



# NEBCA News

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*"Hmm, what have we here?" Paul Batz's Irish import Nursery dog 'Trypp' eyes up a ewe*

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## President's Message

Dear NEBCA members,



I hope all is well with you and your dogs! I have been having a great time training and trialing with my dogs. I certainly hope that you and your dogs have been doing the same.

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over. As fall is approaching, it is time to start thinking about annual

meeting time and elections. I am working on putting together a nominating committee. They will be coming up with nominees for officers and members of our Board of Directors. Some of the members of the various committees will be leaving those committees after the annual meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, the Board of Directors, or being on a committee, please let me know. It would be great to get fresh faces involved in shaping the future of our club. It is often said that people sometimes don't volunteer because they haven't been asked. Consider yourself asked!

*Barb*

## ANNUAL MEETING

The date for the Annual Meeting has not yet been decided. Our illustrious club President Barb Eriksson will be setting it. Watch the website, FB page and December issue of the newsletter for information. The August meeting fell through the cracks so you won't want to miss the next one. Who knows what might be brewing?

## THE NEBCA LIBRARY

It has been said that the NEBCA Library holds the most extensive collection of herding and stockdog related material on the East Coast. Take advantage of it! Borrowing is free or low cost (depending on the item) and Sheila will mail items to you at no charge. All you have to do is mail it back. A complete listing of the library is available on the website. Note that **Sheila Crepeau** is now NEBCA Librarian. Contact Sheila at 603-978-1077, sheila.crepeau@gmail.com or 295 Parker Mountain Road, Barrington NH 03825 to borrow items.

## From the Editors

Summer went by in an absolute flash and here we are in Fall. Trials have come back from COVID-induced stopper, to the delight of all handlers and dogs I would say (no one has asked the sheep). Sadly, deaths of some long-time hosts and the selling or downsizing of flocks and farms by others has caused some formerly much anticipated trials to vanish into the mists of history. But thankfully, new trials continue to come on line and I know everyone is grateful to the new hosts who are stepping up, sometimes with great trepidation, to put on trials for us all. A new, and wonderful development is the formation of multi-handler trial committees to come together and use teamwork to take the load off farm owners who previously shouldered huge burdens putting on trials. Fetchgate and Cascade Farms both have found their organizers to carry on the traditions.

This edition of the Newsletter is packed with trial results as per Membership demand. The Editor thanks the hosts or secretaries who sent in their results, and is especially appreciative of those who added text or photos so us arm-chair handlers can have a little more flavor than just the tabulated results.

In this Edition we continue our new column Meet the Membership (p.18) wherein we have a conversation with long time club member and Jack of All Trades Martha Walke. Be sure to read Mary Ames' recounting of the Cascade SDT (p.9-11) — it will make you sad if you were not there but thrilled to feel part of this NEBCA family.

*Pam & Melanie*

# CAMP MILL POND NOVICE TRIAL RESULTS June 11-12

Quakertown, PA

Judge: Ron McGettigan

## SATURDAY JUNE 11

### NOVICE/NOVICE 1

15 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Mason Hotter	Laddie	61
2. Anne Charlie Riviere	Ginny	52
3. Mary Champagne	Into	47
4. Jessica Edgerly	Ranger	46
5. Linda Goldman	Troo	41
6. Gigi Frostgick	Robbie	37
7. Linda Boehm	Roo	31

### NOVICE/NOVICE 2

14 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Linda Boehm	Roo	54
2. Diane Thompson	Kidd	51
3. Gigi Frostick	Robbie	50
4. Linda Goldman	Troo	48
5. Mary Champagne	Into	46
6. Mason Hotter	Laddie	45

### PRONOVICE 1

20 dogs ran

1. Nancy Joyce Simmons	Alice	56
2. Carolyn West	Min	53
3. Nancy Ortiz Sharp	What	53
4. Emma Court	Pride	49
5. Bridget Griffin	Tess	46
6. Lynda Rogers	Ffate	45
7. Jessica Edgerly	Willard	38
8. Sarah Mullin	Czech	37

