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## THE EDITORS BARK

We hope you all enjoyed the first issue of NEBCA News under its new editorship. It ended up being much longer than we had expected! This will not always be the case, though. We appreciate the positive feedback we have received about the first newsletter. Please send any comments or questions along. Lyn Wiley wrote to us requesting a source for whistles. Edgar Gould has an ad in this month's newsletter for supplies including dog whistles. We've received a few classified ads and breeder's directory listings, but not the number we had hoped for. We'd appreciate a little more input. So, to get you going, we're adding a new feature: the NEBCA News question of the month. This month's question: what is the biggest mess your BC has ever gotten you into? Please send your answers one line or short story to one of the editors.

It's setting on towards spring and lambing is a busy season for both your and your dogs. So it's a good time to take a good look at your BCs and assess their health and condition. It's time for shots, worming and maybe a little more exercise to get them going.

In many towns it is also time to renew your dog(s) license(s). Did you know that in many towns you will not be reimbursed by the town for any damage done by stray dogs if your dog is not licensed? Just a little something to think about.

Please note the list of dog trials included in the newsletter. Make sure to mark these dates on your Border Collie calendar and if you haven't yet gotten your calendar there are still some left. Be original and give one to a friend for St. Patrick's Day!

DAL and KPW

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The Meeting was held at Maurice MacGresor's house on February 10, 1985. All officers were present.

The secretary's report was amended to say that Betty Levin had written to Jim Davidson, organizer of the Blue Hill Fair Dog Trial, and told him that NEBCA would like a page in their program, but had not told him what it was to say. Edgar Gould moved to accept the report as amended. It was seconded and passed. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Barbara Leverett talked with Walt Jasser to clarify what he had been trying to say at the last meeting about the Championship Trial. He would like to change the title of the High Point Dog to Northeast Champion and change the Championship Trial to the Classic Trial. Barb is not in favor because there is less of a luck factor with two runs and also because the dog that is around all summer and gets to more trials is more of a reflection of how much time and money the handler has. Betty Levin thought that there would be more young dogs entered if it was left the way it was. A motion was made by Dave Presbers to leave the titles the way they are now, but to have more recognition for the high point dog. It was seconded by Edgar and was passed.

Maurice MacGresor had talked with Jim Davidson. He hasn't been able to meet with anyone, but would like a letter with any changes we want at Blue Hill and a list of judges. Betty Levin thought that where the softball game was would be a good spot for the first day and the infield of the track for the second day or both days if possible. Everyone would like to see these changes or requirements: 1) scores posted every third dog, 2) nobody but trial officials with the judge during the trial, and 3) a judged trial, not a points trial. We need to find out from Jim Davidson if the ad in the program is for the trial or for NEBCA.

A report from the trials committee indicated the following dates for trials.

- June 15--Sheepy Hollow
- June 16--Beaver Hill Open, NY
- September 29--Fryeburg, ME
- May 25--Cumminston Novice
- May 26--Cumminston Open
- September 28 & 29--U Mass, maybe open, probably novice
- May 4 Connecticut
- Labor Day--Blue Hill
- May 11 & 12--New Boston, NH, There is a possibility of having an invitational brace trial
- May 11 & 12--Blue Ridge Open, Judged by Miss Billingsham, maybe also a clinic.
- May 18--Delaware Scottish Games
- August 18--Altamont, NY
- June 2--Cooperstown Farmers Museum Invitational, NY
- May 5--Novice trial at Edgar Gould's
- March 30--Cheryl Jasser's Novice Trial

The Presburs agreed to host a Puppy Day at their farm on August 11.

We're (NEBCA) going to write letters to people who have bought puppies. It would be appreciated if the breeders could send addresses of their recent customers.

NEW BUSINESS: The California State Fair Trial sent us forms for ads in their

program. Dave Presbers moved to put an ad in their program--1/2 page for \$25. It was seconded by Ellen Raja and passed. Edsar Gould will handle this.

There was discussion about trying to set all the trials to work in the same 100 point basis, including a shed, usually after the pen, and leave the clock running during the pen.

There should be a judging clinic soon. The trials committee will try to find someone to do it. We should send invitations to everybody on Judges list and it will be open to members.

Rockingham County Kennel Club is sponsoring an eye clinic. For more information contact Lynne Hansen, 285 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, 617-462-7213. (Editor's note: This clinic was held March 3rd, and is past. See announcements for more information on this subject.)

Dick Mullin had a meeting for NY NEBCA members and enthusiasts. He showed films from the series One Man and His Dog. There was talk of trying to set them for one of our meetings.

Cheryl Jasser and Barbara Leverett are working on an informational pamphlet on NEBCA, Border Collies, etc. and will try to bring a rough draft to the next meeting.

Other Newsletters published are:

American Border Collie Newsletter  
PO Box 184  
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Border Collie News  
Janet Larson, ed.  
RFD #3 Pinecrest Lane  
Durham, NH 03824

The next meeting will be March 24, 11:00 AM at Betty Levin's. Please let Betty know if you will be attending.

Thanks are given to Margaret MacGregor for the great feast!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* Dues are due! If you wish to be included in the new membership list, dues must be paid by April 30. \$10.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family. Send to Faith Webb, Mt. Sunapee, NH 03772. Make checks payable to NEBCA.

\*\* There are still 1985 calendars available. Contact Bonnie Holland, 30 Candlewood Road, Ipswich, MA 01938. Prices are \$6.00 (\$5.00 plus \$1.00 shipping) for a single copy. NEBCA members may obtain discount prices of \$3.25 each for ten or more copies plus shipping: \$3.00/10, \$5.00/15 or \$7.00/20. Make checks payable to NEBCA.

