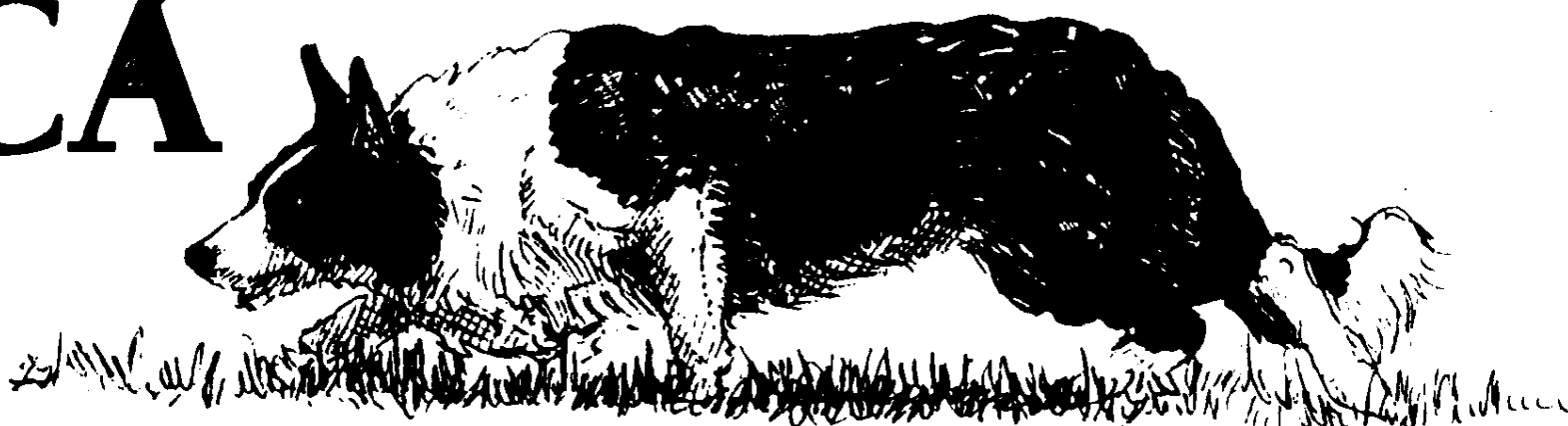


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Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials

August 3, 4 & 5, 1996

Judge: Harford Logan, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland

This trial should be renamed the happy families trial. Our hosts, Kate Darbyshire and Werner Reitboeck and their children, Duncan and Anthony, were at great pains to make sure that handlers, their consorts, kids and grandchildren had a good time. The traditional Saturday night sing-a-long provided lots of good cheer. In fact some handlers were so cheerful they could hardly stand up. The judge, Harford Logan let a small group into the real way of the Irish. Incidentally, he was also a fine trial judge. The weather was hot but the sheep and dogs worked well resulting in some very good runs. If you like a well organized trial with a good, friendly atmosphere, this is one not to be missed.

by Bruce Smart

Novice/Novice - 4 dogs

1 Margaret Lambkin/Ice	70
2 Chris Corbett/Sage	66
3 Viki Kidd/Brae	48
4 Gordon Ligon/Mig	30

Novice/Novice, 2nd Run

1 Chris Corbett/Sage	68
2 Margaret Lambkin/Ice	64
3 Viki Kidd/Brae	57
4 Gordon Ligon/Mig	43

Pro/Novice Saturday - 16 dogs

1 Amanda Milliken/Grace	83
2 Mark Bustard/Burl	82
3 John Alread/Ben	78
4 John Alread/Sian	72
5 Marilyn Fischer/Ella	71

Sunday - 16 dogs

1 Amanda Milliken/Grace	82
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2 John Alread/Sian	82
3 Walt Jagger/Jim	78
4 Marilyn Fischer/Ella	78
5 John Alread /Ben	70

Ranch Sunday - 10 dogs

1 Red Oliver/Reba	64
2 Amanda Milliken/Atlas	51
3 Beverly Lambert/Spy	48
(rest retired or DQed)	

Monday - 10 dogs

1 Cheryl J. Williams/Sadie	82
2 Bev Lambert/Spy	76
3 Red Oliver/Reba	75
4 Leroy D'Entremont/Pup	73
5 Amanda Milliken/Atlas	68

Open Sunday - 45 dogs

1 Mark Bustard/Kate	92
2 Beverly Lambert/Jet	91

3 Stuart Ligon/Cap	90
4 Bev Lambert/Lark	90
5 Barbara Ligon/Jim	89
6 Dick Williams/Dave	87
7 JP Lalonde/Jet	87
8 Ralph Pulfer/Roy	87
9 Ralph Pulfer/Clint	86
10 Barbara Ligon/Mirk	85

Monday - 42 dogs

1 Barb Ligon/Jim	95
2 Ralph Pulfer/Roy	94
3 Cheryl J.-Williams/Nell	94
4 Stuart Ligon/Cap	93
5 Sandra Milberg/Mac	92
6 Stuart Ligon/Keele	92
7 Walt Jagger/Roy	91
8 Ralph Pulfer/Clint	90
9 Lena Bailey/Jen	89
10 Bev Lambert/Bill	88

Remember, the annual meeting is coming up in January!

Note from the Editor

Here we are with another hurry-up issue of the newsletter. The rules say that by-laws changes have to be sent to the members thirty days ahead of the annual meeting (thereby giving you time to go over them very carefully, make your decisions, and send the ballot to the Secretary for tabulating).

For the first time we have people competing for offices – in the past, elections have generally been a “rubber stamp” with only one candidate for each office (with the exception of the recently-formed Board of Directors.) Because you have a choice, I asked each candidate by mail plus e-mail or phone, to send a description of “their history with Border Collies and their vision for NEBCA.” Almost everyone did, and the self-portraits are included.

We got two letters to the “NEWS” since the last issue. They have been shortened a little to fit available space. Both reiterate the need for more meetings. One of the by-laws changes suggests having only one meeting a year for the membership (with some “public meetings” of the Board.) I have to agree with the letter-writers on this one – we need more meetings of the membership, not fewer. It used to be quite common for meetings to be held after trials. (People were there anyway, with not much to do on a Saturday night but slap mosquitoes.) So members got together at several of the larger trials, and discussed old issues and brought up new ones. It was a chance to build a consensus, and to fix little problems before they grew. We got treasurer’s reports, were extorted to sell (and buy) more calendars, and were asked to volunteer for various jobs. People knew what was happening.

In 1996, we have had only one meeting since the annual meeting. It was after the Cumington trial in May. (There was easily a quorum, under new or old rules.) It’s seven months, May 1996 to January 1997, without any formal exchange between officers and board members and the club membership. Judging by the number of people volunteering to help with the library (see Lin’s note), lots of people are willing to share the work and responsibility involved in running the club. So let’s figure out some mechanisms to spread the decision-making and the work.

I have to say one more thing. Some of the changes relegate the Executive Committee to doing the “grunt work.” Three or four years ago, it was felt that people doing the work deserved a voice, but now that’s being changed. Right now, functionally, power resides with the President. Power should be spread among more people, but perhaps the people that do the day-to-day work shouldn’t be cut out entirely. As it is set up now, the Executive Committee is supposed to report to the Board, and if things were run that way, a nice balance between pundits and workers might be maintained. The Executive Committee also tends to hear from members on a regular basis – as dues are paid, memberships sent in, and trial results, ads and articles are sent to the newsletter. Another problem is the requirement that the Board meet for decisions. As trials get more numerous and sometimes have conflicting dates, it will get more difficult to get a quorum. If the Executive Committee and the Board met together with a quorum of six or so, the problem could be more easily solved. A group of ten people would more easily meet the quorum requirement, and could make decisions that better reflect the whole membership. (Of course, I have an interest here; as Editor, I’m on the Exec. Com. Not that there’s been any glamour or power with the job, just late nights!)

