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### A NOTE FROM THE NEBCA PRESIDENT--

Fellow Members:

I hope this endless winter hasn't been too unbearable for you all. The snow and the cold have certainly made shepherding more difficult and dog work all but impossible. I usually hope to do a lot of training in January and February but I haven't done any. To make the best of it (read that "stay sane"), I've resorted to a lot of Nordic activities with my dogs – skiing, show shoeing, hikes and no surprise they seemed to love it all the same.

I'm saddened by the loss of Joe Kennedy from West Barnstable, Mass. Joe was a dear friend to so many of us and a great friend and supporter of the Border Collie.

I'd like to welcome our many new members. No doubt you've joined NEBCA from an interest in BCs, herding, farming or all three. If you're new to it all, a great place to start is the lending library. The library contains a wonderful collection of BC related books and tapes on training, health, dog lore and fiction. For some hands on experience I would recommend attending one or more training clinics. Some clinics take all level dogs and handlers while others are specifically for beginners or cover more advanced work. Clinics are also a good way to meet others with the same interests. The many clinics held about the region are listed in the newsletter and on the web site. If you can't find what you're looking for, please contact any of the clubs officers for some help.

It would be great if more of our members put pen to paper and contributed to the newsletter. There's such a broad range of experience and expertise amongst our membership that would be great to share. We can't print things of editorial

or commercial nature and the topic must fit with NEBCA's aim of promoting the BC as a herding dog but that still leaves a whole lot of room. It could be a personal experience, fiction, a report on a dog or sheep health issue, a book review, a bit of verse or humor, artwork, or anything you think other members would enjoy reading. Our editor, Lori has the final say about accepting items so if your not sure a topic is appropriate, ask her before you start. Don't be surprised if I corner you sometime during the year and make you an authoring offer you can't refuse.

There's a new dog club in the northeast called the New England Stock Dog Club. NESDC was formed to promote trials, clinics and fun days in the New England area and facilitate more interaction amongst the regions Border Collie community. I would encourage those in NE to join the new club as it will provide additional opportunities for dog work, training, and trialing as well a chance to get to know the regions other stock dog enthusiasts. Contact Mary Ames (603-448-5429, mbames@valley.net) for information.

We will soon have more NEBCA brochures to send to any member who needs them. They're handy to give out at demos, clinics, farm shows to let people know about NEBCA and in addition, a little background on the BC. We'll have them at the spring trials to give out or contact Lynn Deschambeault or myself and we'll mail some to you.

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# HAVE A GREAT 2003 TRIAL SEASON!

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**DEADLINE  
FOR SUMMER ISSUE  
NEBCA NEWS SUBMISSIONS  
IS JUNE 8th**

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## REMOVING TICKS

By Holly Frisby, DVM, MS

It was recently pointed out to me that there are fewer novice trials this year than in previous years. If the popularity of sheepdog trials is growing, how can the number of trials be decreasing? One reason is that with the large number of entries today, it's become impossible to run both open and novice classes on the same day. Some trial managers have generously responded by adding extra days to their trials. But not every trial can do this and some have either gone to one day of novice or dropped the novice classes altogether. And with ever more competitors and fewer opportunities to compete this trend will likely continue. The solution is simple; we need more novice only trials. If you compete in more than a few trials a year you really ought to be on the organizational side of at least one. Consider teaming up with a few others to spread the work. Or start by having an informal fun trial. But do give it a go. If you need advice on any aspect of putting on a trial, contact the novice trial committee or talk to one of our veteran trial managers.

Don't forget the NEBCA meeting on May 24 at the Cummington Trial.

Good Shepherding,  
Warren

To remove an attached tick, use a pair of fine tipped tweezers or a special tick removal instrument. These special devices allow one to remove the tick without squeezing the tick body. This is important, as you do not want to crush the tick and force harmful bacteria to leave the tick and enter the dog's bloodstream.