### PRONOVICE 2

21 dogs ran

1. Becky Bellaman	Tory	66
2. Carolyn West	Min	62
3. Kim Lippolis	Sam	58
4. Emma Court	Pride	57
5. Teri Rhodes	Dina	54
6. Linda Rogers	Ffate	52
7. Sarah Mullin	Csech	47
8. Carolyn Pover	Kali	45
9. Jessica Edgerly	Willard	45
10. Betty Belliveau	Riggs	43
11. Sarah Mullin	Willow	38
12. Holly Fincher	Claire	27

## SUNDAY JUNE 12

### NOVICE/NOVICE 3

13 dogs ran

1. Linda Boehm	Roo	62
2. Gigi Frostick	Robbie	56
3. Mason Hotter	Laddie	55
4. Anne Charlie Riviere	Ginny	47
5. Nicole Palmer	Bran	46
6. Theone Thayer	Siggy	35
7. Yvone O'Brien	Ruby	31
8. Yvonne O'Brien	Stella	e
9. Mary Champagne	Into	27

### NOVICE/NOVICE 4

15 dogs ran

1. Gigi Frostick	Robbie	50
2. Anne Charlie Riviere	Ginny	45
3. Linda Goldman	Troo	33
4. Linda Boehm	Roo	26
5. Mary Champagne	Into	22

### PRONOVICE 3

18 dogs ran

1. Carolyn West	Min	61
2. Kim Lippolis	Sam	59
3. Teri Rhodes	Cosmo	59
4. Becky Bellaman	Tory	57
5. Carolyn Pover	Kali	56
6. Emma Court	Pride	56
7. Sarah Mullin	Czech	55
8. Bridget Griffin	Tess	55
9. Maggie Chambers	Ever	54
10. Sarah Mullin	Willow	53
11. Linda Rogers	Ffate	53
12. Holly Fincher	Claire	47

### PRONOVICE 4

15 dogs ran

1. Carolyn Pover	Kali	68
2. Bridget Griffin	Tess	61
3. Carolyn West	Min	61
4. Kim Lippolis	Sam	60
5. Sarah Mullin	Willow	58
6. Joanne Thayer	Zsasz	55
7. Becky Bellaman	Tory	54
8. Maggie Chambers	Ever	46
9. Teri Rhodes	Dina	44
10. Linda Rogers	Ffate	42
11. Emma Court	Pride	42
12. Nancy Ortiz Sharp	What	33

# Caora SDT June 22-26 Millerton NY

## Results: Dogs Qualified

## Judge: Lise Anderson

**Open 1** *98 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Barbara Levinson	Meg	88
2. Amanda Milliken	Howell	87
3. Barabar Ray	Dan	87
4. Amanda Milliken	Carl	83
5. Fiona Robertson	Bean	79
6. Michelle Brothers	Mac	79
7. Carol Weigand	Brody	79
8. Warren Mick	Tommy	78
9. John Campbell	Kate	77
10. Brenda Buja	Dice	77
11. Barbara Ray	Grant	76
12 Mich Ferraro	Bella	76
13. Lori Cunningham	Buck	75
14. Francis Chair	Kip	75
15. Sally Molloy	Reese	74
16. Carolyn West	Gael	74
17. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	73
18. Beverly Lambert	Lee	72
19. Gene Sheninger	Aron	71
20. Pam Helton	Brenna	71

**Open 2** *90 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Barbaba Ray	Grant	91
2. Lori Cunningham	Rope	83
3. Mich Ferraro	Bella	82
4. Gaby Melancon	Dot	81
5. Peggy Flanagan	Rory	80
6. Sue Schoen	Spy	79
7. Lori Cunningham	Buck	77
8. Maria Amodei	Drum	77
9. Amanda Milliken	Howell	74
10. Francis Chia	Kip	74
11. Werner Reitbock	Jessie	73
12. Chris Elliot	Dak	69
13. Sue Schoen	Zoe	67
14. Nancy Joyce Simmons	Diesel	
15. Brenda Buja	Dice	66
16. Amanda Milliken	Carl	65
17. Beverly Lambert	Annie	65
18. Barbara Ray	Dan	63