Voting’s important. If you don’t know the issues, call someone who does. Better yet, as feelings can be strong, and presentations one-sided, talk to someone, and then talk to whomever they suggest is on the wrong side!

I’ve been surprised just lately at how many people bemoan the “politics” of NEBCA. I had to look it up in the dictionary, as, even after the recent elections, I didn’t have such a negative view. The first definitions were “wise, prudent and sagacious” (sort of like our dogs!) Only near the end of the listing did “crafty” and “cunning” come into it. The main connotations relate to wise planning. Now there’s a goal!

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Statements from Candidates for NEBCA Offices

PRESIDENT

Gene Sheninger - *(Editor's note: Gene is currently President. We had not received anything from him for the newsletter by the time we had to go to the printer. As there is a deadline for getting bylaws changes to members, we couldn't wait.)*

David Young – Mary Ellen and I have been actively involved with Border Collies for almost eight years now and are ready to start our seventh season in competition with two open dogs and one nursery dog. Living up here in Quebec, Canada (eh!) has been an asset in many respects because we are not that far from the northeastern U.S., or Ontario. The location gives us a true flavour of both clubs in two different and beautiful countries. We own a 45-acre farm in the Eastern Townships of Southern Quebec about 20 miles from the New Hampshire/Vermont border. With a flock of 26 ewes and a few beef cattle we are presently working toward expanding our flock to approximately 100 ewes.

I work full time as a carpenter at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec (which hosts our annual sheep dog trial). I am actively involved in the non-unionized Staff Association at the University, and was President of the Association for two terms. I presently am a trustee on the Corporation of Bishop's University and also sit on the Executive Committee of the University, and am a voting member on both. While I was President of the Staff Association, I sat on the Human Resources Policy Committee which negotiated Policies and Procedures for the Staff.

The President of any organization is, as I see it, not a seat of power, but one of influence. NEBCA is a volunteer organization and you can't make people do things they don't want to, and expect them to do it well. To be more precise, I would like to get not only people doing things for the organization, but the right people doing the right jobs. I feel that I have had the experience over the past six years with my involvement on numerous committees to do the job as President of NEBCA very well. Mary Ellen and I have already committed ourselves to traveling south more often this coming year no matter what the results are of the upcoming elections. I do believe that I am ready to serve NEBCA to the best of my ability if I am elected as President. *(Editor's note: Dave is currently on the Board of Directors. If elected President, he will no longer be a member of the Board, except ex-officio, as president.)*

VICE PRESIDENT

Denise Leonard – I live in Greenfield, MA, and have had sheep for 30 years and border collies for about 25 years. I have always used the dogs on the farm and have trialed off and on over the years. I have watched sheep dog trialing grow as a sport over the past twenty-five years from a handful of trials a year to one almost every weekend. I have seen the evolution of the Nursery Program over the past ten years.

I joined NEBCA in the early 1980s and at that time it was a small organization of under 100 members. I served as co-editor of the NEBCA News from 1984-1989 and during that time, the organization grew from approximately 125 members to over 300 members. I have served on the Nursery trials committee since 1990 helping to shape that program. I worked on the Calendar committee for many years, just recently giving it over to the current committee two years ago. Finally, I served on the Responsible Breeders committee. I have seen NEBCA grow into a large progressive organization. I feel it is important, considering that the AKC has recently recognized the border collie, for NEBCA to continue to promote the border collie as the premier herding dog. Continued support and growth of the library, calendar sales, the open and nursery trials programs among other programs will help to achieve this goal. *(Editor's note: Denise is currently on the Nursery Trials Committee. If elected Vice President, she would resign that position.)*

Bruce Smart - My first border collie was acquired in 1987 and we entered our first trial in 1989. Since I live in Quebec I could not get to some NEBCA trials because of the distance. However, now that I have retired (very early) my range has increased.

I am a director of the USBCHA and also the Trial Chair of the Ontario Border Collie Club. I drafted a revision of the Trial Rules and Guidelines for the OBCC consolidating previous amendments, ensuring consistency, and simplifying language. They appear to work well.

I believe that NEBCA is in good shape. However, it is large geographically as well as in membership and this makes communication difficult. There is also considerable diversity amongst the members and so we encounter difficulties in developing a consensus when a need for change is perceived.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Canaday – I run a part-time sheep farm with over 300 sheep with my wife Pat and son Jay. We have had border collies since the early 80's. I have trialed not only in the Northeast but all across the country. I have won the NEBCA Fall Foliage Champion or NEBCA High Point Champion 6 times in the 10 years. My dog Ken is the current High Point Champion. We have hosted many trials over the years including the NAYS Championship and the Empire State Open. Along with Warren and Maria Mick, we also host the Independence Day Trial. This trial is noted for three full days of both Open and Nursery classes running concurrently. This past year we also started a Junior Handlers class - open to all kids ages 16 and under. I believe that the novice classes are important to the future NEBCA and dog trialing.

My service to NEBCA includes being a member of the Trials Committee and most recently as a Director on the Board of Directors. I am also serving my second term as director on United States Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA).

I have trialed all over the country and in my travels I have yet to see a club any better than the Northeast Border Collie Association. I don't believe we can look ahead without looking back. When I started dog trialing there were no novice classes and only 10 trials a year. If you wanted to start dog trailing you had to start in the open classes because that is all there was. NEBCA has truly come a long way in supporting the novice handlers' efforts to progress. I think NEBCA will continue to grow one dog at a time, one handler at a time, one trial at a time. When we look back 20 years from now, we will all see the important role NEBCA played in the promotion and protection of the working Border Collie.

Lynn Deschambeault - Hi, my name is Lynn Deschambeault. I'm 36 years old and grew up on a dairy farm in New Hampshire. My family has always had Border Collies on the farm to work the cows, so I grew up with a appreciation of this breed's working ability and intelligence. As kids, my brother and I taught our Border Collie Jack many tricks. Along with the usual tricks, he could climb a ladder, he would wake any family member we told him to, he passed out the gifts at Christmas, he could crawl, carry buckets and was an avid Frisbee player. Jack taught me that contrary to popular belief, working dogs are not ruined by being kept in the house and treated as pets.

I got my first Border Collie about 16 years ago, and began training her. She looked good, and I wasn't interested in trialing yet, so my dad, Roger Deschambeault, took over her training and trialed her. She went on to become a NEBCA champion. In 1984 I bought Dandy, a blue merle puppy. I trained him on sheep, joined NEBCA and began to trial him. I was fortunate; he forgave my many mistakes and three years later we became NEBCA champions. I have since bred and trained my own trial dogs, who in the winter turn into a sled dog team. In '89 I bought my own small farm and I breed and own a small flock of registered Katahdin Hair Sheep. I have worked as a vet assistant for 16 years to help support my habits, the dogs and sheep. I have in the past served as NEBCA Secretary/Treasurer, NEBCA Secretary, and am currently a Director. I have enjoyed serving in all positions but do hope in the future the Board is given more power and I personally I would like more input from the membership. If elected I'd like to see NEBCA continue to promote healthy working border collies.

Roger Millan - When I was asked to run for the Board of Directors, I really wasn't sure whether that was something I wanted to pursue. It seemed to me that there were an awful lot of unanswered questions concerning the direction of NEBCA, without easy answers, and I wasn't sure if I wanted to have responsibility for making necessary and important decisions.

