed out of a class but not yet earned any points in the new class, then that dog/handler team may compete in the lower class only if that team meets the current eligibility requirements.

The format for the Novice Finals has been determined by the Novice Committee. In the past three finals, the format has been a two-run preliminary followed by a top ten-finals in each class. This format gives handlers some leeway in the event of bad luck in qualifying runs, but rewards consistency by requiring contestants to do well in both rounds to win. It also adds to the excitement and prestige of the event.

If a change to the guidelines is not made, the trial format may need to change to accommodate the number of entries. This could result in the elimination of the final round or just having one preliminary run and then a final round. The Novice Trials Committee does not want to change the format. However, the Committee may be forced to modify the format if the number of entries is not further reduced by changing the guidelines concerning qualifying for the Novice Finals.

Options for 2002 Novice Finals

The Novice Trials Committee has examined a number of alternatives to limit the number of entries to the Nursery Finals to better align entries to limited resources including sheep, judge and volunteers. At the 2001 NEBCA Novice Finals, there were 94 runs on Saturday (18 Ranch, 25 Novice, 32 Pro-Novice and 21 Ranch) and 83 Runs on Sunday (22 Novice, 31 Pro-Novice and 30 Top-ten finalists).

There were approximately 241 dog/handler teams with one or more points earned since the previous year's Novice Finals. The breakdown is as follows:

- 78 had 2 or less points;
- 68 had 3 – 5 points;
- 57 had 6 – 10 points;
- 16 had 11 – 15 points; and
- 22 had 16+ points.

In 2001, there were 75 Novice Finals entries or about 31% of eligible dog/handler teams.

As the number of Finals entries has been increasing each year, the Novice Trials Committee is considering one of two alternatives that would limit entries and align entries to limited resources.

1. Limit entries to the top 20 highest points scored by a dog/handler team in each class that submit a Novice Finals entry resulting in 80 runs on Saturday and 70 runs on Sunday. Teams which have moved up in class at trials but haven't scored any points in the new trial class would be 'grand fathered' to run in the lower class only if they were included in the top 20 dog/handler teams.
2. Increase the points needed to qualify for the NEBCA Nursery Finals from 1 to 3 points. Teams which have moved up in class at trials but haven't scored any points in the new trial class would be "grand fathered" to run in the lower class only if they achieved 3 points in that class in the current trial season. This would reduce the number of eligible teams by about 78 or 32%.

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SHEEP'S WOOD TRIAL SERIES

Andover, Connecticut

host- Beverly Lambert

There were a lot of happy people when Bev Lambert generously announced that she would be holding fun trials on the first Saturday of each winter month at her Sheep's Wood Farm in Andover, Connecticut. Little did the participants know how happy they would be when the first trial date rolled around on December 1. The weather was summer-like, sunny and 70 degrees. People were in shirtsleeves and sunglasses. The long, warm autumn had even fooled the flora, and forsythia bushes were blooming! The only reminders of the season were leafless trees, and sunset at about 4:00p.m.

Running our dogs was but a small part of the fun. The 'main event' was that the entrants did all of the work and judging. Tasks were assigned randomly and everyone participated, no matter what level of experience in any particular area. It was a very real learning opportunity, especially for those who had never spotted or exhausted sheep, judged, kept score, or managed a trial before.

Lunch was potluck, and there were some first rate samples of home cooking, with special mention going to Kitze McCormick's peppery vegetable soup. Everyone did their best to overeat, even though were still feeling guilty about Thanksgiving feasts.

Beverly's fields are deceptive – they look pretty navigable, but there are some unexpected obstacles: hills, boulders, woodsy hiding places, and a rock wall the sheep had to be pushed over. There were some wonderful runs, and of course, a few train wrecks. The atmosphere was relaxed and lighthearted, and everyone had a wonderful day. There was even enough time for a lot of people to run their dogs non-compete in higher classes to test their future potential

Results:

Novice/novice

Molly King Nell
Barbara Black Blazer
Deborah Donahue Ross
Kitze McCormick Tip
Nancy Phillips Buster

Pro-Novice

Ellen Skillings Cree
George Northrup Moss
Emily Yazwinski Flash
Sue Schoen Willy
Joan Worthington Sam

Ranch

Sue Schoen Clair
Brenda Buja Dice
Ed Hobart Angel

USBCHA Nursery

Carol Campion & Bart

The second trial, on January 5, wasn't balmy, but wasn't bad, either. We had to wear jackets, gloves, and hats – but the day was clear and dry, and ideal for a winter trial. The hot dishes at lunch were more than welcome, however. Again, a lot of time for non-compete runs at the end of the trial, and the chilly temperatures made the sheep pretty frisky, testing the mettle of the dogs.