**NURSERY 1** *17 dogs ran*

1. Sue Shoen	Cori	85
2. Amanda Milliken	Tui	83
3. Warren Mick	Finn	82
4. Gaby Melancon	Dot	78

**NURSERY 3** *19 dogs ran*

1. Amanda Milliken	Tui	82
2. Lori Cunningham	Wally	55
3. Gaby Melancon	Dot	47
4. Maria Amodei	Pan	45

**NURSERY 2** *19 dogs ran*

1. Chris Elliot	Pete	88
2. Amanda Milliken	Tui	86
3. Chris Elliot	Troy	86
4. Lori Cunningham	Wally	84

"All his life he tried to be a good person.  
 Many times, however, he failed. For after  
 all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog."  
 —Charles M. Schultz

# Fetchgate Farm SDT July 1—3 Cortland NY

## Results: Dogs Qualified

## Judge: George Northrup

<b>Open 1</b>		<i>91 dogs ran</i>	
<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Score</u>	
1. Beverly Lambert	Lee	83	
2. Merry Klimek	Kit	92	
3. Christine Koval	Tru	91	
4. Michelle Brothers	Mac	90	
5. John Palmer	Mara	89	
6. Merry Klimek	Hope	89	
7. Lori Cunningham	Buck	89	
8. Paul Batz	Reyn	88	
9. Sue Schoen	Spy	88	
10. Amanda Milliken	Tui	85	
11. Carol Guy	Baz	85	
12. Carolyn West	Clyde	83	
13. Mary Thompson	Teagan	83	
14. Eric Johnson	Blade	83	
15. Gene Sheningen	Pele	82	
16. Francis Chai	Gill	82	
17. Amanda Milliken	Carl	82	
18. Carol Guy	Bud	81	

<b>Open 2</b>		<i>90 dogs ran</i>	
<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Score</u>	
1. Carolyn West	Clyde	99	
2. Sue Schoen	Zoe	94	
3. Michelle Brothers	Mac	93	
4. Mary Thompson	Mia	92	
5. Tracy Hinton	Tye	91	
6. Beverly Lambert	Annie	91	
7. Mary Thompson	Teagan	89	
8. Sam Furman	Skye	89	
9. Tracy Hinton	Lad	87	
10. Lori Cunningham	Rope	87	
11. Kate Ash	Kate	84	
12. Nancy Joyce Simmons	Zoe	84	
13. John Plamer	Monk	84	
14. Kim Lippolis	Twig	83	
15. Carol Guy	Baz	83	
16. Lori Cunningham	Buck	81	
17. Carolyn West	Gael	81	

<b>NURSERY 1</b>		<i>14 dogs ran</i>	
1. Merry Klimek	Kit	82	
2. Amanda Milliken	Tui	76	
3. Michelle Brothers	Doc	70	

<b>NURSERY 2</b>		<i>17 dogs ran</i>	
1. Merry Klimek	Kit	83	
2. Paul Batz	Mya	81	
3. Gaby Melancon	Dot	79	



*Mass resignation of telemarketers due to COVID brings new opportunities for sheep*

## Fetchgate in pictures



Sandy Lockwood

*Fetchgate Farms Trial Committee: Paul Batz, Caroline West, Kim Lippolis*



Sandy Lockwood

*Paul Batz and Reyn turning the post*



Christine Koval



*Carolyn West's Clyde scored a remarkable 99 to win Open 2*

*Kim Lippolis giving some pre-run coaching to her partner Twig*



# Cascade Farm SDT Lives On, Thanks to the NEBCA Family

By Mary Ames

*Someone once told me at our trial "NEBCA is a family and we look out for each other".*

There was a rumor circulating that the beloved Cascade Farm SDT would be no more, as Bud and I were not up to the task. Then we were contacted last winter by a group of this NEBCA family to see if they could help us continue our Cascade Farm SDT. These family members came to our farm in June on a June-uary day to help make all our trial equipment look spiffy and new. Their husbands helped reset the bridge deck boards that had gone wonky over the winter. This group became the Cascade Farm SDT committee.