I started trialing because of a pure fascination with the ability of these dogs. Ten years ago, Heather and I went to a trial in Florida and I was amazed at what I saw. Not long after that, we bought a puppy from a breeder in Georgia. Later, we moved to New York with the intention to try our hand at training. By the time we got started, Kelby was five and over the next year or two we accumulated a few sheep, rented land, and began to train. Kelby had progressed to where we thought we might attempt a N/N trial. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with leukemia and, not wanting to quit, we bought a puppy. The rest is history and a familiar story to most people that have become involved with Border Collies. We now have four dogs, an RV, 25 sheep and we are in this for the long haul. We have had our successes and failures, more of which have been in the latter category. But, every once in a while, we have managed to be competitive, and believe that we are on the right track for the future.

Now, while considering to run for Board of Directors, I realized that the statement, "the right track for the future" does not mean the same thing to all people. I also realize that the popularity of the sport is increasing at a rate that will require some rational thought in order to ensure that NEBCA progresses in a direction that will satisfy the needs of multiple entities, most importantly the breed itself. I by no means consider myself to be a visionary with all the answers, but I am someone who is willing to spend some time attempting to find appropriate answers that will satisfy a majority of NEBCA members, while at the same time maintaining a commitment to the breed.

Becky Peterson - I was asked to run for director of NEBCA for a change of scenery and I accepted readily. I have been involved with Border Collies forever but actively since 1979 when I bought MY first pup. It was my second dog,

"Fly," that really gave me the bug to train in 1983 and I have had several dogs since and have been competitive with some. I became very active in trialing with Fly and retired her in 1995.

I bred a few litters and continue to breed only about 1 or 2 a year, trying to make an improvement instead of a population, realizing that there are a lot of problems out there that haunt us. I've tried to make responsible decisions, choices and placements, working toward the good of the breed. I feel that breeding Border Collies is not something to be taken lightly and not with the almighty \$ as the first reason to create a litter.

With several other obligations in life, I went to a limited number of trials in a year and was hopefully able to keep the whole thing in perspective. I became Chairman of the dreaded Trials Committee in 1988 when trials became very trendy and the number of trials went from 12 that year to something like 40. There were a lot of headaches involved in this transition until decisions were made and documented. With lots of work and million dollar phone bills, the committee was able to put together a fairly good system that wasn't error free but worked most of the time.

I will take the risk of saying that most of the difficulties in the organization arise from the clashing of egos. I know because I have one also. There have been murmurings of secession by one or more geographic areas of our membership and I think that would be a very sad event and will only lend to many more hard feelings, of which there are already plenty. If elected director, I hope that I could help reduce egotistical attitudes that are surfacing more often now and try to concentrate our efforts on promoting the BORDER COLLIE, not the handler.

Proposed Changes to NEBCA By-Laws

(Editor's note: We received the following from Bev Lambert, bylaws committee. Sections that are voted on together are set apart with dashes.)

To allow members to most fully express their opinions on the by-laws changes, while making sure that all items relevant to any change pass, the by-laws changes have been broken down into related groups of changes with votes on each area of change. The places where a vote is required are indicated by a line of *****. No by-laws change can fully express the concerns of all members. Try to vote for the articles that most closely approximate the way you feel the association should be governed. Remember that no matter how the by-laws change the association will still be made up of the same people and will still operate in very much the same way. These are primarily housekeeping issues that will have little impact on dog trialing in the Northeast. The biggest two issues of concern are whether or not NEBCA members in Maryland should be a full part of NEBCA and who should have the primary influence on NEBCA policy, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

The current by-laws appear in normal type. Items we are proposing to delete with the change are underlined. Items we are proposing adding appear in *italics*.

NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

*****Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to help promote the working Border Collie.

The purpose of this organization is to promote the use of the Border Collie as a working stock dog and to safe guard and improve the quality of the breed.

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be the "NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION" (NEBCA).

*****ARTICLE II Membership DELETE ALL

(Editor's note: In the event this article is deleted, subsequent articles must be re-numbered.)

Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies is eligible for membership.

A person becomes a member upon qualifying as discussed in ARTICLE III. A member has the privilege of voting, holding office and being counted for quorums of meetings.

*****ARTICLE III Dues and Membership Qualifications

Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies is eligible for membership. Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies and residing in the NEBCA region is eligible for a voting membership. A voting member has the privilege of voting, holding office and being counted for quorums of meetings. The NEBCA region shall consist of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces of Canada.

OR

Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies is eligible for membership. Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies and residing in the NEBCA region is eligible for a voting membership. A voting member has the privilege of voting, holding office and being counted for quorums of meetings. The NEBCA region shall consist of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces of Canada.

Membership dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year. A fee will be set for Individual Memberships, and a fee will be set for Farm or Family memberships. All fees will be in United States funds. Dues amounts will be determined by the Officers of the Association and will be set as required to maintain the firm financial basis of the NEBCA. Dues amounts can only be changed at the Annual Meeting.

Each member shall have one vote either in person or by proxy, so long as their annual dues are paid in full and they reside in the NEBCA region. Farm or Family Memberships are entitled to two votes, so long as they are submitted by two individual members of the Farm or Family. *To participate in the High Points competition or to qualify for the Fall Foliage Championship or the Nursery Trials Championship a person must be an individual member of NEBCA (up to two adult family members and any number of children up to 18 years of age may so compete if they have a Farm or Family Membership and reside in the NEBCA region.*

*****ARTICLE IV DELETE ALL

Each member shall have one vote either in person or by proxy, so long as their annual dues are paid in full. Farm or Family Memberships are entitled to two votes, so long as they are submitted by two individual members of the Farm or Family.

(The purpose of these changes is to clarify who may fully participate in NEBCA and what that full participation entails. This question was raised when the person putting on a trial in Maryland asked if NEBCA would sanction the trial as counting toward the year end High Points and Fall Foliage awards. The only geographic limitation we have ever placed upon NEBCA has been in who may participate in the High Points Competition and on which trials may qualify for High Points and Fall Foliage qualifiers. There has never been a description of what constitutes the "Northeast" that the Northeast Border Collie Association serves. Currently we keep track of novice points for all dogs running in Novice events in the Northeast (and must continue to do so no matter what the result of this vote to ensure that even non-NEBCA members are running in the appropriate classes) and we award certificates to any member of NEBCA whose dog moves up a class. Currently all members of NEBCA can attend meetings and vote no matter where they live. If Maryland is added to NEBCA the only changes would be that trials in Maryland could then count towards the annual high points award and trials in Maryland could be used to qualify dogs for the Fall Foliage trial. We have many (over 20) NEBCA members in Maryland and they have formally petitioned NEBCA for inclusion of their state in NEBCA. The inclusion of Maryland has the advantage of continuing to allow these people full participation in NEBCA. It has the disadvantage, if a large trial develops in Maryland, of perhaps necessitating any handler campaigning for the high points award needing to go to Maryland to compete. Handlers in Maryland attempted to start their own club (the Mid-Coast Border Collie Club) but except for Maryland all of the states covered by that organization were members of NEBCA and there was not enough support outside of Maryland to keep the club going. Maryland handlers have attempted to join the Virginia Border Collie Club but have been denied entry. With only two exceptions all of the handlers in Maryland are novice handlers.)

(Editor's note: We currently send eight newsletters to addresses in Maryland.)

*****ARTICLE V Officers

The Officers of the Organization shall consist of a(n) *advisory* Board of Directors comprised of five members and of an Executive Committee comprised of a President, who is Chief Executive Officer of the Organization; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and Newsletter Editor. Terms of office shall be for two calendar years, but officers may be reelected. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Initially, the Board of Directors term of office will be one (1) year for two Directors, two (2) years for three directors. Subsequent terms for Directors will be two years duration.

