

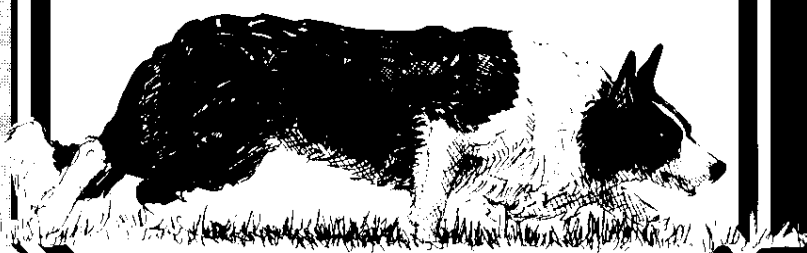
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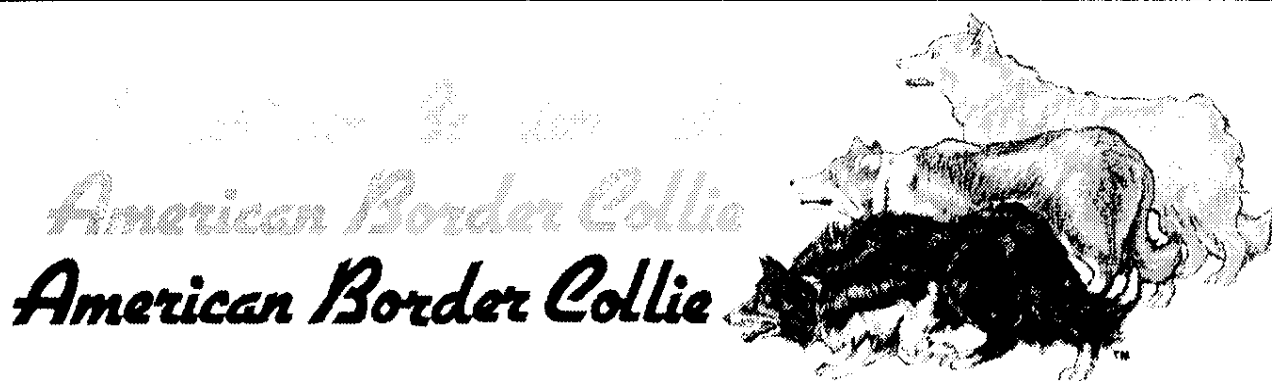
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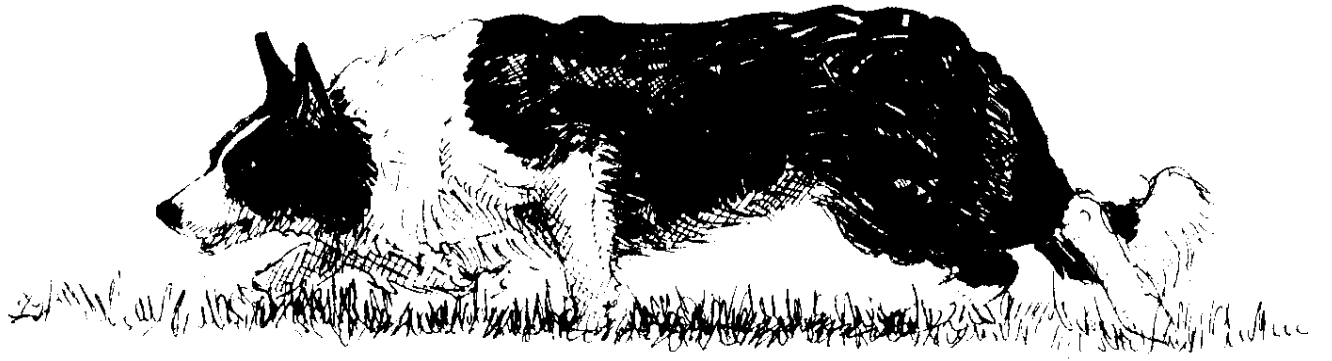
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From the Editor...

Just when you think you know her well enough, just when you've finally gotten comfortable with one another, she leaves you. 1995 has turned her back on us. Drawn to an end, she leaves us to gather what wisdom we can from the last year's activities and experiences. As this new year unfolds, let's pause and take a last good look at 1995. What is easiest to see and what comes first to the fore is all that we have done right! So let's limit our look to simply that.....All that we have done right!

We are a group of about 400 strong. We come from varied backgrounds. Our talents and skills are terribly diversified, to say the least. We come in all shapes, sizes and ages and we all have different goals and ideals that drew us to these dogs and thus into one another's lives. Together we make up this great web we call NEBCA.

Each year we become closer. We have learned as a group to become friends as well as competitors. We can be seen at trials, each of us doing our damnest to win, but rallying behind one another to support each other's efforts. You can see us each spring closely scrutinizing each new dog, sharing with their owners in the pleasure of watching these dogs develop.

We take care of those newcomers starting out. NEBCA, as an organization, has initiated many worthwhile programs to help as an educational source. We offer clinics, puppy days, a multitude of nursery trials and this year witnessed the birth of a very successful Nursery Championship.

Our open trials are events to be proud of. While we must face the lack of a thriving sheep industry and the loss of large sheep numbers in the Northeast, our open trials are still challenging enough to draw competitors from out of the area and to offer stiff competition for the Purina contenders as well as our own NEBCA competitions. A number of trials have added double lifts and International sheds as part of their events to help keep competitors abreast of National demands made on handlers and their dogs.

NEBCA is proud of its support to fight the efforts of the AKC and firmly stands behind the Border Collie as a working dog. In 1994, we adopted a Breeding Standard and Buyers Guide that demonstrates NEBCA's commitment to our dogs and our ideals. More and more of our dogs are being X-rayed and eye-checked with breeders standing behind what they sold. Additionally, there is a growing number of really good dogs being bred in the

Northeast showing the quality of the dogs as well as the ability of the breeders to know what to breed for.

We have a large number of selfless members who do a lot for this organization without asking for nothing in return, including recognition! Within every group, there is always a core of movers and shakers and this group is no exception. There are those who offer us fields for trials, those who haul sheep, those who run our holding pens and chutes at trials, those who secretary for us, those who keep track of this growing group, those who collect dues and do the bookwork, those who produce and sell calendars, those who keep us on track and in line and lastly, those who produce newsletters.

In closing, I would like to say that this editor could not produce this newsletter without the input of a steady number of people who have never failed to come through. I would like to give special recognition to Sally Lacy, Bev Lambert and Becky Peterson. Sally has never failed to surprise me with some wonderfully written story, Bev has always willingly sent me something about whatever event she has attended that I think needs coverage and Becky has added a wonderful column on sheep handling. Additionally, Tom Wilson has graciously allowed me, with the permission of the Working Border Collie, to rerun his articles on Raising and Starting a Pup. Though not a NEBCA member, these articles have helped a large number of members. Thank you all for your help.

To the members of NEBCA, I salute you for your patience with me. This December newsletter and the October newsletter have suffered from waiting for articles to print. This particular newsletter developed as Christmas approached and most were very busy. I have patiently called and waited for articles, and hope that this patience was felt amongst you all too! My resolution for 1996 is to have enough extra "stuff" on hand to print so that in the future, I can go ahead even if someone doesn't come through with what they have promised me.

So let us march boldly into 1996. The trial choices are extensive. This affords us ample opportunities to expand our experiences, advance ours and our dogs skills and grow further as this group of talented individuals we know as NEBCA.

Our telephone number is being changed. It will be 1-860-228-8243 as of February 1st, 1996.

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**1996 CALENDARS
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1995 Nursery Finals

This year, for the first time NEBCA offered a year end trial for Novice handlers. The trial was designed to allow the maximum number of people to participate and provide them with the maximum amount of fun. To qualify dogs had to be members of NEBCA and have earned at least one point in a NEBCA Novice trials since the end of the 1994 season. There was an excellent turnout with almost 50 dogs running. Each dog was given three runs with the best two scores being added together to determine the two day placing. There were shepherd's crooks for the Champions of each class, jackets for the Reserve Champions and engraved wooded plaques for the top ten placing dogs.

The trial was run at Mike Canaday's in the large field on the wool sheep. Each dog got five sheep to take through the course which consisted of the standard course with the added difficulty of chute. For most of the Novice/Novice handlers, this was their first time trying to

negotiate this type of an obstacle, but by the end of the weekend they had all become quite expert at keeping the sheep quiet and moving them through the chute and on to the pen with the minimum possible fuss. There was close competition in all three classes. Since it required two good runs to place, many dogs that had one excellent run didn't receive the recognition that they might otherwise have.

The trial was very ably judged by George Gardner from Scotland. All of the participants pulled together in helping to change the course (the course had to be changed after every class and each class was run three times so there were many course changes), set out sheep, score keep, and post scores. The biggest thanks must, of course, go to the Canadays who had just finished cleaning up from their second big trial of the season when we arrived for this event, but they were welcoming and supportive of the NEBCA program as always. (Following are the results.)

