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Bwlch Moss – An Update

by Russ Middaugh

Many years ago I owned an MG Midget sports car. It was small, quick and agile and responded instantly to changes in steering, acceleration and breaking. One day I had occasion to borrow my sister's old 1953 cadillac. When you initially turned the steering wheel, nothing happened. If you kept dialing it around, eventually the car would slowly begin to veer in the desired direction. It also seemed to take forever to accelerate and stop. Driving it was somewhat like trying to do something under water or in a nightmare. This is perhaps not a perfect analogy, but it suggests my initial six months of trying to work Moss, as compared to my other dog Marvin. The critical difference, however, was that I knew Moss was in fact a Grand Prix car (or at least a BMW) since I had seen Glyn Jones work him at that level. As you may recall from my last NEBCA News article, Moss was the large 3-year-old smooth coated, black and white border collie I purchased from Glyn Jones in Wales in January of 1996. Glyn (and virtually everyone else for that matter) warned



me that it would take some time before Moss would begin to work well with me, with a year given as the most common estimate of the necessary period. I heard this but I don't really think I understood it until I was well into our initial working relationship. And let me tell you, for a novice handler it is a difficult (and for me, painful) process! If you don't mind, I'd like to share some of the pain with you.

When Moss arrived at our home in Pennsylvania, he had lived his entire life tied to a dog house perhaps 30 yards from Glyn and Beryl Jones' front door. He was clearly a happy, well cared for dog, but not widely experienced in the outside world, with the occasional trial his primary exposure to non-farm life. Our dogs are pets as well as working sheep dogs, so he was immediately introduced into the household upon my return in January. This included my wife Pat, our 3-month old daughter Kelsie, our other working border collie Marvin, a rescue border collie Rocky, my

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Pro/Novice
Dave Young's Streak

Ranch
Bernie Armata's Dan

Editor's Note

Autumn is always a sad time of year, with dark days and the end of the trialing season. The past couple of autumns have seemed especially bad to me, with my father having an accident last year about this time and my mother this year.

This issue of the newsletter is later than I had planned, as I have been back to Minnesota. My mother was hit by a car a few weeks ago. The car was driven by a 89-year-old woman who'd had a stroke, so she was blind in one eye. She saw my mother walking near the edge of the road and pulled over to say hello. Instead she ran her down. My mother got a very severe compound fracture of her leg. She's been shifting back and forth between the hospital and a nursing home, and may need a bone graft in a couple of weeks if healing doesn't go well. I will be making more trips back to Minnesota, so Evi Carleton will be handling the next issue of the News. Any trial results that you have sent that aren't included in this newsletter will be passed on to her for the next issue. That will be the last issue for this year's trial results.

Thanks to Evi for her help on this issue too - she provided the write-up and photographs of the Novice Finals and the Long Road Trophy on pages 6-8.

Now is the time to think about renewing your membership for the coming year. Your mailing label tells you when your membership expires - December for everyone except those few who joined after Oct. 1, or who have already renewed for next year.

The Board of Directors has suggested some Bylaws changes (page 18). The proposed changes are being printed before their inclusion in final form on the ballot for voting at the annual meeting. If you have suggestions relating to these changes, now's the time to contact the Directors.

Now that the trialing season is over, the winter ahead seems all too long. Let's all wish for an early spring!

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Dee Woessner

NEBCA LIBRARY

Don't forget the tapes and books available to members through the NEBCA Library. A complete listing of items available was printed in the Spring 1997 issue. There's the whole winter ahead to tune up our dogs for the next trialing season, so it's a great time to check out those training tapes.

Requests should be sent in writing to our new librarian, Susan Myshka, at 3 Conrad Street, Mystic, CT 06355. Videos are \$4 per single video, or \$3 each in sets. Books are free.