Novice-Novice

Kitze McCormick Wink
David Lewis Jenny
Joan McGrath Barb
Molly King Nell
Yvonne O'Brien Maude

Pro-Novice

Sally Lacy Jean
Carol Campion Bart
Sue Schoen Willy
George Northrup Moss
Molly King Ruby

Ranch

Carol Campion Liz
Sue Schoen Claire
Darlene Hotchkiss Katy
Ed Hobart Angel

The third trial on February 2 was more of a trial weatherwise as well. Bright (the groundhog did see his shadow, after all), but very cold and windy. There were fewer handlers and dogs, but a convivial group in spite of the shivers. The sheep were tough and squirrely at times, and as the day progressed they became harder to work – quick to take advantage of handlers not at the top of their game. A long lunch break helped to warm the entrants sufficiently to do some noncompete runs later, but it took longer than usual to get geared up for the cold afternoon runs.

Novice-Novice

Kitzie McCormick Tip (only score)

Pro-Novice

Sue Schoen Willy 62
 Emily Yazwinski Jill 58
 Rob Drummond Spy 55
 Carol Campion Bart 52

Ranch

Sue Schoen Clair 72
 Ellen Skillings Cree 68
 Rob Drummond Spot 59
 Emily Yazwinski Tarr 54

The last of this series of Beverly's fun trials will be Saturday, March 2. Hopefully, the promised additional 6 weeks of winter will at least be gentle so that we New Englanders can brave the elements for one more meet before the 'real' trial season begins.

By Molly King

**Bittersweet Farm New Year's Day Trial
 January 1, 2002
 Hampton, CT
 trial hosts- Carol & Larry Campion**

Snowless, Sunny, FUN!

These key words describe the Bittersweet New Year's Day Trial in Hampton, CT. Added to this was the warm spirit of the season brought by that handler's gathered here to run their dogs welcoming in the New Year! The trial ran efficiently, allowing for a relaxed New Year's luncheon midday. With laughter and cheerfulness abundant, the atmosphere was much like a family reunion.

Kathadins were run for the dogs in the Novice, Pro-Novice & Nursery classes with the notorious Bittersweet Border Leicester/Cheviot crosses saved for the more experienced Ranch and Open dogs. Ellen Skillings ably judged over 50 runs while Sylvia Murray, Sara Murray and Larry Campion worked the hold out pen. Thank you to the many others who pitched in and helped out with the spotting, secretarying, exhausting, scorekeeping, etc, making this the success it was! Results follow-

Novice-Novice

1. Dave Lewis & Jenna
2. Tenley Dexter & Kate
3. Molly King & Nell
4. Yvonne O'Brien & Maude

Pro-Novice

1. Melissa DeMille & Max
2. Rob Drummond & Spy
3. Bev Lambert & Brie
4. Carol Campion & Bart
5. Sally Lacy & Jean

Ranch

1. Kent Kuykendall & Meg
2. Amy Dunnington & Scout
3. Rob Drummond & Spot
4. Emily Yazwinski & Tarr
5. Brenda Buja & Dice

USBCHA (6 runs)

1. Bev Lambert & Brie

REHAB FOR DOGS ENTERS 21ST CENTURY

by Denise Leonard

A horse in the pool? A Rottweiler in the jacuzzi? No, it isn't George Orwell's Animal Farm come to life. It is a center for the recovery process and fitness training of your canine and equine athlete.

Hydrotherapy, Whirlpool, Massage, Treadmill, Therapeutic Ultrasound and more are the new tools to assist in the treatment and recovery of surgical and soft tissue injuries and chronic conditions. The buoyancy of the water-assisted treatments are thought to remove much of the pressure from the painful site, encouraging the animal to exercise a full range of motion, and thereby speeding along the recovery process. The warm water helps to reduce inflammation, pain and muscle spasm while increasing circulation and improving mobility.



Jessie on a treadmill lowered in a whirlpool.

In the first session, the dog begins to use muscles that they perhaps haven't used for years, or which have atrophied from lack of use. By the second session, within the depths of the warm pool water, the dog is so relaxed that real exercise of these muscles can begin. In most cases, by the third

session, real muscle mass starts to develop, as in addition to the benefits of the weightlessness of the water, there is a natural resistance which fosters real muscle growth.