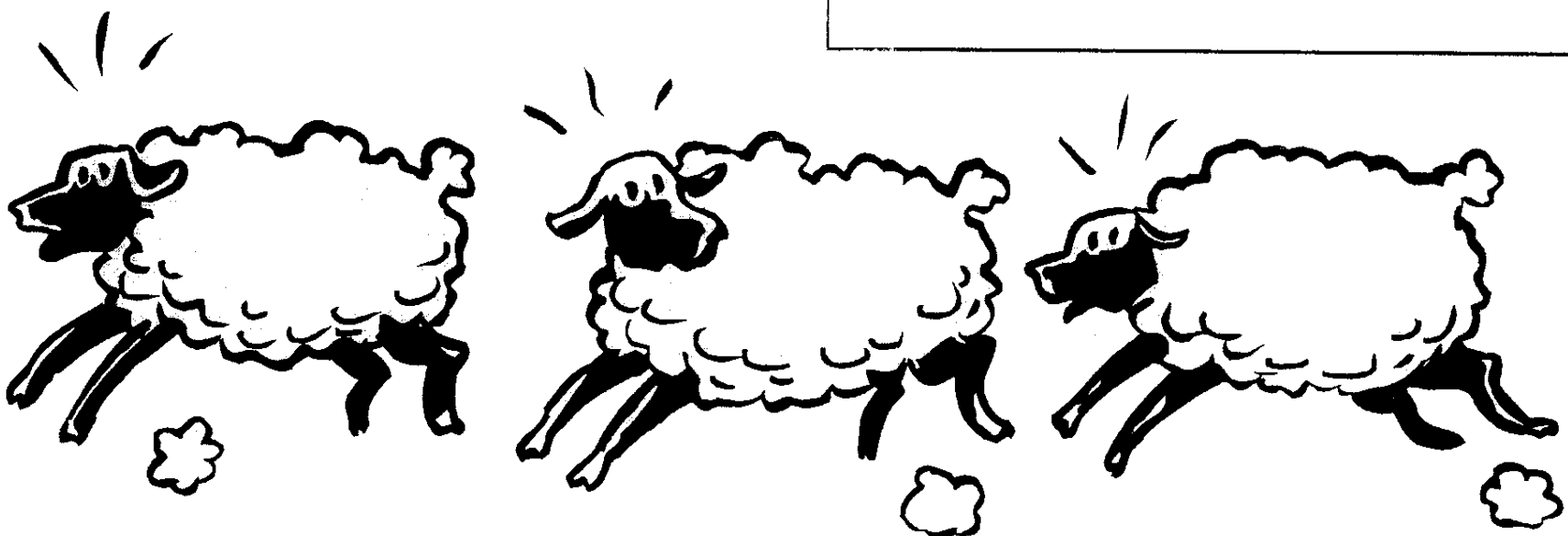
1. Grab the tick by the head or mouth parts right where they enter the skin. Do not grasp the tick by the body.
2. Without jerking, pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick as you are pulling.
3. Using methods such as applying petroleum jelly, a hot match, or alcohol will not cause the tick to detach. In fact, these irritants may cause the tick to deposit more disease-carrying saliva in the wound.
4. After removing the tick, place it in a jar of alcohol to kill it. Ticks are not killed by flushing them down the toilet.
5. Clean the bite wound with a disinfectant. If you want to, apply a small amount of a triple antibiotic ointment.
6. Wash your hands thoroughly.

Do not use your fingers to remove or dispose of the tick. Do not squash the tick. The contents of the tick can transmit disease. Once an embedded tick is manually removed, it is not uncommon for a welt and skin reaction to occur. A little hydrocortisone spray will help alleviate the irritation, but may take a week or more for healing to take place. In some cases, the tick bite may permanently scar leaving a hairless area. This irritation is due to the irritating and destructive tick saliva. It is not due to the tick losing its head, literally. Do not be worried about the tick head staying in; it rarely happens. The swelling is due to toxic saliva, not toxic heads.

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## GREEN LANE PARK SHEEPDOG TRIAL

September 7-8, 2002

Judge: Gary Dembski

The weekend of September 7th dawned with perfect weather for trialing at the scenic Green Lane Park Scottish-Irish Festival. Very little fog rolled gently from the lake but fortunately, not on the trial field so an early start was possible.

The mixed flock of wool and hair sheep were perfectly suited for the occasion, a bit flighty in the morning but if the dogs stayed off of them they would march just as nice as you please. Each handler had a group of four; three adults and a lamb and as always, some lambs would march to their own drummer. This made some pens and the next day's chute nearly impossible. When it came time for the split one would think the sheep were made of Velcro instead of wool.

Ron McGettigan probably had the most memorable run of the weekend, not for its beauty and grace but rather for what the sheep were wearing---all dressed up in balloons, party hats and pom-poms on their tails just to celebrate his birthday! We are looking forward to next year, no telling what the sheep will be cooking up for the next unsuspecting handler!