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Brooks Parrott's "Skye" 1995 Novice Champion

By Brooks Parrott

Skye is the first dog I have trained to a Novice level. He was bred by Patrick Shannahan out of his "Bea" by Patrick's "Toss". He is quiet, biddable and keeps me out of trouble. I could not have asked for a better teacher.

Bev Lambert's "Spy" 1995 Pro/Novice Champion

by Bev Lambert

Two years ago, after I lost a really promising young dog in a road accident, I decided to breed Lark to Jet one last time. The puppy I kept, Spy, began working sheep when he was only six weeks old with a serious intention that was usually wasted on the ewes that couldn't even see him down there around their feet. He never lost his seriousness or his keen desire to work and he has grown up to please me quite well.

Spy did quite well at the Novice Finals, but he was also very lucky. Spy is not that far along in his training and when he is confronted with difficult sheep he frequently forgets to listen or becomes a bit over confident and blows the whole thing. Spy's first run was on fairly good sheep and he did a fairly good job but was nowhere near good enough to win. His second run was on terrible sheep, but fortunately the put out dog could not hold them, so Spy got a another chance. On his second run on a lovely draw of sheep, Spy listened well (no doubt because he had already had a run on the field to get over his young dog foolishness) and we had a very good run. Our third run was again on good sheep and Spy performed like the trooper I hope he will someday become.



Gene Sheninger's "Yankee" NEBCA 1995 Ranch Champion

*"Not a fancy imported dog,
just a damn Yankee"*

By Gene Sheninger

He came originally out of Illinois. He was born on July 2, 1993 out of Molly Jean, owned by Larry Gaertner, and Larry's imported Glen. But Yankee was sold to a pet home (as it was told to me). He spent the first 6 months of his life on a lead and learning to lie down. Finally, he got to be so much trouble in the home that he was sold to an Indiana trainer, who was very concerned that all that "lie down" training would make Yankee's herding training very difficult. It did not. By the time Yankee was 10 months old, he had qualified for the 1994 USBCHA Nursery Finals. At 14 months old, Yankee ran in the 1994 Nursery Finals at Lexington.

That's when I met Yankee. As I was about to go to the post with my Katy, Yankee's owner came up to me and asked me if I wanted to buy him — out of the blue. I guess he had heard that I had just lost Robin and was looking for a dog. After watching him run, I bought him.

Throughout 1995, Yankee ran mostly in Pro-Novice, graduating into Ranch only towards the end of the year. At most trials it was either Walt Jagger's McDuff or his Nan that were Yankee's main competition. And, it was Nan that was the toughest competition at the NEBCA Nursery Finals.

The Nursery Finals at Mike Canaday's farm in Altamont, using Mike's woollies — September 23 and 24. Yankee and I are competing for the Ranch Championship. We get one run on Saturday and two runs on Sunday with the best two used to determine the final score. On Saturday, we have to wait for the Novice/Novice and Pro/Novice classes to finish. FINALLY, we are up at the post. I'm nervous, and, I bet, Yankee feels it. This run is a blur to

me, not very pretty. They've added a chute, much off line from the last fetch panels to the pen, so we have a total possible score of 100. Yankee and I get only an 80. But, everyone else seems to be suffering from the same malady, so, when all is done, Walt with Nan get an 80 also. At the end of Saturday's competition, Yankee and Nan are tied for first,



both with 80.

On Sunday, the second Ranch run is scheduled first, followed by the 3rd runs for all three classes. Now we are ready. MY nerves had settled down and Yankee seemed very confident. So, we go to the post very much together. If you remember Mike's big Open field, you will note that the holding pen is on the left and there is a small pond to the left — quite an obstacle for Open dogs. But, the sheep are being held just enough short of the Open pin that an outrun to the left is very possible without having to contend with the pond and still cover the pressure of the holding pen. I sent Yankee to the left. What a nice outrun, but the sheep lift quite fast so we lose 2 points on the lift (the person holding the sheep told me later that Yankee DID NOT cause the fast lift). We had a perfect fetch and turn around the post. In following this judge's scoring on previous runs, it

seemed that he was a bit lenient on missed panels and hard on lines. So we decided to take a chance on the corners and push for a perfect drive. First leg — perfect. And, the turn around the first drive panels was perfect. A little low on the cross-drive — 1 point — and another perfect turn on the cross-drive panels with a perfect final leg — A 29 POINT DRIVE. We were through the chute perfectly, with the sheep coming out drifting a bit wide. So, this handler blew up. I pulled Yankee "way-to-me" in order to cut off their escape to the exhaust and they bolted part of the way around the pen — another 2 points off. WOW, we finished with a 95. Walt and Nan ended with a 92. Now, we're just slightly ahead of Walt, but Roger Millen and Ken Sigel are both still in the running.

Now the last run. I figure, to win this one, we had better beat our morning score. Back to the post for our final run, I send Yankee left again. This time the sheep stay, so our gather is a full 50 points. Now, let's try to duplicate our drive of the morning. We get a perfect first leg, but again this handler blows it. I flank Yankee just a foot or two too short and the sheep brush the panels in the front — 4 points off. We get no more marks off for the rest of the drive. On to a full-point chute. This time, I control myself and Yankee easily guides the sheep into the pen — full points. WOW, a 96. Walt and Nan finish with a 94, Ken and Roger finish below that — and WE WON.

What a wonderful weekend. Yes, it was a thrill to win it, but more importantly, Yankee was the best I could have ever wanted. When he needed to make his own decisions, he did it. When I made the decisions, he followed them unblinkingly (to the tune of 2 points off on our first run and 4 points off on our second run). I couldn't have asked for any more!

Membership & Renewals

The NEBCA membership year runs from January 1st of each year to December 31st of each year. The only exception is for new members that joined after October 31, 1995. They need not renew until January 1, 1997. All other subscriptions and memberships ran out December 31, 1995 and are now due. Please refer to the date on the mail label of this newsletter.

December 31st is also when yearly ads and breeders listings expire. Please send dues to:

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Pups due in February out of Denise Leonard's "Nikki" and Cheryl Jagger Williams "Taff". Call **(413) 773-5232**.

Eleanor Jagger

By Gene Sheninger

Who is this wonderful lady? I have never seen her on the trial field. Yet from the early days of my trialing, I had heard her name. I have never seen her name in any running order on any scoreboard — Walt or Cheryl, sure, but not Eleanor. Well, that's not completely true. Unbeknownst to Eleanor, Walt and Cheryl entered her and Dot in Becky Peterson's trial quite a while ago. Of course, Eleanor defiantly refused to run — Walt and Cheryl heard about that one for quite awhile.

But, she's there. I sat next to her once when Walt was running Dot, and I tried to talk to her. Forget it. Her timer was running and she was working harder at flanking Dot than was Walt. Watch her today as Walt runs Celt or Cheryl runs Nell or Dick runs Jess. All you'll be able to do is watch, because her concentration is on making their runs the best they can be.

And, she seems to be able to do it. Celt never runs as good when she misses his run as he does with her giving him his commands. Walt makes more mistakes without Eleanor to tell him when he's wrong — and she is not shy about reminding him (or Cheryl and Dick for that matter) when he is wrong. How does Celt hear Eleanor's commands from her chair in front of their motor home?

I have never been able to figure it, but, he surely reacts to her — as surely as he does when Walt gives him a whistle. How does Walt hear her admonitions? I can't figure that one either. I can only guess that she communicates with her husband of over 50 years in a way that none of us poor earthly beings can hear. She has her favorites of Walt's, Cheryl's and Dick's dogs, and they seem to be specially tuned to her backseat driving. Dot was her favorite for a long time. Then came Celt, Cheryl's Nell and Dick's Jess. I wonder who will be next.

What other wife, mother, friend do you know that watches EVERY one of her husband's, daughter's, or friend's run? That stands by in spirit, guiding her charge through the course? I haven't seen too many as dedicated. Eleanor has been

following Walt around to all these trials since Walt started trialing in or around 1975. She never complains openly — except when he makes a stupid handling error, making HER dog look bad.

She is also quite a proficient judge. Most of the time, she can tell you your score well before it goes on the board. If she differs from the judge, she is usually not very patient with that judges poor eyesight. At one of the Sheepy Hollow trials, she judged a fun run after the three-day trial was over. The judge of that year, Bud Boudreau, had to run under her scrutiny. She gave him an 81. He had scored himself with and 83. After she explained it to Bud, he had to admit that she was right.

When did she start keeping the points for NEBCA? No one seems to be able to pin-point that event very closely. All that most of us know, including Walt and Cheryl, is that it's been FOREVER. I don't think that there have been any others before her, and it was only last year that she turned this onerous task over to my wife, Lynne. She took this chore VERY seriously. It was never enough to calculate the points once; she had to figure them several times and re-figure them every time they were updated — all of this work was done manually. She didn't use a computer or even an adding machine. How can you trust a machine to figure out NEBCA's complicated scoring rules?

