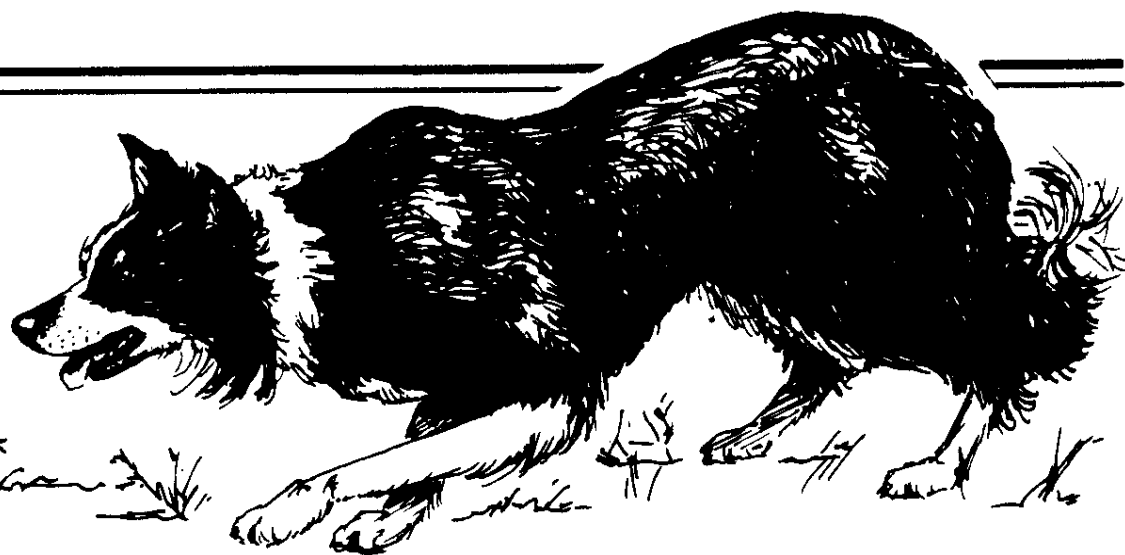


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"SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON..."



NEBCA SOLDIERS IN ACTION

You're Not Alone

Since the days of the 7th Cavalry of the Civil and Indian Wars in this Country, when women wore a yellow ribbon to show their love, devotion, respect and longing for their fighting men in the Wars, the Yellow Ribbon has been worn and immortalized in song and picture to show support for our fighting Troops in Faraway Lands. It is THE Symbol of our dedication to their cause and our strong desire to see them return safely to their loved ones.



2nd Lt. Janet Larson
001-56-2047
Operation Desert Storm
B-CO 45th Forward Support BN
APO New York, NY 09681-6230.

Please send us names and addresses of any of our members, your family or loved ones, who are also serving our Country as part of Operation Desert Storm!! Our members make up a strong body of support that can be called to their aid.

**THIS MONTH, THE EDITORS
OF NEBCA NEWS, THE
NEBCA OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS PRESENT WISH
TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT
FOR OUR FIGHTING TROOPS
BY DEDICATING THIS ISSUE
TO THEM.**

At least one of our members is in Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Storm. We are sure that there are more, but we have not heard from the rest of you on who they are. Please contact us with their name and address!!

2ND Lieutenant Janet Larson

In the picture above, is Janet Larson. Janet is a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Saudi Arabia. She is the author of "The Versatile Border Collie" (from which we borrowed the picture) and has been very active in our club as well as trialing.

**We send our FONDEST RESPECT
AND SUPPORT to Janet. PLEASE RE-
TURN HOME SAFELY TO US!!**

You may send her your own words of encouragement and support by mail at the following address:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31 for each year. Renewals were due on January 1, 1991, except for new members who have joined after July 1, 1990. Check your Mailing Label. This may be your last issue of NEBCA NEWS. Send dues and renewal to the Secretary:

Lynn Deschambeault
Merlynn Kennels
RR1 Box 897B
Bridgton, ME 04009

EDITORS' NOTES

Your two NEBCA NEWS editors would like to welcome you to our second year as your editors. Unfortunately, as Steve began his message with, we are in troubled times. About the only sanity there is in all of this nonsense is the friendship and belonging that comes with the kind of people that belong to NEBCA. YOU are the force that lends a sense of reality and down-to-earth solidity to all of this mess that surrounds us.