Denise walks along side as Jessie swims laps.

Meet Jessie. Due to a growth plate injury, Jessie underwent the same femoral head excision procedure used to better the quality of life for dysplastic dogs. Being a youngster, Jessie came through surgery with flying colors, and healed in no time. Six weeks later, the only evidence of surgery was a shaved leg already growing fuzzy...hanging from the hip like a limp noodle. Jessie had learned to get by on three legs, and other than dropping down the useless appendage for occasional balance, had no inclination to return to four-legged status.

In Jessie's first visit to River Meadow Farm in Connecticut, she received electrical stimulation of the "dead" muscle, and swam three laps in the pool in each direction. In her next visit, she swam six laps in the pool in each direction, and received more electrical stimulation; for her third visit, she swam for 10 minutes. In less than one week of treatment, Jessie now walks using her healing limb, and is beginning to run on it some, too! After a few more treatments it is expected that Jessie will have progressed to

Rehab for Dogs....continued....

the point where she will be using her leg all of the time, and final recovery will only be a matter of exercise and time.

Given the investment already made in the breeding and training of your canine athlete, whether your dog is recovering from surgery, or suffering from the pain of a chronic or soft tissue injury, you now have the option to speed healing and recovery through an individualized program designed to maximize the rehabilitation potential of your canine partner. Proper therapy will soon have your valued working dog back in tip top condition. River Meadow Farm is located in Windsor, Connecticut. Ask your veterinarian or orthopedist for a referral to a rehabilitation center near you!



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Genesee SDT Waiver & Entry Form

May 18&19, 2002 - Two one-day Trials

USBCHA & NEBCA Approved

Judge: John Atkinson, Yorkshire, England

Lessons with John are available on Monday, May 20 - contact Joyce for more information.

Classes offered: **Open** \$30 per dog; **USBCHA Nursery** \$15 per dog. **All Others (Novice/Novice, Pro-Novice, and Ranch)** \$20 per dog. -

ENTRIES OPEN MARCH 19, 2002 and close MAY 7, 2002, or when trial is full. **NEW THIS YEAR: ENTRIES WILL BE BASED ON POSTMARK OR FAX DATE, NOT ON DAY RECEIVED.**

I understand that I am responsible for any cost incurred as a result of damages caused by me, my family, or my dogs to facilities, animals, or persons and, in the event of personal injury or damage to my property or animals, I will not hold Genesee Country Village & Museum, it's owners, employees, agents, trial organizers or workers responsible.

Handler: _____

Address: _____

Phone & e-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HANDLERS ARE LIMITED TO FOUR RUNS PER DAY, not including USBCHA Nursery - but only two in the money in any given class. Yes, you may substitute among your own dogs up to the day of the trial. A minimum of thirty runs will be available for Open - but if not used by May 7, they will be allocated to other classes. Entries will be confirmed shortly after May 7. Payment must be received at time of entry. **This year we are again accepting credit card and fax entries.**

	Class	Dog	Day(s)	Fee
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			
4.	_____			

USBCHA Nursery:

1.

2.

3.

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Make Check/Money Order payable to Genesee Country Village & Museum

Master Card VISA Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on Card: _____

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JUST LOOKING FOR A LITTLE REST & RELAXION...?!

Submitted by Sandy Hornung.

After working all season with the whims and demands of tourists, I was ready for some R&R!. What to do? Should I take a cruise, fly to Alcapulco, tour Europe? After much soul searching, and studying the checkbook, I decided on recreation of a different kind. I would go to a training clinic. Instead of spending my days basking in the sun on a beach, I would sit on my folding chair in a cold field, smelling sheep. Instead of gourmet meals in five star restaurants, I would eat potluck lunches. Instead of hobnobbing wit the rich and famous, I would share dog tales with addicts like myself. I decided to attend an Angie Coker clinic at the Paxton-Hill's beautiful Bright Water Farm, in the rolling hills of the beautiful Susquehanna State Park.

While I met no monetarily rich and famous, the people I met were rich in experiences and talents. The clinic was attended by handlers who had never trialed, open handlers, and all of those in between. And, we were bestowed with riches beyond our expectations from our instructor. Angie shared her knowledge, experiences, and her humor, and most of all, she shares her love of our dogs.

