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EDITORS BARK

The minutes from the last two meetings (Cummington, MA and Hop Bottom, PA) are in this issue. PLEASE be sure to read them as there were some important issues discussed; particuallly the new Nursery Trial regualtions. Your input is necessary. You can address feed back as letters to your editors or by contacting the committee members or officers.

It's hard to believe that it's already July! My but time does fly! So here's an early reminder (and the only one you'll get!). The deadline for pertinent information for the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial is August 15th. We will be publishing another NEBCA NEWS shortly thereafter and will NOT come out with another until after the Championship Trial. Therefore if the newsletter is to highlight the Championship Trial, we will need the information by August 15. We can be somewhat flexible with this, but we MUST know by the deadline of any additional information to be included.

Anyone that has placed ads with us that were either not published in time (or not published at all--sorry) should contact us ASAP and we will credit you for a free ad.

It came to our attention at the Cummington meeting that the list of trial dates listed in the previous NEBCA NEWS was incorrect. We are amazed that we were not corrected for nearly two months after the incorrect list was published and quite frankly this is inexcusable! We know we make mistakes and are not at all bashful about admitting them. So PLEASE notify us when something is printed wrong ASAP. To carry this further, Denise requested (at the meeting) correction of the dates by the end of May--no responses were to be had--and

Kristen had to chase people down at the Hop Bottom Trial. We can't correct information if we neither know it is wrong or are not given the correct information. PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR EDITORS!!!!!!

The sources of information list attributed to Jack Monsour's article in Nancy Hayes's newsletter of some months back was originally published in the December 1985 NEBCA NEWS. Nancy tells us that she updated the list before publishing it in her newsletter, but was unaware that it had originated from the NEBCA NEWS. We certainly don't mind people using information from the NEBCA NEWS, as long as proper credit is given to its authors. This list is available as reprints from your editors and now through Pat and Mike Canaday.

That's it for the editors bark!

KPW and DAL

MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 1987, MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

The treasurer's report was read:

INCOME:

Transfer of pervious Supreme Champion Trophy FUND	\$ 150.00
Transfer of previous NEBCA treasury	\$1439.61
Receipts from calendar sales	\$1200.00
Pamphlet Receipts (Temp. FUND)	\$ 150.00
Income from judging clinic (see below for details)	\$ 320.25
Memberships/Breeder's Directory Listings	\$ 920.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 10.50
Total Income	\$4190.36

EXPENSES:

E.A. Hall Calendar deposits	\$1000.00
NEBCA Newsletter	\$ 92.32
Judging clinic expenses	\$ 250.00
Sheepdog Newsletter	\$ 246.00
Memorials	\$ 79.07
Bank service charges	\$ 17.96
Total Expenses	\$1685.10

Balance	\$2505.01
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Judging Clinic: Received in fees	\$ 400.00
Direct expenses	\$ 79.75
Instructor	\$ 250.00
Net Profit	\$ 70.25

Upcoming expenses to remember: Calendar, Fencing, Pamphlet bills.
Balance in Calendar Account: \$272.73

Crawford moved and Denise seconded approval of the Treasurer's report.
Denise gave the Newsletter report--the next newsletter will be out in mid to late June.

Lynnette gave the Nursery trials Report, reminding all that full information including registration number is needed on each dog in the Nursery Trials.

The trials committee will have a full report for the next meeting.

Calendar Committee: The 1988 calendars have arrived. The price was \$1982.00 for 550 calendars. The price of the calendars will be \$4.00/calendar in bulk and \$5.00/single calendar.

NEBCA Sales Committee: Pat Canaday said that Edgar Gould had suggested giving away at trials the remaining inventory of 1987 unsold calendars. 252 calendars on consignment remain unpaid, for a total of six individuals and four businesses. Denise moved and Dayle seconded that Pat should send notifications that outstanding unpaid-for calendars should either be paid for or returned to the calendar sales committee. Crawford moved and Bev seconded that the remaining 1987 calendars be used by the Calendar committee as free promotions for NEBCA.