### Results:

#### Nov-Nov Sun.

1. Nancy Obernier & Ben
2. Nancy Obernier & Wattie

#### Nov-Nov Sat.

1. Alix Cleveland & Rob
2. Nancy Obernier & Ben
3. Nancy Obernier & Wattie

#### Pro-Nov Sun.

1. Mary Brighoff & Moss
2. Sherry Smith & Liz
3. Michele Higgins & Deigh
4. Peg Lynch & Dirk
5. Sherry Sheldon & Jaff

#### Pro Nov Sat.

1. Sally Malloy & Paige
2. Michele Higgins & Deigh
3. Sherry Smith & Loose
4. Sharon Nunan & Cutter
5. Michele Higgins Swift

#### Ranch Sun.

1. Cheryl J. Williams & Rudy
2. Cheryl J. Williams & Bull
3. Maggie Chambers & Lace
4. Polly Matzinger & Charlie
5. Maggie Chambers & Joy

#### Ranch Sat.

1. Sharon Nunan & Gael
2. Merry Klimek & Ace
3. Mary Brighoff & Ned
4. Nancy O. Sharp & Cassie
5. Cheryl J. Williams & Rudy

#### Open Sat.

- 1 Polly Matzinger & Lilly
- 2 Barb Levinson & Lass
- 3 Barb Levinson & Ivy
- 4 Cheryl J. Williams & Andy
- 5 Maria Mick & Jim
- 6 Allan Lynch & Joe
- 7 Sherry Smith & Cap
- 8 Cheryl J. Williams & Ben
- 9 Merry Klimek & Lad
- 10 Sally Malloy & Gail

#### Open Sun.

- 1 Barb Levinson & Ivy
- 2 Mary Brighoff & Mirk
- 3 Polly Matzinger & Lilly
- 4 Maria Mick & Ben
- 5 Ron McGettigan & Clue
- 6 Cheryl J. Williams & Ben
- 7 Merry Klimek & Lad
- 8 Lori Cunningham & Riff
- 9 Maria Mick & Jim
- 10 Sharon Nunan & Jim

**BITTERSWEET NEW YEAR'S DAY TRIAL**

**January 1, 2003**

**Hampton, CT**

**Novice**

1. Joan McGrath & Amos
2. Amy Dunnington & Moss
3. Joan McGrath & Barb
4. Maria Amodei & Target

**Pro Novice**

1. Carol Campion & Jim
2. Carol Campion & Storm
3. Brenda Buja & Bronco
4. Denise Leonard & Jesse
5. Joan McGrath & Barb

**Ranch**

1. Brenda Buja & Dice
2. Melissa DeMille & Max
3. Amy Dunnington & Scout
4. Maria Amodei
5. Carol Campion & Jim

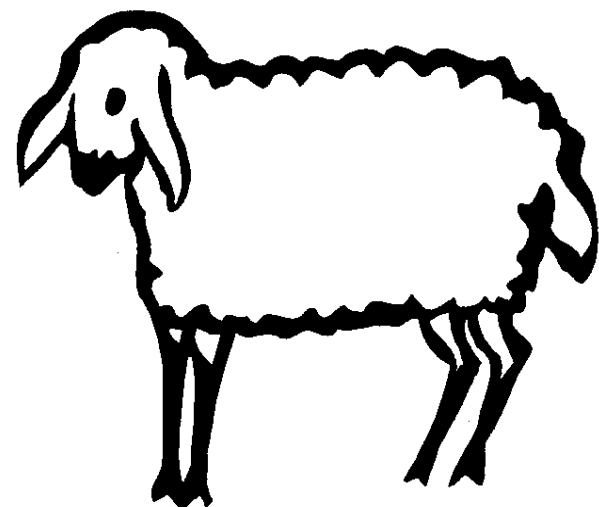
**Open**

1. Carol Campion & Liz
2. Sue Schoen & Nap (tie)
3. Denise Leonard & Rose (tie)
4. Betty Levin & Kyle
5. Denise Leonard & Kate

**USBCHA Nursery**

1. Brenda Buja & Bronco

**THINK SPRING!!**





Connie Weller's Penn



Deb Kramer's Tal

# 2003 CLINIC SCHEDULE

**May 9-10 & 11-12**

**Aled Owen Clinic**  
 Bittersweet Farm  
 Hampton, CT  
 contact Carol Campion  
 860-455-9416

**May 24, 25 & 26**

**Jack Chamberlain Clinic**  
 Havre de Grace, MD  
 contact Kathryn Paxton-Hill  
 410-939-2934

**June 28-29**

**Cheryl Williams Clinic**  
 Tanstaaf Farm  
 Greenfield, MA  
 contact Denise Leonard  
 413-773-5232

**July 16-17**

**Scott Glen Clinic**  
 Hillydale Farm  
 Uxbridge, ON  
 contact Andrea de Kenedy  
 416-481-3786

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## Treasurers Report - Year End 2002