Duties of Officers:

Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of persons who are knowledgeable in the field of Working Border Collies and can be of assistance to the Executive Committee in their decision-making processes. The Directors will choose a CHAIRMAN *Chair*. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the major policies of the Organization.

Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon notice sent by any means of communication not less than five days prior to the meeting. The business to be transacted should be included in the notice. Action taken by the Board of Directors must be signed by all members indicating they have reviewed said proposal whether or not they agree with the content. A member of the Board may vote by proxy by assigning his vote to another member of the Board. *At least four members of the Board of Directors must be present to represent a quorum for the purposes of conducting business.*

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee will be responsible to the NEBCA for the day-to-day running of the Organization. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee will have the authority to conduct business in the absence of a quorum of the membership in order to conduct day-to-day business of the Organization.

The President shall preside at all meetings, including the Annual Meeting, and shall see that the instructions of the Association are effected. The President will serve as the fifth *sixth* (voting) member of the Board of Directors. The President can call a meeting of the Board of Directors at any time.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all membership meetings and Executive Committee meetings and actions, and *shall submit the minutes to the editor of the newsletter for dissemination to the members of the Association.*

The Treasurer shall collect all money due the Association and pay for necessary supplies; produce all account books for annual audit upon request.

The Newsletter Editor shall keep the membership apprised of any and all actions of the Organization through the periodic *at least a quarterly* publication of a Newsletter.

*****ARTICLE VI Committees

All committees report to the Executive Committee *Board of Directors*.

Trials Committee: A Trials Committee of five members *plus* the Nursery *Novice* Trials Committee Chairman, and the President of the Association, ex officio, will act to regulate, oversee and help schedule qualifying trials. They will set criteria for the management of the High Points system and the Fall Foliage Championship Trial. The members will be appointed by the Executive Committee *Board of Directors*. Members will serve two *three* years, but no more than two members will have their terms expire at the same time.

Nursery Trials Committee: A Nursery Trials Committee comprised of four members and the President (ex officio) will act to regulate, oversee and help schedule qualifying nursery trials. They will set criteria for the nursery trials and for the points competition for all nursery classes. The Nursery Trials Committee Chairman will be a member of the Trials Committee.

Nursery Trials Committee: A Novice Trials Committee comprised of five members plus the chairman of the Trials Committee and the President of the Association, ex officio, will act to regulate, oversee and help schedule Novice

trials. They will set criteria for the management of the Novice Trials system and the Novice Finals Trial. The members will be appointed by the Board of Directors. Members will serve three years, but no more than two members will have their terms expire at the same time.

Nominating Committee: The President Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members at the Fall meeting to propose a slate of officers for all "officer positions" and to determine a deadline date for casting ballots that is sufficiently before the Annual Meeting to allow accurate tallying of the votes. Ballots, with the proposed slate of officers listed and a space provided for a write-in vote for each position, will be sent by the Secretary to all members in good standing.

Election Committee: The President shall appoint an Election Committee of three members at the Fall meeting that will be charged to accept and count the cast ballots on or after the official deadline and report the outcome at the Annual Meeting.

Special Elections: If an officer retires from office before his/her term expires, a special election shall be held at the next scheduled meeting to the Board of Directors will appoint someone to fill the unexpired term until the next election.

(Under the current by-laws the Association is governed by the Executive committee consisting of the President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the newsletter. A Board of Directors consisting of the knowledgeable people in the club exists but has no power or responsibility. The changes suggested above are to give the Board of Directors more power in the belief that these are the people with the knowledge and experience to guide NEBCA while the officers have the expertise to see to the organization's daily operation (keeping the books, publishing the newsletter, keeping the membership current) but have not necessarily been elected because of their experience in Border Collies or their ability to lead the club. The President would act as a full, voting member of the Board of Directors as the individual with the best understanding of the daily operation of the organization. In keeping with the new importance of the Board of Directors no director could vote by proxy under the new articles. In order to vote a Director must be at the meeting to participate in any discussion surrounding the issue to be voted upon.

This section also undertakes to put the Nursery Trials Committee on an equal footing with the Trials Committee rather than its current status as a sub-committee of the Trials Committee. It also changes the name of the committee from Nursery to Novice to avoid confusion between Nursery trials and dogs (age limited in many cases) and Novice trials and dogs. Again in keeping with the greater experience and knowledge of the Board of Directors these would be the individuals that would determine the memberships of these important committees and fill any vacancies in other offices rather than the Executive Committee.)

****ARTICLE VII Meetings

Meetings of the membership shall be held on a regularly scheduled basis throughout the year with an Annual Meeting in January. Time, location and known agenda of any and all meetings of the membership will be announced by mail to the membership prior to the meeting.

The membership shall hold an Annual Meeting each year. Time, location and known agenda of the meeting shall be announced by mail to the membership prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors will hold at least three public meetings at trials to be announced at the beginning of the trial season.

(Currently there are several NEBCA meetings each year. These meetings are frequently poorly attended and people do not know what issues will be discussed at a meeting so if they are unable to attend a meeting they can not voice their concerns. If the change to article VII is accepted there would be several meetings during the year. This by-law change would also allow us to schedule the annual meeting for any time during the year rather than requiring that the meeting be held in January.)

****ARTICLE VIII Quorum

A total of fifteen ~~twenty-five~~ members in good standing and either the President or the Vice President must be present in order to conduct business at a meeting of the membership.

(The size of NEBCA has increased considerably since the club was formed. Fifteen people no longer represent enough members to constitute a reasonable cross section of the organization. The quorum should be increased.)

ARTICLE IX By-Law Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting provided, however, that notice of intention to amend these By-Laws and the substance of that amendment shall have been submitted to each member by mail at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The approval of two-thirds of the members present and those voting by proxy shall be required for a By-Law change.

ARTICLE X Dissolution

The NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of two-thirds of the members. In the event of dissolution of the club whether voluntary or by operation of law, all proceeds or assets of the club shall be used for payments of any and all debts of the club. No proceeds nor property of the club will be distributed to any members of the club but rather shall be given to a charitable association with a focus on the betterment of the Border Collie dog as selected by the Officers of NEBCA.

*****ARTICLE XI Financial Responsibility

An Audit Committee appointed by the Executive Officers Board of Directors will conduct an examination of the financial records of the Association each year. The audit shall be conducted prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership and the Audit Committee Report shall be given to the Treasurer at each Annual Meeting.

*****ARTICLE XII Trials

All NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION sanctioned trials shall be run in accordance with the rules established by the "United States Border Collie Handlers Association Rules" *except where these rules differ from any rules adopted by the NEBCA.*

ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting is on January 11, with a snow date of January 18. If your weather channel leaves you in doubt, I've been told you are to call the director or officer nearest you, and try to find out if the meeting is continuing as scheduled. The meeting starts at 10 A.M., with committee meetings before the regular meeting. You should bring a dish to share. Crock pots are great, as oven space is limited. Utensils and drinks will be provided. Keep in mind that this building is often cold.

Directions to the Deerfield Firehouse

From the South: Take Interstate 91 north to exit 24 in South Deerfield. Take a right off the ramp and go north on Routes 5 & 10 for 5 miles. Turn left at the Sunoco station and the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile.

From the North: Take Interstate 91 South to exit 26 in Greenfield. Go 1/2 way around the traffic circle for Rt. 2A East. Turn right at the second traffic light. (Dunkin Donuts) for River Street. Turn right at next light onto Rts 5 & 10 (Deerfield Street) and go about 2-3 miles. Turn right at the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile.