Eleanor Jagger is a fixture at our trials



Eleanor loyally watches Cheryl, Walt and Dick run each of their dogs.

in the Northeast. Even with the severe pain in her back, she continues to be there. She'll ride for hours in pain with Walt as they travel from Virginia to Canada in order for Walt to compete. She used to be there with her Sheltie, Dixie. Now, since Dixie died last year, she is there with Bridgette and Tami. But, she does come to our trials — Eleanor and her Shelties, you won't see them missing from many of them.

So, for over 20 years she has traveled around the circuit. Why doesn't she run her own dog. I suggest we all ask her, I haven't found any of her family that knows that answer.

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Tom Wilson with Hope.

Starting the Pup

By now the pup is starting to get keen on stock. I like him to get on with it in his own style. This is the time I like to study him to see if he likes the face of the sheep and is not afraid of them. Is he thinking about what he is doing? Is he clumsy in his movements? Does he respond to the movements of the stock? If so, I will move the stock about, splitting the stock up to see if he will put them back together without a word spoken. When the pup starts to get to the other side of the sheep every time you take him, then it is time to walk about and let him bring the sheep behind you. This is the most natural thing for him to do. And that is the object I am looking for from the breeding to the finished article – the most natural dog, not a robot or a puppet on a string that needs to be told every move to make.

If the pup has been on stock for a month or two and has not gotten to the other side of the sheep, I would let sheep run away from me or let the sheep out through a gate so as to encourage the pup to go after them; thus getting to the other side of them. No progress will be made until the pup will get to the other side willingly. I never force or chase a pup around the sheep. It would only confuse the pup and this is the last thing I want to have happen. The only thing I would do to encourage the pup to go would be to say "shoo" or give a tweet-tweet whistle at the same time as moving the pup away from me.

At first I do not care how the pup gets to the other side of the sheep, as long as he makes the effort to get there. Once getting there, he might bite or his tail might be up. I ignore the bite at this point and just

watch. With confidence, the tail will go down. If not, there is more wrong than meets the eye – he may prove weak or sticky or maybe just too much tension in him. Or, worst of all, he may have a bad nature. But patience at this point is vital. So let the pup get on with his work on his own and just observe what is taking place.

I never like to work my pup in a small place or up against a fence. I like to give the sheep room to express himself and give the stock room to move without getting up against a fence. If the pup is quick in his movements or too eager for action, I will try to slow things down holding the sheep tight with the other dogs. I would walk around or through the sheep to the pup and, while talking to it and stroking it, put a hand on its side just in front of the back leg, ready to catch it if it should try to take off before I am finished stroking it or when the sheep move off. This is when the temptation is the greatest.

Once or twice you may need to hold him back as he tries to go after the sheep. Then, when the tension has left the pup, stand up and walk towards the sheep again. I would talk to the pup in a nice manner, taking care not to shoo or whistle, for in this case it might excite the pup. Then as I am walking towards the sheep, he will slip around them in a more controlled and sensible manner. With a slower or a clumsy pup, I would move the stock more to see if he could handle things and let things move at a faster pace.

If he is biting and continuing to bite, I take the sheep into a small holding pen and have the pup up close to them. If he is still biting, I will stroke the pup and talk to him as I lift him right up to the sheep

even onto their backs, still stroking the pup to let him know that everything is alright. Let the pup and the sheep move around quietly and see if he will relax and feel comfortable and less apprehensive around the sheep. Then if he does not stop biting, I will start calling his name as he is about to bite, being sure to get the timing right. Studying and observing him from before, I know when he will try it.

The next stage is a good scolding. When he does bite, let the sheep go past and keep scolding the pup until you see by his expression that he knows that he has done wrong. If the biting does not work out of the pup or he appears to have a bad grip, I would take him to work rams or cows and see if they would teach him to have some respect when he tries to bite. I never run at, chase or hit a dog for biting. Too often I have seen a dog bite and then turn tail away from the sheep. I would rather have the bite as I cannot suffer a dog turning tail.

When watching a pup work, you will see resemblances to its parents or grandparents. But in front of you, you have an individual all in his own right so don't try to make him into a Wiston Cap or a Gilchrest Spot. Let him develop into his own personality. In dogs, I find the more you know, the more you still have to learn, for every one is different.

USBCC Defense Fund

The fund will soon be needed to support the law suit that is being prepared by an outstanding law firm. No one on the USBCC Board of Directors felt we could do otherwise, although all would have preferred a peaceable compromise with the AKC. We are proceeding because we feel strongly that it is in the best interest of the herding dog to differentiate it from what is being enrolled as the foundation stock in the AKC Stud Book. The dogs enrolled by those intending to "show" them come from Australia/ New Zealand, either directly or via the United Kingdom. They have been bred for appearance for forty years and their herding ability is seriously impaired. The American obedience competitors are not interested in training their dogs for herding, with a few exceptions, and many have developed obedience lines that are not proven herding dogs. Population geneticists say it only takes 4-5 generations to see a deterioration in working traits.

To us, the value of the Border Collie is in its herding ability. To the AKC industry, it must be something else. We need to get the AKC to distinguish its dogs bred to a confirmation standard or some AKC performance sport, from the population that is the farmer's and the rancher's dog. That is what this law suit is all about. It is not about retribution or compensation.

by Becky Peterson

It's more timely than it sounds! Many flocks are shorn in mid-winter, before lambing. Yes, there are more concerns about housing and nutrition but there are many advantages to shearing the ewe flock during cold weather.

For those shepherds interested in fleece quality, remember that lambing and lactation can be stressful times for wool production. Ewes that are shorn several months after lambing may produce fiber that has a weak spot in the staple length that corresponds to this time. By shearing just before lambing, the lesser quality production will be at the outer end of the staple the next time the ewe is shorn. This doesn't seem to affect the wool quality as much. Another interesting point is that baby lambs sometimes will use their mothers as playground equipment and may contaminate a long fleece by jumping on her and tracking in a lot of manure "from outside". Short fleeces probably won't hold the dirt and the ewes probably won't tolerate being jumped on.

We've all seen how ewes with full fleeces will feel very damp or even wet on foggy, humid winter days. That moisture has to go somewhere and will eventually transfer into a stale indoor atmosphere or into wet bedding, neither of which is good for the sheep. Short fleeces are almost always dry to the touch on these kinds of days so the barn and bedding

Fall/Winter Shearing

will be noticeably dryer also.

Reducing the width of each ewe by 6 inches may help to solve a space problem, both at the feeder and just general area. In other words, you can fit more in the barn.

This newly shorn ewe will be a little cold for a few days and she will be hungrier than normal and that's not all bad. As labor approaches, she will seek shelter and her lambs will not be born in a snow-bank. She is more apt to lamb in a well bedded and draft free area if available. Hence fewer lamb losses. Since she'll eat more to maintain her body temperature, chances are that she will not go off her feed and develop ketosis. Since she will be better nourished because of her increased appetite, her lambs will probably be born healthier and with better birthweights and more durability than a ewe that doesn't eat because she's not cold. She is apt to be more active and will not just "lay around and get fat"

Shearing, though a more involved job than just crutching or tagging, saves lots of intensive care at lambing. The shepherd will be able to spot ewes in labor very easily and the process is much more sanitary. The lamb nearly always will be able to find its first meal without assistance from the shepherd. There will no dirty wool tags for the lamb to confuse

with a teat and it should find an easier job getting that all important colostrum..

Cold weather shearing may not be the answer for every sheep operation. Certainly, there needs to be very good shelter available. The ewes will definitely need to stay dry and out of the wind. Adequate feed intake is a MUST. This will be her source of energy and heat. They will probably also require some dry bedding that they can nest and huddle in.

It is important to remember that ewes within 4 weeks of lambing may be getting a little heavy and may not be very comfortable during shearing so it is important not to load her up with hay the night before the shearing. Make sure she has adequate energy intake so that she doesn't rundown, though but don't fill her full of roughage. Provide facilities to make shearing as stress-free as possible as you would any time shearing takes place. Catch and handle sheep quietly and wisely. Make sure the shearer is aware of the pregnant ewes, the belly veins and those all important teats. Shear in a well lit area and NOT on one of those polypropylene tarps. Do skirt the fleeces and keep the belly wool and dirty tags separate from the rest of the fleece.

It may be a little too far into the cold weather for some to consider winter shearing, but for others it may be the best thing yet.



by Amanda Milliken

The 1995 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals is the big show of the sheep dog trialler's year. Skeptics insisted that no one would ever travel to Sheridan, Wyoming and the entry would be poor. When entries closed, with 130 dogs for the Open finals and 70 Nursery dogs, everyone was aware that a big finals was imminent. Originally the qualifying running was to have gone for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, but expanded to include Wednesday, as a result of the large entry. All handlers would run twice combining scores, to qualify.

I had flown to Denver the week before the finals and competed at Meeker. Between trials we had stopped at the Mills' Ranch in Wyoming, a few hours south and east of Sheridan. Dorrance Eikamp and the Mills extended a warm welcome to a group of handlers all keen on working dogs, every last wrinkle ironed out before the main event. There were 1200 sheep.