What a great choice I made! I couldn't have been happier anywhere else. Instead of rest and relaxation, I got new ideas and enthusiasm. My next R&R is scheduled for April. Let's see, will I go to the French Riveria or the Alps? No, I think I'll go to another training clinic!

By Sandy Hornung

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MY LIFE FORETOLD?

Submitted by David Fetterman

Sometimes one meets a man who can foretell the future. It was a blue sky midsummer day. I was casually standing along side the bleacher seats at a sheepdog trial trying to stay in the shade of a tent. Several local folks were seated talking with a slightly built bearded man who spoke with the ease of one familiar with his subject and accustomed to others listening to his knowledge. There were half hearted exchanges explaining the history, purpose and scoring of sheepdog trials. Then came the words that I later would recognize as the course of my years to come.

"Do these dogs cost a lot", asked one of the townspeople.

"Oh no. You can buy a good pup for three or four hundred dollars. Then if you are interested in seeing if your young dog will work sheep, you can take a few lessons from someone. It is not expensive. Then, if you enjoy this, you may wish to get four or five sheep and keep them at a friend's farm and try training your dog more. This is not expensive. Then, if that goes well, you may enter a trial to see how your dog will do. Then, if you enjoy that, you may want to get a few more sheep. Then you will get a farm of your own so that you have more area to train and to keep more sheep. Then, as you get better, you will need s motorhome to travel to more trials. It is not expensive."

Was he a mystic or and an infected man, relating the natural course of an incurable disease to the newly infected"

Since that time, I have come to know the man as Chalmers Means, and to suspect this was not the first time he related the disease history. I now know he was not the vector of the infection. The vector is that mostly black and white beast that can enter a man's heart and mind and change our lives.

By David Fetterman

2001 Treasurer's Report
Year End

Accounts Payable December 2001

Library	\$252.09
Calendars	\$2428.11
Newsletter	\$3671.20
Awards	\$ 93.86
Nursery Finals	\$1760.57
Fall Foliage	\$ 1370.60
Office Supplies	\$ 250.00
Bank Charges	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$3156.76
Total	\$13,033.19

Accounts Receivable
December 2001

Starting Balance	\$ 8000.00
Membership	\$ 3575.00
Breeders List	\$ 180.00
Calendars	\$ 2018.69
Library	\$ 32.50
Newsletter Ads	\$ 115.00
Nursery Finals	\$ 1832.00
Fall Foliage	\$ 900.00
Fence Rental	\$ 120.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 3242.04
Total Credits	\$20,015.23
Total Debits	\$13,033.19
Balance	\$ 6982.04

To the Post Everlasting....

*Betty Levin's Kelty & Tay
and
Denise Leonard's Nikki*

Rest in Peace.

NEBCA Operating Budget for 2002

Item	Income	Expense	Net
Membership	\$6,000		\$6,000
Advertising (breeders list, ads)	\$600		\$600
Library	\$250	\$350	(\$100)
Fence Rental	\$100		\$100
Bank Charges		\$100	(\$100)
Officer Expenses		\$100	(\$100)
Corporate renewal		\$15	(\$15)
Awards		\$500	(\$500)
Office Supplies		\$160	(\$160)
Newsletter		\$4,000	(\$4,000)
Fall Foliage Trial	\$1,000	\$1,500	(\$500)
Novice Finals	\$1,800	\$2,000	(\$200)
Calendar	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Fund Raising	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$500
Total:	\$13,750	\$12,225	\$1,525

2002 Nebca Calendars still available!

\$6.50 delivered

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Send requests to:

George Northrup

Box 119 Taft Hill Rd.

Royalston, MA 01368

We now have our own website address!

www.NEBCA.net

CHECK IT OUT!!