But let's look at all of this from a different set of eyes. If we feel this "what is going wrong -- who is steering our ship" in the comfort of our own homes, what do you think our soldiers are feeling as they sit in the middle of a WAR in the SANDS OF SAUDI ARABIA? That is why we,

the editors; the officers of NEBCA; and all members who attended this year's Annual Meeting voted unanimously to dedicate this issue of the NEBCA NEWS to our soldiers of Operation Desert Storm, as a show of support for their sacrifice to us and our country.

Meanwhile, we at home must go on with OUR lives. We should choose not to forget our soldiers, but we must go on. "ON" for many who are reading this means -- Border Collies.

This issue, traditionally, has been the Trials Committees' reports and Annual Meeting Supplement issue. We will continue that tradition with the only exception being our Cover. As you read through the rules changes and decisions made by the members present at the Annual

Meeting, please give some thought to what they might mean to you. Steve tried very hard to recognize the entire membership as decisions were made.

We are very pleased to report that the members have approved a proposal that this Newsletter be mailed out by First Class Mail. You should see dramatically improved service (at least from the Post Office). Although this issue is a bit behind schedule, we will try to get better with the other issues.

Please remember to get to us with the names and addresses of other members, friends or relatives who may be serving in the Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf. We would like to publish their addresses so that other NEBCA members can write to them. With a lot of luck and

the help of God, this war will be over by the time we next go to press. But, it sure looks like our troops will have to be there for some extended time.

Gene & Lynne Sheninger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Stephen Wetmore

..1991.. the beginning of the last decade of the twentieth century. We are starting the year filled with uncertainty. The economy of our country is down and we are fighting a war in the Middle East. Even so, I have enjoyed this last year as the President of NEBCA and am looking forward to our next year together. And, I'm heartened by our Association and the friends I have made here.

You will read that our membership is growing, that our financial outlook is good and that we are accomplishing our goal of furthering the Border Collie breed. We

have grown from a small, local club to a large club with a membership that ranges from Canada to Florida and extends as far west as California. This year the American Border Collie Club plans to hold their annual meeting at one of our trials.

In the past, we have concentrated our efforts on our trials; their structure, rules and champions. This emphasis is not bad, but it may be too shallow. We must also give consideration to the broader interests of the majority of our members. Our annual meeting was attended by only 35 of our 340 members. That means that about 10% of the membership has set the direction for the rest. I tried to be very careful, as decisions were made, to guide those deci-

sions towards what was best for the majority of the membership. I believe we came close to that goal.

For the year 1991, let's not forget that the goal of NEBCA is to advance the Border Collie Breed. Our trials are designed to do that. We are always looking for the best of the Breed: trying to eliminate undesirable traits such as Hip Dysplasia, and eye diseases. But we cannot let our egos get in the way of sound judgment. We must choose the best of our breed -- NOT try to make ourselves the best of the BREEDERS. For 1991, let's remember our Border Collies. Let's do what is best for them, NOT what is necessarily best for ourselves.

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DISPLAY ADVERTISING

Prices are for camera ready ads. Display Advertising will only appear in the 4 quarterly issues:

	Single Issues	1 year (4 issues)
Business Card (7x1 1/2")	\$15	\$50
1/4 Page	\$35	\$100
1/2 Page	\$50	\$150
Full Page	\$75	\$225

non-members add 20%

If choosing the yearly price, ad may not change for the entire four issues without an additional fee.

1991 NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING DEERFIELD, MA

The NEBCA Annual Meeting was held at the Deerfield Fire Station in Deerfield, MA. The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Wetmore at 10:20 AM. Steve reminded all members present to pay their dues, if not already paid, before leaving.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was read by Lynn Deschambeault and was accepted as read (Attached on page 9).

Treasurer's Report

Dee Woessner gave the Treasurer's Report and this was accepted as read (Attached on page 4).

Steve Wetmore thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and pointed out that we were a small percentage of the actual NEBCA membership (approximately 35 members were present) and encouraged us, as we discussed the proposed changes in our trial system, to vote for what we felt would benefit the majority of our members.

Steve complimented Gene and Lynne Sheninger on the excellent quality of the newsletter and expressed how fortunate NEBCA has been to have someone willing to undertake the work involved in putting the newsletter together.

Newsletter

The newsletter will continue as last year with nine issues going out. The cost of the newsletters are approximately \$4.50 per person. Our printing costs will be increas-

ing, as Lynne's printing costs are going to increase.

Gene reported that Lynne (who was absent but whom we all thank for her excellent work on the newsletter) has put together a notebook containing, to the best of her knowledge, every newsletter that NEBCA has ever printed. This was available at the meeting for anyone to look at, and will be available at trials for the use of our members at the trial.