The firehouse is a gray building with red trim set back from the road on the right, across from the Deerfield Inn. Please park to the rear of the building.

Letters to the Editors:

There's a lot of rumbling in NEBCA land these days. People have asked me, "What's all the talk about?" More than a few of us are upset with the way NEBCA has been run lately. Comments to me have been, "Why is everyone getting so up tight?" "What's the big deal?" The big deal is, regardless of how small the club or whether or not it's a non-profit organization, it has to be run a certain way. Procedures have to be followed. We appoint committees to research things, yet they never meet or even discuss things on the phone. When I first joined NEBCA, I can remember these committees meeting at a trial. Never mind a committee meeting at a trial, we don't even have a regular club meeting but twice a year. These are issues that have to be addressed, but go unanswered. When decisions have to be made, instead of the Officers and the Board of Directors being notified, a few people make the decisions.

There's a lot of talk about Maryland and Delaware being allowed to join NEBCA. At a recent trial there was a discussion between two handlers. One asked, "What's the Big Deal?" (Boy, that phrase gets used a lot.) One of the handlers said, "Oh, don't you know, if Maryland and Delaware don't get in, we won't be able to participate in any more trials." As far as I know, this is not true. The handlers from those states won't be able to accumulate points. Otherwise, it will stay as it is now.

I think everyone is in agreement, the people from Maryland and Delaware are just great. We have established some wonderful friendships. As well as being lots of fun, they are always willing to pitch in and help out. This is not the issue. We would not increase the work that is done now if these states joined. But the membership is growing, not only in the region we include now, but it will grow in the region that is added. If the club is not functioning the way it should, it will only get worse.

Some members have other reasons for not wanting to include Maryland and Delaware. It enlarges the trial area. As it is today, it's very difficult to travel to the farthest points of the NEBCA region. For those of us that are not in contention for High Points, this doesn't matter. For those that are, it might give some an advantage.

It doesn't seem like anyone is coming up with many alternatives. I have one that may get you all thinking. How about splitting NEBCA into a North Region and a South Region, functioning separately, yet as one? With a separate President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Handlers could trial in both regions, but only earn High Points in their own region. It could include taking 15 or 20 of the high points dogs from each region and giving a Fall Foliage Trial somewhere central and giving special awards for the combined regions. Maybe you could add to this or have an idea of your own. We need to hear from all of you. Your ideas may be very important.

We will be voting on expanding the NEBCA region. Call an Officer, Board member or talk to another member if you have questions about this. Vote. Come to the meeting in January.

I do know one thing. NEBCA has been such an influence on people and clubs all across the United States. It's been important because members really cared about the Border Collie and the club. It would be a shame to have this end because a handful might let their own desires cloud their better judgment.

Joanne Krause, NEBCA Treasurer

The proposed by-law changes pose many questions that need to be looked at closely.

Meetings: I don't think one meeting a year is enough for a growing organization. There should be at least two in a central location to maximize attendance. There should be two-four executive committee meetings a year, so issues are dealt with in a timely manner. I think this needs to be spelled out, so it is not left to chance. All meeting dates should be published ahead of time, so members can attend and have the opportunity to express themselves. With a growing membership, you will need more meetings, not fewer.

Board of Directors and Executive Committee: By giving the Board of Directors more power, you might be creating two competing bodies in the organization - the Board and the Executive Committee. Perhaps that is a problem already?

On another note, in a recent NEBCA News there was an article about being friendly to the new folks. Unfortunately, I agree with the author of the article. Until this year, I found people to be rather cool to me. When I couldn't spout the lineage of my dog, since he is a rescue dog, people walked away. Is that all there is to talk about? Some people are friendly and helpful. I know I will turn to these people when I need to have a lesson or to purchase a dog. I would like to suggest that you have an award that recognizes a person each year for his/her work in promoting the organization in a positive way. I know I have a nomination or two.

I have done a lot of questioning and complaining, so now I would like to make a suggestion. The membership form could include a list of activities and members could check off those that they would be willing to help with. I have been a member for three years, so my experience with Border Collies is limited, but I am willing to help with some activities. I would be willing to help with the calendar and the library. What else is there?

Nancy Phillips (RR1. Box 2175, Moretown, VT 05660)

Notes from the NEBCA Library

Now that the Northeast trial season is over, it is a great time to settle in with a good Border Collie book or video, whether training oriented or just good reading/watching. The library has lots of choices !!

The library has continued to be used this fall, with several new borrowers telling me that they have joined NEBCA mainly to use the library!! So it is a great resource and magnet for new members.

And speaking of new members, as most people know, I have been advertising for a replacement librarian for some months now. I have been very pleased and gratified at the number of volunteers I have gotten for the position. Many have been new members or folks new to Border Collies. It just goes to show that there are lots of people out there who want to get involved in helping to run NEBCA! We have the finalists for the librarian job narrowed down to a few folks and plan to announce the new person by our annual meeting.

As soon as Mike Hubbard's two new videos are finished and available (hopefully early 1997) the library will be buying copies. One is *Training Your Cattle Dog*, specifically geared to cattle work. The other is the third in his popular series (we already have the first two), *The Finishing Touch*, covering finishing your dog for trial or for ranch work. We will keep you posted on getting them or you can drop me a note and tell me you'd like to get on the borrow list when they come in. We will also be ordering the 1996 International Supreme Trial tape when it is available.

I hope everyone has a very happy holiday season and gets lots of Border Collie presents!!

Lin Reuther, Librarian

Ottawa Valley Sheepdog Trial

August 7 -8, 1996

As in previous years Evelyn hosted a very interesting trial at her place. Her sheep have earned their nickname "Sheep from Hell." Some of the ewes charging down the field do seem to embody both the looks and characteristics of satanic helpmates. So running at her trial is always an interesting challenge, for me unfortunately mostly unrewarding in regards to ribbons. Every year I head towards Stittsville in the hope that this time I shall be able to put some good runs together. Evelyn and her friends from the Ottawa Valley Border Collie Club always arrange for a well-organized trial where everybody is well looked after. This year one of our "own" forsook his turn at the post in order to judge the trial: Dave Young, ably assisted by his wife, MaryEllen, did a great job in scoring our runs. Unfortunately a thunderstorm on the second day required a "storm-delay." For a while it seemed some of the later dogs in Sunday's open would not get a chance to compete. Our judge called us back to the post during a lucky break in the storm and we were able to finish Sunday's Open class after all. Cheryl Jagger Williams brought together the best run of the day at that time with her dog Nell and obtained the highest score of the trial losing a mere two points. Unfortunately the Novice/Novice class had only two entries, all other classes were well attended.

by Bruce Smart

Wednesday August 7, 1996			Open			4 Walt Jagger/Jim 62		
Novice/Novice			1 Cheryl J.-Williams/Taff 93			5 Mark Bustard/Burl 61		
1	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	63	2	Bev Lambert/Lark	92			
2	Chris Corbett/Sage	51	3	JP Lalonde/Jet	91	Ranch		
			4	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	90	1	Amanda Milliken/Atlas	83
Pro/Novice			5	Ralph Pulfer/Roy	89	2	Cheryl J-Williams/Sadie	74
1	Amanda Milliken/Grace	77	6	Walt Jagger/Roy	88	3	Leroy D'Entremont/Pup	66
2	Mark Bustard/Burl	67	7	Cheryl J.-Williams/Nell	88	4	Red Oliver/Reba	60
3	John Alread/Sian	66	8	Ralph Pulfer/Clint	87	5	Walt Jagger/McDuff	55
4	John Alread/Ben	65	9	Ivan Weir/Joe	66			
5	Walt Jagger/Jim	61	10	Amanda Milliken/Boy	82	Open		
Ranch			Thursday August 8, 1996			1	Cheryl J.Williams/Nell	98
1	Bev Lambert/Spy	77	Novice/Novice			2	Ralph Pulfer/Clint	88
2	Cheryl J.-Williams/Sadie	73	1	Chris Corbett/Sage	56	3	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	87
3	Red Oliver/Reba	73	2	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	51	4	Red Oliver/Roy	83
4	Red Oliver/Gus	60				5	Bev Lambert/Lark	85
5	Leroy D'Entremont/Pup	48	Pro/Novice			6	Ralph Pulfer/Roy	83
			1	John Alread/Ben	67	7	Walt Jagger/Roy	79
			2	Belinda Betz/Jac	64	8	Amanda Milliken/Boy	77
			3	Sylvia O'Kane/Waif	64	9	Walt Jagger/Celt	75
						10	Ivan Weir/Chip	73