The day before our trial more NEBCA family came and helped set everything up for the trial: exhaust, setout pen, perimeter fencing, course, tents, scribe sheets, sheep grazing; making sure everything was ready to go.

Day one began with Open 1 with a Maltese cross after the pen, then Ranch 1 followed by Nursery 1. Several dogs had their first time placing in their class. The sheep were a challenge for many a dog and handler. In the evening we gathered by the cascades for our potluck dinner, a much needed, cool relief from the heat of the day. Our Canadian cousins helped organize our delicious summer dinner. A gorgeous sunset filled the evening sky.

Overnight it rained, (nothing like the rain we had 5 years ago- **that** rain led to river cresting, evacuations, a new obstacle called Lake Cascade). Soon the sun was out again and the western breezes really began to blow. A mad scramble was made to prevent all of the tents from being blown away like the nannies in Mary Poppins. The class order for the day was Ranch 2, Nursery 2, Novice 1, ProNovice 1, then Novice 2. The set out certainly got their 10,000 steps in before the day was over. We capped our day off with a deli-

cious BBQ dinner followed by local Sweet Cream ice cream and dark chocolate fudge sauce.

Our final day was sunny and breezy. ProNovice 2 was followed by Open 2 with a challenging chute before the pen. Those that still had time on the clock after the pen were given the opportunity to practice shedding a single.

Our NEBCA family made quick work of dismantling the trial field and getting everything picked up and stowed away. All too soon our NEBCA family was also packed up and headed home leaving only tire tracks in the grass.

We owe a big thanks to all our NEBCA family for making our trial a success! Special thanks to Heart Stone Farm for the use of their sheep; Frank Thoma, Tim Molinero and Ginny Prince who spent their weekend in the pen; Warren Mick for judging Open, Ranch and Novice; Maria Amodei for judging Pro-Novice; Bernie Armata for judging Nursery.

With deep gratitude we acknowledge Team Captains Barbara Eriksson - pen volunteers; Brenda Buja - set out volunteers; Karen Gorman - exhaust and recycle volunteers; Sharon Barrette and Debbie West - course and course changes; Sheila Crepeau - scribes and scores; and Peggy Flanagan - helped with everything. They ensured that the Cascade Farm SDT continues on.

The best highlight of the weekend is that we could all be together with our Canadian family again!

**Cascade Farm results appear on pages 10 & 11**

# Cascade SDT July 1-3 Bath, New Hampshire

## Open Trials Results

Judge: Warren Mick: Open

Bernie Armata: Nursery

### Open 1 *36 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Fiona Robertson	Meg	91
2. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	88
3. Brenda Buja	Callie	87
4. Dave Young	Pic	86
5. Barbara Eriksson	Brook	85
6. Werner Reitboeck	Piper	81
7. Dave Young	Tagh	81
8. Hilary Flower	Sioux	79
9. Fiona Robertson	Bean	74
10. Pam Wataha	Ace	72

### Open 2 *36 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Brenda Buja	Callie	94
2. Brenda Buja	Dice	85
3. Maria Amodei	Drum	84
4. Deb Donahue	Rob	82
5. Karen Gorman	Tess	80
6. Ginny Prince	June	79
7. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt	78
8. Werner Reitboeck	Jesse	78
9. Dave Young	Tagh	76
10. Carol Weigand	Brody	76

### NURSERY 1 *5 dogs ran*

1. Warren Mick	Finn	73
2. Peggy Flanagan	Camden	68
3. Maria Amodei	Pan	64
4. Chris Bowen	Nickle	45

### NURSERY 2 *5 dogs ran*

1. Peggy Flanagan	Camden	71
2. Maria Amodei	Pan	58
3. Chris Bowen	Nickle	41
4. Todd Layfield	Callum	36

### WEEKEND OPEN CHAMPION

Brenda Buja & Callie (181)