The Finals sheep were very difficult, as western range ewes tend to be. 700 ewes made up the trial flock, yearling ewes and some older ewes among them. Draws tended to be uniformly difficult, with the odd exception. They were well spotted by cowboys on horseback throughout the trial with one cow girl doing duty, Michele Martinez, of Wyoming.

The field was disappointingly flat -- five polo fields of immaculate, mowed, lawn like grass. The flatness made panel catching hit and miss, so difficult it was to get depth of field with no contour. The Big Horn mountains formed a scenic backdrop.

The first go around time was short but not unmanageable. The pen was a conventional sized pen and most handlers got there with two or three minutes left with normal paced trips around the course. The sheep were difficult here but it was unclear if a minute more would have helped: sheep split, and resisted all the way into every pen. Very few of the 130 competitors penned -- maybe fifteen, and fewer still shed -- maybe five. There was plenty of grumbling as a result and the time for the second go around was expanded by a minute and the committee produced a huge new pen that felt like fifteen feet square. Given the sheep were rerun for the second go around and therefore much more easily handled, either the big pen or the extra time seemed unnecessary; most people suc-

ceeded in penning and lots shed with plenty of time to spare, and the scores were much higher accordingly.

The time spend waiting was terrible. Imagine running only one dog a day and shuffling around for the rest of it. There were four days of qualifying, dusk to dark. Hazel was one of the few finishers for the first trial coming second to Terry Parrish of California. Boy had an acceptable run putting him in the top twenty,

had saved all the good runs for those early draws, until Kathy Knox turned a run that put her ahead of husband Jack by 5 points. Hers still had holes: Bob's second go back was clumsy, taking him back to the club house and pirouetting several times until he finally cast back. 19 points were lost on the outruns, presumably there. She then had a big miss of the panels on her second fetch, had the best drive of the day with only 8 off, and a

tremendous shed with none off. Kathy waited for a long time in the ring before making her break and it paid off handsomely in smooth work and the perfect score. Problems at the pen lost her seven points. There was still room.

Hazel had good outruns with only three off. Her main gather problem came from the first fetch where she missed better than half the sheep: I had a serious penalty for it with 21 off my fetches. My sheep were eaters which was bound to happen so late in the day with no feed on top. Still the drive went reasonably with 11 off. Irritable sheep and poor handling brought a ruin to the ring where I lost 27 points of the 40 available. I

never seemed able to strike the balance of pressure where I comfortably held the marked sheep in the ring and lost the other fifteen. Sheep in and out of the ring was my main loss of points. Hazel was the only runner after dog number 14 to shed and pen. Maybe another year.

Canadians made a record success at these finals. There were five Canadian dogs in the top twenty: Scott Glenn and Dan from Pinscher Creek, Alberta; Milton Scott and Sue from Airdrie, Alberta; and Peter Gonnett and Craig, from Broderick Saskatchewan; and of course, my two. Never before had there been so many.

The Finals is the only event in North America with such a concentration of good handlers. The intensity of the competition sharpens skills and makes better handlers out of the runners. Weaknesses in training and dogs were exposed, spates of bad luck notwithstanding. It will be back in the Horse Park at Lexington, Kentucky for 1996, and hopefully at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa in 1997, both opportunities for more Northeasterners to join the entry.

1996 Springton Manor Nursery Trial

April 27 & 28. Springton Manor Farm, Glenmore PA. Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch & USBCHA classes. Judge: Eve Marschark. Contact: Sharon Nunan, (610) 497 4378.

"The 1995 USBCHA/ABCA Finals" Sheridan, Wyoming



Amanda Milliken's "Hazel",
Reserve Champion of the 1995 USBCHA Finals

but it must have been unmemorable since I cannot seem to remember any of it. For the second trial, Boy had a good run and Hazel's was forgettable but once again in the top twenty. My aggregate scores put Hazel in third place in the qualifying top twenty and Boy down the line at sixteenth. The first place qualifier was Kevin Taylor of Kansas with her Berhow Nick bred, Scott. Second place went to Jack Knox of Butler, Missouri.

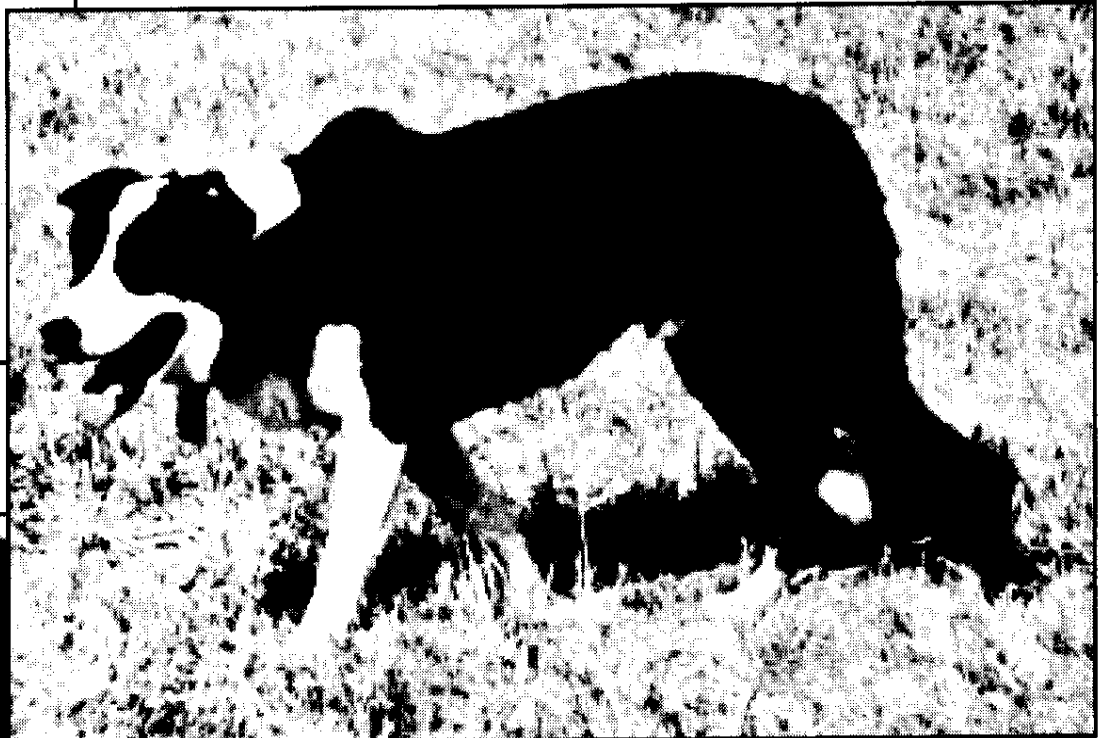
At Saturday night's banquet, the order was drawn. I drew up sixteenth and nineteenth, not draws to which I looked forward mainly because of the short time between them and the grueling wait which was beginning to wear on me. The two weeks including Meeker were very long and many competitors must have experienced "waiting fatigue."

There had been a few good runs before my rather late draw. Lyle Boyer with Mick had a reasonable run but had a fiasco in the shedding ring, which brought over ten of the twenty finalists to grief -- no sheds, no pens. Lyle did eventually get shed but lost 36 points in the process. She was one of the early runners in the number two spot. Immediately following her in the number three spot was Jack Knox and Roy who had a good run save dropping 39 points in his drive. His outwork proved the best of day with 18 points off. It seemed as though the sheep

*Here's a look at some
NEBCA open trial
winners from 1995!*



Lynn Deschambeault's "Jesse"