Pittsburgh Sheepdog Trials

Kingston, Ontario, August 9, 10, 11, 1996

Once again the Pittsburgh Township Trials proved to be an unquestionable success. After a week of hot and humid trialing in Eastern Ontario the weather gods relented and favored us for this weekend. As always, the Grass Creek Park site enhanced these conditions.

This year's sheep, imported from Waupoos Island, were challenging but manageable. Friday's Nursery classes were a bit difficult as some young dogs were introduced to sheep that were a little tougher than they were used to. On Saturday and Sunday the Open dogs proved that they were up to the challenge. Sheep that were properly handled could be put through the course efficiently, although at no time easily. The draws were very consistent, allowing every dog and handler team equal opportunity. All classes were judged by Harford Logan of Northern Ireland.

As always, handlers from far and wide were in attendance. This year we were happy to welcome for the first time Sandy Milberg, who hosts the beautiful Sonoma Valley Trial in California, the well-known Red Oliver from Texas, Chet Ellis from Alabama, and Amy Reese of Kentucky. We hope to be able to welcome them back in future years. This year also saw the return of many handlers from previous years from places such as Kentucky, Virginia, Texas and Ohio and gave us a chance to visit and renew friendships.

Ontario handlers were also very much in attendance and proved themselves equal to the competition. In fact, our own Amanda Milliken proved herself more than equal by becoming Open Champion over what was undoubtedly tough competition.

by Chris Corbett

Friday August 9			2	Sally Lacey/Tru	101	7	JP Lalonde/Madi	94
Novice/Novice - 4 dogs			3	Stu Ligon/Cap	97	8	Barbara Ligon/Roy	91
1	Vicki Kidd/Brae	63	4	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	97	9	David Young/Ben	91
2	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	28	5	Red Oliver/Roy	97	10	Skip Fischer/Connie	90
3	Chris Corbett/Sage	27	6	Ralph Pulfer/Roy	96			
			7	Werner Reitboeck/Keen	94	Overall Champion: Amanda		
Pro/Novice - 20 dogs			8	Marilyn Fischer/Tux	93	Milliken/Hazel		
1	Amanda Milliken/Grace	63	9	Amanda Millken/Eucher	93	Reserve Champion: Red Oliver/Roy		
2	John Allread/Ben	62	10	Sandy Milberg/Mac	88			
3	Belinda Betz/Jac	58						
			Sunday August 11					
Nursery - 6 dogs			Open - 43 dogs			Double Lift Final--Triple Crown Cup		
1	Ralph Pulfer/Mirk		1	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	99	1	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	
2	Stu Ligon/Bud		2	Marilybn Fischer/Tux	98	2	Stu Ligon/Cap	
			3	Amanda Milliken/Eucher	96	3	Stu Ligon/Keele	
Saturday August 10			4	Red Oliver/Roy	96	4	Amanda Milliken/Eucher	
Open - 43 dogs			5	Lena Bailey/Jen	95	5	Red Oliver/Roy	
1	Stu Ligon/Keele	102	6	Stu Ligon/Cap	95	6	Marilyn Fischer/Tux	

straight in off the last panel. The crowd responded with great joy, as vicarious participants in the miracle of the penning sheep.

The judge was an import from the U.K., Harry Thomas. First time in North America. Organized by JP Lalonde.

The Agricultural Society put on a big breakfast in the community center, Sunday morning. Not being a breakfast hound, I missed the breakfast to a bowl of cafe au lait. However, by all accounts, the breakfast was awfully good. The barbeque the night before definitely was good. The pies were real ones. And the lamb was likely one of the non penners from earlier in the day, courtesy Bob Logan, who deserves a special round of thanks for his good will, high spiritedness, and enthusiasm.

by Amanda Milliken

Saturday			2	JP Lalonde/Madi	81	4	Lorna Savage/Twist	59
Novice/Novice - 10 dogs			3	Amanda Milliken/Euchre	77	5	Mark Bustard/ Burl	56
1	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	56	4	Red Oliver/Roy	75			
2	Terry Shaefer/Brakin	49	5	Lorna Savage/Spin	68	Ranch - 7 dogs		
3	Terry Shaeffer/ Bess	46	6	JP Lalonde/Jet	67	1	Red Oliver/ Gus	74
4	Loretta Decaire/Jen	30	7	Steve Zwart/Winston	67	2	Red Oliver/Reba	73
5	Viki Kidd/Brae	25	8	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	64	3	Amanda Milliken/Atlas	55
			9	Red Oliver/Molly	60	4	Marilyn Tepstra/Mac	42
Pro/Novice - 13 dogs			10	Werner Reitboeck/Meg	60			
1	Mark Bustard/Burl	59						
2	Jeanne Weaver/Henna	56	Sunday					
3	Lorna Savage/Twist	52	Novice/Novice - 10 dogs					
4	Amanda Milliken/Grace	51	1	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	67	1	Amanda Milliken/Boy	88
5	Dale Kratzer/Speck	49	2	Viki Kidd/Brae	60	2	JP Lalonde/Jet	80
			3	Terry Shaefer/Brakin	57	3	Lena Bailey/Jen	77
Ranch - 7 dogs			4	Loretta Decaire/Jen	54	4	Amanda Milliken/Euchre	76
1	Red Oliver/Reba	63	5	Dawn Bilz/Timer	44	5	Jim Clark/Nan	75
2	Amanda Milliken/Atlas	58						
3	Marilyn Terpstra/Mac	49	Pro/Novice - 13 dogs					
			1	Jeanne Weaver/Henna	63	6	Lena Bailey/Meg	74
Open -17 dogs			2	Dale Kratzer/Speck	62	7	Lorna Savage/Spin	74
1	Lena Bailey/Jen	85	3	Amanda Milliken/Grace	60	8	Red Oliver/Roy	67

Sydenham Sheepdog Trials

August 24, 25, 1996

Novice Novice - Saturday - 4 dogs			2	Mark Bustard/Burl	71	6	Lena Bailey/Jen	78
1	Chris Corbett/Sage	56	3	Lorna Savage/Twist	68	7	Mark Bustard/Kate	73
2	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	55	4	Sylvia O'Kane/Waif	44	8	Sally Lacy/Bob	61
3	Charlene Eitapence/Lass	47				9	Bruce Smart/Dyna	60
4	Annette Foxon/Jen	44	Ranch			10	Lena Bailey/Meg	58
			Saturday - 2 dogs					
Sunday - 4 dogs			1	Amanda Milliken/Atlas	58	Sunday - 15 dogs (max. score 110)		
1	Chris Corbett/Sage	60				1	JP Lalonde/Madi	99
2	Margaret Lambkin/Ice	58	Sunday - 2 dogs			2	Amanda Milliken/Boy	98
3	Charlene Eitapence/Lass	55	1	Amanda Milliken/Atlas	77	3	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	90
4	Annette Foxon/Jen	44				4	Mark Bustard/Kate	87
			Open			5	Mark Bustard/Burl	84
Pro/Novice Saturday - 7 dogs			Saturday - 16 dogs (max score 110)			6	Sally Lacy/ Tru	83
1	Amanda Milliken/Grace	60				7	David Young/Ben	82
2	Mark Bustard/Burl	52	1	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	104	8	Lena Bailey/Jen	76
(rest retired)			2	Amanda Milliken/Boy	89	9	Lorna Savage/Spin	72
			3	Werner Reitboeck/Meg	81	10	JP Lalonde/Jet	70
Sunday - 5 dogs			4	JP Lalonde/Jet	80			
1	Amanda Milliken/Grace	74	5	Sally Lacy/Tru	79			

