

# NEBCA NEWS DECEMBER, 1986

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## EDITORS BARK

We hope everyone had an enjoyable year. Can't believe it's almost over already! We have the annual meeting coming up on January 11th at 10:30 AM. It will be held again this year at the farm of Edgar and Helen Gould in Shelburne Falls, MA. Bring one dish for a potluck lunch. For directions call Edgar or Helen at 413-625-6496.

There are a few deadlines coinciding with the annual meeting. You may either provide the following information at the meeting or send it to the appropriate person by January 11. First, Crawford Taisey, NEBCA's new chairman of the Trials committee following Barbara Leverett's resignation would like all 1987 trial date and information by the annual meeting. His address and phone number is above. The closing date for photo submissions for the 1988 NEBCA calendar is also Jan. 11. The first cut will be made after the annual meeting. Any submissions should be sent to your editors with a SASE for their return.

We still have a few photos submitted for the 1987 calendar from those of you that did not send SASE. We will bring them to the annual meeting. Also, those pictures chosen for the 1987 calendar will be brought to the annual meeting.

You will find the results from the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial and NEBCA High Points awards in this issue as well as the minutes from the last meeting. Be sure to read the minutes, as some important issues were covered. One of these was the nominations of new officers. A ballot is included at the end of the newsletter. This ballot must be received before Jan. 11th or brought to the annual meeting.

The 1987 membership dues are due! Form and information is included in the newsletter. Membership dues and Breeder's listing fee must be received by February 1st in order to be included on the calendar Breeder's Directory. To insure proper recording of your dues, they must be received by Faith Webb Reney (address on form) NO later than Jan 10th. After Jan 11th they may be sent to the new secretary, address to be included in the next newsletter. Special note

to NEW members (NOT renewals): if you joined NEBCA after July 1st, 1986, you do not need to pay dues again for 1987. This is a new policy. Due to the change in officers, we strongly suggest that you notify the new secretary after Jan 11th of the fact that you are a new paid member that joined after July 1, 1986. The new secretary's name and address will be listed in the next NEBCA NEWS.

Don't forget that 1987 calendars are still available from Mike and Pat Canaday. They do make great presents! Merry Christmas to all!

KPW and DAL

#### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9 MEETING

##### Old Business:

A treasurer's report was read but acceptance of the report will be withheld until all loose ends are tied up for the annual meeting.

A discussion of the Championship Trial took place. Beverly Lambert proposed that we may want to move the trial into September to increase our chances of better weather. Many felt that they preferred having the trial at the end of the trial season. Next year's trial location was discussed and it was agreed that if there was anyone wishing to host the trial next year for them to get in touch with the trials committee.

The 1987 calendars were discussed. Pat Canaday has given out 381 calendars on consignment at \$4.00 a piece for 10 or more. It was agreed that Pat will send out letters requesting a settlement of accounts with persons holding consignment calendars. It was also suggested that the 1988 calendar should include a form to join the association. Beverly Lambert made a motion that the 1988 calendar committee consisting of Denise Leonard, Becky Peterson and Kristen Whittle could begin working on the 1988 calendar with final approval to proceed to be given at the January meeting. Motion was seconded by John Hood and was passed.

New Business: Crawford Taisey presented the 1987 slate of officers selected by the nominating committee (consisting of Edgar Gould, Betty Levin and Crawford Taisey) for a vote by the membership.

President:	Cheryl Jagger
Vice President:	Crawford Taisey
Secretary/Treasurer:	Doug McDonough

There were no nominations from the floor. Barbara Leverett nominated Becky Peterson for assistant secretary with Becky Peterson accepting.

Vergil Holland announced that Barbara Leverett was resigning from the trials committee. Vergil appointed Crawford Taisey to be the new committee chairman with Crawford accepting. Discussion took place concerning replacing Barbara Leverett's position on the committee and she indicated that it would be good to get the committee to a more workable size.

Dayle Hamilton indicated that the U Conn Trial may not take place. If the trial does occur, it would be moved to the last weekend in April because that is when the Conn Sheepbreeders Association's sheep day is scheduled.

Barbara Leverett proposed having a patch sent to all members and any future new members, and also establishing that any new members joining after July 1 would receive all benefits of membership for the remainder of the current year plus the following year. Dayle Hamilton seconded and the motion was passed.

Mike Canaday volunteered to co-ordinate the trial write-ups for the 1987

trial season.