### WEEKEND OPEN RESERVE

Peggy Flanagan & Kitt (166)

**\*\*CASCADE NOVICE NEXT PAGE\*\*\***

## Sugarbush Gap Novice Learning Trial July 17

Windsor NY

Judge: Judy Gambill

### Novice Novice 1

*11 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Wayne Simon	Faye	61
2. Betty Padgett	Copper	61
3. Gail Van Wicklen	Mint	51
4. Yvonne O'Brien	Ruby	38

### Novice Novice 2

*10 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Anne Charlie Riviere	Ginny	61
2. Wayne Simon	Faye	52
3. Yvonne O'Brien	Stella	47

### ProNovice 1

*9 dogs ran*

1. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	What	68
2. Joanne Thayer	Zsaz	50
3. Kim Lippolis	Sam	49
4. Sarah Mullin	Willow	39

### ProNovice 2

*8 dogs ran*

1. Sarah Mullin	Willow	61
2. Teri Rhodes	Dina	56
3. Kim Lippolis	Sam	52
4. Sara Reiter	Cliff	42

# Cascade SDT July 1-3 Bath, New Hampshire

## NOVICE TRIAL RESULTS

### Ranch 1 July 1

19 dogs ran

Judge: Warren Mick

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Pam Wataha	Dax	75
2. Kate Davidson	Benson	71
3. Karen Gorman	Tess	70
4. Liz Shaw	Cap	70
5. Todd Layfield	Cork	70
6. Barbara Eriksson	Bel	67
7. Sheila Crepeau	Zain	67
8. Ginny Prince	Grace	63
9. Tom Trent	Erin	62
10. Laurie Sargent	Chip	60

### Ranch 2 July 2

18 dogs ran

Judge: Warren Mick

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie West	Breeze	78
2. Kate Davidson	Benson	78
3. Danielle Eriksen	Finn	76
4. Todd Layfield	Cork	76
5. Hilary Flower	Olive	75
6. Barbara Eriksson	Bel	66
7. Laurie Sargent	Chip	62

#### WEEKEND RANCH CHAMPION

**Kate Davidson & Benson (149)**

#### WEEKEND RANCH RESERVE

**Todd Layfield & Cork (146)**

### PRONOVICE 1

July 2

19 dogs ran

Judge: Maria Amodei

1. Hilary Flower	Iris	75
2. Warren Mick	Finn	75
3. Carolyn Pover	Kali	61
4. Judianne VN Davis	Spin	58
5. Todd Layfield	Callum	57
6. Linda Rogers	Ffate	49

### PRONOVICE 2

19 dogs ran

Judge: Maria Amodei

1. Todd Layfield	Callum	76
2. Warren Mick	Finn	71
3. Carolyn Pover	Kali	70
4. Linda Rogers	Ffate	67
5. Judianne VN Davis	Spin	61
6. Hilary Flower	Iris	61
7. Chris Bowen	Nickle	53

**PRONOVICE CHAMPION: Warren Mick & Finn (146)**

**PRONOVICE RESERVE: Hilary Flower & Iris (136)**

Wayne Simon and Faye celebrate finishing first and second in Novice Novice runs at Sugarbush Gap



# Dancing Ewe SDT July 7-9 Granville, NY

## Open Trials Results

Judge: George Northrup

### Open 1 *48 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog
1. Pam Helton	Brenna
2. Maria Amodei	Drum
3. Barb Levinson	Meg
4. Mike Nunan	Kip
5. Warren Mick	Lucy
6. Pam Wataha	Ace
7. Ginny Prince	June
8. Judy Gambill	Pearl

