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THE EDITORS BARK

Well, here we are after an extended leave. Hope most of you have been enjoying the trial season. There are still a few more to come. The last qualifying trial of the season will be on September 29, at Fryeburg Fair, and the 1985 Fall Foliage Trial, the big one of the season, will be held on October 19 and 20 at the farm of Mike and Pat Canaday. This trial is limited to competition among those dogs that have qualified in this summer's trial season; the cream of the crop so to speak. There are also three clinics and a novice trial coming up in October. See the Trials and Clinics sections in the newsletter for more details.

Please notice that we have a new look, thanks to the new printer obtained. This newsletter is dedicated to Edgar Gould and all the rest of you who had trouble reading the "g"s done in the other type. Denise's husband David tells us that having a computer is like having a puppy; you have to get them both to go on paper! Ofcourse, we all know that BCs are much smarter than computers, but both are only as good as the operator or handler!

Please check your mailing address label; if there is an asterisk next to your name, then Faith has not yet received your 1985 dues. If it has slipped your mind, please mail your payment to her--\$10.00 per individual and \$15.00 per family--because if you do not pay soon, you will no longer be considered a member of NEBCA and will no longer receive the NEBCA NEWS. If you do not wish to renew, please disregard this notice. Finally, if you think you have renewed, but have a star next to your name, contact Faith.

We are looking for BC comic, jokes, stories, etc. Please send them in.

Until next time,
DAL and KPW

NEBCA Judging Clinic by Kristen Whittle

The NEBCA judging clinic was held the weekend of July 20 and 21 at Edgar Gould's in Shelburne Falls, MA. The weekend clinic was a smashing success, thanks to the expertise of Lewis Pulfer Jr. and the hospitality of Helen and Edgar Gould. Barbara Leverett did an excellent job of organizing the meals, and Crawford Taisey did a great job of cooking the barbequed chicken, insuring that all those who attended left the clinic with a very high rate of average daily weight gain. (Denise and I ate about 3 lbs each of Mrs. McKinven's delicious Scottish cookies!)

Junior Pulfer offered us all a wealth of information. He covered a wide range of points on judging, including where to deduct points and how much to deduct. Using the English system as a base, each dog and handler start with a total of 110 possible points divided as follows: outrun--20, lift--10, fetch--20, drive--30, shed--10, pen--10, and single--10. This is the system that is used at the national level and is a little different than the way a lot of our smaller trials award their points. As the quality of trialing in the Northeast and the rest of the US increases, our judges will have to fine tune their judging ability to be able to pick out the top competitors.

During the clinic, each phase of work was approached individually with a good balance of blackboard explanation followed by on the field demonstrations, then back to the blackboard for analysis. A lot of training and trialing advice was offered by Junior throughout the two days, since judging and competing really to go hand in hand. One can't fully understand one without the other. I'm sure everyone came away from the weekend with a better knowlegde of training, trialing, and judging. For the more naive of us handlers, some of the concepts presented were truly revelations!

We all heard a lot those two days about "redirecting" our dogs on the trial field and what sort of questions we needed to ask the judge before the trial begins. There is no contact with the judge once the first handler has run. Also discussed was the difference between a shed and a single, and "taking your sheep in the head", and many many other points in the fine tuning of dog and handler as a team in the trial field.

Now, most of us would be thrilled with a wide outrun and a straight fetch through the gates, regardless of whether or not we were within a few feet of the perfect line. But in anticipation of the day when we all get closer to perfection, this fine tuning will be what will separate the good from the great. All in all, I'd say that this was one of the most helpful and informative clinics I've attended and if you missed this years, I'd highly recommend attending next years.

UPCOMING TRIAL DATES

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

October 19 and 20: 1985 Fall Foliage Roundup Trial, held at Mike and Pat Canaday's farm in Altamont, NY. Call Mike (518-234-3687) or anyone on the trials committee for details.

October 14: Fall Nursery Trial at Walt Jagger's Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hopbottom,

PA. Call Walt at (717) 289-4663 or Cheryl at (717) 289-4733 for details.
Entry deadline is October 6.

CLINICS

October 5: NEBCA Sponsored Handlers Clinic at U Mass, Amherst. All are invited to attend. The fee is \$10.00 per dog. Bring a picnic lunch. Vergil Holland and Edgar Gould (tentative) are scheduled to teach this clinic. Please RSVP to either Kristen or Denise so that we can get a head count.

October 12 and 13: Fall Stock Dog Clinic at Walt Jagger's farm in Hopbottom PA. Call Walt for details; deadline for entry is October 4 (717-289-4663).

October 26: Puppy Day at Tom Mohan's farm in New Boston, NH. Everyone is welcome to this NEBCA sponsored clinic which will be taught by Crawford Taisey. This clinic is for anyone with a young working dog and will concentrate on getting it started or any particular problem you may have. All dogs must be on leash and under control when not working. RSVP to the Mohans (603-487-2443) by October 20. Be sure to bring a picnic lunch.



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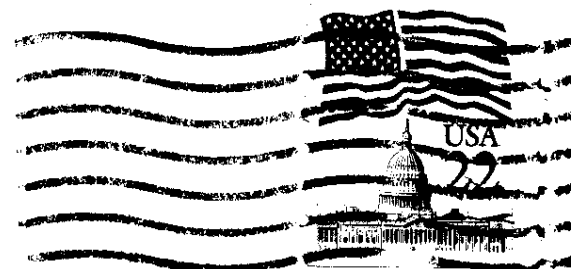
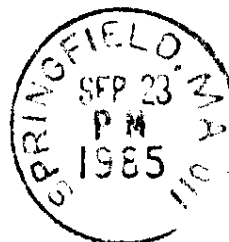
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