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REMINDER: Do NOT send your dues to the editors. Send them to the secretary if you want your renewal recorded in a timely fashion! Also, payment must accompany ads: we will not print ads that are received without payment, nor will we track people down for payment. Ads cost \$1.50 per issue and we reserve the right to edit. Ads for the next issue of the NEBCA NEWS should be received by the end of October.

The transition from the old secretary to the new secretary has not gone as smoothly as hoped and a discrepancy exists between membership lists. Those of you who receive notification with this newsletter that your membership is lapsing should renew immediately if you wish to remain a member. If you have already paid your 1987 dues, notify Doug McDonough, sec't, of this as soon as possible. We apologize for this inconvenience.

This issue of the newsletter will highlight the Championship Trial. Check it for details.

KPW & DAL

MINUTES OF MEETING ON JULY 12, 1987

Previous minutes were not read aloud since they were published in the newsletter. Treasurer gave a summary report: Bank Balance approximately \$1400, of which \$150 is the Supreme Trophy Fund. Bills outstanding include the

fencing and upcoming newsletters.

Newsletter editors said that the next deadline for submission for the next newsletter is August 15. Also, the NEBCA NEWS will not publish non-NEBCA trial dates since the Northeast Border Collie News already prints them and they want to reduce redundancy between newsletters.

The Trials Committee said that this year's Goshen Trial will count for points for the high point champion. Additionally, Iain Frances has agreed to be trial manager for the Fall Foliage Championship and volunteers are needed to assist him. The following motion was passed: "In the event that Alpo does not sponsor this year's Fall Foliage Trial, the trial manager is authorized to spend up to \$500 of NEBCA money to run the trial."

Mike Canaday brought up the subject of the working dog clinic for non-Border Collies and Border Collies alike, being held at his farm. David Presberg moved that "NEBCA should sanction Mike Canaday's sheepherding clinic to teach people how to work sheep." Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

Oct. 17 & 18 at the Canaday Farm, Altamont, NY.
Trial starts at noon on Saturday and 9 AM on Sunday.

Trial Manager: Iain Frances, 716-652-5445, evenings.
The following persons have agreed to serve as committee chairpersons. Please contact them in order to give volunteer assistance.

Publicity: Kristen Whittle, 413-549-5011

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Dot Frances, 716-652-5445.

Trial secretary and timer: Greg Brenner, 203-653-5460.

Exhaust control: Paul Heidenburg, Rt. 26, Climax, NY 12042

Sheep handling: Iain Frances and Vergil Holland's Catskill Crew.

Everyone will be on their own for Friday night supper. We can order out.
Coffee and donuts will be available Saturday morning.

Lunch will be available Sat. and Sun. from a 4-H club.

There will be a steak and chicken BarB-Q on Saturday night and a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. A flat charge of \$5.00 per person covers dinner and breakfast if your order is placed by October 11: use the form included at the end of the newsletter and send RSVP with check to Iain Frances. Please indicate choice of steak or chicken so supplies will be adequate. Persons deciding after Oct. 11 will be welcome, but will be stiffed for \$7.00 to cover dinner and breakfast. Committee needs some volunteer home-made desserts.

The following dogs and handlers have qualified (as of Sept 8) for this trial. Order in this list is by total points accumulated this trial season. For those of you new to NEBCA, dogs and handlers accumulate points by placing in the top ten at any NEBCA qualifying trial. In addition, any dog placing in the top ten in three NEBCA qualifying trials is eligible to run in the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial. Each dog running in the Championship Trial is given three runs and the top two scores are used to determine placing. Awards are given to the top ten points winners during the trial season as well as the top ten

dogs placing in the Championship Trial. In addition, if a dog and handler win both the High Points award and the Championship Trial, they also win a Supreme Champion award.

<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Points</u>	
Beverly Lambert	Fly	66	1
Walt Jagger	Dot	56	2
Mike Canaday	Kit	41	4
Cheryl Jagger	Kim	41 + 10 = 51	3
Cheryl Jagger	Tess	34	5
Mike Canaday	Sandy	33	
Walt Jagger	Jill	32 + 9 = 41	4
Roger Deschambeault	Sue	31	6
Maurice MacGregor	Robyn	25 + 1 = 26	8
Roger Deschambeault	Daisy	25	9
Steve Wetmore	Jill	24 + 2 = 26	8
Vergil Holland	Robin	23	10
Beverly Lambert	Kate	21 + 8 = 29	7
Roger Deschambeault	Cap	19 + 5 = 24	
Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	13	
Walt Jagger	Tweed	11	
Beverly Lambert	Mac	7 + 6 = 13	

NURSERY TRIAL GRADUATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS! The following dogs and handlers have graduated to the next Nursery level. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded at the Championship Trial to all those dogs who have graduated from Nursery classes.