Beverly gave a report of the just finished NEBCA Border Collie pamphlet. The price for these first 2000 pamphlets will be under \$300.00. Mike moved and Rick seconded that Beverly pass out reasonable numbers of the pamphlets to members to be distributed to interested people. The secretary will keep track of how many new members come from this brochure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of payment for the 1988 Calendars: Walt moved and Beverly seconded the motion that calendars be allowed to be taken on commission up until the Fall Championship Trial as a deadline. Motion passed. This alters the vote of the January meeting.

The secretary read a letter about OFA (hip dysplasia) testing in Border Collies and lists of US dogs that have passed their OFA tests. Denise moved and Walt seconded the motion that the NEBCA secretary keep these lists which any interested NEBCA members can receive by sending a (double stamped) SASE to the secretary.

Becky reported that the final bills are not yet in on the fencing.

Rick moved adjournment. Seconded by Lynn.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 14, 1987, MEETING

A brief meeting was held.

Walt moved and Beverly seconded that we dispense with the reading aloud of the minutes since they will be in the newsletter. Passed.

There were no committee reports except for the Nursery Trials Committee which is focusing on improving some situations not envisioned when the original rules were written. This committee stated that any certificate goes along with the dog if the dog changes handlers. This committee wants the membership to think about where all of the Nursery Trials are leading to. Committee members feel strongly that the Novice level class should be for beginning handlers with beginning level dogs. The committee wants the NEBCA membership to consider the following definitions:

Novice Class: for the handler who has never competed in an open trial--with a dog who has never run higher than novice class. Once the dog has gained 10 points, the dog and handler move to Pro-novice.

Pro-novice: 1) for the handler who has never placed in the top ten of an open trial--with a dog who has never competed in an open trial or 2) an "open" handler who has placed in the top ten of an open trial--with any dog who has never competed in an open or ranch trial. Once the dog has gained 10 points, the dog and handler move to ranch.

Ranch: 1) for the handler who has never finished in the top ten of an open trial--with any dog or 2) for any open handler--with a dog that has never

competed in an open trial. Once the dog earns 10 points in this class the handler and dog compete in Open.

To meet the request of the Nursery Trials Committee, Dave Webster moved and Beverly seconded the following: A dog competing in NEBCA sanctioned Nursery Trials can drop down one level per season if the dog changes handlers. The dog forfeits any points accumulated in its first level. A dog who changes handlers can drop down two classes but will not gain any points its first time running at the new level. Motion passed.

Steve moved adjournment, Seconded by Beverly.

Next meeting at the Rhode Island Open in July 12.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

We received the following letter from Betty Levin expressing thanks for the statue presented to her in memory of her husband Alvin.

Dear NEBCA members and friends:

I was stunned when Bonnie and Vergil brought the beautiful sheep and sheep dog model from all of you. It's more appropriate that many of you may realize, because Alvin was working sheep dogs before most of you, and he always loved to see a good dog work. The plaque says that the model comes from you with deepest appreciation. I'm sure you know how much Alvin appreciated and values you individually and the fellowship of NEBCA as well. For Alvin, and for myself, thank you.

Betty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** The deadline for the next NEBCA NEWS is August 15. We would also like all information on the Championship Trial that is available at that time.

** The next NEBCA meeting is after the NEBCA Nursery Trial at the Canaday Farm on August 1.

** 1988 Calendars are out and available from Pat and Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Road, Altamont, NY 12009, 518-861-6049. The price is \$5.00 plus shipping for a single calendar or \$4.00 plus shipping for lots of ten or more.

** 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. Check the newsletter for a complete list.

** It's time to start thinking about pictures for the 1989 calendar. We still have the pictures submitted for the 1988 calendar and will be sending them back to you shortly. Thanks all of you that submitted them, and sorry for the delay in their return. If, by any chance, you would like to resubmit them for 1989, please drop us a postcard.

The following article was submitted by Beverly Lambert. Due to its length it will be serialized. Reprints will be available from your editors.