Spring Valley Farm Nursery Trial

Sept. 28-29, 1996. Judge Dee Woessner

Stephen Wetmore and Sarah Root hosted this nursery trial in Straford, VT. The sheep were very even and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to all who helped out, spotting sheep, score keeping, etc. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed on Saturday night. Special awards were given to the top combined dogs in each class.

Saturday

Novice/Novice

- 1 Carlene Eitapence/Lass
- 2 Joanne Krause/Hope
- 3 Clint Brake/Callum
- 4 Josh Yurfest/Tessa
- 5 Paul Graney/Moss
- 6 Millie Curtis/Spot
- 7 Bob Thrasher/Lock

Pro/Novice

- 1 Stephen Wetmore/Moss
- 2 Stephen Wetmore/Ralph
- 3 Kathy Hughes/Isabella
- 4 Millie Curtis/Fern
- 5 Nancy Milan/Elvis

Ranch

- 1 Michael Dathe/Cobb
- 2 George Northrup/Kyp
- 3 Paul Heidenberg/Heidi
- 4 Bud Ames/Sam
- 5 Lin Reuther/Patti

Sunday

Novice/Novice

- 1 Clint Brake/Callum
- 2 Carlene Eitapence/Lass
- 3 Paul Graney/Moss
- 4 Bob Thrasher/Lock
- 5 Josh Yurfest/Tessa

Pro/Novice

- 1 Becky Peterson/Gem
- 2 Stephen Wetmore/Moss
- 3 Millie Curtis/Fern
- 4 Stephen Wetmore/Ralph
- 5 Nancy Millan/Elvis

Ranch

- 1 Michael Dathe/Cobb
- 2 Josh Yurfest/Montana
- 3 Bud Ames/Sam
- 4 Kate Collins/Pippin
- 5 George Northrup/Kip

Combined Awards

Novice/Novice: Clint Brake/Callum

Pro/Novice: Stephen Wetmore/Moss

Ranch: Josh Yurfest/Montana

New Hampshire State Championship Trial

September 28, 1996

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|---|-------------------------|------|
| 1 | R. Deschambeault/Jack | 76.5 |
| 2 | L. Deschambeault/Jolly | 76 |
| 3 | Gabe Merrill/Meg | 75.5 |
| 4 | Warren Mick/Tara | 67.5 |
| 5 | R. Deschambeault/Lassie | 65 |

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| 6 | Rich Seaman/Socks | 64.5 |
| 7 | Bruce Smart/Dyna | 56.5 |
| 8 | Maria Mick/Annie | 56 |
| 9 | Joe Kennedy/Meg | 55 |
| 10 | Gabe Merrill/Jed | 50 |

Fryeburg Fair Trial

September 29, 1996

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|---|-------------------------|-----|
| ① | Maria Mick/Fly | 105 |
| 2 | Bruce Smart/Dyna | 102 |
| 3 | R. Deschambeault/Lassie | 102 |
| 4 | L. Deschambeault/Jolly | 102 |
| 5 | Rich Seaman/Socks | 100 |

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|----|----------------------|----|
| 6 | Gabe Merrill/Meg | 98 |
| 7 | Denise Leonard/Meg | 97 |
| 8 | L. Deschambeault/Pip | 95 |
| 9 | Warren Mick/Tara | 94 |
| 10 | Warren Mick/Tim | 93 |

West Branch Stock Dog Trials

Turbotville, PA, October 18-20, 1996

Judge: Bernie Armata

Our first trial proved to be memorable indeed. The Katahdin sheep were a workable challenge to the nursery classes on Friday. The highlight of this day was the "Silence of the Lambs" as our judge called it. A silent outrun, lift and fetch was tried by 27 dogs. Walt Jagger and Roy were the team to watch, with Cheryl J.-Williams and Sadie second, and Nancy Ortiz-Sharp and Vega third.

Then the rain came. Saturday's starting time was delayed until we could get all motor homes and trailers out of the parking field. If you didn't pack rain gear, boots, and a sense of humor, the rest of the weekend would have been wet and long. Four inches of rain fell that day. The Open Class ran without a shed. It was still raining Sunday and the mud got worse, but the sheep were workable. The dogs kept running.

Money prized, ribbons and Joy Dog Food were given to winners. Overall champions in each class received a micro ID implant.

A very big thanks to all our sponsors, participants and everyone who helped throughout the weekend. A special thanks to Walt Jagger who allowed his Katadins to leave Sheepy Hollow.

by Allan and Peg Lynch

October 18

Novice/Novice - 9 dogs

1	Peg Lynch/Pepper	72.5
2	Jim Strohecker/Rudi	65
3	Joyce Geier/Troy	63
4	Barbara Levinson/Ivy	60
5	Peg Lynch/Deadal	45
6	Barbara Starkey/Bessie	43
7	Michele Higgins/Kilt	39
8	Sandy Sanderson/Star	22
9	Peter VanDeCar/Pepsi	19

Pro Novice - 15 dogs

1	Walt Jagger/Jim	73
2	Merry Klimek/Tweed	72.5
3	Walt Jagger/Scout	72
4	Allan Lynch/McDuff	71
5	Sharon Nunan/Kep	69
6	C. J.-Williams/Sally	69
7	Sue Honig/Gem	64
8	Barbara Starkey/Meg	57.5
10	Peter VanDeCar/Spot	54

Ranch - 8 dogs

1	C. J.-Williams/Sadie	82.5
2	Mary Brighoff/Mirk	72.5
3	Mary Brighoff/Moss	68
4	Eunice Morgan/Sidekick	67
5	N Ortiz-Sharp/Aquilla	65.5
6	Chalmers Means/Bette	60.5

7 Allan Lynch/Jen 59

8 Bill Gregor/Brew 52.5

October 19

Novice/Novice - 12 Dogs

1	Maggie Chambers/Joy	63
2	Peg Lynch/Pepper	60
3	Barbara Levinson/Ivy	60
4	Joyce Geier/Troy	59
5	Jim Strohecker/Rudi	56.5
6	Peg Lynch/Deadal	51
7	Liz Phillips/Queen	50.5
8	Barbara Starkey/Bessie	45
9	John Sanderson/Molly	44
10	Peter VanDeCar/Pepsi	36

Pro Novice - 16 dogs

1	Sharon Nunan/Jim	71
2	Walt Jagger/Jim	71
3	Allan Lynch/McDuff	64.5
4	C. J.-Williams/Sally	63
5	Peter VanDeCar/Spot	61
6	Bill Gregor/Willie	60.5
7	Sue Honig/Gem	60
8	Barbara Levinson/Tess	59
9	Sharon Nunan/Kep	53
10	Walt Jagger/Scout	53

