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THE EDITORS BARK

WELCOME TO SUMMER (FINALLY!!!) As promised in issue #4 1/2, the minutes of the last two meetings can be found in this newsletter. Due to the short time between the last two meetings we decided to send out the postcard format with a few important announcements rather than a full length newsletter. All of you should have the Judging Clinic dates (July 20 & 21) on your calendar. Edgar Gould has asked that you RSVP by July 12th, either by phone or mail. Further information about the clinic may be found in the "Clinics" section of this issue.

The Cumminston Trial at the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair was a wonderful two day event. Thanks to all of you (and there were many!) that helped throushout the weekend. A complete write-up with results will be in Nancy Hayes' newsletter.

Denise Leonard's phone number has been changed to (413) 548-9382. All of you Franklin County residents will now be able to call each other for free!

Kristen Whittle had a brief renewed response to her survey after her plea in the last newsletter. She now has enough to finish the results. As of last count, the total number of Border Collies owned by NEBCA members responding was 184 dogs! With just a little more time on the computer a full analysis of the survey should be completed.

Following the "normally" hot and mussy month of July will be a slew of trials up and down the east coast. We hope to see you at many of them!

Your Editors,
KWP and DAL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, MAY 26, 1985

The meeting was held after the Cumminston Trial, May 26, and was brought

to order at 2:30 pm. The reading of the minutes from the Connecticut trial was dispensed with.

OLD BUSINESS

The Trials Committee announced their recommendation concerning the Championship trial. The recommendation would be to award a NEBCA High Point Champion trophy and Reserve trophy with recognition given to the top ten point earners. There would also be a NEBCA Fall Foliage Roundup Trial Champion and Reserve Champion awarded to the winner of the Championship trial plus recognition to the top ten placing dogs. This issue could be considered closed until the 1985 annual meetings, at which time it would be open to discussion and a possible vote.

Walt Jasser made a motion to abolish the motion at the May 2 meetings requiring a written ballot to vote on the trial committee's recommendation and to accept the trial committee's recommendation. It was passed.

Barbara Leverett asked if it would be alright if she and Cheryl Jasser could wait until the fall to work on the NEBCA informational pamphlet due to their busy summer schedules.

There will be two puppy days offered this summer: August 4 at Dave and Carole Presbergs' in Merrimac, MA and September 14 & 15 at the Moonan's in Appleton, ME.

A new trial will be held in Maine on the Saturday before Skowhesan on Fred Eames' farm.

Maurice MacGregor stated that he would like to resign from the Trials Committee due to health reasons. Versil asked the trials committee to appoint someone to fill the vacant position and asked Barbara Leverett to be the trials committee chairperson; she accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

All the pictures are in for the 1986 calendars and are presently at the printers. Bonnie Holland has asked Pat Canaday if she would be willing to take over the calendar mail order sale. Pat accepted.

It was brought up that it would be good to give an award to the person who sells the most calendars.

Denise Leonard asked if persons paying dues could indicate if they are a new member or a renewal of membership.

Edgar Gould announced that U Conn would like to supply a Perpetual Trophy for the Championship trial in Preston Davenport's honor.

The next meetings will be June 15 after the dinner at the Jassers'.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, JUNE 15, 1985

The minutes from the meetings held after the Cumminston Open sheep dog trial were read and accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Edgar Gould questioned how the new first time trials became qualifying trials without being cleared with the trials committee. He also questioned the fairness of allowing a qualifying trial to enter mid-season. Maurice MacGregor, as trials committee chairperson, had cleared the Bedford, PA trial. Discussion took place and it was agreed upon that the trials committee should review each trial every year and should also set a date as a deadline for allowing a trial to be a qualifying trial on a yearly basis.

Edgar Gould asked if there was an allowance to drop a trial for accumulation of points. Versil Holland replied that two could be dropped by

either being missed or dropping the two lowest scores.

NEW BUSINESS

The trials committee came up with Mike Canaday as its new member to take Maurice MacGresor's place.

The new 1986 calendars will be proofread on June 18.

Steve Wetmore announced that the New England Aussie Club will be having a trial open to all working breeds on August 3 & 4. This will be in Mooretown, NY with an \$8.00 entry fee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Please note that Denise Leonard's telephone number has changed to 413-548-9382. Anyone dialing the old number will be routed to the "changed number" recordings until December.

** Someone left a blue cable knit cardigan on Denise's car at the Cumminston trial. She has it and the owner should claim it.

** The trials committee is soliciting trial and clinic dates for 1985 and 1986. Contact Barbara Leverett, RD 1 Box 3468, Cobleskill NY, 12043, (518-234-3687) as soon as possible.

** Breeders are asked to send a list of their puppy customers to Faith Webb so that she can send a letter inviting them to the NEBCA puppy day in August.

** 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, 413-548-9382, or Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375, 413-549-5011. Closing date for the next issue is Aug 1.

** Anyone hosting a clinic, trial, or any Border Collie function should send the information to the NEBCA NEWS for publication. We will gladly print all the particulars.

** The next NEBCA meetings may be held at the Judging clinic at Edgar Gould's.

USBCHA

The United States Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA) was formed for the promotion and encouragement of sheep dog trials. A pamphlet is put out by them that briefly describes their association and its objectives. This pamphlet also provides a brief description of sheep dog trials and their history.

The pamphlet gives some excellent points on why we should have sheep dog trials and why those who own Border Collies should take the time to train and enter them. The first of these is the opportunity for individual exhibition of their Border Collie's ability. The development of sheep dog trials had helped to bring good working dogs out of obscurity and into the public eye, thus bringing attention to good breeding stock and providing a valuable contribution to the

improvement of the breed. These trials also acquaint those not familiar with the Border Collie with their ability and value on the farm or ranch. And lastly, they point out that sheep dog trials are a valuable inclusion in fairs and festivals for providing excellent entertainment for spectators. One can't help but appreciate the ability and knowledge exhibited by a well trained team of handler and dog.