Questions about the website?
Contact Jim & Joanne Murphy at
jomur@frontenac.net

2001 Nursery Trial Report

Income

Entry Fees \$1,832.00

Expenses

Judge \$300.00

Port a Potty \$130.00

Farm Rental \$300.00

Tables \$64.00

Ribbons \$72.09

Embroidered Hats \$262.55

Sheep Pen Crew \$100.00

Food \$68.98

Long Road Award \$39.00

Embroidered Vests \$423.95

Total Debits \$1,760.57

2001 Fall Foliage Report

Income

Entry Fees \$900.00

Expenses

Judge \$400.00

Farm and Sheep Rental \$420.00

Sheep Crew \$140.00

Hold Out Crew \$100.00

Embroidery \$97.00

Long Road Trophy \$45.00

Ribbons \$39.35

Mugs \$129.25

Total Debits \$1,370.60

2002 Clinic Schedule

April 19-21, 2002

Scott Glen Clinic

Havre de Grace, MD

All levels, limited to 15 dogs/\$180

contact Kathryn Paxton-Hill

410-939-2934

April 23-24, 2002

Scott Glen Clinic

Havre de Grace, MD

All levels, limited to 15 dogs/\$150

contact Kathryn Paxton-Hill

410-939-2934

June 15-16, June 22-24

Aled Owen Clinics

June 15-16- Advanced Clinic/ \$175

June 22-24- Training Clinic/ \$200

Bittersweet Farm

Hampton, CT

One Advanced, One Beginner

Contact Carol Campion, 860-455-9416

campionbc@aol.com

June 24, 2002

Barbara Ligon Training Clinic

Milton, ON, Canada

Carol Guy, 416-766-3405

cguy@city.toronto.on.ca

June 29-30

Cheryl Jagger Williams Training Clinic

Greenfield, MA

Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232

dal@shaysnet.com

July 10-14, 2002

Bittersweet Sheep Intensive with Kathy Knox

July 10 & 11 focus on sheep handling.

July 12 & 13 focus on dog handling.

July 14th is a Novice trial.

Contact Carol Campion, 860-455-9416

campionbc@aol.com

October 16-22, 2002

Bobby Dalziel Clinics

Keswick Farm, New Hampshire

Oct. 16 & 17- Private lessons for all levels

Oct. 18 thru 20- Tune up for National Finals (current or future!), a 3day intensive. Focus on precision handling, international shed and double lift.

Oct. 21-22- Mini clinic for intermediate & adv. dogs.

Bill Fosher, 603-355-8115, bill@sheepsapes.com

2002 Trial Schedule

Novice and open trials in the list are NEBCA sanctioned unless noted otherwise. Novice trial means NN, PN and Ranch classes will be held. ** Asterisks signify USBCHA sanctioning.

April 5-7 **

Long Shot Farm SDT
Church Hill, MD
Two novice & open trials
Sherry Smith, 410-758-3363
longsht@dmv.com

April 20-21 **

Borders-on-Paradise SDT
Turbotville, PA
Two novice & open trials
Lori Cunningham, 570-522-9993
lcunningham@bop.gov

April 26-28 **

Springton Manor Farm SDT
Glenmore, PA
Two novice & open trials
Sharon Nunan, 610-497-4378
bartwilb@aol.com

April 27-28 **

Connecticut Sheep Breeders SDT
Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon, CT
One novice & two open trials
Mellissa DeMille, 860-669-7578
mellissa@sheepdog.com

May 3-5**

Soul Homestead SDT
Middleboro, MA
2 Novice, 2 Open trials
Rich Seaman, 508-539-4100

May 9-12 **

Steppinstone SDT
Havre De Grace, MD
Two novice & open trials
Kathryn Paxton-Hill, 410-939-2934
brightwaterfarm@aol.com

May 11-12 **

NH Sheep & Wool Festival SDT
Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH
Two novice & open trials
Info/Entries: Clint Brake, 603-478-3560
lbrake@gsinet.net

May 18-19 **

Richmond Arena Trial
Richmond, Quebec
Two open points trials
(second trial on May 19 is not definite)
Dave Young, 819-889-3276
dyoung@ubishops.ca

May 18-19 **

Genesee SDT
Mumford, NY (south of Rochester)
Two novice & open trials
Joyce Geier, 585-624-8220
jdgeier@email.msn.com

May 24-26 **

Richmond Hill SDT
Richmond Hill, Ontario
Two novice & open trials
Tara Dier, 416-778-7245
tdier@sympatico.ca

May 25-26

Mass Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT
Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA
One novice trial & one open trial
Info: Becky Peterson, 413-624-5562
orvalbc@shaysnet.com
Entries: Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232
dal@equinox.shaysnet.com
**** Site of NEBCA Meeting on 5/25 ****

May 31 – June 2 **

Nearfield Farm SDT
Center Conway, NH
One novice & two open trials
Gabrielle Merrill, 207-935-2520
gabe@pivot.net

June 7-9 **

Newark Valley Spring Festival SDT
Newark Valley, NY
Two novice & open trials
Roger & Heather Millen, 607-835-6584
rpm1@cornell.edu