\*\* Still looking for pictures for the 1986 calendar. These are needed as soon as possible as the calendar needs to go to press. Black and white prints are preferred, but color prints are okay; no negatives. Color photos are also needed for the cover. Pictures should be sharp and clear. If you want your photos back send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send to Bonnie Holland, 30 Candlewood Road, Ipswich, MA 01938.

\*\* The trials committee is soliciting trial dates. Contact Maurice MacGresor, RFD Box 650A, Center Barnstead, NH 03225, 603-269-7631, as soon as possible.

\*\* The Rockingham County Kennel Club sponsored an eye clinic on March 3rd. Although the date is past, this is an annual event. Contact Lynne Hansen, 285 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, for information on next year's program. The Pioneer Valley Kennel Club sponsors a similar clinic in the beginning of September. Contact person is Judy Steve, 96 Depot Road, Leverett, MA 01054, 413-549-0066.

\*\* NEBCA News will accept classified ads for \$1.50 per ad per issue and breeders listings for \$3.50 per five lines for the remainder of the year. Send ad and/or listings with payment (checks made out to NEBCA) to Denise Leonard, 72 Shutesbury Road, Leverett, MA 01054, 413-549-1882, or Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375, 413-549-5011. Closing date for the next issue is March 30.

\*\* The next NEBCA meeting is at 11:00 AM at Betty Levin's; please let Betty know if you are coming. To get to Betty's go to Rte 128. Please note that Rte 128 has been renamed and is shown on the map as well as road signs as Rte 95. Take exit 48 W which is Winter Street. At the first fork go right and at the second fork go left. Betty's is the third driveway on the left with a big gate. Her house is less than ten minutes from Rte 128--95.

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

Breeder and Importer of Top Quality Doss. Books, including The Farmer's Doss and Sheila Grew's Key Doss. Whistles and a nice selection of imported show crooks. Contact Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm Enterprises, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, 413-625-6496.

#### UPCOMING TRIAL DATES

March 23--Headstart Trial, Hop Bottom, PA. For more information contact Cheryl Jasser, RD 1, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, 717-289-4733, or Walt Jasser, Sheepy Hollow Farm, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, 717-289-4663.

May 4: U. Conn Trial, Storrs, CT. For information contact Don Grant, Woodland, Ave, Storrs, CT, 203-429-4180.

May 5: Cooperlane Farm Novice Trial, Shelburn Falls, MA. Starts at 10:00 AM. Classes will include Novice/Novice--inexperienced handler with inexperienced dogs--and Semi-Novice/Semi-Novice--not too experienced a handler with a dog that has never placed in an open trial. For information contact Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm, Shelburn Falls, MA, 01370, 413-625-6496.

May 11 & 12: New Boston Trial, New Boston, NH. For information contact Dave Kennard, Wellscroft Farm, RFD, Marlborough, NH 03455, 603-827-3464.

May 11 & 12: Blue Ridge Open, White Post, Virginia, Judged by Miss Billingham, author of One Woman and Her Dog. There is a possibility of a clinic, also.

May 18: The Scottish Game of Delaware Sheep Dog Trial, Fair Hill, MD.

May 25 & 26: Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Sheep Dog Trial, Cumminston, MA. 1:00 PM Saturday, Novice trial with two classes--Novice/Novice for inexperienced handlers and dogs and Ranch for handlers with more experience and a dog that has never placed in an open trial or won a ranch class. Handlers who have won a Novice/Novice class may enter the ranch class. 10:00 AM Sunday, open trial with a limit of two dogs per handler. Although we have had some volunteers to work on this trial, we still need more. Contact Denise Leonard (413-549-1882), 72 Shutesbury Road, Leverett, MA 01054.

June 2: Cooperstown Farmers Museum Invitational Trial, Cooperstown, NY. Contact Barbara Leverett (518-234-3687), RD 1, Box 3462, Cobleskill, NY 12043.

June 15: Pennsylvania Open Trial, Sheepry Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA. For information contact Walt Jasser (717-289-4663), Sheepry Hollow Farm, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824.

June 16: Beaver Hill Open, Long Eddy, NY. Contact Patricia Headley, Bert Medler Road, RD 1, Box 101E, Long Eddy, NY 12760.

August 18: Altamont Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Altamont, NY. For information contact Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009.

Labor Day Weekend: Blue Hill Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Contact Jim Davidson, North Country Farm, Round Pond, ME 04564.

September 29: Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Fryeburg ME.

#### **\*\* CLINICS \*\***

April 27 & 28: There will be a Judges clinic at Edsar Gould's farm in Shelburne Falls, MA. Time of the clinic is tentatively the afternoon of the 27th and all day the 28th, however the dates are firm. This will be taught by Lewis Pulfer. It is open to all and there will be a \$10.00 fee. RSVP to Edsar if you are coming; however this is not mandatory and you may come at the last minute. Please, do not bring your dog; this is a judging clinic not a handler's clinic. To be listed on the qualified Judges list, you must attend this clinic.

August 11: Puppy Day at Carole and David Presburs's farm at 75 Bear Hill Road, Merrimac, MA. This clinic is for puppies and young dogs. Virgil Holland is scheduled to teach it and there is no fee. Carole would like to know by August 1 who is planning to attend. Stay tuned for further information.

Tentatively June 1: Handler's Clinic at U. Mass. More to follow on this.

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