Iain Frances and Pip graduate from Ranch.

Paul Heidenburg and Coby graduate from Ranch.

Dick Williams and both Mac and Dudley graduate from Novice.

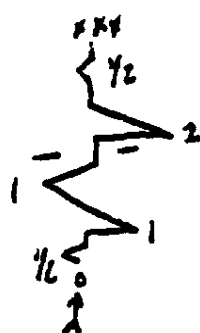
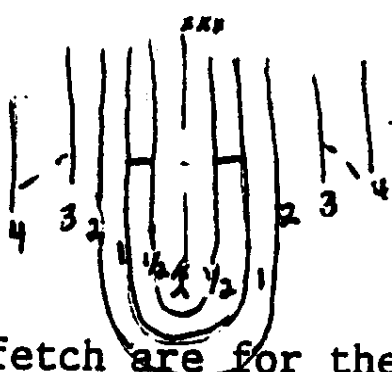
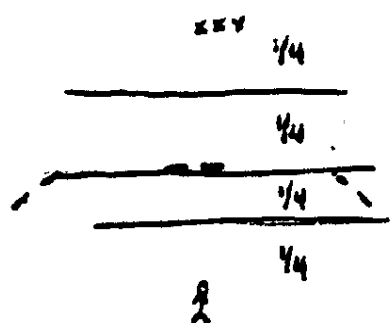
Gwen Cassel and Pen graduate from Novice.

NEBCA JUDGING CLINIC WITH BRUCE FOGT, PART TWO, by Beverly Lambert

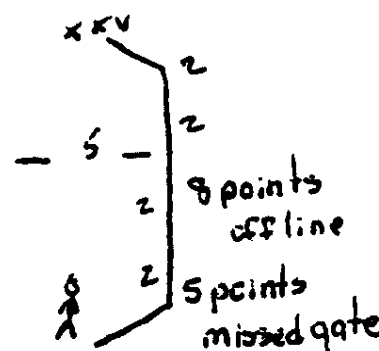
FETCH: 20 points:

Bruce would divide the field into quarters along the fetch line. These quarters help the judge to estimate distance when the sheep are off line. Bruce then mentally divides the field into point zones. The opening between the fetch gates should be 21 feet. A perfect line resulting in no loss of points is the center of the opening or about 3 feet either side of this line. Sheep going through the gates but off the perfect line would be subject to loss of points ($\frac{1}{2}$ point off line but inside the fetch gates).

The quarters that the field is divided into are a measure of distance to help the judge determine how long the sheep have been off the line. Off line $\frac{1}{4}$ of the field is $\frac{1}{2}$ point, $\frac{1}{2}$ the field is another $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Sheep off line a little bit the whole fetch would be 2 points. Sheep zig zagging lose points each time they go off line. How many points they lose depends upon what point zone they zag into.



5 points off fetch



Loss of points on the fetch are for the whole bunch of sheep—one sheep off line in the $\frac{1}{2}$ point zone might be $\frac{1}{2}$ point.

If the sheep miss the gate lose 5 points. Any time that the dog crosses the course between the sheep and the obstacle that the sheep are headed for its a loss of 4 points. The dog heading the sheep and unnecessarily stopping their line to the obstacle (but not crossing the course) take 1 or 2 points. If the sheep bolt down the field angling away from the fetch gate its okay for the dog to stop them and put them directly back on line—the only points lost would be for off line. If the sheep bolt straight down the field for the handler with the dog left laying down on the lift 1 or 2 points off for the dog out of contact.

The fetch ends when the sheep cross the fetch line behind the post. The point zones are continued down the field and around the post so deductions for too wide on the turn depend upon what zone the sheep have moved into. If the sheep turn in front of the post or turn the wrong way around the post lose 2 points. If the sheep are bolting on the turn and the dog heads them lose 4 points for crossing the course. This is better than losing the sheep. A wide turn is usually 2 points off the fetch. If the sheep stay out there for the beginning of the drive then 2 points off the drive as well. If the sheep stop to graze dog is out of contact lose $\frac{1}{2}$ point or more if it persists. If the dog barks while working lose at least 1 point.