Gene reported that our membership list is a valuable commodity and wondered if it should be given out. It was decided, by the majority, not to give it out and to not make the membership list available to the membership at large. The members of the executive committee will have access to the membership list.

The trial supplement issue will be printed in April, in which, for \$15.00, you can advertise your trial.

It was decided that letters to the editor will not be run, although some have been received.

NEBCA NEWS GOES FIRST CLASS

FROM THIS ISSUE ON,
WE WILL BE MAILING
OUT THE NEWSLETTER
BY FIRST CLASS POST-
AGE.

Pamphlets

Steve Wetmore reported that we had 2,000 pamphlets printed; these were received in October. The printer had printed the secretary's old address and phone number, so he printed 2,000 self-adhesive stickers with her name and new address to place over the incorrect address. The printer will send the balance of the stickers as soon as he is

able. Several members applied the stickers to the pamphlets before the meeting began. Two stickers are required for each pamphlet so half of the pamphlets are done; the other half will be finished when the stickers come from the printer.

Steve recommends that next time we have the pamphlet done that we have it copied, not printed, as copying is much less expensive and the quality is almost as good.

Lending Library

The library was at the meeting. Beverly Lambert reported on the Lending Library. The \$200 allocated last year to purchase Jim Clark's videos was never spent. Dee Woessner has these videos and offered to sell them to NEBCA at 25% off the original purchase price. It was decided unanimously to purchase these tapes from Dee. It was also unanimously decided to spend an additional \$100 to purchase a book and the new Erwin Kopp's training tape. Beverly stated that the training videos are much more popular than the tapes of the International trials, and that anything that has had a review in the newsletter has a long waiting list.

Calendars

Steve reported that of the 1,125 calendars, 450 were left to sell and 180 are still out on credit. Anyone wishing to purchase the 1990 calendar can contact Steve Wetmore. Quantity discounts are still available.

A motion was made to have the calendar committee (Becky Peterson, Kristen Whittle and Denise Leonard) put the calendar together and to order the number of calendars (800 to 1000) they feel we

can sell, and is the best price. This was seconded and passed.

Futurity

Beverly Lambert reported that there are 14 dogs entered in the 1991 Futurity with a \$1,200 purse. There are several possible sites for the '91 Futurity, all in New York. No decision has been made yet, but the date and site of the Futurity will be published in the newsletter.

There are presently nine dogs entered in the 1992 Futurity.

A dog must be entered in the Futurity trial 60 days prior to the trial.

Beverly motioned that NEBCA spend \$500.00 for the '91 Futurity (\$200 was spent in 1990), this motion was seconded but did not pass. Walt Jagger motioned that NEBCA spend \$250.00 on the '91 Futurity. This was seconded and passed.

**ALL PAYMENTS AND
LATE FEES FOR DOGS
ELIGIBLE FOR THE 1991
FUTURITY MUST BE RE-
CEIVED NO LATER THAN
APRIL 1, 1991. FURTHER
FUTURITY RULE
CHANGES WILL BE PUB-
LISHED IN MARCH.**

Bev motioned that effective 1991 all Futurity entries must be made prior to the dog's first birthday. This passed. Bev motioned that all '91 Futurity entries must be entered in the Futurity trial by April 1, 1991. This was seconded and passed.

Fall Foliage Trial

A three member volunteer committee was appointed at the '90 Fall Foliage Trial to

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NEBCA TREASURER'S REPORT, 1990

The duties of Secretary/Treasurer were split this year. I started gradually taking over the duties of Treasurer in July. I've tried to make this a complete report for the year 1990, but I clearly have gotten some income or expenses into the wrong categories.

Balance as of 1 Jan. 1991:

\$4684.40 plus **\$2988.66** in Lynn Deschambeault's account for a total in the NEBCA Treasury of **\$7673.06**

(Of this balance \$1150 is futurity money for 1991, and \$300 is futurity money for 1992. A bill for \$836.21 for printing brochures has not yet been paid. The supreme championship trophy fund contains \$150.)