Submitted by Jim Strohecker

### 2002 Accounts Receivable

Memberships	\$5,160.00
Breeder's List	\$795.00
Calendars	\$3,280.50
Library	\$182.00
Newsletter Ads	\$135.00
Nursery Finals	\$1,500.00
Fall Foliage	\$1,193.75
Fence Rental	\$224.00
Fundraising	\$2,679.38
Return of non-profit postal fee	\$250.00
Refund of newsletter costs	\$548.85
Donatons	\$225.00
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$16,173.48</b>

### 2002 Accounts Payable

Library	\$165.70
Calendars	\$2,189.61
Newsletter	\$4,100.00
Nursery Finals	\$2,001.57
Fall Foliage	\$3,058.37
Office Supplies	\$400.00
Bank Charges	\$38.59
Misc.	\$175.00
Corp. Renewal	\$18.50
Insurance Premium	\$429.00
Fundraising	\$2,186.75
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$14,763.09</b>

**2002 Net Income \$1,410.39**

## 2003 Trial Schedule

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

### April 3-6 \*\*

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

### April 11-13 \*\*

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

### April 13 \*\*

Sheepswood Farm  
One novice & open trial  
(only open is NEBCA qual.)  
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300  
blambert2@mac.com

### April 26-27 \*\*

O.C. Sheep Herding Co. Open  
Old Chatham, NY  
Two open trials  
Warren Mick, 518-861-5854  
mickwa@capital.net

### April 26-27 \*\*

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

### May 1-4 \*\*

Soule Homestead SDT  
Middleboro, MA  
Two novice and open trials  
Connie Weller, 508-747-5755  
cmweller@earthlink.net  
\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 5/2 \*\*

### May 10-11 \*\*

NH Sheep & Wool Festival Intl. SDT  
Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH  
Two novice & open trials  
Clint Brake, 603-478-0220  
cbrake@gsinet.net

### May 24-25 \*\*

Mass Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT  
Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA  
One novice trial & one open trial  
Info: Kate Collins/George Northrop  
978-624-5562, george01368@yahoo.com  
Entries: Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232  
dal@equinox.shaysnet.com  
\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 5/24 \*\*

### May 24-25

Nation Valley Spring SDT  
Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario  
Two NN, PN & open trials  
(only open is nebca qual.)  
Werner Reitboeck; 613-448-3266  
werner@magma.ca

### May 29-April 1 \*\*

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

### May 30 – June 1 \*\*

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

### June 6-8 \*\*

Newark Valley Spring Festival SDT  
Newark Valley, NY  
Two novice & open trials  
Roger & Heather Millen, 607-835-6584  
millen@mfire.com

### June 12-15 \*\*

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

### June 20-22 \*\*

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

### June 21-22

Mountain Meadow Farm Trial  
Fun "Gymkhana" trial on 6/21  
Regular novice trial on 6/22  
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429  
mbames@valley.net

### July 3-6 \*\*

Lynch Mob SDT  
Pottsgrove, PA.  
Two novice & open trials  
Allan & Peg Lynch, 570-649-6212  
lynchmob@sunlink.net  
\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 7/4 \*\*

### July 12-13 \*\*

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

### July 12-13 \*\*

Bittersweet SDT  
Hampton, CT  
One novice trial & one open trial  
Carol Campion, 860-455-9416  
Campionbc@aol.com

### July 18-20 \*\*

Bloomfield SDT  
Bloomfield, CT  
Two open trials and double-lift final  
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300  
blambert2@mac.com

### July 19-20 \*\*

Scotia SDT  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Two novice & open trials  
(not NEBCA sanctioned, yet)  
Hilary Flower, 902-634-4833  
wflower@bwr.eastlink.ca

### July 26-27 \*\*

Lennoxville International SDT  
Lennoxville, Quebec  
Two open trials  
Dave Young, 819-889-3276  
dyoung@ubishops.ca

### August 2-4 \*\*

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



**August 5-7 \*\***

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

**August 8-11 \*\***

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials  
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario  
One PN trial & two open trials  
(PN and nursery on 8/11)  
(only open is NEBCA qual.)  
Amanda Milliken, 613-531-9405  
amilliken@kos.net

**August 15-17 \*\***

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

**August 23 \*\***

Vermont State Championship SDT  
Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT  
One open trial  
Steve Wetmore; 802-765-4466  
swwet@valley.net

**August 23-24**

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

**August 24 \*\***

Spring Valley Open Trial  
Strafford, VT  
One open trial  
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466  
swwet@valley.net

**August 28**

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

**August 30-31**

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

**August 30 - September 1**

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

**September 6-7 \*\***

Green Lane Park Scottish Irish  
Festival SDT, Green Lane, PA  
Two novice & open trials  
Jim Strohecker & Maggie Chambers  
215-679-1177, jstohecker@snip.net