### Open 2 *47 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog
1. Warren Mick	Tommy
2. Peggy Flanagan	Kitt
3. Terri Rhodes	Rudy
4. Barb Levinson	Bob
5. Carol Campion	Shep
6. Maria Mick	Nick3
7. Carol Weigand	Brody
8. Kim Lippolis	Twig

### NURSERY

1. Warren Mick	Finn
2. Peggy Flanagan	Camden
3. Maria Amodei	Pan
4. Carol Campion	Carrie

*Sheep overwhelm judge's tent.  
Anyone seen George?*



Kim Lippolis

Kim Lippolis



*Trial host Joanne Krause hard at work under the handlers tent, keeping the trial running smoothly*

# Sheephouse Novice Trial, Cornish NH

## August 26-28

### By Holly Fincher

This year’s Sheephouse Novice Trial took place in Cornish, NH, over three days, August 26 to 28, 2022. A total of 10 dogs ran in Ranch, 11 dogs in Pro Novice and 4 dogs in Novice Novice, with each class run twice over the course of one day for a total of 6 sanctioned trials. The sheep were a small flock of North Country Cheviot crosses and the trial course was held on a large, moderately sloped field with a view of Mount Ascutney to the north. Pressure was mostly to the left of the field, where an old set-out had been located during past trials, presenting a challenge to handlers and dogs on the fetch. By the end of each day pressure also intensified to the top of the field toward the setout pens so that dogs had to be quick to cover, especially on the drives and wears. Judge Werner Reitbock graciously provided feedback and suggestions to each handler directly following their runs and handlers were allowed to retire and finish their runs, if warranted, promoting an overall learning-trial atmosphere. An earnest thank you is extended to the generosity and thoughtful effort of Virginia Prince, Werner Reitbock, and all others who provided support at the set out and handler tent areas, and also to the participants who came from various distances.

## RESULTS

### Ranch 1

10 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Virginia Prince	Grace	85
2. Holly Fincher	Clare	82
3. Eric Johnson	Tru	76
4. Laurei Sargent	Chip	74
5. Tom Trent	Erin	69
6. Eileen Wilentz	Buck	62
7. Daneille Eriksson	Finn	59
8. Pam Wataha	Dax	58
9. Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	54

### Ranch 2

10 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Sharon Barretter	Clyde	81
2. Laurie Sargent	Chip	81
3. Holly Fincher	Clare	80
4. Eileen Wilentz	Buck	73
5. Eric Johnson	Tru	70
5. Danielle Ericksson	Finn	65
7. Elizabeth Smith-Fries	Grace	62
8. Pam Wataha	Dax	53

### ProNovice 1

11 dogs ran

1. Victoria Snowden	Trim	74
2. Bernie Armata	Chrome	65

### ProNovice 2

11 dogs ran

1. Danielle Eriksson	Dove	72
2. Ellen Fowler	Sky	67
3. Pat Camerono	Kane	58
4. Bernie Armata	Chrome	58
5. Linda Rogers	Ffate	54
6. Chris Bowen	Nickle	51
7. Mary Wasielewski	Jack	45

HEAVEN GOES BY FAVOR. IF IT WENT BY MERIT, YOU WOULD STAY OUT AND YOUR DOG WOULD GO IN.

- MARK TWAIN

## Sheephouse Novice Trial Results, cont.

Novice 1			Novice 2		
4 dogs ran			4 dogs ran		
Handler	Dog	Score	Handler	Dog	Score
1. Linda Pace	Addie	65	1. Linda Pace	Addie	66
2. Wayne Simon	Faye	61	2. Wendy Warner-	Pete	63
3. Addie von Eynern	Bella	56	3. Addie von Eynern-	Bella	29