Actual useable balance **\$5386.85.**

Calendars

Printing (1125 calendars) **\$3128.60**
Postage **\$305.14**
Advertising **\$168.80**
Total cost **\$3602.54**
Income from calendars through December **\$2587.00**

Fall Foliage

Printing costs **\$148**
Judge **\$400**
Dinner **\$22** (\$162 paid for dinner, \$140 cash collected)
Trophies & chairs **\$387.63**
Total cost **\$1074.39**
Income from program ads **\$825** paid (additional \$125 unpaid)

Other Income

Memberships **\$2839**
Rent on fencing **\$170**
Interest **\$74.37**
Library fees **\$17**
Ads **\$328.90**

Other Expenses

Newsletter
Printing and postage **\$1108.82**
Bulk mailing permit **\$120**
Total cost **\$1228.82**
Library purchase - video **\$59**
High point trophies (chairs) **\$267.62**
Operating expenses (office supplies, phone, checks, bank charges) **\$395.67**
Insurance **\$200**
T-shirts **\$385**

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Woessner

Meeting Minutes continued

get the '91 Fall Foliage Trial together. There are two possible trial sites, both in New York State. One is on Vergil Holland's farm and the other is at an Irish Festival held Columbus Day weekend in New Durham, NY. NEBCA will receive a percentage of the gate if held at the Irish Festival. At this writing, there has been no decision on the site. The committee will investigate the site of the Irish Festival as soon as practical. After that visit, there will be a decision and an announcement in the Newsletter.

Nursery Trial Committee

Eve Marschark explained the three proposals put forth by the Nursery Trial Committee. Steve Wetmore asked which proposal the Committee recommended. They felt Proposal C with the stipulation that competitors be allowed to accumulate 20 points (in all three classes) before being made to advance to the next class. This motion passed (see article on the final rule as it will stand during the 1991 trial season on page 9).

Eve motioned that NEBCA recommend that trial managers hold a class for junior handlers, in which the junior handlers be allowed to run any dog, open dogs included. Motion passed.

Eve passed out 23 plaques to people whose dogs had graduated from the Nursery Classes.

Beverly Lambert commended the work done by the Nursery Trial Committee.

Trial Committee

Becky Peterson explained the two proposals put forth by the Trials Committee for the high point competition and the Fall Foliage Trial; the

third option was to leave the system as it was last year. Option 1 had 4 votes, Option 2 had 20 votes and Option 3 (to leave alone) had 2 votes. Option 2 passed (see article on the details of the final rule on page 7).

Fall Foliage Trial

Option 1 had 2 votes, Option 2 had 17 votes, Option 3 (to leave the same as last year) no votes. Option 2 passed (see article on Fall Foliage rules for accumulating points on page 7)

To qualify for the championship a dog must place in the top ten four times at qualifying trials (a qualifying trial must have at least 12 open dogs competing). All dogs qualifying for the championship will run in the first go round, of these the top 15 dogs will run twice the second day. The best 2 runs of each dog will be combined to come up with the final placings.

**DON'T FORGET!!!
1991 CALENDARS
ARE STILL ON
SALE. VOLUME
DISCOUNTS ARE
AVAILABLE**

New Business

Cheryl Jagger Williams reported to us that one of our members, Janet Larson, is serving in Saudi Arabia and recommended that we print her address and encourage members to write to Janet at: 2nd Lt. Janet Larson, Operation Desert Shield BCO 45th, Forward Support BN, APO NY 09681-6230. We were also asked to sign a book which will be sent to Janet. We will also print in the news-

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letter the address of any NEBCA members serving in Saudi Arabia.

Gene proposed that he print a booklet of NEBCA's by-laws, rules and a code of ethics. He will set the booklet up so that it can be updated yearly by graying out the changed portions. This booklet will be sent to active trial competitors and to members that request it. This passed.

Walt Jagger motioned that we elect a board of directors in place of the Trials Committee. The present members of the Trials Committee will serve on the board until their term is up. Passed. Doug McDonough, Cheryl Jagger Williams and Vergil Holland will make up the committee to change the by-laws to contain a board of directors instead of a Trials Committee.

Beverly Lambert reported that the American Border Collie Association is considering holding their annual meeting at the Nearfield Farm Trial in E. Conway, NH. Beverly motioned that NEBCA match the \$350.00 the ABC

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DEADLINE INFORMATION

For the April Trial Supplement issue, we will take copy up to March 15. A single page ad (camera ready) is \$15.00. For anyone who wants a double-sided ad the cost is \$20.00. Please get us your copy early so we can plan the layout.

MUSINGS OF A NOVICE HANDLER

by Ken Sigel

The 1990 trial season is over and I thought it might be useful for the professionals among you, the novices and the would-be novices to look at this season through the eyes of a seasoned NOVICE. First, it is important to recognize that we are allowed to compete in these trials because someone agrees to put on a trial. It is a tremendous amount of work, and I, for one, am not sure why anyone puts up with it all. But they do, and they all work hard to put on these trials and keep the whole thing going.

Most of the time the sportsmanship and fellowship have been first class. However, sometimes there are a few among us who take things too seriously and once in a while lose perspective. Here are some things I, as a seasoned novice, have learned from the few who have come to take sheepdog trials as ranking just a notch below nuclear war in overall seriousness.