**September 12**

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

**September 13-14 (TENTATIVE)**

NEBCA Novice Finals  
Location TBA

**Sept 14-21, 2002**

USBCHA National Finals  
Sturgis, SD

**September 15-16**

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

**September 16**

Last day of NEBCA 2003 open trial  
season

**September 27**

NH State Championship SDT  
East Conway, NH.  
One open trial  
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255  
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net  
**\*\* Site of NEBCA Meeting on 9/27 \*\***

**September 28**

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

**October 4-5 \*\***

Tackaberry SDT  
Douro, Ontario  
Two novice & open trials  
Andrea de Kenedy, 416-481-3786  
andrea.de.kenedy@waldin.ca

**October 11-12 (TENTATIVE)**

NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial  
Location TBA

**October 18-19**

NYS Sheep & Wool Festival SDT  
Rhinebeck, NY  
Two open trials  
Warren Mick, 518-861-5854  
mickwa@capital.net

**October 25-26**

Bittersweet SDT  
Hampton, CT  
Two open trials  
Carol Campion, 860-455-9416  
Campionbc@aol.com

**\* TRIAL MANAGERS \***

**Don't forget to send your trial  
results to Heather Millen!**

**Note new email address:**

**millen@mfire.com**

## NEBCA Annual Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2003 - Lewisburg , PA

Meeting called to order at 10:05AM by Dick Williams who presided. Thirty-seven members were present.

1. The minutes from the last meeting held in Center Conway, NH on 9/28/02 were approved as printed in the winter newsletter.
  2. Dick presented the secretary's report submitted by Maria Mick: At year-end 2002, there were 300 memberships (225 Individual, 71 Family, and 4 Lifetime). As of January 17, 2003 there were 150 memberships (106 individual, 40 family, 4 Lifetime). The report also included a breakdown of membership by state and region. Dick commented that while the sport is getting larger, the membership seemed to be smaller.
  3. Jim Strohecker reported on the financial results of 2002. He presented a breakdown of income and expenses by category and also a balance sheet for the year 2002 (these are included in this newsletter). The current balance in the checking account was \$10,204.53. Dave Sharp motioned for approval of the report, seconded by Walt Jagger- passed.
  4. Dick gave the Board of Directors report. Dick said the club had a good year and that there were more trials than ever. He also said he hoped the mess regarding unpaid members receiving points and qualifying for the Fall Foliage would not be repeated. We must abide by the bylaws. Points should only be awarded to current members. To accomplish this, an up-to-date membership list needs to be in the hands of the person tracking the points. Past members should be notified that they are not receiving points because they have not paid their dues. Dick expressed thanks to Heather Millen for her work in managing the novice and open points and to Jim and Joanne Murphy for keeping the NEBCA web site.
  5. Barb Armata reported on the election results. Votes were tallied for all four executive positions and for two of the four positions on the Board or Directors:  
President: Warren Mick - 63, Steve Wetmore-1  
Lori Cunningham -- 1, Dick Williams -- 1  
Vice President : Heather Millen -- 64, Dee Woessner -- 2  
Secretary: Maria Mick - 65, Kim Baker -- 1  
Treasurer: Jim Strohecker - 65  
Directors : Mary Ellen Young - 61, Gene Sheninger -- 61, Mary Brighoff -- 2, Roger Deschambeault - 2, Michael Nunan -- 2, Barbara Levinson -- 1
- According to these results, Warren Mick is elected as president, Heather Millen as Vice President, Maria Mick as Secretary, Jim Strohecker as Treasurer, and joining the Board will be Mary Ellen Young and Gene Sheninger.
6. Cheryl gave the Open Trials Committee report: She expressed thanks to all who had put on a trial and urged them to continue. She reviewed the proposed revision to the open trial rules (printed in the Winter 2002 newsletter, pg10). Gene Sheninger motioned to accept the changes, Lori seconded -- Passed.
  7. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp gave the Novice Trials Committee report: Nancy thanked everyone who put on a Novice trial in 2002. She said the 2002 Novice Finals was very successful thanks to a great effort by the local organizers and the committee. The proposed change to the novice rules was discussed (see

the Winter 2002 newsletter, pg10). The proposal increases the number of points needed to qualify for the Novice Finals from one to three. The change will apply to the current trial season. Gene Sheninger motioned to accept the change, Cheryl seconded – Passed.