Holly Fincher

*Val Henry setting out for Sheephouse Novice Trial*



Holly Fincher

*Sheep are homeward bound after their service at the Sheephouse Trial*

# Breezy Acres Inaugural Novice Trial Liverpool, PA

## August 27 & 28 Judge: Ron McGettigan

By Sarah Mullin

The first semi-annual Breezy Acres Herding trial has come and gone. The field and sheep were challenging but the good sportsmanship and support for the whole trial was everything I had hoped it would be. We can not say thank you enough to everyone who came out to compete, those who helped in every way, and the honorable Ron McGettigan for being a fair judge. Special thanks to my sisters and niece, Ang Snyder - Christina Carl - Stephanie Finger - Kali Snyder, for helping sort sheep in the pens. Becky Bellaman, Teri Rhodes and Joanne Thayer I can not thank you enough for helping me bring this together and for all of the help with set out on that pesky hill. To the volunteers who helped exhaust, scribe and run score sheets thank you so much! I hurt myself Friday before the trial and your help was invaluable to the whole trial running smoothly! I have to give many thanks to my wonderful husband and parents for supporting my crazy dream and cooking the superb food that we served for lunch both days. Lastly I want to thank Jesse Martin for allowing me to borrow his sheep for this trial. Without him there would not have been a trial!

We have already started planning a spring trial for 2023 and are making big adjustments to our fields and pens to make things run more smoothly as well as to keep the sheep fresh. We are also adjusting the parking and camping areas to allow for more space. We can't wait to see all of your lovely faces in the spring!



Sarah Mullin

**Sheep grazing the trial field at Breezy Acres**

### RESULTS August 27

#### NOVICE/NOVICE 1

*11 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie Sherman	Monty	67
2. Gigi Frostick	Robbie	52
3. Mason Hotter	Laddie	40

#### NOVICE/NOVICE 2

*12 dogs ran*

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie Sherman	Monty	55
2. Mason Hotter	Laddie	48
3. Chloe Scott	Caoimhe	48

#### ProNovice 1

*15 dogs ran*

1. Nancy Joyce Simmons	Alice	62
2. Sarah Mullin	Willow	56
3. Pam Helton	Raven	46
4. Emma Court	Pride	41

#### ProNovice 2

*14 dogs ran*

1. Sarah Mullin	Willow	62
2. Carolyn Pover	Kali	54
3. Becky Bellalman	Tory	49
4. Emma Court	Pride	44
5. Chris Lucas	Twig	29

## BREEZY ACRES cont. August 28, 2022

### Novice Novice 3

12 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie Sherman	Monty	67
2. Yvonne O'Brien	Stella	66
3. Linda Boehm	Roo	47
4. Gigi Frostick	Eddie	47

### Novice Novice 4

12 dogs ran

Handler	Dog	Score
1. Debbie Sherman	Monty	58
2. Linda Boehm	Roo	46
3. Theone Thayer	Siggy	40
4. Gigi Frostick	Robbie	40
5. Blake Anderson	Cribb	36
6. Mason Hotter	Laddie	27

### ProNovice 3

12 dogs ran

1. Teri Rhodes	Tess	66
2. Emma Court	Pride	60
3. Sarah Mullin	Willow	59
4. Carolyn Pover	Kali	50
5. Chris Lucas	Twig	42
6. Amy Hershberger	Trusty Joe	35

### ProNovice 4

11 dogs ran

1. Emma Court	Pride	60
2. Teri Rhodes	Cosmo	59
3. Teri Rhodes	Tess	59
4. Sarah Mullin	Willow	58



*Debbie Sherman High in Trial Novice/Novice with Monty—they won every run!*



*Emma Court High in Trial for ProNovice with her young dog Pride - Emma sure is proud of her dog!*



## The view from Breezy Acres



*Novice/Novice /Youth Handler Chloe Scott getting her first pen every with her dog Caoimhe*



*Trial Host Sarah's dog Willow getting a well deserved ride home after not only competing but also exhausting sheep. Sarah wrote : "After the best kind of weekend: working sheep and making friends. She was such a rockstar. Showing how truly versatile she can be; she put herself on the buggy to go home. She slept well Sunday night"*

## **Meet the Membership: *In which we introduce a few salient or interesting facts about a NEBCA member***

### **Meet Martha Walke**

Martha is a fixture around many NEBCA events as well as pulling some strings behind the scenes. She makes Caora SDT run smoothly that we know! But how well do you really know her?