There was lots of discussion on how to get help out to new BC owners on training and to increase activities for members other than trials. Mike Canaday suggested including some training tips on the NEBCA NEWS.

A judging and handling combination clinic was discussed.

The next meeting will be January 11 at Edgar and Helen Gould's at 10:30 AM with January 18 as a snow day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*\* Congratulations go to Lynette and Tim Milleville on the birth of their son Matthew Keith on September 9 and to Faith and Tom Reney on the birth of their daughter Aileen Elizabeth on November 10.**

**\*\* Crawford Taisey wishes to thank the Mohans for their hospitality shown to all who attended the Puppy Day at their farm. He also wishes to thank Betty Levin for her help at the Puppy Day.**

**\*\* 1987 Dues are due! Membership costs \$10.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family or farm. Also this is the time to renew your name on the breeder's directory. The fee is \$10.00 per listing. The Breeder's Directory is included in all NEBCA publications. There is a form at the end of the newsletter for renewal of membership and breeder's directory. Send this to Faith Reney well in advance of the January 11 meeting or send it to the new secretary after the annual meeting. These renewals can also be brought to the annual meeting. Please note that dues and Breeder's Directory fee's MUST be paid by February 1 to be included on the 1988 calendar.**

**\*\* Crawford Taisey would like to have 1987 Trial dates sent to him ASAP. He needs these by the annual meeting so that a calendar of these dates can be made.**

**\*\* The 1987 calendars are still available! The prices are \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping and handling for a single copy or \$4.00 each plus shipping and handling for ten or more copies (contact Pat and Mike Canaday for shipping and handling charges for multiple copies.) Order yours today from Pat and Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Road, Altamont, NY 12009, 518-861-6049.**

**\*\* Pat and Mike also have other "goodies" on sale to benefit NEBCA. These include decals, patches, whistles, and plain working crooks (\$10.00 plus postage), among other things. Contact the Canadays for a more complete list. Some of these items would make nice Christmas gifts.**

**\*\* Final call for pictures for the 1988 calendar! Please put your name and address, the dog's name and the photographer's name on the back of each picture and include a self addressed stamped envelop of you want them back. Send to Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375. We need these pictures by January 11.**

**\*\* Deadline for the next NEBCA NEWS is January 15, 1987. Ads cost \$1.50 per issue. Send all submissions to Denise Leonard, 389 Adams Road, Greenfield, MA 01301.**

## SPECIAL EDITORIAL

This special editorial is solely the opinion of the editors and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the NEBCA membership at large.

It is the opinion of the editors that there are certain problems that need to be addressed within this association. It is with the sincere hope that we alienate no one that we have decided to address these problems in this issue.

It seems that as our association grows in both size and scope there is a proportionate increase in both disagreements and discontent. While it is not surprising or unique for problems to arise as an organization pushes towards being bigger and better, it would be unfortunate for us all if our efforts towards improvement were actually our downfall!

We know many believe that increased competitiveness has contributed to the discontent. But, competition itself needn't and shouldn't be a problem. Competition can also lead to better performances on the trial field AND on the farm. As well as an increase in the quality of Border Collies produced. It can also be FUN! Yes FUN! But if we want to grow as an organization by bettering ourselves as performers and promoters of the Border Collie, we as members of NEBCA must also be willing to grow as people. That means a lot of learning; learning to be teachers, learning to be judges, learning to be Public Relations experts, and learning to be helpful, accepting, patient, and tolerant. (Sounds like the boy scouts, doesn't it?!)

With the increase of quality of handlers both novice and pro the pressure to "do well" will also increase. And with an increase in both the size of the field competing and the size of the purses being competed for, another pressure will be added. If the addition of bigger and better awards to our roster of prizes ONLY served to increase our desire to WIN, WIN, WIN, and at all costs, then perhaps we are not ready for these things.

If someone feels slighted by the actions of another, we do not mean to imply that they should remain quiet about their problem. Only that these problems should be addressed at the proper place and time where something might be done to correct them in the future.

One example might be a growing problem with attaining judges for trials and achieving a relatively consistent judging performance. We do not consider the conclusion of any given trial to be the most effective time to confront a judge with his or her performance. Criticism at this time will neither change nor alleviate conflicts of opinion. It only serves to create problems by cultivating feeling of resentment in someone who has probably done his or her best in a very difficult job, perhaps even when no one else wanted that job. Instead, how about a little fine tuning at the next judging clinic. Perhaps we even need to have two judging clinics a year; spring and fall. Perhaps videos would help or written judges handbooks. Whatever the answer, we're sure a creative solution can be found. But it is and always will be an ongoing process, a challenge, and hopefully both educational and fun.