8. Barb Armata gave the Fund Raising Committee report. Barb said that fewer items were ordered in 2002 than in previous years. There was \$2186.75 in expenses and \$2495.06 in income for a profit of \$308.31. She thanked the many people that helped selling the items at trials and, in particular, Betty Murray and Peg Lynch who each sold one third of the items. Jody Sommers will be taking over the ordering for 2003 and anyone who wants to help out should contact Barb.
9. Dick Williams presented the Calendar report submitted by George Northrop: In the report, credit is given to Kate Collins, Sally Lacy and Denise Leonard for their efforts in assembling and printing the calendar and to Gabe Merrill who once again sold over 120 calendars. Deb Kramer motioned to accept the report, seconded by Nancy Ortiz Sharp - Passed. Gene Sheninger motioned that 500 calendars be printed this year. The motion was seconded by Barb Armata and passed.
10. Lori Cunningham gave the Newsletter report. Lori asked everyone to keep sending in information for the newsletter and more detailed write-ups of the trials would be nice. Mary Brighoff motioned to accept the report, seconded by Sue Asten – Passed.
11. Dick Williams presented the Library report submitted by Emily Yazwinski: There were 54 items borrowed in 2002 versus just 30 in 2001. The library had \$170 in income from rental and overdue fees and \$257.67 in expenses. The expenses were \$124.80 for buying new items and \$127.87 for postage. Walt Jagger motioned to accept the report, seconded Mark Billadeau - Passed. Mary Brighoff motioned that up to \$200 be spent on new videos and books for the library in 2003. Motion seconded by Gene Sheninger and passed.
12. Presentation of Awards – Nancy Ortiz-Sharp presented plaques to Novice handlers that had moved up a class in 2002.
13. New Business followed.
14. Jim Strohecker asked if all handlers qualifying for the fall foliage would receive an award this year. Cheryl Williams said she hopes that this will continue.
15. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp said she was asked if judges for NN & PN classes could be asked to put more comments on the score sheets for the benefit of the novice handlers. A discussion followed. It was felt by the majority that the judge has a lot to do out there, focusing on the run. To ask him/her to make comments AND to ask the scribe to accurately reflect what the judge has said, may be a lot to ask. So, the consensus was that it would be left to the trial managers to suggest to the judge, IF THERE IS TIME AND OPPORTUNITY, to specify for what infraction a point or points are being deducted. Further, it was left to the trial manager to also request scribes to be as conscientious as possible at recording those comments WITHOUT bothering the judge to repeat a comment or ask for an explanation.
16. Offers for sites for the 2003 Fall Foliage: Alex Cleveland offered her farm in Nicholson, PA. Allan Lynch offered the Lynch Mob Trial field in Turbotville, PA. Allan said he could provide un-dogged sheep and that if the committee had a problem with the trial being held on his own field, he has access to another field that would provide a neutral site.

17. Offers for sites for the 2003 Novice Finals: Alex Cleveland offered her farm in Nicholson, PA.
18. Barb Armata said the budget for the finals might have to increase if sheep must be trucked to the trial. Gene Sheninger said maybe entry fees should be raised. The committee has a budget and should stick to it. It was noted that there were several no-shows at last year's trial and that there should be a cancellation date after which entry fees will not be refunded. Gene Sheninger motioned that entries for the Novice Finals and Fall Foliage must be pre-paid and there be a cut-off date for cancellation. Seconded by Sue Asten and Passed.
19. Gene Sheninger motioned a budget of \$1000 for the Novice Finals and a budget of \$1600 for the Fall Foliage. Seconded by Mary Brighoff and passed. Gene said the committee should report back to the organization if it can't meet the budget. Allan Lynch motioned that budget estimates for the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals should be presented by Gene's Trial (Labor day weekend). Seconded by Mary Brighoff and Passed.
20. Dick Willams proposed formation of a committee to investigate ways for increasing membership. The committee will be composed of Mary Brighoff, Deb Kramer, Barb Levinson, Annie Palmer, Elayne Holbrook and Sharon Nunan. Possible avenues for study: Why are people not renewing, send out a renewal notice, offer pamphlets, get puppy buyers to join, bring in new members at trials, ask "Are you a NEBCA member?" on entry forms, offer lifetime memberships.
21. More NEBCA pamphlets should be printed before the start of this year's trial season.
22. Questions regarding the nominating process were asked. Why is there only one person to vote for? What ways are there to contact people who want to run? Gene Sheninger said that it's really hard to find qualified people to volunteer; we went thru it this year. It was suggested that the nominating committee put a note in the newsletter asking for nominations and that the process begin a lot earlier than it has in the past. If there was a published nomination process (like the USBCHA), then we could find ourselves with some more candidates.
23. It was asked if the newsletter could include updates from the committees. Lori said there would be room to do so.
24. Allan Lynch suggested that the Open Trials Committee consider going to three days for the Fall Foliage: two days of qualifiers and the final day be the top 10 (or whatever) in the double lift. There was a bit of discussion on this issue, but no action was taken.
25. There was a discussion on how to qualify dogs (points vs. percentage). Dogs are qualifying for the national finals but not the Fall Foliage - needs to be looked at. Dick recommended that just like the USBCHA, we should include only 5 trials for each handler and that points be accumulated based on a rule like the 20% rule of the USBCHA (for qualification for the FF only, not for the high points). Then, we should pick the top 'X' dogs to run in the FF, only the number we can safely run in a day at that time of year. Heather and Roger were asked to look into what they could do with the points maintenance system to accommodate this kind of change. Gene offered to help them out with a program similar to the one he wrote for the USBCHA.
26. Mary Brighoff motioned for adjournment, seconded by Jim Allen. Meeting adjourned.