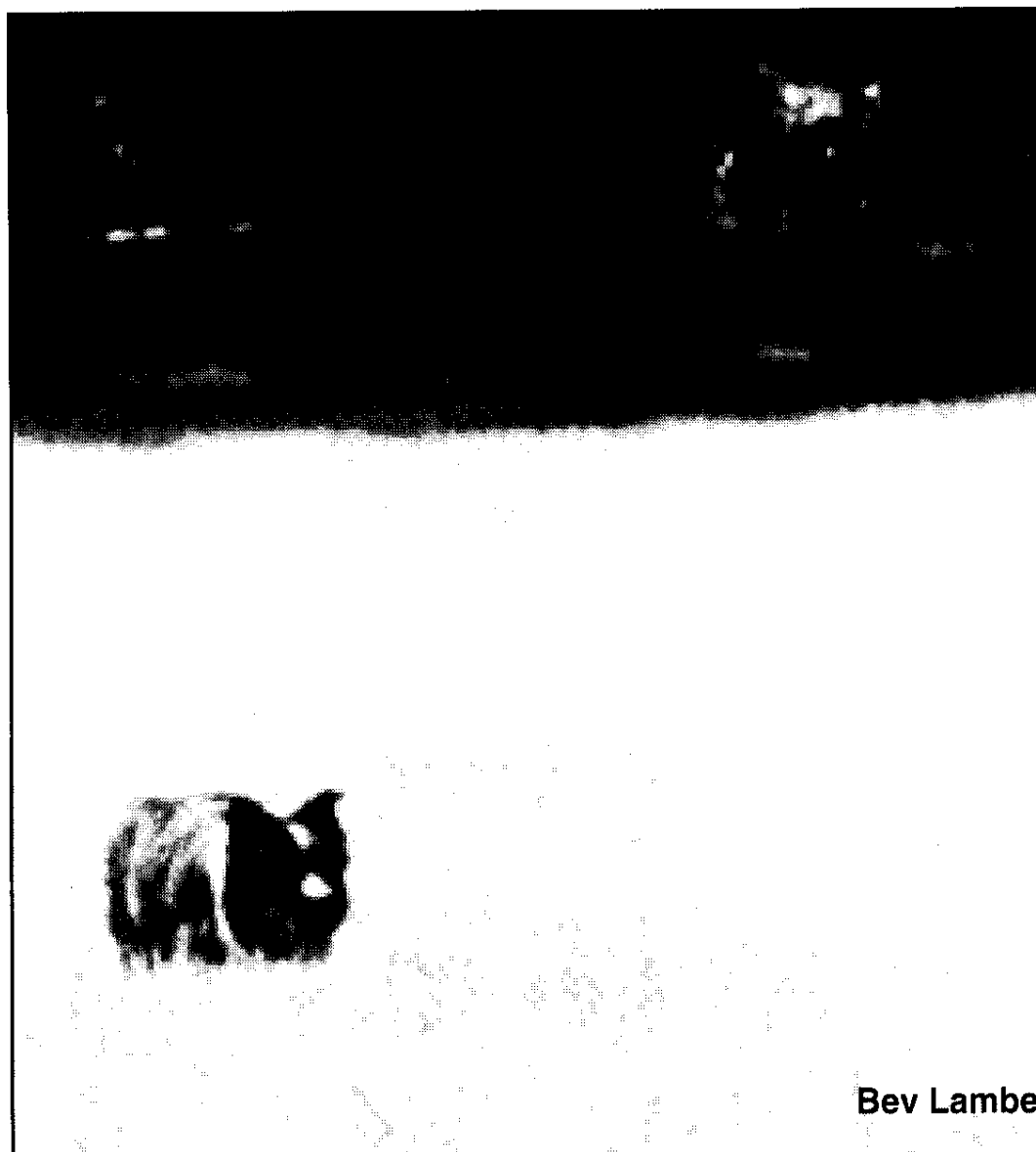
Mike Canaday's "Robin".



Gabe Merrill's "Meg".



Walt Jagger's "Roy".



Bev Lambert's "Lark".





Bev Lambert's "Jet".



Mike Canaday's "Ken".



Cheryl Jagger Williams' "Ken".



Eve Marschark's "Spin".



Walt Jagger's "Celt".

Library Update

The NEBCA Library has lots of new videos due to arrive any day. The third Glyn Jones video, "Take Time! Training Your Dog from Farm Work to Trialling" promises to be as useful and popular as his first two videos. Also coming are the 1994 and 1995 U.S. National Finals. See the top triallers in action some of whom are from the Northeast region. The 1995 International Supreme Trials video should be here in January. It's inspiring to watch world class handlers at work.

We have in, right now, two new videos. One is called "Ewe Were Made for Me" about a novice dog handler learning to train her young dog—should be excellent for new dog trainers and triallers. And we also have Karen Pryor's "Sit, Clap & Furbish" which explains the principles of training not only dogs but all species (husbands, wives & children too!). It is a very enjoyable video – entertaining and thought provoking and may just change some basic

training methods. Videos are a great way to spend a cold winter evening and keep up with the Border Collies. So borrow one today—or a book!!

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Books

Training the Sheep Dog

E. B. Carpenter - The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork
Katy Cropper - A Dog's Life in the Dales
Tony Iley - Sheepdogs at Work
Glyn Jones - A Way Of Life
Scott Lithgow - Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock

Tim Longton - The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training
Pope Robertson - Anybody Can Do It
Carroll Shaffner - Training A Working Collie
Mari Taggart - Sheepdog Training; An All-Breed Approach
John Templeton - Working Sheep Dogs - Management and Training
Luke Pasio - Heather Jean: The Working Sheep Dog

General/Health

Bruce Fogle, D.V.M. - The Dog's Mind -
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Janet Larson - The Versatile Border Collie
Marjorie Quarton - All About the Working Border Collie
Eddie Straiton - Dog Ailments - Recognition and Treatment

Shepherd's Life

G. M. Anderson - Times Remembered
John Barrington - Red Sky At Night
Edward Hart - The Hill Shepherd
Louis Irigaracy - A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings
Phillip Keller - Lessons from a Sheepdog
Michael Mathers - Shepherders - Men Alone

Fiction/Children's

James Herriott - Dog Stories
James Herriott - Only One Woof
Dick King-Smith - Babe the Gallant Pig

Miscellaneous

Jane Burton - A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family (photos)
E. B. Carpenter - The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme

Champions 1906-1988

Betty Cavanna - The First Book of Wool
Donald McCaig - Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men
Olivia Mills - Practical Sheep Dairying
Jane Simmons-Moake - Agility Training - The Fun Sport for All Dogs
American Rescue Dog Association - Search and Rescue Dogs - Training Methods
Leo Gowan - The Craft of Stickmaking

Videos

1989 British International Supreme (Parts I and II)
1988 International Supreme (Parts I and II)
1994 International Supreme Championship (Available Dec' of 94)
"One Man and His Dog 1990"
"One Man and His Dog 1991", includes part of the 1989 International
"1993 International Supreme Sheepdog Championship"
"Training the Working Border Collie" - Tony Collins (Parts I and II)
"Getting the Right Start" - R & R Graves (Parts I and II)
"Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training" - Glyn Jones
"That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience" by Glyn Jones (Tape II)
"Training the Working Stock Dog" - Elvin Kopp (Parts I, II & III)
"Stockdog Training Fundamentals" - Mike Hubbard
"How To Get The Most From Your Working Dog" - Scott Lithgow, (companion to his book, "Training and Working Dogs")
University of Guelph Series:
Part 1 - "Selection and Early Training of Border Collies";
Part 2 - "Basic Training for Sheep Work";
Part 3 - "Advanced Training For Sheep Work"
"Training and Working a Border Collie" - Rural Route Video
"The Sheepdog Video - The Training and Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of Small Stock", filmed in South Africa.
"Training the Working Stockdog"
"British Sheep Fairs and Crafts"

1996 Calendars are Available

The 1996 calendars are still available from Millie Curtis of Barnet, Vermont. Millie and her calendar committee consisting of Sally Lacy and Kate Collins, do a wonderful job of organizing and

promoting this effort. NEBCA would like to thank the committee for their efforts. This calendar is a solid fundraiser for NEBCA and Millie has done a wonderful job of advertising these throughout

the United States. The response remains quite good.

The calendar committee would like to again thank everyone who sent photos for the 1996 Calendars.

"South Dakota"



Bobby Dalziel shedding with Wisp.

By Sally Lacy

South Dakota. In June the light lingered on the hills well into the evening. Bobby Dalziel was there, and so was Wisp. Three times Bobby took Wisp out to work sheep. Once it was private. There was leave taking to mark the end of a partnership which had prospered for half a dozen years on harsh hill country and countless trial fields.

Once it was for a party. Our host, Bud Boudreau, has a delicious sense of humor, boundless energy, and makes sure that guests are not bored. There were two young women celebrating birthdays and we were miles from anything resembling ice-cream and cake with candles. Ever resourceful, ever prepared, Bud had pointed party hats with elastic bands. Would Bobby allow Wisp to wear one and herd a flock of sheep, also wearing party hats, into the yard while we sang to Cary and Tracey? Wisp was flawless, never showed flicker of inconvenience at the elastic band binding his throat in an unfamiliar spot. Stand up,

move a step sideways, lie down, deep them bunched and quiet. The birthday girls walked beside him, knelt and posed for photos, he stayed riveted on the sheep. Bobby even dressed Wisp in his dark glasses, and someone put a paper cup of beer beside him. "Living the good Life in America?" Wisp is a class dog, and nothing he did to entertain us made him out the fool. He is nobility all the way.

The last time was to show a few people what Bobby had been explaining about shedding technique. He had Wisp "hunt" about 20 sheep and settle them at Bobby's feet. Then Wisp watched and held his side without moving. Well, maybe he twitched his head a bit to one side or the other to signal the sheep to stay organized. Bud's Rambouillets like to interlock like pieces of jigsaw puzzle, so Bobby moved slowly back and forth opposite Wisp, putting a little pressure on here and taking it off, putting some pressure over there and taking it off.

Gradually the flock began to look like an hour glass. Then there was an opening and Bobby snapped his fingers for Wisp to come through. Wisp moved quickly but without flurry and turned to hold the indicated half. Bobby walked over to the knot of people watching, the sheep rejoined and Wisp lay still, watching, holding.