We are certainly not so far off course as not to be able to get back on it. We have learned so much from our fellow friends and members of NEBCA. There is not one person out there that we cannot learn something from. We sincerely hope that by pulling together and truly listening to what our neighbor has to say that we can learn from our mistakes and successes and have a heck of a good time doing so.

We also hope for and would welcome letters and opinions from other members of NEBCA.

## TRAINING TIPS OR "DEAR WISTON CAP,"

In response to the comments at the last meeting we have decided to start a training tips column. We did try to do this when we first took over the editorship of the NEBCA NEWS, but the response was not there. We need input from all of you out there. Specifically, we are hoping that anyone with questions about either general training or specific problems they are having will send them in to us (your editors). We will refer them to the "experts" and write an answer with a number of suggestions that hopefully will be helpful to a number of you. Don't be bashful, there are probably others out there with the same or similar problems. In addition, we are hoping that some of the regular trialing and training handlers will write to us with suggestions of what works for them. Even if you are not one of the regular trialing or training handlers you may have a tip for something that worked for you. We are hoping that this column will become a place for exchange of ideas and suggestions for training that will be useful to most of the NEBCA membership.

The first training tip was sent in by Barbara Leverett. When starting a young dog, be where the trouble is. A good "lie down" and "stay" makes this easier. No one can run faster than a dog so anticipate where the problem areas are and get into a position to prevent trouble (ie. gripping or cutting in) by blocking the dog. Remember, if it happens once it's sure to happen again and the second time you can be steps ahead of the dog.

## YOUR EDITORS ASK

We see a few of the membership at meetings or at trials, but there are a large number of you that we have never heard from. We are interested in knowing what NEBCA and the NEBCA NEWS can do for you. We've heard from those we see, and we'd like to hear from those we don't see. So, if there is something that you specifically would like from the organization or the newsletter, please write, and let us know.

## TRIAL RESULTS

NEBCA NEWS usually does not print trial results, but we are breaking this policy to publish the results of the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial and the NEBCA High Point Awards.

### 1986 NEBCA High Point Awards

High Point Champion	Mike Canaday	Kit	60
High Point Reserve Champion	Walt Jagger	Dot	57
third	Maurice MacGregor	Robyn	46
fourth	Beverly Lambert	Fly	45
fifth	Cheryl Jagger	Tess	44
sixth	Vergil Holland	Sugar	40
seventh	Vergil Holland	Robin	37
eighth	Roger Deschambeault	Sue	36
ninth	Roger Deschambeault	Daisy	32
ninth	Edgar Gould	Jessie	32
ninth	Cheryl Jagger	Kim	32
tenth	Mike Canaday	Jill	24

### 1986 NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial

Champion	Mike Canaday	Sandy	177
Reserve Champion	Walt Jagger	Dot	174
third	Vergil Holland	Robin	166
fourth	Mike Canaday	Kit	165
fifth	Vergil Holand	Sugar	163
sixth	Cheryl Jagger	Kim	162
seventh	Mike Canaday	Jill	156
eighth	Cheryl Jagger	Tess	155
ninth	Barbara Leverett	Glen	150
tenth	Beverly Lambert	Fly	146

The Breeder's trophy donated by Edgar Gould went to A. H. Beaton, Lancashire, England.

The trophy for the Best Gather donated by John Hood went to Barbara Leverett.

Congratulations to all who participated and placed.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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BORDER COLLIE TRAINING SERVICES both for handler and dogs. For information call or write Cheryl Jagger, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

BORDER COLLIE PUPPY WANTED: Faith Rand is the shepherdess for a non-profit agriculture presevation organization called Land's Sake, which owns a flock of 24 sheep. Faith would like to train a border collie puppy to help with the flock, but cannot afford today's pup prices. If anyone has a pup from good working stock which needs a working home and loving family please call Faith' evenings at 617-899-5341. You'll also get a charitable tax deduction if you donate the pup to Land's Sake this year.

PARTIALLY TRAINED BC: Barbara Leverett has a year and a half old red female Border Collie for sale. She's good tempered, has lots of balance, and does a nice outrun. She's out of Edgar Gould's Mirk and Ceacy Griffin's Nell. For more information, call Barbara Leverett at 518-568-2833.

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