**Submitted by Peg Lynch for Maria Mick.**

## NEBCA NOVICE-CLASSES POINTS STANDINGS-

Handler's Name	Dog	Class	Total 2003										
Agazzi, Karen	Megan	N	17										
	Jazz	N	6										
Allen, Jim	Trim	P	3										
Allen, Susan	Twist	P	7										
Amodej, Maria	Cato	N	10										
Armata, Barbara	Rhett	R	5										
Armata, Bernie	Susie	R	11										
	Bobby	P	18	Deschambeault, R	Fly	P	1						
Asten, Sue	Glen	N	11		Craig	R	6						
	Duff	P	10	Dexter, Tenley	Tuff	N	3						
	Katy	P	8		Kate	N	5						
Baker, Kim	Neil	R	3		Starrs	N	3						
	Becky	R	2	DiMarceilo, Louise	Sally	R	1						
Bauman, Diane	Jill	P	3		Moss	R	16						
Billadeau, Mark	Blue	R	13		Neil	R	1						
	Starr	R	10	Donohue, Deborah	Ross	N	5						
Black, Barb	Blazer	P	20	Dragunas, Paul	Cookie	R	4						
Brighoff, Mary	Ned	R	32		Pete	N	5						
	Moss	P	19	Drummond, Rob	Spy	P	7						
Burr, Cheryl	Tess	P	0		Spot	R	1		Jaffa, Gail	Trace	P	20	
Bustard, Mark	Jury	P	1		Ben	P	8			Siew	R	5	
Campion, Carol	Ben	P	2		Andy	P	3		Jagger, Walt	Queen	R	27	
	Andy	P	2	Duchesne, Kathy	Wink	N	13			Floss	P	9	
	Bart	P	13	Eitapence, Carlene	Floss	R	4		Johnson, Eric	Will	P	13	
Chambers, Maggie	Joy	R	56		Anna	R	11			Faith	P	18	
	Lace	R	7		Scout	P	6		Kathan, Kim	Bonnie	N	3	
Chang, Melanie	Firefly	N	6	Enos, Evelyn	Zelda	P	1		Kennedy, Jean	Pete	P	5	
Cleveland, Alex	Kip	N	4	Felegy, Mary	Tam	R	11			Patch	P	6	
	Caed	N	3		Becky	P	6		King, Molly	Ruby	R	0	
	Rob	N	21	Fetterman, David	Chief	N	25			Nell	N	8	
Collins, Kate	Jan	P	10		Leah	P	10		Klimek, Merry	Ace	R	33	
Court, Emma	Marshall	N	40	Fossetta, Linda	Jean	P	9			Midge	R	4	
Craddock, Susanne	Mick	R	14	Gardner, Pam	Ferrell	P	9		Kramer, Deb	Tal	P	18	
	Glen	P	4	Garlick, Bruce	Pat	R	8		Kras, Mary Ann	Gyp	N	14	
	Nel	P	30		Nap	R	3		Labelle, Nathalie	Jazz	N	7	
Curtis, Millie	Den	P	5		Meg	R	3		Lacy, Sally	Jean	R	13	
	Kate	N	1	Hamm, Cokie	Lola	P	10			Robin	P	4	
David, Debbie	Tyler	N	10		Vedda	N	4		Lash, Carolyn	Kit	P	16	
	Benn	N	5		Jamie	N	7			Kyle	P	12	
Dathe, Michael	Trot	P	5	Hamm, Greg	Maya	R	1			Bess	P	5	
Deangelo, Tina	Osci	N	10		Zeb	P	7		Leigh, Tom	Kate	P	4	
	Joe	N	2		Jamie	P	1			Jo	N	5	
de Kenedy, Andrea	Kep	P	7	Higgins, Michelle	Rorabinn	N	5		Leverett, Barbara	Babe	P	8	
	Ned	R	1		Kilt	P	4			Nan	R	4	
DeMille, Melissa	Stella	P	40		Ace	R	15		Levin, Betty	Bryn	P	8	
	Max	R	3		Swift	P	23		Lewis, David	Jenna	R	3	
Deschambeault, L.	Di	P	2		Deigh	P	21			Chuck	P	2	
	Zoe	P	2	Hobart, Ed	Angel	P	6		Lindsey, Janet	Kelly	P	7	
	Meg	P	2	Holbrook, Elayne	Zak	N	11		Lynch, Allan	Tess	P	15	
	Nick	P	1	Honig, Sue	Duncan	N	2			Queen	P	4	
				Hornung, Sandy	Meg	R	8		Lynch, Peg	Dirk	P	14	
					Jet	R	4		Matzinger, Polly	Charlie	R	19	
					Rocky	R	1		McGrath, Joan	Gyp	N	5	
				Hotchkiss, Linda	Maeve	P	2			Barb	N	5	
					Kopper	P	1		Means, Chalmers	Clip	R	0	
				Hughes, Kathy	Chloe	P	4		Merrill, Gabe	Maggie	P	5	
				Hutchins, Darlene	Katie	R	2		Meyers, Lois	Rio	N	1	
									Mick, Warren	Trim	R	8	
										Kess	P	8	
										Jinty	R	20	
									Mickey, Deb	Jill	R	2	
									Millen, Heather	Spy	R	1	
									Millen, Roger	Nap	R	17	
									Miller, Gary	Zeb	N	16	
									Molloy, Sally	Zak	R	24	
										Paige	P	29	
									Murphy, Jim	Duke	P	1	
										Kit	P	18	
										Megan	P	16	