While Bobby talked, I slipped out to the other side and began to move, imitating Bobby's movements. Wisp held his side. I began to get the hour glass. I got the gap. Wisp looked for a second as if he might come through for a stranger, and then thought better of it. Still, I could not have done the split if he had not been there.

If I choose my words carefully, I can give the impression that I worked Wisp. If I say, for example, "Oh yes, after Wisp came to America, he helped me shed a flock of sheep at Bud's," would I be lying? He is a tremendous dog; I was honored and humbled and exalted and naughty and thrilled, and he helped me learn something I've been practicing ever since.



Wisp celebrates birthdays too! The things these dogs will do for us!

More Classified

Pups for Sale: Born 12/3/95. Out of Mike Canaday's "Robin" & "Floss". Robin is the 1995 NEBCA High Point Champion and Floss is an open trial winner. All females in litter.
Contact: Canaday's 1 518 861-6049.

The annual meeting will

Correction

Annual Meeting 2-17-96 10 AM

Not 2-18-96

call 1-518-861-6049.

It's Annual Meeting Time Again!

The NEBCA 1996 Annual meeting will once again take place on February 18th at the farm of Mike and Pat Canaday of Altamont, New York. Thanks to their great hospitality, we are able to gather at a very centrally located spot for this event. There will be further information sent to each member with the agenda and other pertinent information. So that you can start planning your trip, here are the hotels and directions listed below.

From the East: Get to Interstate 90 heading west from I 91 or any other appropriate route. Take I 90 west to Exit B 1. Look for signs for I 90/Albany. Continue towards Albany, Rennselaer, Hudson. Take exit 15, the last exit before the New York State Thruway toll booths. Get on route 20 heading West. Take Route 20 past the Crossgate Mall and follow Route 20 to the intersection of Route 146. Turn left onto Route 146. Follow Route 146 for 2-1/2 miles until you reach the intersection for County Route 202 (there will be a Getty Gas Station on the left. Turn left onto Route 202 and follow past the high school. Take your second left (still Route 202), Meadowdale Rd. The Canaday farm is the first farm on the right.

From the North: Get to Route Interstate 87, the Northway, and head south. As you approach the intersection for I 90, **DO NOT EXIT** even though the sign says exit here for I 87. Stay to the left at that sign and follow the signs for Crossgate Malls Road and Route 20. Follow signs for Route 20 and finally get onto Route 20 West. Follow Route 20 to the intersection of Route 146. Turn left onto Route 146. Follow Route 146 for 2-1/2 miles until you reach the intersection for County Route 202 (there will be a Getty Gas Station on the left. Turn left onto Route 202 and follow past the high school. Take your second left (still Route 202), Meadowdale Rd. The Canaday farm is the first farm on the right.

From the South: Take the New York Thruway North to Exit 24. Just past the toll booth, take the Route 20 ramp to the right. At

the end of the ramp, go right heading west on route 20. Route 20 to the intersection of Route 146. Turn left onto Route 146. Follow Route 146 for 2-1/2 miles until you reach the intersection for County Route 202 (there will be a Getty Gas Station on the left. Turn left onto Route 202 and follow past the high school. Take your second left (still Route 202), Meadowdale Rd. The Canaday farm is the first farm on the right.

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Red Roof Inn	1-800-843-7663
Super 8	1-518-783-8808
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1995 Nursery Points

Listed below are the present standings for the NEBCA Nursery program. It does not reflect the Cumberland Sheep Dog Trials that took place in late October in Carlisle, PA. We would like to thank Roger and Heather Millen for their conscientious effort to keep these points up to date and available for the members.

Handler's Name	Dog	Class	Total	Handler's Name	Dog	Class	Total	Handler's Name	Dog	Class	Total
Serena	Spin	N	3	Dempewolf, S.	Meg	R	4	Huff, Alison	Lynn	R	2
Ames, Bud	Sam	R	6	D'entrement, Leroy	Pup	R	2		Ben	R	0
Ames, Tom	Marv	N	0		Grouch	P	3		Roy	N	0
Armata, Barb	Taff	R	12	Deschambeault, N	Heather	N	0	Hughes, Kathleen	Isabella	N	6
Armata, Bernie	Dan	R	7	Deschambeault, L	Jesse	R	0	Humbertson, Ann	Jesse	N	4
Armentrout, Leon	Whit	R	13		Flo	R	4	Jackson, Jane	Keri	R	6
	Glenn	R	11		Ghost	P	3	Jaffurs, Alexa	Celi	N	3
Aspen, Roy	Mike	N	0	Deschambeault, K	Kate	R	0	Johnson, Cliff	Jay	P	3
Bailey, Lena	Meg	P	7	Dorrence, David	Cap	P	9	Johnson, Debbie	Ellie	R	8
Bennett, Ann	Nell	P	6	Elkins, Lindy	Thorn	N	2		Fletcher	P	5
Bennett, Brian	Maid	N	15		Tess	N	12	Johnson, Eric	Mirk	N	0
Betz, Belinda	Jac	P	20	English, Margie	Sally	P	9	Johnston, Derek	Raff	N	23
Blue, Bob	Jenny	N	3		Jack	P	0		Kelly	N	24
Bohlen, Curtis	Hannah	N	7	Fallon, Maryanne	Jas	P	2		Kruz	N	16
Bradley, Kelly	Bill	R	1		Faith	P	1	Johnson, Shelby	Ross	P	10
Brake, Clint	Angus	N	3		Hope	P	1	Jones, Dennis	Emma	N	1
	Switch	N	4	Fasset, Bob	Kimby	N	0	Kelly, Linda	Mac	P	1
Brighoff, Mary	Ron	R	19		Molly	N	3	Kennedy, Jean	Hank	P	3
	Moss	P	24	Fields, Debbie	Roy	P	1	Kennedy, Joe	Hank	P	6
Broadbent, Kate	Que	N	6		Path	N	0		Bonnie	N	9
	Murphy	N	7		Lynard	P	11		Ricky	R	17
	Ted	R	0		Jake	R	8		Meg	P	16
	Skip	N	0	Flowers, Bill	Ted	N	6		Spot	P	8
Brossard, Helen	Coquette	N	0		Jack	N	3	Kindig, Debbie	Tam	P	11
Burke, Lois	Meg	P	11	Flowers, Hilary	Kate	P	7	Klein, Barb	Ness	N	2
Bustard, Mark	Jed	R	6	Flynn, Craig	June	N	2		Reed	P	4
	Kate	P	26	Foor-Pessin, Mike	Lucy	N	4		Tam	R	3
	Wisp	R	3	Fossetta, Linda	Lizzy	N	5	Klimek, Merry	Ben	N	27
	Atlas	P	5	Foxon, Annette	Meg	P	0		Jett	N	0
Campion, Larry	Loch	P	6		Tammy	P	16	Krause, Joanne	Meg	N	26
Canaday, Mike	Sam	P	11		Jen	N	17		Hope	N	19
	Chip	P	1	Gebauer, Ed	Jake	P	4	Kroemmelbein, C.	Queen	P	3
	Liz	P	24		Rose	R	0		Fred	P	7
Carlton, Evie	Jack	N	2		Ben	R	2		Bess	N	0
Cassel, Gwen	Flair	P	9	Goodwin, Carroll	Betsy	N	26	Kuykendal, Kent	Flash	R	4
Chambers, Maggie	Cleo	N	0		Haze	N	3	Lacy, Tom	Hope	P	1
Chapman, Martin	Buster	N	2	Grahmann, Scott	Scotti	N	3		Gail	P	1
Charlton, Chris	Tot	N	2	Gray, Gary	Ben	N	7	Lagrace, Paul	Plume	N	3
Clark, Dave	Lydia	P	3		Ceri	N	4		Kid	P	1
	Rex	N	3	Greenlees, Karen	Fly	P	3	Lalonde, JP	Ben	R	1
Clark, Jim	Moss	P	4	Gregor, Bill	Brew	P	24		Jet	P	39
	Chip	P	4		Willie	N	0	Lambert, Beverly	Spy	P	25
Cody, Ron	Kerri	P	9	Haines, Bill	MacGregor	N	8	Lambie, Peter	Judy	N	0
Coggins, Ernest	Don	R	5		Scott	N	5	Lambkin, Margaret	Jade	N	23
Collins, Kate	Pippen	R	11	Hannon, Carol	Maggie	N	0		Ice	N	0
	Queen	P	0	Harvey, Janet	Snow	N	6	Larson, Janet	Magnum	P	8
Conn, Tom	Dan	R	4	Hall, Kevin	Jack	N	3		Twill	N	17
Conrad, Ethel	Gael	R	2	Hamilton, Dale	Piper	P	10		Totsy	N	7
	Lass	R	0	Hamm, Greg	Gaelin	N	6	Lash, Carolyn	Kit	P	1
Corbett, Chris	Jess	N	14	Heidenberg, Paul	Heidi	R	5	Lavigne, Carolyn	Kyle	N	5
	Sage	N	5	Hoffman, Jeff	Glen	R	2	Lavoie, Roland	Travis	N	1
Craddock, Susanne	Poppy	N	3		Crickett	R	5	Leigh, Tom	Kate	N	10
	Roy	R	8	Holland, Bonnie	Kierstie	P	0	Levinson, Barbara	Tess	N	24
	Barbie	N	9		Megan	R	1	Ligon, Barbara	Cap	R	3
Crayton, Roger	Maggie	N	7		Gyp	N	7	Lynch, Allan	June	N	14
Crowell, JoAnn	May	N	5	Holland, Vergil	Craig	R	11		Jen	P	0
Curtis, Millie	Spot	N	2		Fleet	R	5	McCrae, Allistar	Wisp	R	17
	Fern	P	15		Blaze	P	5		Bill	R	11
Cymerman, Dawn	Pi	N	1	Horting, David	Mae	N	4		Chip	P	1
Cymerman, Jack	Molly	N	18	Houlahan, Marsha	Sage	N	0	Marschark, Eve	Tea	R	24
Cyzalski, Dianne	Kim	R	7	Houston, Dick	Liz	N	4		Meg	R	10
Dathe, Michael	Cobb	P	2		Jen	P	0	Martin, Anita	Nell	N	14
Delpha, Chuck	Ben	N	0						Rowan	N	12