June 13-16 **

PA State Championship SDT
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA
Two novice & open trials
Cheryl Jagger-Williams, 570-289-4733
culley@epix.net

June 22-23 **

Country Heritage Park SDT
Milton Ontario
Two NN, PN & open trials
(only open is NEBCA)
Viki Kidd, 416-652-0892
vkidd@sprynet.com

June 30 (Tentative)

Mountain Meadow Farm Trial
One day novice trial
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429
bcsandewe@aol.com

July 4-7 **

Lynch Mob SDT
Pottsgrove, PA.
Two novice & open trials
Allan & Peg Lynch, 570-649-6212
lynchmob@sunlink.net
**** Site of NEBCA Meeting on 7/5 ****

July 13

Strafford Novice Trial
Strafford, VT
One novice trial
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466

July 14

Bittersweet Novice Trial
Hampton, CT
One novice trial
Carol Champion, 860-455-9416
Championbc@aol.com

July 20-21**

Highlands of Durham SDT
Uxbridge, Ontario
Two novice & Open Trials
Larry & Sylvia Forster, 905-344-8375
larsyl@eagle.ca

July 20-23 **

Bloomfield SDT
Bloomfield, CT
Two novice & open trials
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300
blambert@mac.com

July 27-28 **

Lennoxville International SDT
Lennoxville, Quebec
Two open trials
Fiona Robertson, 819-842-4277
creekside@videotron.ca

August 3-5 **

Nation Valley SDT
Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario
Two novice & open trials
Werner Reitboeck; 613-448-3266
werner@magma.ca

August 6-8**

Renaissance Farm SDT
Sydenham, Ontario
One novice & two open trials
Lorna Savage, 613-541-0296
lsavage@kingston.jkl.net

August 9-11 **

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario
One PN trial & two open trials
(only open is NEBCA)
Amanda Milliken, 613-531-9405
milliken@post.queensu.ca

August 16-18

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial
Cooperstown, NY
One novice & two open trials
Chalmers Means, 607-432-4903
meansbar@dmcom.net

August 24 **

Vermont State Championship SDT
Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT
One day open trial
Steve Wetmore; 802-765-4466

August 24-25**

Palmerston Agricultural Society SDT
Palmerston, Ontario
Two novice & open trials
Margaret Lambkin, 519-343-5573
rival@wightman.ca

August 25 **

Spring Valley Open Trial
Strafford, VT
One open trial
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466

August 29

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Lancaster, NH
One open points trial
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net

August 31 - September 1

Blue Hill Fair
Blue Hill, ME
Two open points trials
Jim Davidson, 207-677-2224

August 31 - September 2

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ
Two novice & open trials
Gene Sheninger, 201-299-9785
esheninger@worldnet.att.net

September 7-8 **

Green Lane Park SDT
Perkasie, PA
Two novice & open trials
Jim Strohecker, 215-453-0201
jstrohecker@snip.net

September 13

NH Highland Games SDT
Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH
One open points trial
Must pre-register and get an entry pass.
Lynn Deschambeault,
merlynn@pivot.net

September 14-15 (TENTATIVE)

NEBCA Novice Finals
Location TBA

September 16-17

Eastern States Exposition SDT
West Springfield, MA
Three separate open trials
Dee Woessner, 978-582-7682
tofteast@ma.ultranet.com

September 17

Last day of 2002 open trial season

Sept 21-22, 2002

Hemlock SDT
Hemlock, NY
One novice trial & one open trial
Peg&Allan Lynch, 570-649-6212
lynchmob@sunlink.net

September 28-29 (TENTATIVE)

Brush Run Farm SDT
Charleroi, PA
Two novice & open trials
Ed Gebauer, 412-483-7432

September 28

NH State Championship SDT
East Conway, NH.
One open trial
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net
**** Site of NEBCA Meeting on 9/28 ****

September 29

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Fryeburg, ME.
One open trial
Gabrielle Merrill, 207-935-2520
gabe@pivot.net

October 12-13 (TENTATIVE)

NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial
Location TBA

October 19-20 (TENTATIVE)

Butternut Creek SDT
Kingston, Ontario
Two NN, PN & open trials
(only open is NEBCA)
Mark Bustard, 613-531-9405
milliken@post.queensu.ca

Oct 26-27

O.C. Sheep Herding Company Open
Old Chatham, NY
Two open trials
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