- If one ewe splits on a ranch run, complain and insist she not be run again. Don't forget the next class is Open and you could end up with her. Never mind that the dog has just come on like an express train, rattled the sheep, sliced a flank (all at a full gallop), and sent the sheep slamming into a panel. One point which I didn't get - if she was so bad that the open dogs couldn't work her, why didn't that ranch dog get a rerun, or at least some bonus points (not unlike the difficulty points in figure skating).

- If the scores are not high enough, never let the public think that the dogs are doing anything wrong. This could reflect badly on your image, cut the amount of TV cover-

age and sneaker endorsements you get next season. Instead go right into action. Come off the field, grab the P.A. and explain to the audience that these are the best dogs in the Northeast, they really can pen the sheep, but the sheep at this trial are not suitably dog broke. Sure, somebody may ask you: "Do they train the sheep as well?" You just have to ignore that question. In fact you probably won't even have time to answer. You will have to high tail it out of there before somebody pens the sheep and you look the fool.

- If you need to train your 10 month old dog, the exhaust area is the best place to do it. Ignore the fact that the trial manager has sent someone out to exhaust sheep with a suitably experienced dog. Just tell him in no uncertain terms that you came here to give this puppy experience and push on in. Odds are that the other fellow will back down, and you can then let your puppy chase sheep all afternoon. Maybe not the best training, but puppy did have a long ride, can use the exercise and it won't hurt the sheep to be run all over the exhaust pen too much.

- Sometimes the sheep are not in great (or good) physical shape. Never offer to help the sheep crew at 6:30 AM sorting out the bad ones. Just wait until you are in front of others and tell the guy putting on the trial what you really think. Of course this can hardly be called constructive criticism, but then again you paid your money so fire away.

- If your dog grips, let him hang on. What the heck, the run is already over. Let him get it out of his system. He'll feel more relaxed and the sheep will have learned a lesson for next time. Given the ovine capacity for abstract thought, that ewe will be fully settled for her next time out.

- If you run out of time at the pen, kick the gate when you slam it. This way everybody will know that you wished you had not run out of time.

- Never look things over, decide that you and Fido aren't up to it and withdraw. Operate under the theory that once you've paid your money you are entitled to: (a) docile sheep that will cover you and your dog's errors; (b) run at precisely the time you prefer; (c) pen the sheep no matter where your dog is or how he behaves; (d) a score over ninety (you'll even take a second or third for every two firsts); and (e) complain aloud with fervor as soon as the thought enters your mind (ignore that fact that some poor S.O.B. has spent \$1,000 and endless hours putting the whole thing together).

I wished I had invented all these behaviors, but I haven't. Anyway, I thought a light-hearted look at the small percentage of poor sportsmanship, and it really is a very small percentage, might be in order. And, I will be out next season. There are too many good people in our club to let the few times that someone slips spoil it all.

See you in the Spring.

Nursery Trials Committee Change

Lynnette Milleville, who has served for several years as the Nursery Trials Committee Chairperson, has decided to step down. She is being replaced by Eve Marschark, who has been serving unofficially as chairperson for the past year. We all thank Lynnette for the time and effort she has devoted on the Nursery Trials.

Use this membership form for new members or a renewal. Renewals are due on January 1, 1991 for current members. Be sure to send it to Lynn Deschambeault. Any NEW member who joined after July 1, 1990 need not renew until January 1, 1992. The 1992 Breeders List Deadline is January 31, 1992 *

Northeast Border Collie Association Membership Application

NAME _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
 PHONE _____

BREEDERS LISTING:
(maximum five lines)

Mail to:

Lynn Deschambeault
 RR 1, Box 897B
 Bridgton, ME 04009

Annual Membership -- Individual \$10.00 _____

Family or Farm --\$15.00 _____

Annual Breeders Directory -- \$10.00
 (for 1992) _____

Make checks payable to NEBCA

TOTAL _____

* Subscription to the Breeders Directory runs for the entire year. It entitles the Breeder to be listed in every issue of the NEBCA News, the NEBCA Calendar for the upcoming year, and all NEBCA promotional literature. Although listings are closed for 1991, you may wish to sign up now for 1992.

CLASSIFIED:

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Hobart, NY 13788 (607)538-9160.

