



March 1984 NEBCA NEWS

THE NEXT MEETING will be Sunday, March 25th at 1pm at the home of Carole and David Presberg, Woolgather Farm, 75 Bear Hill Road, Merrimac, MA 01860 (617-346-4385).

PRESTON DAVENPORT DIES

Preston Davenport died at 82 last month. He was known to many of us over these last few years as a judge of our trials in the northeast, and as an avid spectator when he was not judging.

Few of us knew that "...people from all over New England gathered at Fillmore Farms in old historic Bennington, Vermont, August 16, 1928 to witness the first sheepdog trials ever held in the United States", in which seven dogs competed. The winner was Preston J. Davenport of Colrain, Massachusetts with Spottie, a son of Sam Stoddard's Spot." (from Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends by Eric Halsall, 1980).

As a young man, Preston was a shepherd on a large sheep farm in Colrain. After he married, he went into farming for himself in Connecticut where he spent the rest of his life. He started off with "English Shepherds", but when his old dog Bob died he ordered Spottie, a Border Collie, from Sam Stoddard. Stoddard, a Scottish shepherd who had emigrated to New Hampshire, was in the habit of importing quality dogs to America, and his Spot was one of them. But Preston and Spottie beat Stoddard and Spot in that first trial.

Preston has written: "The near uncanny ability at herding and its response to command has made the Border Collie the unchallenged helpmate wherever sheepmen work with their flocks." ("A Man and His Dog" by Preston J. Davenport, The Northeastern Sheepdog Newsletter, July 20, 1979.)

The sheepdog world has lost a friend and champion, and he will be sorely missed.

CALENDAR, continued.

photos for the season or month. In any case, more than one photo must be available for each month, and it is the printer that ultimately makes the final choice based on what he feels will print well.

THE NEBCA FEBRUARY MEETING

NEBCA met on February 12th at Crawford and Candy Taisey's in Freeport, Maine. About 9 people were present. However, there were some new and different people than usual, so that made up for the small turnout. The Trials Committee had met the day before, and they had some interesting things to present to us.

PUPPY DAYS

Crawford suggested there be more Puppy Days because they "promote the working Border collie and help those people with new pups". This is a great idea which worked well last year. However, we need volunteers to host them. If anyone is able and willing to hold a Puppy Day at their farm, please contact the SecyTreas, Faith. You don't need to be an expert yourself or have an enormous number of sheep. Some of our NEBCA experts will be there to help out.

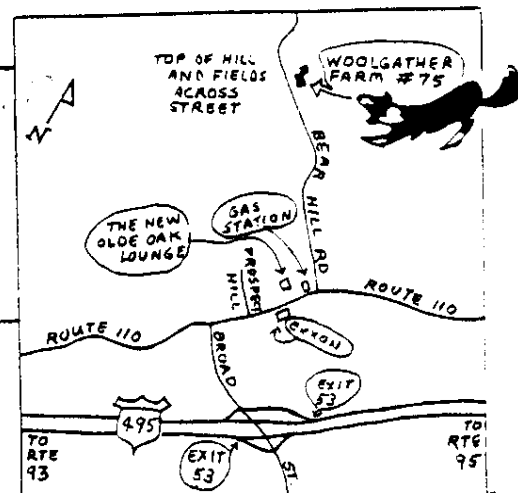
THE 1985 NEBCA CALENDAR

NEBCA plans to produce THE CALENDAR for next year. The calendar committee consists of Vergil and Bonnie Holland.

NEBCA IS SEEKING PHOTOGRAPHS for it NOW, and needs them badly! If you have photographs of your Border Collie (or someone else's) and would like to submit them for consideration, send them to Bonnie at P.O. Box 165, Topsfield, MA 01983 IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE! Prints, please, rather than slides, and black and white is preferable to color. Please include a self-addressed envelope if you want them returned to you.

The way the choosing of pictures works is that the committee will make the initial choice and bring them to the general meeting for discussion. However, much depends on the quality of the photographs and the availability of appropriate

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DIRECTIONS TO WOOLGATHER FARM

From all directions, take Rte. 495 in Mass. to exit 53 ("Broad Street, Merrimac, Merrimacport"). If coming from Rte. 93 and/or the west, this will be the exit after all the Haverhill exits. If coming from Rte. 95 and/or the north and east, this is the 2nd exit on Rte. 495 south.

If coming from the west, turn left, and if coming from the east, turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp and go toward "Merrimac". Turn right at the "T"-intersection onto Rte. 110. Take the second left which is Bear Hill Road. (Note: the first left is a bit obscure and you might not see it; but you will pass these landmarks before you get to Bear Hill Road: an Exxon Station on your right, then a road house called "The New Olde Oak Lounge" on your left, followed by a small unmarked gas station also on the left; Bear Hill Road is immediately after this gas station.)