N.E.B.C.A. JUDGING CLINIC WITH BRUCE FOGT

APRIL 24, 1987

Bruce is an adherent of J.M. Wilson's rules for judging sheep dog trials. The morning was spent with Bruce at the blackboard explaining and augmenting J.M.'s rules. The morning session finished with participants scoring a few runs diagrammed on paper. The afternoon session consisted of some actual judging of several runs. The following is a synopsis of Bruce's instructions arranged by phase of work.

OUTRUN/LIFT: OUTRUN 20 points LIFT 10 points:

The judge's job is to take points off of every variation from perfect work. Even if the work appeared nearly perfect but there was something the judge didn't like, but couldn't quite put his finger on--take off points--room must always be left for the perfect dog.

A perfect outrun is pear shaped with the dog in contact with the sheep but not disturbing them.



A dog that runs up the middle and swings around the sheep at the end loses 4 points. →



A dog running the fence who is "off contact" with his sheep would lose 1 or 2 points depending on how wide he ran. A dog running too tight is also subject to a loss of 1 or 2 points depending upon how tight the dog is. The size of the field must be taken into consideration in determining these point losses.

Redirecting a running dog is $\frac{1}{2}$ point deduction whether or not the dog takes the redirect. If the dog stops itself and is redirected lose 2 points. If the handler stops the dog and redirects it lose 3 points. If the handler gives the dog a "that'll do" command on the outrun it is the same as any other command lose $\frac{1}{2}$ point. If, however, the dog turns back to the handler or stops and sniffs the ground or otherwise loses contact with the sheep on the outrun lose 2 points.

A crossover occurs when the dog crosses the line between the sheep and the handler on its outrun. The minimum number of points lost from a crossover should be 10 or half the outrun points. In Bruce's opinion the only type of outrun that could result in this minimal point loss is a dog that crosses over at the handler's feet as soon as it is sent and otherwise has a perfect outrun.



Normally when a dog starts to crossover, the handler attempts to prevent it by stopping and redirecting the dog. Each stop and redirect would lose 3 points and the crossover 10 more. The closer to the sheep that the crossover occurs the more than 10 points that are deducted.

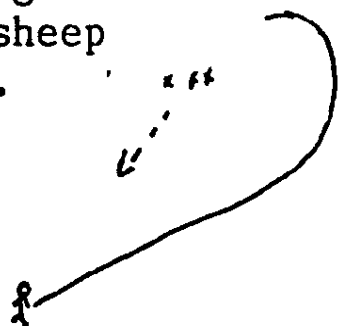
Finally a handler who walks to the post with his dog on the leash would lose 1 point. The handler should be given a reasonable time to send his dog (Bruce suggested a minute) and if the handler is taking too long the judge can tell him to send his dog or he will be disqualified.

The outrun ends when the dog makes contact with the sheep. This is the lift and it lasts for the first couple of feet that the sheep cover after the dog makes contact. The lift is the hardest part of the run to judge in Bruce's opinion. The lift usually lasts about 2 seconds and a score must be immediately assigned to it as the dog has gone on to the fetch.

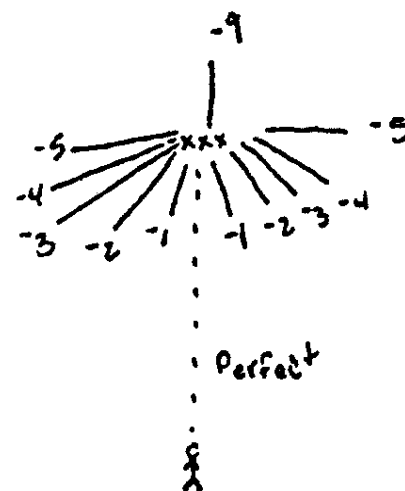
THE OUTRUN CANNOT BE JUDGED UNTIL THE LIFT IS COMPLETED.

If the sheep lift straight on to the handler then the dog is in the correct position. If the dog over ran the sheep lose $1\frac{1}{2}$ points or more depending upon the severity of the over run. If the dog stops short lose 2 or more depending upon the severity. If the dog pushes up hard to the release pen lose 5 points. You have to judge by how the dog is acting as it's not always possible to judge from the sheep-- especially when using a release pen.