Martha lives in South Strafford, Vermont, where she claims to not have a farm, however she has three acres partly solid fenced and partly electronet fenced for her sheep – I would call that a farm-let! In the past Martha had Border Leicesters for wool and to work her dogs but she moved on from that breed and from wool production. Currently Martha has only a few Scotties so she is going to combine them with another group not at her home to have more sheep and space to work her dogs.

Martha has been in NEBCA longer than she can remember – over 25 years she thinks. She has been on the Novice Trials Committee and was Librarian for ever and ever. Currently she serves as Secretary. She has NO aspirations to President or any other exalted position.

Did you know that Martha has a Cardigan Welsh Corgi (remember, those are the ones with tails), and a cat?

Martha had border collies as pets growing up (lucky her!) but her first working dog came from Betty Levin in 1997. Having been farm-sitting for Betty since the mid-80's and watching Betty work and trial her dogs, Martha was bit by the bug and knew she had to have her own dogs to train, work and trial. And so she did! Right now she has four BCs. Three that are working and a rescue.

When it comes to trialing, Martha enjoys every one she goes to, as each has its own challenges and is fun in its own unique way. She judges the most challenging she has attended to be Grass Creek. As inspiration in handling, Martha credits especially Betty Levin, Denise Leonard and Sue Schoen, but also says “I have loved watching all the handlers at different levels. I've learned a lot from all I have watched and talked with, over the years.” Well said! We should all be as keen observers as Martha.

In “real life”, Martha was a schoolteacher and a school librarian. Hence she always attends carefully to the composure of the NEBCA meeting minutes. However, retired now, she has more time for her sheepdog pursuit. Besides sheepdogs, her passions include reading, travelling, knitting and gardening –she is more passionate about some than others but did not share which are at the top – I suppose we might visit her house and check the state of her garden to get an idea.

Martha's final comment in our “interview” was this: “I think it would be interesting to hear from handlers from different NEBCA areas as well as handlers from outside the NEBCA regions. All “back stories” are interesting!” Anyone with a back story they want to share, or a person they want to hear from, The Editor is always listening!

Interview submitted by Pam Mueller

## NEBCA TRIAL CALENDAR REMAINDER OF 2022

See NEBCA website for more info, clickable entry links, and most up-to-date information

Date	Trial	Location	Classes	Host/ Contact	Phone
Sept 30-Oct 2	Shepherd's Crook	Woodville, ON	2 NN, PN, Open	Vikki Kidd	416-277-4313
Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair	Fryeburg, ME	1 Open Pts & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999
Oct 7-9	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	Canadaigua, NY	2 Open Double Lift	Paul Batz	585=2008-0789
Oct 15-16	Morse Brook Farm	Westminster, VT	2 NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery	Liz Shaw	800-316-6280
Oct 14-16	Kitley Corner's Farm	Jasper, ON	2 NN, PN, Ranch , Open	Celeste Lacroix	613- 284-6611
Oct 6	Topsfield Fair	Topsfield, MA	2 Open Points & Time	Lynn Deschambeault	207-256-0999 207-793-4330
Oct 23-24	Milferns	Truro, NS	2 per day: NN, PN, Ranch	Anne Hamilton	902-897-7480
Oct. 28-30	Indian River	Indian River, ON	2 each: NN, PN, Ranch, Nursery, Open	Cynthia Palmer	705-295-3351
Oct 29-30	May Brook Farm	Pittsfield, MA	2 Nursery 10/28 2 Open 10/29-30	Sue Schoen	413-344-9514
Nov 13	Sugarbush Gap Farm	Windsor, NY	2 NN 2 PN on one day	Sara Reiter	607-655-2170 607-768-3015

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*Seen at Sheepphouse  
Farm Novice Trial:  
Arriving dog scrutinizes  
the Welcome Sheep*

Ginny Prince