We are No. 75, at the top of the hill on the right, a brown house with a blue door and a glassed-in porch. The number is on the mailbox across the street.

Dues are \$10 for an individual member and \$15 for a family or farm. Please make your check payable to the Northeast Border Collie Assoc. and send it to Faith Webb, Harding Hill Farm, Mt. Sunapee, NH 03772.

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TWO NOVICE TRIALS AND AN OPEN TRIAL COMING UP IN THE SPRING

On Sunday, May 6th there will be a NURSERY TRIAL held at Edgar Gould's Cooperlane Farms in Shelburne Falls, Mass. If all goes well, Alex McKinven will be the judge.

There will be two classes in this trial. NOVICE HANDLER/NOVICE DOG will be for both dogs and handlers who have had no experience in an open trial. There will not be an age limit set (yet) but young dogs are encouraged. SEMINOVICE HANDLER/SEMINOVIC DOG will be for handlers with some experience (but "not a pro") with young dogs that have never placed in an open trial.

There will be a \$5.00 entry fee, which should be sent to Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm Enterprises, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370. For more information, phone Edgar at 413-625-6496.

The trial will begin at 10:00, and people are encouraged to bring their lunch as there is no place in the area to buy it.

On Saturday, May 26th there MAY be a NOVICE TRIAL (it is tentative at the moment), held during the Massachusetts State Sheep & Wool Fair at the Westford 4H Fair Grounds in Westford, Mass.

There will also be two classes at this trial. NOVICE HANDLER/NOVICE DOG will be, as above, for both handler and dog who have had no experience (have never entered) in an open trial. SEMINOVICE HANDLER/SEMINOVIC DOG will be for handlers with some experience (again, not a pro) with young dogs that have never run in more than one open trial and have not placed in the one (if any) it has run in.

Betty Levin will be the judge. The entry fee is \$7.00 and there will be a late entry penalty fee as well. Deadline for entry is May 12th.

As mentioned, this trial is only tentative. It is being run by Denise Leonard who would like to assess the interest before she makes her final decision. So, if you are interested, drop Denise a postcard at 72 Shutesbury Road, Leverett, MA 01050. If she does not get enough interest, she won't run it, so if you think you might be interested, let her know.

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NEBCA TRIALS JUDGING SERVICE

NEBCA will now offer a service "to promote better trials and work, and the good work done to be properly recognized." We will supply a list of qualified judges from which a trial or fair committee MAY choose. Each candidate will only be used one time per season and there will be a flat rate of \$100 for a judge (which will go to that judge, not to NEBCA).

The Trials Committee has come up with this list of Qualified Judges. They are:

Edgar Gould	Dayle Hamilton
Nancy Hayes	Vergil Holland
Walt Jagger	Betty Levin
Maurice MacGregor	Alex McKinven
Crawford Taisey	Fran Wheeler

These people have been contacted to see if they are willing to judge, and it is not yet known who has or who hasn't accepted.

A Judging Clinic will be conducted for those that accept before the trial season begins. In order to make it fair for those giving up a trial in order to judge, that might have earned them points towards the Championship, all NEBCA members will be required to drop each qualifying dog from two of the total number of qualifying trials.

RULES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

There have been some changes effected in the rules for this year. A place has not been decided on yet. Following are this year's rules:

1. Any qualifying dog within the top ten in three trials automatically qualifies for the Championship Trial.

2. Only designated open qualifying trials will be considered for eligibility, and these open trials must adhere to certain basic rules or minimum criteria.

3. Points for High Points Winner and Reserve High Points Winner will be earned at open trials only. The first ten places will earn points in reverse.

4. In case of the doublerun trial, the points will be accumulated on the final trial run. If all ten dogs are not available, the preliminary run will be considered.

5. Only dogs belonging to members of NEBCA are eligible to accumulate points and enter the Northeast Foliage Roundup Championship) Sheep Dog Trial. Members must live within a designated area: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

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*Right,
Denise
Leonard's
"Corey"
at an
early
age
(Jan.
1981,
photo
by
Denise
Leonard).*



TRIALS, continued.

At the same Fair, on the same weekend, on Sunday, May 27th, there will be an OPEN TRIAL held. This one is definite, and is also being run by Denise, who is planning on taking advantage of the NEBCA Judging Service for a judge.

There is a limit of 2 dogs per handler with an entry fee of \$10 per dog. As with the above trial, there will be a late entry penalty fee. Checks should be made out to Denise Leonard and must accompany entries. The deadline for entry is May 12th.