There are two types of membership open to those interested in the USBCHA. Dues for a full voting membership are \$20 annually and require participation in at least one Class A trial each year. Associate membership is open to anyone and the dues are \$10 per year. Either membership includes a subscription to the association's quarterly publication. Requests for membership may be sent to:

USBCHA
Box 1249
Ozana, TX 76943

Below is an explanation of what we know so far about how to qualify for the Canadian/American Championship Trial run each year in November. We have written to the association asking for more complete information on the qualifying procedure, a list of qualifying trials and related material. This will be in a later issue.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

- 1) You must be a voting member of USBCHA.
- 2) The trial must be a USBCHA qualifying trial.
- 3) You must place in the top three places.
- 4) From each trial, only one dog may qualify for each ten dogs entered. For example for a trial with ten entries only one dog, one of the top three, may qualify; for a trial with twenty entries, two dogs of the top three may qualify, etc.

We hope this helps to clarify some of your questions about the USBCHA, although it has probably just piqued your curiosity! When we know more, you will know more!

KWP and DAL

UPCOMING TRIAL DATES

August 10: Bedford Fair, Bedford PA. This will be a qualifying trial for both NEBCA and US Border Collie Handlers. For information contact Jack Monsour, RD #1, Box 418, Bedford PA, 15522, (814) 623-9011.

August 10: Winslow Open Sheep Dog Trial, Winslow, ME. For information contact Fred Eames, RFD 2, Box 5130, Waterville, ME 04901, (207) 872-9604.

August 11: Skowhegan Fair, Skowhegan, ME. Contact Charles Carpenter, Livestock Supt., RFD #1 Box 5340, Skowhegan, ME 04976, (207) 474-2428.

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

August 24: Scotland by the Yard Sheep Dog Trial, Quechee, VT. Contact George Madiera, PO Box 246, Cornish NH, 03746.

August 31--September 1: Blue Hill Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Contact Jim Davidson, North Country Farm, Round Pond, ME 04564, (207) 677-2319.

September 2: Riverside Sheep Dog Trial, Vassalborough, ME. For information contact George Gould at (207) 622-2793.

September 29: Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Fryeburg ME. Contact Wayne Bartlett, PO Box 270, Denmark, ME 04022, (207) 452-2460.

CLINICS

July 20 & 21: NEBCA Judging Clinic. The NEBCA Judging Clinic will be held July 20 and 21, starting at 1:00 PM on the 20th and at 10:00 AM on the 21st. It will be hosted by Edgar Gould, Shelburne Falls, MA and will be taught by Lewis Pulfer. The clinic is open to anyone who wishes to come and is mandatory for those on the NEBCA Judging list. Please do not bring your dogs; this is a Judging clinic, not a handlers clinic.

There will be a barbeque on Saturday evening and a light lunch will be provided on Sunday. Donations of dessert would be appreciated.

Accommodations are available in the area. Campers are welcome at the Goulds' farm, and there are two or three bed and breakfast motels as well as cabins in the area. If you want reservations, contact the Goulds immediately and give them the appropriate information. Sunday morning breakfast is available at Gould's Sugar House.

This should be a very educational weekend for anybody interested in training, trialing and judging. The fee is \$15.00, which includes the barbeque on Saturday night and the light lunch on Sunday. Please RSVP to Edgar Gould at Copperlane Farm Enterprises, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, (413) 625-6496, or Barbara Leverett, RD 1 Box 346B, Cobleskill, NY 12043, (518) 234-3687. RSVP by July 12 as Edgar needs a head count for the barbeque.

August 4: Puppy Day at Carole and David Presberg'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. Please get in touch with Carole for more information (617-346-4385).

NEBCA Handler's Clinic at U. Mass: This has been moved back to sometime in the beginning of October. More to follow on this.

CLASSIFIED ADS

BREEDER AND IMPORTER of Top Quality Dogs. Books, including The Farmer's Dog and Sheila Grew's Key Dog. Whistles and a nice selection of imported show crooks. Contact Edgar Gould, Copperlane Farm Enterprises, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, 413-625-6496.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS for sale out of Cheryl Jasser's Lu and George Conboy's imported Bob. There are two males left. Contact Cheryl Jasser, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, 717-289-4733.

SHEEP/COW HERDING DOG: One year old resistered male Border Collie partially trained. Contact John Hennrikus, RR 2 Box 96, Kerhonkson, NY 12446, 914-626-3860.

BLUE MERLE Border Collie at stud to approved working bitches. Contact Lynn Deschambeault, HCR Box 16, Ctr. Conway, NH 03813, (603) 939-2255.

SHEPHERDESS SHOP: featuring Border Collie Visors, Jackets, Hats, Shirts, Pewter Key Chains and Pins. Also Border Collie trainings services; both for handlers and dogs. For information call or write Cheryl Jasser, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

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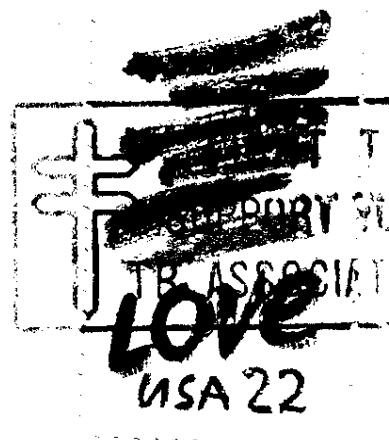
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