GLASS PLUS: Featuring custom made stained glass Border Collies; single Border Collies, Border Collie and sheep, heads, plaques, panels, suncatchers, etc. A large variety of sheep items as well as other breed dogs available. For information call or write Ellen Squier, 198 Rose Hill Rd., Portland, CT 06480, (203)342-4081.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS out of Beverly Lambert's Boot and Mike Canaday's Sandy (former Fall Foliage Champion and winner of many trials) due in early February. This will be Boot's first litter but Sandy has produced many good pups and both dogs are

very well bred. For more information call Beverly Lambert (207)525-3223.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS out of Mike Canaday's Ben and Jill (formerly Mimi Marcani's) born Dec. 1, ready to go now. Good size and well marked. Contact Mike or Pat Canaday (518)861-6049.

NEED SOME DOG BROKE SHEEP to work your dog on? A small area for beginners or a larger field for the more advanced. Reasonable rates. Call Gabe Merrill (207)935-2520, Misty Lane Border Collies, Brownfield, Maine 04010.

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FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

All open trials meeting the Guidelines will be qualifying trials. All NEBCA dogs (i.e., handler resides in the NEBCA region) placing in the top ten (as judged, with all ties broken) at 4 qualifying trials will be eligible to compete in the Fall Foliage Championship.

In the event that a handler qualifies 3 or more dogs to run, he may only run 2 dogs but may choose which two of his own qualified dogs he will run.

All dogs competing will run 2 times. The 10 dogs with the best single scores of either the first or second run will run a third time in the final round. If 2 or more dogs are tied for 10th and 11th place in the preliminary standings, then the lower of each dog's 2 scores will be used to break their tie. It will not affect any other standings. If the tie cannot be broken with the lower run, then both dogs still tied for 10th place will run in the final round.

After the "Top Ten" dogs run in the final round, a dog's final placing will be made according to his combined score of his best 2 out of 3 runs, no matter which runs they are.

This should allow more handlers to participate in the Fall Foliage Championship Trial and still keep the total number of runs at a manageable level.

GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFYING TRIALS

For the purpose of qualifying trials for the Northeast Border Collie Association

1) Trials must be held in the Northeast Region. This region will be as follows:

- a) New England States (ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI)
 - b) New York
 - c) New Jersey
 - d) Pennsylvania
 - e) Canadian Provinces of Quebec, Atlantic Maritime, Ontario
- (1/7/89)

2) The class may not have a limit of the total number of dogs entered, but may have a limit of dogs per handler. If a high limit does exist, the trial may be approved as a qualifying trial as long as no NEBCA member from the Northeast Region is turned away by the entry deadline. (5/7/88)

3) A trial must have a minimum of 12 open dogs competing in the open class to be a Qualifying Trial. (1/19/91)

4) The class will be judged by a qualified person approved by the NEBCA. A list of qualified judges is available from the Association.

RULES FOR ASSIGNING POINTS TOWARD NEBCA HIGH-POINTS COMPETITION

All qualifying trials (as per guidelines) will be used toward High-Points Competition. At the end of the season, all points for each dog's best 12 trials will be tallied using the 12 trials in which he attained the most NEBCA points.

In an effort to suggest that handlers get out to compete at a variety of trials, no more than 4 trials per state will be included in a dog's 12 best trials.

At each qualifying trial, the judge will place the top 10 dogs (all ties will be broken by the judge). The top ten dogs will receive points according to the number of dogs they place above. If a handler has 3 dogs in the top 10, the lowest placing dog of the 3 will be removed and the next lowest dog will be used in place to earn NEBCA points. Only NEBCA dogs will earn points but only for the placing they receive.

As an example, a trial has 30 open dogs competing:

Placing	Dog	NEBCA Points
1	A	29 (outscores 29 dogs)
2	B	28
3	C	27
4	D	26 (non-member)
5	E	25
6	F	24
7	G	23
8	H	22
9	I	21
10	J	20

Dog D is not considered for points because it is a non-member but this does not affect lower standings.

5) Judges to judge on a suggested system of 100 points. A judged trial is preferred but points trials may be accepted. (5/88)

Outrun	20 Points
Lift	10 Points
Fetch	20 Points
Drive	30 Points
Pen	10 Points
Shed	10 Points

Total	100 Points

Some points may vary according to certain course changes. (5/88)

6) Trial dates and intentions to be known before the start of the trial season. The season usually starts April/May. The trial must be an organized and advertised trial. (1/6/90)

7) First time trials will be up to the discretion of the Trials Committee to approve or disapprove as qualifying trials. All trials will be the responsibility of the Trials Committee to approve or disapprove. (5/7/88)

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Qualifying Trials continued

8) The NEBCA Trials Committee has the power to suggest changes to the course and can decertify a trial if conditions appear not to be conducive to the health and welfare of the livestock or the dogs. Two members of the Trials Committee and/or a NEBCA Officer must be present. (7/30/88)

9) The trial must have an individual (manager) who must contact a NEBCA Trials Committee member in advance to help insure a successful trial. (1/6/90)

Each trial will receive individual attention from the Trials Committee in a positive, helpful manner.