Open - 21 dogs

1	C. J.-Williams/Nell	85
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2 Dick Williams/Dave 84.5

3 Walt Jagger/Roy 84

4 Walt Jagger/Celt 83.5

5 C. J.-Williams/Taft 80.5

6 Dick Williams/Jesse 80

7 Barbara Armata/Anne 75.5

8 Warren Mick/Tim 75

9 N. Ortiz-Sharp/Vega 74.5

10 Mary Brighoff/Ron 73

Ranch - 11 dogs

1	C. J.-Williams/Sadie	82.5
2	Dick Williams/Craig	79
3	Russ Middaugh/Moss	78.5
4	Mary Brighoff/Mirk	77.5
5	Mary Brighoff/Moss	75
6	Bill Gregor/Brew	65
7	Heather Millan/Lark	49

Open - 22 dogs

1	C. J.-Williams/Nell	98.5
2	Walt Jagger/Nan	93
3	C. J.-Williams/Sadie	93
4	Walt Jagger/Roy	92.5
5	Russ Middaugh/Marvin	92.5
6	Warren Mick/Tim	87.5
7	Dick Williams/Jesse	86
8	Dick Williams/Dave	85
9	Barbara Armata/Taff	85
10	Mary Brighoff/Moss	82

Cumberland Valley Championship Sheep Dog Trial

Carlisle, PA
October 25-27, 1996
Judge: E. J. O. Evans, North Wales

The Cumberland Valley trial again proved to be a great success with competitors coming from all the Mid-Atlantic states and from as far away as Ohio, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Texas and Canada! Our good friend Ethel Conrad even took time from repairing her fire-damaged home to attend. The weather cooperated by giving us beautiful and mild fall days. Herbert Holmes and Mark Soper shared setting the sheep out and did this on horseback which only added to the beauty of the entire scene. The sheep, supplied by Mike Canaday, were for the most part fairly cooperative throughout the large and challenging course but proved to be quite difficult in the shedding ring. The judge was ably assisted by his wife, Euolo, who managed all secretarial duties for him. Trial paperwork was ably handled by Mary Brighoff, assisted by Cathy Rapp. The Nursery classes on Friday had a total of 36 entries. Saturday saw 67 Open entries go to the post with Alasdair MacRae and Ben coming away with the top honors. Sunday had 63 Open entries and that day Florence Wilson and her Glen were most successful. And as in years past, everyone enjoyed the delicious and fun Saturday night festivities. Thanks to Nathan Mooney, his family and friends for another great trial!

by Mary Brighoff

Novice/Novice 3 dogs			Ranch 15 dogs			6 Mike Canaday/Robin 87		
1	Jim Strohecker/Rudi	66.5	1	Nathan Mooney/Cap	79	7	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	86.5
2	C. Krommelbein/Dell	37	2	Ralph Pulfer/Kirk	78.5	8	Ellen Skillings/Jack	86
3	K. Stough/Bart	30	3	Bev Lambert/Spy	77	9	Rich Seaman/Cleo	86
			4	Leon Armentrout/Whit	76	10	Stu Ligon/Keele	84
			5	Mike Canaday/Dell	74			
Pro/Novice 17 dogs			6	N. Ortiz-Sharp/Aquilla	73	Open - Sunday 63 dogs		
1	John Alread/Ben	75	7	Carla King/Tay	71	1	Florence Wilson/Glen	94
2	Leon Armentrout/Rock	73	8	Gene Sheninger/Shep	68	2	Ralph Pulfer/Cap	91.5
3	Gene Sheninger/Shep	71	9	Mary Brighoff/Mirk	66	3	Walt Jagger/Nan	90
4	John Alread/Sian	69	10	Nancy Starkey/Mist	63	4	Alasdair MacRae/Ben	89
5	Sharon Nunan/Kep	68				5	Amanda Milliken/Hazel	86
6	Leon Armentrout/Tex	63	Open - Saturday 67 dogs			6	Warren Mick/Annie	85
7	C. Kroemmelbein/Queen	61	1	Alasdair MacRae/Ben	92	7	Tom Wilson/Fly	84.5
8	Barbara Levinson/Tess	61	2	Tom Wilson/Hope	91	8	Hubert Holmes/Morgan	83
9	Barbara Levinson/Ivy	58	3	Mary Brighoff/Moss	91	9	Walt Jagger/Celt	83
10	Ron McGettigan/Wilbur	58	4	Tom Wilson/Fly	91	10	Cheryl J.-Williams/Nell	81.5
			5	Ralph Pulfer/Clint	89			

Ballot for By-laws Changes

****This vote concerns the change to the wording of the purpose of the organization only

- ☐ Yes change the purpose statement.
☐ No leave the old purpose statement.

You are voting only on the changes in Articles I-IV.

☐ I am in favor of the changes to these articles and wish to keep Maryland out of NEBCA.

☐ I am in favor of the changes to these articles and wish to allow Maryland into NEBCA.

☐ I am opposed to the changes in these articles and wish to leave articles 1-4 as they currently are. (If you vote for this it means that we will continue to have no specific territory served by NEBCA except as described in Trials Committee rules which limits participation in the Fall Foliage and High Points competition to handlers from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces of Canada and to trials held in these states and provinces.)

These votes have to do with only Articles V and VI.

☐ I am in favor of all the changes to Articles V-VI.

☐ I am in favor of the changes concerning the Board of Directors but I think the Trials Committees should remain as they currently are.

☐ I am in favor of the changes to the rules governing the formation of the Trials Committee but think the Board of Directors should remain strictly advisory and the governing power should rest with the Executive Committee (including the power to appoint the Trials Committee members)

☐ I am opposed to changing these articles and think they should remain the same.

Voting on the change to Article VII only.

☐ I am in favor to all of the changes to Article VII.

☐ I am opposed to changing Article VII, except that the annual meeting can be held at any time of the year.

☐ I am opposed to changing Article VII.

Voting on the change to Article VIII only.

☐ Yes, increase the quorum to twenty-five.

☐ No, leave the quorum at fifteen.

☐ I am in favor of the change to Article XI.

☐ I am opposed to the change in Article XI.

☐ I am in favor of the change to Article XII.

☐ I am opposed to the change in Article XII.

** If you wish your vote to be confidential, instead of signing on the other side of the ballot, put it into an envelope and sign across the flap.

Ballot for Officers/Directors

President (vote for one)

____ Gene Sheninger

____ David Young

____ (write-in)

Vice President (vote for one)

____ Denise Leonard

____ Bruce Smart

____ (write-in)

Secretary (vote for one)

____ Jean Kennedy (Jean is currently secretary)

____ (write-in)

Treasurer (vote for one)

____ Joanne Krause (Joanne is currently treasurer)

____ (write-in)

Board of Directors (vote for two)

____ Mike Canaday

____ Lynn Deschambeault

____ Roger Millan

____ Becky Peterson

____ Signature of voting member(s)

Because there is no way of controlling the reproduction of ballots, they must be signed. Eligibility will be checked against a list of paid-up members. Voting will be kept confidential, with the NEBCA secretary, Jean Kennedy, her husband Joe, and an additional NEBCA member (a Novice handler), present for opening and tallying of ballots. There are two votes with a farm/family membership and both voting members should sign the ballot, with each member checking his/her choices.

Dues must be paid for 1997 before voting. The annual dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a farm/family membership (two family members may vote.) Dues can be sent to Jean Kennedy along with the ballot if you haven't already paid. Dues must not be given to anyone else, as Jean may not receive them in time to make you eligible to vote.

****Ballots are due at Jean Kennedy's by Wednesday, January 8, so that she can tally them before the meeting.**

Jean Kennedy, NEBCA Secretary
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