A perfect lift is worth 10 points and must be smooth and straight from wherever the sheep are to the handler.

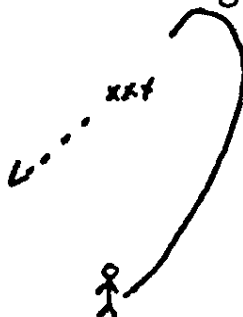


Bruce suggested setting up mental point zones for judging the lift. A little off perfect is $\frac{1}{2}$ point lost more off the perfect line is 1 or 2 points lost. Sheep lifting straight away from the handler is -9 points.



These point zones allow the judge to point all lifts uniformly. Sheep leaving the lift at an incorrect angle means the outrun was also wrong, (dog short or over ran) and usually results in an equal deduction from the out run and the lift.

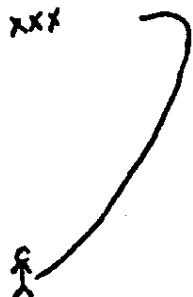
This will also result in a loss of points on the fetch as the sheep will be off line on the fetch.



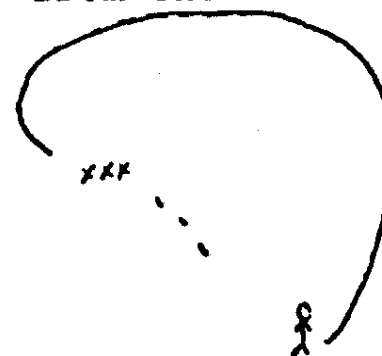
A dog that needs commands on the lift (usually for hesitation) loses $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 point for each command. Hesitation without commands is usually $\frac{1}{2}$ point lost. A dog zig zagging towards the lift (dog hesitant to make contact) loses 1 point for each jag off the straight approach. If the sheep jump away from the dog but go in the right direction (not a smooth lift) lose 2 points. If the sheep jump in the wrong direction lose 2 points plus a loss of point for lifting off line. A fast lift can cost 1 to 5 points depending upon how fast the sheep move.

On the out run and the lift the judging is based upon the actions of the dog. In the other phases of the work the position of the sheep is more heavily relied upon. When lifting from a pen the lift is made when the sheep attempt to move away from the dog.

A dog stopping short and moving in on the sheep who lift smoothly but 90° off line is a loss of 5 points stopped short and 5 points lifting off line.



If the sheep are drifting the dog must run far enough to cover the sheep. If the sheep lift straight to the handler than the out run was correct.



Although he would like to cut points for a dog being stopped at the end of the out run by the handler Bruce says J.M. Wilson said this was no loss of points and so he makes no deduction.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

It has come to our attention that there are new secretaries for both the North American Sheep Dog Society and the American Border Collie Association, INC.

They are as follows:

American Border Collie Association, Inc.
Mrs. Patty Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer
Rt 4, Box 255
Perkinston, MS, 39573
601-928-7551

North American Sheep Dog Society
Rossine Kirsch, Secretary
Rural Route 3
McLeansboro, IL 62589
618-757-2238

CONGRATULATIONS

The following dogs have earned ten points and have graduated to the next Nursery level:

Rick Trojanoski with Gretta graduates from Novice/Novice to Pro-Novice
Cheryl Jagger with Jen owned by Steve and Marge Krysak graduates from Pro-Novice to Ranch.

Walt Jagger with Lad graduates from Ranch to Open.

Roger Deschambeault with Cap graduates from Ranch to Open.

NEBCA ITEMS FOR SALE

The following is a list of items for sale through Mike and Pat Canaday. Profits go to benefite NEBCA. So, Help support your organization by purchasing NEBCA goods.

1988 NEBCA Calendars	\$ 5.00
Whistles (red)	\$ 2.00
Bumper Stickers	\$ 2.00
Decals	\$ 3.50
Patches	\$ 3.00
Crooks	\$10.00
Spoons--featuring a BC	\$ 5.00
Thimbles--featuring a BC	\$ 3.50

For information and shipping charges contact the Canadays at RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009, 518-861-6049.