UPCOMING CLINICS AND PUPPY DAYS

This listing is provided as a service to NEBCA members but in no way represents an endorsement of the trainers or sponsors of these events by NEBCA News or the Northeast Border Collie Association.

March 16-17: Training Clinic instructed by Cheryl Jagger Williams. Snow date March 23-24. For more information contact Barbara Starkey, Oldfield, Box 250, Galena, MD 21635, (301)648-5571.

March 23-24: Clinic conducted by the Training Cen-

ter. For more information contact Vergil or Bonnie Holland, RD 1 Box 131, Hobart, NY 13788, (607)538-9160.

April 20-21: Sheepy Hollow Spring Clinic conducted by Cheryl Jagger Williams. Contact Walt Jagger (717)289-4663 or Cheryl Jagger Williams (717)289-4733.

May 11-12: Trialing Clinic instructed by Cheryl Jagger Williams at O'Brave Farm, Columbus (Sherburne), NY. Contact Gwen Cassel or John Viola (607)674-4541.

June 29-30: Ivyrose Farm Spring Clinic instructed by Cheryl Jagger Williams. For more information contact Eve Marschark (215)795-2023.

July 6: Handlers Clinic and Nursery Trial for Nursery people and dogs. Clinic in the morning and Novice, Pro-Novice and Ranch Trial in the afternoon. Contact Gabe Merrill for information (207)935-2520.

July 7: Misty Lane Puppy Day for anyone interested. Contact Gabe Merrill (207)935-2520.

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BORDER COLLIE PUPS out of Gene Sheninger's Bonnie and Walt Jagger's Imp. Celt. Born Jan. 14. Four females - 3 tri-color and 1 black/white, two males - 1 black/white and 1 tri-color.

Both parents hips checked. Bonnie qualified for 1990 Fall Foliage Championship. For more information contact Gene Sheninger (201)299-9785.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS out of Meg (MacGregor's Tim x Judy), born Jan. 3. Paternal grandparents: Gould's Roy bred by John Purdie, Scot. x Cessnock Win; Maternal: Rob Roy x Vera. Six black & white - 1 female, 5 males; 1 tri-color male. Also available litter out of Chrissy (granddaughter of Meg) x Devon (Cooperlane Craig x Jill - Irish breeding), 3 black & white - 2 females and 1 male, 2 red & white males. Parents all x-rayed. Stud service available: Sport, blue merle; Devon - red & white. Copies of pedigrees available. Call or write Lou Parsell (203)227-3545, 61 S. Morningside Drive, Westport, CT 06880.

2 YR. FEMALE FOR SALE started on sheep. Eyes and hips checked, breedable, from working lines, trialing parents. Very biddable, eager worker. Contact Eve Marschark (215)795-2023.

THE TRAINING CENTER for the advancement of the working stock dog - clinics, lessons, training, registered Border Collies, trained and started dogs and pups. Contact Vergil or Bonnie Holland (607)538-9160.

CONGRATULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING COMPETITORS HAVE GRADUATED TO THE NEXT CLASS AND WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Carol Campion	Nip	N - PN
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Gwen Cassel	Dash	R - O
Roger Deschambeault	Tyson	R - O
Walt Jagger	Celt	PN - R
Walt Jagger	Celt	R - O
Walt Jagger	Kit	PN - R
Karen Greenlees	Major	N - PN
Denise Leonard	Tess	R - O
Eve Marschark	Coach	N - PN
Amanda Milliken	Hazel	PN - R
Evelyn Neuendorff	Lenard	R - O
Edith Overly	Tweed	R - O
Bill Robinson	Misty	N - PN
John Roche	Ben	N - PN
Barbara Rosensteel	Nan	PN - R
Walt Reed	Mac	N - PN
Ken Sigel	Sally	PN - R
Ken Sigel	Ben	N - PN
Bruce Smart	Skye	PN - R
Steve Wetmore	Mirk	PN - R

Meeting Minutes continued

will put towards the trial. This was passed with the stipulation that if the ABC meeting is not held at the Nearfield Farm trial the \$350.00 won't go to the trial. The money will be specifically earmarked to go towards the judge and trophies. We are not sponsoring the trial; this is a one time deal.

Meeting adjourned.