*Below, a NZ "eye" dog
controlling Perendale
ewe hoggets.*



NEBCA NEWS STILL SEEKS PHOTOS

I would have thought that hundreds of photos would have come pouring in by now! Don't you want to see your handsome dog in print? Send a clear black & white or color (I can now also deal with slides) photo to me, the editor (address next page) and if I can print it, I will. Label all photos: name of dog, name of owner, etc. If you want it back, include an SASE.

Below, Nancy Rothwell's "Bonnie" is about 3 months old.



CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL RULES, continued.

6. Trophies will be awarded to High Points Winner (Champion) and Reserve High Points Winner (Reserve Champion).

7. The entry fee shall be \$25.00 per dog.

8. The minimum outrun for the Championship Trial will be 300 yards; the minimum number of yards between obstacles will be 75; there will be no retries and no reruns.

9. Being a judged trial, the judge for the Championship Trial will be appointed by the Committee.

10. There will be awards for all dogs.

11. If conditions permit, the dogs will run three times. This will be at the discretion of the Trials Committee. If three runs are completed, the top two scores will be compiled one run will be thrown out. The third run, if held, will be at the option of the handler.

12. A Breeders Trophy will be presented to the breeder of the winning dog.

13. The Trails Committee will establish the standards for the rules for the qualifying open trials.

WHY A "TRIALS COMMITTEE" BYLAW

At the March 25th NEBCA meeting I intend to suggest that the Association start the process of amending the bylaws to put the "Trials Committee" on a firm footing. The following is an explanation of my reasons, and the text of the proposed bylaw.

NEBCA has had a "Trials Committee" since before December 1981 (the earliest meeting for which I have records). At the outset, it was principally responsible for the "Championship Trial", and seems to have been appointed by the President. It should also be noted that NEBCA had no Bylaws at that time: responsibility for NEBCA business was shared among its leaders in an informal but adequate way.

Now NEBCA has formal Bylaws, elected officers (when more than one seeks an office), and official assignment of responsibility to particular officers for NEBCA business. Unfortunately, the Bylaws are silent on the existence of a "Trials Committee". Significant proposals are being made by the Trials Committee, and controversial matters are being referred to it.

It is my intention that adoption of my proposed bylaw put the Trials Committee on an official basis, and allow the NEBCA membership to clearly understand its role. I also believe that the current appointive process for selection of its membership has worked well. I would like to see the makeup of the Trials Committee rotate at a rate that is slow enough to guarantee consistent policy and expertise, but which also allows fresh leadership to develop.

-- David Presberg

PROPOSED TRIALS COMMITTEE BYLAW

ARTICLE IX. Trials Committee

There shall be a standing committee of NEBCA known as the Trials Committee. Its duties shall be: (a) finding the dates of all northeast area trials so that they can be publicized to the NEBCA membership, (b) determining the details for running the NEBCA Championship Trial, (c) considering matters of other trials which NEBCA either sponsors or sanctions, and (d) other business which is referred to it by the NEBCA membership. The Trials Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the NEBCA membership and Executive Committee: its proposed policies and actions shall be confirmed by vote of NEBCA or the NEBCA Executive Committee. The Trials Committee shall consist of 3 members of NEBCA who are in good standing, plus the NEBCA president. The 3 members shall be appointed by the president, each for a 3-year term commencing with the NEBCA meeting at which the annual election results are determined. No Trials Committee member shall serve for two successive terms. If any Trials Committee member cannot serve out the appointed term, the president shall appoint a successor for the unexpired portion of the term. (In the first year of adoption of this bylaw, the three appointed members shall select among themselves the durations of their terms by lot so that the three terms are staggered. Despite the date of initial adoption of this bylaw, the initial terms of the 3 appointive members shall be calculated to end at the next and successive NEBCA annual election meetings, respective to their selected terms. It is expected that the initial terms will be shorter than the 1-, 2-, or 3-year terms which would result from adopting this bylaw at an annual election meeting.)

Highland Foot-Past



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or anything else pertaining to Border
Collies) are \$1.00 per issue. Make checks
payable to NEBCA and send it along with your
ad to the editor (address above).

*Above, Carole
Presberg's "Jute",
at age 12 mos.,
watches the
lambs (March
1983, photo by
David Presberg).*

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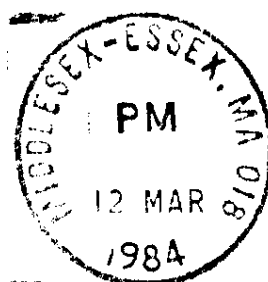
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