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Matzinger, Polly	Annie	R	12	O'Kane, Sylvia	Dice	P	4	Sheninger, Gene	Shep	P	24
	Poppie	N	5		Lacy	N	46		Yankee	R	22
McDonald, Audrey	Teallach	N	2		Waif	N	42	Shoemaker, David	Spy	P	2
McGettigan, Ron	Wilbur	P	5	Ortiz-Sharp, N.	Vega	R	25	Skillings, Ellen	Jack	R	22
McKeown, Betty	Fax	P	0		Aquilla	P	8		Creed	R	3
McLean, Brian	Tara	N	14	Overly, Edie	Skye	R	15	Smart, Bruce	Charlie	R	29
McKinven, Alex	Moss	R	3		Liz	P	10	Somers, Jody	Chip	N	4
	Jan	P	1		Tess	R	0	Soper, Mark	Rose	R	2
	Tweed	P	7	Parker, Jill	Katie	N	3	Spietz, Lafe	Jess	N	0
McWhinnie, D.	Kyle	N	0		Mike	P	22	Starkey, Barbara	Jet	P	1
Means, Chalmers	Bette	R	19		Shadow	R	15		Jayne	P	5
Merrill, Debbie	Brie	R	3	Parrot, Brooks	Skye	N	29	Starkey, Nancy	Bunks	P	16
	Nell	P	3		Jet	N	3		Mist	P	21
Merrill, Gabe	Jed	R	9	Paxton-Hill, K.	Ty	N	9	Stein, Eileen	Corrie		
Merrill, Tiffany	Dan	N	1	Paxton-Hill, S.	Kate	N	11		Cayanne	N	0
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Michelenco, Rita	Leer	N	1		Kate	R	4	Tuttle, Robbie	Lady	N	4
Middaugh, Russ	Marvin	P	16	Petty, Lana	Galen	P	6	Vincent, Don/Di	Gyp	P	4
Milan, Nancy	Elvis	N	12		Souix	N	22		Shep	P	7
Millen, Heather	Lark	R	0		JJ	N	4	Viola, John	Joe	N	15
	Buck	P	0	Philips, Elizabeth	Kate	R	4	Warner, Wendy	Abby	P	1
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	Sweep	P	0		Patti	R	9	Woodward, Thad	Willy	N	1
	Meg	P	3	Rice, Andy	Rug	N	6	Woesner, Dee	Fly	P	31
	Nettie	P	0	Roche, John	Glenn	R	0	Yazwinski, Emily	Maid	N	3
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	Mist	P	0		Roy	N	14	Yurfest, Joshua	Montana	P	23
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"If It Only Was A Perfect World"

by Joanne Krause

If it only was a perfect world we'd have perfect sheep, a manicured course, and a judge that saw it like we do.

We all would like sheep that would flock together and give us our money's worth of a run. Some of us would like a field that's not to hilly or not to flat, with a good view of the course, not to bushy and grass not to high. Land is being developed so fast we're going to be lucky to find a field to hold a trial. Things have changed. Fees have gone up. There are more dogs and handlers.

Another thing that's changed in the Northeast is the sheep industry. Large flocks of sheep are becoming harder to find. I don't have to tell anyone that. But what would we do if we didn't have those few men that truck their sheep so we can have a trial.

Try putting on a trial and see how hard it is to get a judge. One who wants to stand there for 6-10 hours (maybe they'll have a lunch break) and then get harassed. One thing that seems to be forgotten, the judge calls it as he or she sees it. It may not be the

way we see it, but it's their call. There are so many complaints, no wonder it's getting harder and harder to find a judge.

I'm not overlooking the fact that there are some judges that do some less than ethical things, but there are a lot of judges that try to be fair. Maybe some guild lines should be set?

We should stop and think what it would be like if we couldn't find a judge or sheep or a field to have that trial. What it would be like not to have that person that goes through all the work of putting on that trial.

I know I'm relatively new to this wonderful sport, but it seems to me we should stop and think about this "If it only was a Perfect World".

ED. This piece was written after the author took relatives to a trial this past fall at Eastern States Fairground. At this major public event, her relatives overheard other spectators commenting on the poor sportsmanship they saw publicly displayed by some of our NEBCA handlers that did not like how they were being scored. Could it have been you?

By Bob Moses

You own several dogs, a decent number of sheep, a barn, perhaps an out-building or two; you're lambing, shearing, selling puppies and incurring expenses that would bring some third world countries to civil disobedience. Isn't it time to think about reporting this endeavor as a business on your tax return and get something back? Maybe, then again, maybe not.

The IRS is rather touchy on the subject of a part time business loss versus a hobby loss. What's the difference? More about that to follow.

Your federal return is not the only area with potential savings. If you qualify within your state as a farmer (in Connecticut, for example, you need to gross \$2,500.00 in an agricultural product produced on your farm to qualify for the "Farmers Tax Exemption Permit"). This certificate, available in most states, exempts goods purchased for the sole purpose of farm production from sales tax. Included are feed, bedding, fencing materials, tractor attachments, stock trailers and even trucks if they are used exclusively for farming. (Think of it, a new truck purchased with the burden of the state's icy grip on your wallet. With the possible exception of a flawless double lift and shed with Barbs, it doesn't get much better than that.) You may also qualify for farm plates on the vehicle, reducing your annual registration fee, eliminating the emissions requirement (CT only) and be exempt from town property tax on said vehicle.

A Taxing Question

The key to all these potential areas of dollar savings is federal tax form 1040 schedule F or C for individuals (Corporations may also qualify). Whether your farm activity generates a profit or not you still qualify for the state tax savings if you meet the minimum gross dollar amount in farm production and you file 1040 F or C at income tax time.

Back to the difference between a hobby and a business. By the way, the IRS has noticed that most people claim their activity as a business when they are losing rather than making money, probably a coincidence. The time you spend on your business, professional advisors used such as accountants and lawyers, maintaining a separate business bank account, keeping an accurate set of books or use of a professional bookkeeping service, running your activity as a prudent business person with profit as the goal, are all key elements the IRS uses to determine whether you have a business or a hobby. If a hobby, you can deduct expenses to the extent of your income only. If a business you may be allowed to deduct all expenses incurred in the operation, including the non cash expense of depreciation on any capitalized equipment and generate a loss which can offset income from areas not related to the farm.

Do not be lulled into false sense of security by the "just show a profit for

three out of five years and the rest can be at a loss, no problem" routine. It's not a lock. The regulation states an activity is presumed not be a hobby if profits result in any three of five consecutive tax years (two out of seven for horses) ending with the tax year in question, unless the IRS proves otherwise. The IRS can declare your years of profit a business and the years of loss, a hobby.

If all of this sounds confusing, you're not alone. One U.S. Senator, a lawyer and a CPA, who actually wrote part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 stated in an interview that he had no clue as to the proper interpretation of the code he was being questioned about, it was that muddled.

It may be worth your time to meet with a tax professional and determine if you qualify for business status.

If you have questions and would like to address them to us at CASI Systems, Inc. PO 1736, Manchester, CT 06040 we will answer each on individually.

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A Newcomer's Perspective

By Celia Nathan

As a newcomer to the world of Border Collies and all it represents and requires, I was looking forward to my very first clinic. I wanted to meet and discuss handling and training with people starting out as I am and those a bit more advanced who could offer valuable insight. Clinics are touted as the vehicle to help the handler as well as the dog.