NURSERY TRIALS COMMITTEE CHANGE - 1991 SEASON

ed's note: Of the three proposals that were presented to the members, Proposal C was accepted. We are reprinting that proposal for your reference

PROPOSAL C:

(Carol Campion came up with the following, creative idea. This one's really different folks, so give it time to settle in before you react. We think it has some real promise!)

Going back to the original premise that the Nursery Trials were created to: (1) provide young dogs (and young handlers) a place to begin their trialing careers without the highly competitive pressure of the Open Class; and (2) move the young dog along when his level of competition improved beyond his class; we propose a system of merit rather than a system based on placement in a specific trial.

Under this proposal, a dog earns nursery points based on the score he got at the trial. A dog would have to earn at least 50% of the possible points and respectively, the nursery points earned reflect a percentage of work done.

Out of 90 Points Possible:

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
82 to 90	5 pts
73 to 81	4 pts
64 to 72	3 pts
55 to 63	2 pts
46 to 54	1 pt

Out of 80 Points Possible:

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
73 to 80	5 pts
65 to 72	4 pts
57 to 64	3 pts
49 to 56	2 pts
41 to 48	1 pt

Under this system, any number of dogs can earn nursery points at one trial. The handler still has the satisfaction of having placed well in the trial yet is not risking moving his dog too quickly if the dog didn't do quality work (as exhibited by a very low score). As an added benefit, a small degree of competitiveness is removed since handlers are not competing for the same nursery point.

The number of dogs running in the class should have no bearing on the quality of work done by the dog anyway. Good work is good work! Here it is rewarded. By this system, the dogs

1990 SECRETARY'S REPORT

In 1990 we had a membership of 344 members, with 83 of these being farm/family members. This is a 44 member increase over 1989! The new "MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED" and renewal reminders in the newsletter have been very effective. I have already had approximately 120 renewals for 1991.

I received 35 mail-in ballots with only 2 write-ins so the slate of officers is almost unanimously elected. Steve Wetmore will serve as President, Becky Peterson, Vice President, Lynn Deschambeault as Secretary and Dee Woessner will serve as the Treasurer.

I am very pleased that the office of Secretary/Treasurer has been split as it will, I am sure, benefit both the Association and the office holders, by allowing more time to be devoted to each job. Dee and I have been, and will continue, to work closely.

Finally, I would like to pass on some of the compliments I have received. First is the quality of our newsletter. According to members who receive other newsletters, it is far superior! **THANK YOU GENE AND LYNNE!!**

Second, I have had many favorable comments on the puppy days that were held free to NEBCA members and encourage anyone who can to either hold one or help someone else put one on.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Deschambeault,
Secretary

that get high scores would still get the points by either (this or the old) system, since they probably would have gotten points for their high placing the other way. So the qualified dogs would have the same amount of time in a class, but the inexperienced dogs would not be prematurely pushed by the old "reward" system (which in some cases wasn't a reward). (i.e., how do you feel about a dog who scored 25 out of 90 receiving a nursery point? It happened this year. Last year 2 points were awarded for a score of 20 out of 90 possible.) The number of points needed to move a dog up would be 15 or 20 per class.

ARTICLES

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE SEND US ANYTHING THAT YOU CONSIDER NEWSWORTHY.

BREEDERS DIRECTORY

This listing of breeders of Border Collies is for informational purposes and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the Northeast Border Collie Association. Only Breeders who subscribed before the deadline of January 31, 1991 are listed. Minor changes to addresses during the year will be accommodated, but there will be no additions during the year.

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Singing Falls Farm
RFD #4
Skowhegan, ME 04976
(207)474-2852

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Gwen Cassel & John Viola
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126A Fusch Road
Columbus, NY 13460
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Merlynn Kennel
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Bridgton, ME 04009
(207)452-2898

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(603)939-2255

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Beverly Lambert
Douglas McDonough
Dickey Hill Road RFD #1
Brooks, ME 04921
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6 Pinecrest Lane
Durham, NH 03824
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Greenfield, MA 01301
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St. Johnsville, NY 13452
(518)568-2833

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Lincoln, MA 01773
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Eve Marschark
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Bedminster, PA 18910
(215)795-2023

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Gabrielle Merrill
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North Stonington, CT 06359
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Boonton, NJ 07005
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Spring Valley Farm
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Strafford, VT 05072
(802)765-4466

Kristen P. Whittle
Little Brook Farm
334 Russell Street
Sunderland, MA 01375
(413)665-3802

Wieninger's
Sara & John Wieninger
Star Rt. Box 106
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(518)263-4772

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