DRIVE: 30 points:

Once again use point zones and divide the drive into 3 parts (drive away, cross drive, and return) to help tell when the sheep have been off line so long that they should have another deduction of points. The turns at the gates should be tight. If the sheep go wide deduct points according to which point zone they moved into. Lose 5 points for a close miss of the gate by all sheep. 2 points lost if 1 sheep misses, 3 points if 2 miss. Its not always possible to judge the line on the crossdrive until the sheep have reached the second drive gates. The judge should then look back at the cross drive and calculate the point losses accordingly. Each time the sheep are turned on the cross drive they are either moving off line or they were off line and are being put back on line.

If at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cross drive are not completed than that phase of work wasn't completed and the dog can't earn any more points in the trial. A dog driving the sheep to the fetch gate instead of the drive gate earns no points for the drive or the rest of the course since he didn't complete that phase of work.

PEN: 10 points:

The judge should select a point 15 to 30 feet from the pen on the 3rd leg of the drive. When the sheep cross this line the drive ends and pen begins. The same point zones used on the fetch and drive apply to the pen. If the sheep circle the pen up close

lose 2 points. If one sheep circles the pen closely lose 1 point. If the sheep circle the pen in the 3 or 4 point zones deductions are made from the pen score accordingly. If the sheep are all in the pen and break out lose 5 points or half of the penning points plus possibly more if they run away from the pen into the point zones. If the handler pushes the sheep into the pen lose 5 points. If the dog is out of contact when the sheep are penned lose 1 or 2 points depending upon how far out of contact (heavy point loss for the dog laying at the back of the pen). If the handler artificially holds some of the sheep in the pen (closes the gate) while others circle lose 2 points. Slamming the pen gate or leaving the gate open after completion of the pen costs 1 point.

SHED: 10 points:

When going from the pen to a specific area to shed if the dog crosses between the sheep and the shedding area lose 4 points for crossing the course. Ideally the handler should be in the shedding ring first followed by the sheep and then the dog, but there is usually no deduction if the sheep arrive first. Sheep traveling off line to the shedding ring are subject to a loss of points. Each time sheep get out of the shedding ring a loss of 1 or more points depending upon how far out they go. The normal shed is the last 2 sheep on the head. If the first 2 sheep are taken lose 3 points. If the dog turns on the wrong sheep lose 3 points. If the handler does the shed lose 1 to 5 points depending upon how quickly the dog comes through and takes control. If the dog is called and doesn't come through lose 5 points (or half the remaining shedding points). Judge can deduct points for no attempts made (a lot of circling and the sheep don't split). Missed opportunity to shed, lose 1 point. Take the sheep on the tail (sheep not all strung out and facing in the right direction) is also a loss of points. If all of the sheep are not in the shedding ring there can be no shed.

GRIPS:

The judge must decide at the beginning of the trial what the deduction will be for grips and be consistent throughout the day. There must always be a loss of points for a grip. A grip on the nose to move a balky ewe may be $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 points. Always remember that some other dog could have moved the sheep without the grip. Flank grip could cost 5 points. A flank grip that hangs on lose 10 points up to a disqualification. In totally uncalled for situations lose 10 points or disqualification. A handler can't lose more points for any phase of work than that phase is worth except for grips which can be deducted from the final score if all of the points in the phase of work where the grip occurs have already been lost.

FINALLY:

Bruce always give 10% of the possible points in any phase of work for the dog who completes the phase. A terrible out run with a cross over and several redirects would not lose more than 18 points if the dog gets to the sheep. There must be room left for the dog who does worse work. Also the dog that does seemingly perfect work that appears not quite right to the judge (a little slow, not keen enough) may lose $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 point leaving room at the top for the perfect run.

The Judge decides whether or not to grant a rerun. A handler may ask for a rerun up to the time the sheep turn at the post. The judge may decide to grant a rerun at any point. Bruce feels that the only justifications for a rerun are unfit sheep or outside interference (another dog on the course). If a rerun is granted, points start where the first run was stopped by the judge. A sheep laying down or a ewe that refuses to flock, unless there is an apparent physical cause, is probably the dog wrong and will cost the dog points and not result in a rerun.

The judge sets the time for the course.

Bruce repeatedly reminded everyone that the judge is called a judge because he is required to use his judgement. This is what he is being paid to do--make judgement calls. The judge doesn't have time to think about his scoring of the dog. The activity moves so quickly that he must know before he starts how many points each error will cost. This is especially true on the outrun/lift/fetch.

The judge doesn't have to accept any arguments from contestants and can disqualify any contestants' improper conduct. Also the judge must judge every run remembering that all the contestants paid for his judgement and it's very important to every handler that he be properly placed even if he isn't in the money.

NEW ITEMS FOR SALE TO BENEFIT NEBCA

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