While I did not expect the weekend to be a gathering of 'The Welcome Wagon Society', I did not expect to be ignored for all of the first day and most of the second. I thought I would take the initiative and introduce myself and my dog, at least his breeding might generate some conversation. This I did to three people standing near a tree relaxing during a break. They said hello, turned and walked over to the refreshment table without another word. I was the invisible woman. Then I introduced myself to the tree, the response was a bit

more gratifying.

The clinic itself was informative if you had some sense of what your dog could and could not do. This allowed you to discuss specific problems with the instructor. Based upon your answer to her question of what you ultimately want to do with your dog; trials, farm work or both, your embarked upon a training procedure that, presumably, would rectify the problem. All well and good. What if you don't know an out run from a drive, a balance point from a flank?

I had done a great deal of research on the bred before my purchase. The parents had good hips, no eye problems, the breeder was conscientious and reputable, I own 65 acres, I did my homework. You cannot research clinics and not all are for rank beginners. You don't know this going in (the first time) and if no one informs you when you call to register, you will receive a costly lesson

for your first encounter.

The Border Collie Associations "promote the breeding and training of the Border Collie as a working dog." Wouldn't it be beneficial if they also promoted encouragement as well as education to individuals new to the activity? These people are the future customer base for breeders. They are the hope for expanded trials and increased association memberships. If you have been a handler in the Northeast for a number of years, ask yourself this question, "When was the last time I saw a handler or anyone just walking a dog at a trial that I did not know?" It's been a while, hasn't it? Why do you suppose that is?

The next time you see a new face at a trial or clinic, forget that you're a Northeast Yankee, shunt your initial instinct to avoid eye contact and go up to that person and welcome them to the wonderful world of the Border Collie.

Trial Results

NH State Championship

Julie Depford Simpson of Scotland, Judge

Both days of the weekend were just beautiful! The foliage was at its peak, so the colors were beautiful all around. It was ideal weather for a trial. The 4-H club put on an wonderful lunch with hamburgers, salads, and barbecued lamb. Without the help of so many generous people, the trial would not have gone so smoothly. Thank you to all who pitched in. After the trial, Eight entered the jack pot run with a double lift and a 400 yard outrun. Bev Lambert and Rich Seamans tied and split the jack pot. Also participating were Roger Deschambeault, Gabe Merrill, Mike Canaday, Betty Levin, Warren Mick, and Edie Overly.

1. Roger Deschambeault	Jack	96
2. Roger Deschambeault	Tyson	93
3. Bev Lambert	Bill	92
4. Mike Canaday	Floss	90
5. Mike Canaday	Ken	89
6. Rich Seamans	Socks	82
7. Gabe Merrill	Meg	81
8. Bev Lambert	Lark	81
9. Rich Seamans	Cleo	74
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Pip	70

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trials

Julie Depford Simpson of Scotland, Judge

1. Gabe Merrill	Meg	95
2. Roger Deschambeault	Don	94
3. Roger Deschambeault	Jack	93
4. Mike Canaday	Robin	91
5. Lynn Deschambeault	Jolly	89
6. Mike Canaday	Floss	88
7. Lynn Deschambeault	Pip	87
8. Rich Seamans	Cleo	85
9. Bev Lambert	Lark	85
10. Rich Seamans	Socks	85

Vermont State Championship

Quechee, VT, August 26

Becky Peterson, Judge

1. Bev Lambert	Jet
2. Mike Canaday	Spot
3. Roger Deschambeault	Jack
4. Mike Canaday	Robin
5. Roger Deschambeault	Tyson
6. Dee Woesner	Bess
7. Dale Hamilton	Beth
8. Bev Lambert	Lark
9. Denise Leonard	Nikki
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy

Spring Valley Farm Open Trials

Stafford, VT August 27

Becky Peterson, Judge

1. Bev Lambert	Lark
2. Maike Canaday	Ken
3. Mike Canaday	Robin
4. Rich Seaman	Socks
5. Jean Kennedy	Max

Lamprey River Farm Nursery Trials

Lee, NH

Roger Deschambeault, Judge

Saturday started out with pouring rain and forty mile an hour gusts of wind. Handlers huddled in the tent which threatened to blow away at any moment. The sheep used for each competitor were in a combination of two older Cheviot/Chveiot/Blue Leicester ewes, two cross bred lambs and one Katadin each. The sheep were light and did not like the pen. Ribbons were awarded to fifth place in each class. The sheep handlers, secretary, and messenger were all Animal Science students from the University of New Hampshire. Lynn Deschambeault had the thankless task of holding sheep in the pouring rain with her dogs. The ever organized Betty Murray registered everyone and maintained the score boards.

Novice/Novice (11 dogs ran)

1. Sioux	Lana Petty	76
2. Kate	Hilary Flowers	75
3. JJ	Fran Wheeler	67
4. Totsi	Janet Larson	62
5. Gaelin	Greg Hamm	62
6. Twill	Janet Larson	61
7. Ted	Bill Flowers	59
8. Isabella	Kathleen Hughes	55
9. Bess	David J. Murray	53
10. Jack	Bill Flowers	53

Pro/Novice (10 dogs ran)

1. Spot	Joe Kennedy	74
2. Meg	Joe Kennedy	73
3. Kate	Hilary Flowers	70
4. Magnum	Janet Larson	70
5. Ralph	Steve Wetmore	66
6. Nell	Anne Priest	64
7. Tweed	Fran Wheeler	50
8. Galen	Lana Petty	48

Loon Mountain Sheep Dog Trials

The Third Annual Open Sheepdog trial was held in conjunction with the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mt on Friday, September 15th. A field of 34 dogs ran a points type course on the challenging slopes of the mountain. Excitement was added as a crew from ESPN (yes, the big sports station) was present and on the course filming the entire trial! Parts of the trial were shown along with interviews with the top five finishers on December 17th.

Fortunately, for the first year, the weather cooperated and we had a perfect day. A

6. Denise Leonard	Meg
7. Roger Deschambeault	Tyson
8. Joe Kennedy	Ricky
9. Dee Woessner	Bess
10. Betty Levin	Kelty

Ranch (3 dogs ran)

1. Keegan	Steve Wetmore	81
2. Kerry	Jane Jackson	71
3. Heidi	Paul Heidenburg	50

Sunday was a beautiful sunny, cool but windy day. The sheep became wise, and started making a bee-line to the holding pen gate. They figured out that they could dive under it and tip the gate. This ruined a number of runs that started out nicely. Betty Levin held the sheep all day, and Betty Murray again acted as registrar and score board keeper. Students from UNH worked in the sheep pens.

Novice/Novice (18 dogs ran)

1. Hope	Joanne Krause	73
2. Kyp	George Northrup	71
3. Twill	Janet Larson	69
4. Sioux	Lana Petty	68
5. Isabella	Kathleen Hughes	67
6. Chip	Jody Somers	66
7. JJ	Fran Wheeler	62
8. Elvis	Nancy Milam	59
9. Ted	Bill Flowers	59
10. Switch	Clint Brake	58

Pro/Novice (9 dogs ran)

1. Nell	Anne Priest	71
2. Fern	Millie Curtis	69
3. Galen	Lana Petty	62
4. Spot	Joe Kennedy	60
5. Meg	Joe Kennedy	60
6. Kate	Hilary Flowers	60
7. Magnum	Janet Larson	60

Ranch (4 dogs ran)

1. Keegan	Steve Wetmore	77
2. Heidi	Paul Heidelberg	77
3. Brie	Debbie Merrill	71
4. Pippin	Kate Collins	65

large and very appreciative crowd was on hand for what turned out to be a very close competition – the top 4 dogs had perfect scores after two runs.

1. Mike Canaday	Robin	48
2. Roger Deschambeault	Jack	48
3. Mike Canaday	Ken	48
4. Lynn Deschambeault	Pip	48
5. Rich Seaman	Cleo	47
6. Rich Seaman	Sox	47
7. Beverly Lambert	Lark	44
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Jolly	44
9. Denise Leonard	Nikki	40

Based on a perfect score of 48 points, ties were broken by time. As trial manager, I would like to thank all the handlers for pitching to help get the course set up and for setting out sheep. Thanks also to Carroll and Pollie Goodwin for judging and scorekeeping and to Fran Wheeler for excellent job announcing!

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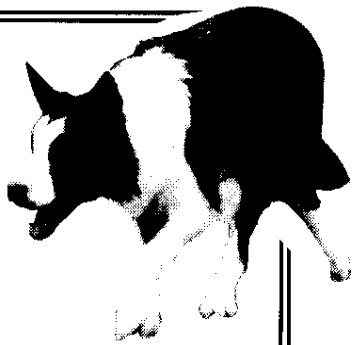
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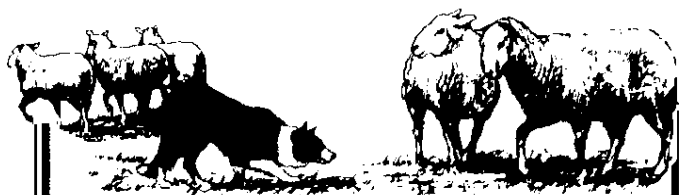
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