# NOVICE POINTS, continued....

Murphy, Joanne	Lady	N	39		Edge	P	5
	Maude	N	19		Liz	P	5
	Maude	P	3	Somers, Jody	Twist	R	5
Nadeiman, Heather	Phyi	R	12	Starkey, Barbara	Hope	R	15
Northrup, George	Moss	P	9		Gael	R	2
Nunan, Michael	Jed	P	4		Jordan	R	12
	Fly	P	6		Jenny	P	2
Nunan, Sharon	Gael	R	4	Stein, Eileen	Gyp	R	1
	Cutter	P	2		Meg	R	1
Obernier, Nancy	Wattie	N	21		Grace	P	3
	Ben	N	23	Turner, Dan	Belle	N	16
Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Aldebaron	R	7		Shep	P	9
	Cassiopeia	R	7	VandeCar, Peter	Pepsi	P	39
Pabst, Ed	Robbie	N	36	Walke, Martha	Moss	N	1
Palmer, Anne	Dot	N	12	Weigand, Carol	Ty	P	10
	Fleet	P	11	Weller, Connie	Penn	N	14
	Nick	N	22		Jet	N	3
	Maggie	N	4	Wheeler, Fran	Tweed	R	4
Parrott, Brooks	Patch	P	17		JJ	N	27
	Moss	R	4		Jock	R	4
	Dice	P	27		Nan	N	1
Paxton-Hill, Kathryn	Pepper	R	12	Williams, Cheryl J.	Glenn	P	3
Paxton-Hill, Stephen	Cai	R	7		Rudy	R	11
	Kiss	P	9	Williams, Dick	Bull	R	26
	Bill	P	1	Woesner, Dee	Dell	R	15
Philips, Elizabeth	Queen	R	3		Jake	P	3
	Jacko	R	1		Spot	P	7
	Nell	N	9		Jed	R	1
Phillips, Nancy	Abby	N	3	Worthington, Joan	Tess	R	18
	Buster	N	7		Sam	R	12
Prince, Ginny	Martha	N	4	Wurst, Shelley	Summer	N	7
Pullen, Wendy	Heidi	P	17	Yazwinski, Emily	Tarr	R	2
Robertson, Fiona	Pat	R	4		Jill	R	6
Savage, Lorna	Brock	R	4	Yazwinski, Molly	Moss	N	3
Sharp, Dave	Rigel	R	8	Yazwinski, Sam	Flash	N	10
	Saggitta	N	1	Young, Dave	Flick	P	4
Sheldon, Sherry	Win	P	13				
	Jaff	P	11				
Sheninger, Gene	Nell	P	5				
	Chip	R	4				
	Fly	P	5				
	Jess	R	5				
	Tweed	P	5				
Skillings, Ellen	Cridhe	P	5				
Smart, Bruce	Drift	R	2				
	Kyme	P	3				
Smiles, Carolyn	Faye	N	14				
Smith, Sherry	Nap	R	3				
	Loos	P	13				
	Dot	P	1				

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