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

The NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial will be held this year on October 17 & 18 at the Canaday Farm in Altamont, NY. Again this year there will be a dinner on the Saturday night of the trial. It will be catered, and RSVP and prepayment is requested. There will be a form in the next newsletter that can be sent to the Canadays to RSVP to the dinner. Pat Canaday says that there is alot of construction around their area and trial goers should call them for directions.

At the last NEBCA meeting (July 12) several committees were organized to help run the trial. This year's trial manager will be Iain Frances. He is soliciting volunteers to help set up the course, set out sheep, clear course,

etc. Contact Iain at 7145 Sweet Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052 or call 716-652-5445 between 8 or 9 PM and midnight; leave a message if you don't reach him directly.

Lynnette Milleville will be in charge of obtaining trophies and ribbons. Those wishing to help her can contact her at 203-342-4279.

Kristen Whittle will be in charge of publicity. Contact her at 413-549-5011.

NEBCA NURSERY TRIAL

The NEBCA Nursery Trial will be held at the Canaday Farm, Altamont, NY on Saturday, August 1. There will be three classes: Novice, Pro Novice and Ranch. Classes will be conducted according to the guidelines adopted by NEBCA. Proceeds will be used to pay for the awards and certificates in the NEBCA Nursery Trial program. Entry fee is \$10.00 per dog. For information contact Lynnette Milleville, Sand Hill Rd, Portland, CT 06480, 203-342-4279.

UPCOMING TRIAL DATES

Since we have had a hard time getting trial dates this year and Nancy Hayes prints a correct and very complete list of trials we will no longer be printing this column. We will continue to carry information about NEBCA trials.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

SHEPHERDESS SHOPPE: Featuring clothing with Border Collie insignias and Border Collie Items; Visors, Hats, Jackets, Sweaters, Key Chains, Pins, etc. A new line of Woolrich items available. For information call or write Cheryl Jagger, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

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.

REGISTERED BORDER COLLIE PUPS whelped 4/28 out of working parents. Bloodlines to Dryden Joe and Bosworth Coon. This litter of pups are guaranteed to work and a variety of colors are available--blue merle, blk & white and tri. Contact Lynn Deschambeault before 3 PM or after 9:30 PM at 603-939-2255 or write HCR Box 16, Ctr. Conway, NH 03813.

BC PUPS FOR SALE out of Anne Priest's Tess (Wiston Cap and Dryden's Jed lines) and Ceacy Griffin's Ben (Edgar Gould's Floss and Roy) Whelping June 13. Call 914-856-3209.

BORDER COLLIE PUPPIES: 3 males (1 red) and 5 females whelped 5/29/87. Out of Vergil holland's Robin and Sylvia Murray's Nell (out of Imp Jill--imported by Maurice MacGregor and Shep--by Pulfer's Craig and Dell). For information call Sylvia at 203-889-7777, evenings or write 294B Cossaduck Hill Rd., North Stonington, CT 06359.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE whelped March 8, 1987. Sired by Vergil Holland's Robin and out of Beverly Lambert's Kate (out of Lambert's Fly and Gould's Craig). Kate has great natural ability and is beginning her trial career this year. Two male left; one tricolor and one tan and white. Beverly Lambert, Tourtellot Rd. Chepachet, RI 02814 or 401-568-3162 evenings.

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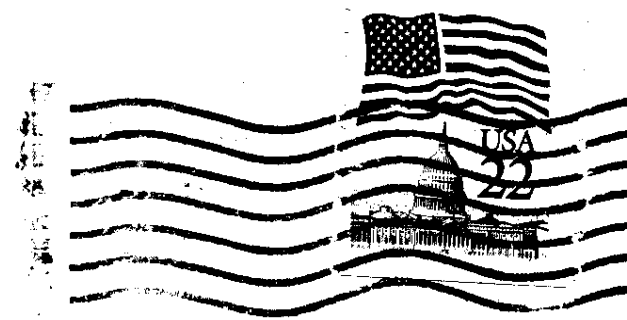
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