LONG ROAD TROPHIES

Twenty-four NEBCA members made the Long Road Trophies possible with contributions from \$5 to \$50. Each of the winners received a beautiful porcelain Border Collie plate. Ed Hobart's 6th place Joy won the Novice award, Dave Young's 6th place Streak won the Pro/Novice, and Bernie Armata's 3rd place Dan won the Ranch, and Beverly Lambert's 1st place Lark won it in Open (at the Fall Foliage.) Congratulations to the handlers who have brought their dogs along from puppyhood to achieve this distinction.

Betty Levin

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Pennsylvania State Championship Stock Dog Trials

June 20-22, 1997 / Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania

Tom Lacy, Novice judge / Kent Kuykendall, Open judge / Walt Jagger, trial manager

The Pennsylvania State Championship Stock Dog Trials were held on June 20, 21, and 22, 1997 in Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania. Tom Lacy judged the novice classes at Culleymont, owned by Dick and Cheryl Jagger Williams. Running 108 young dogs on Friday and 107 dogs on Saturday was a real feat!!!! The competition was keen in all classes as evidenced by the scores. The novice people who won or placed in each of these classes should indeed be proud.

Friday night Eleanor Jagger hosted a huge dinner for well over 150 people which was delicious as always. Saturday brought lovely sunny skies and the largest spectator crowd ever to Sheepy Hollow, owned by Walt and Eleanor Jagger. Kent Kuykendall did a beautiful job sorting out some very difficult runs. The Katahdins were not all interested in going on a very different drive course in what Walt called the run for the roses! The roses were put on the gates you were to choose for that run. (The roses were moved for Sunday's run.) The Universalist Church provided their famous chicken barbeque and many other great food items for the weekend.

Don Minkler donated an EZ-DIP portable dipping tank for the overall high scoring dog which was won by Beverly Lambert and Jet. Saturday night The Mark Vanko band provided music for all to listen and dance the night away. For those who stayed up too late for the band,

Sunday's Maltese Cross became quite a challenge (for those who did not stay up as well). The course was completely changed for Sunday. Kent Kuykendall arranged for the cross to be a make or miss type of panel which unfortunately added too much of the old lady luck factor for many of us. It was tough but very well negotiated by some. The Katahdins are not willing participants in this game.

Tom Forrester with his innate ability to very consistently hold sheep made each run as even as possible. Dr. Thomas Kern from Cornell University was on hand to provide eye tests for over 100 dogs at the eye clinic. No problems were found in the border collies.

Joy Pet Foods sponsored our event making it possible to pay over \$5000.00 to 15 places to open and also provide money prizes to 5 places in each of the novice classes. Trophies were given as well to champion and reserve champion in each class, and the overall champions and reserve for the trial and the mid-Atlantic high scoring dog and handler.

Tom Lacy had the difficult job of picking the most promising young handler and young dog of the over 100 entries. Hope owned by Louise DiMarcello was the most promising young dog. Joyce Geier was the most promising young handler.

Cheryl Jagger-Williams

| FRIDAY | | | | Ranch - 32 dogs | | | | 7. Barbara Starkey | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----|--|-------------------------|--------|----|--|------------------------------|---------|----|--|
| Novice/Novice - 22 dogs | | | | 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 85 | | 8. Kassie Hague | Jenna | 65 | |
| (3-way tie for 1st place - runoff) | | | | 2. Liz Phillips | Kate | 83 | | 9. Louise DiMarcello | Hope | 62 | |
| 1. Janet Larson | Robbie | 74 | | 3. Dick Williams | Craig | 82 | | 10. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 62 | |
| 2. Kathryn Paxton-Hill | Ty | 74 | | 4. Gene Sheninger | Shep | 79 | | Pro/Novice - 39 dogs | | | |
| 3. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 74 | | 5. Brooks Parrott | Sky | 79 | | (3 way tie for 1st - runoff) | | | |
| 4. Peg Lynch | Jill | 73 | | 6. Cheryl Williams | Slip | 78 | | 1. Walt Jagger | Moss | 71 | |
| 5. Kassie Hague | Jenna | 73 | | 7. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 78 | | 2. Sharon Nunan | Fan | 71 | |
| 6. Peg Lynch | Pepper | 71 | | 8. Bill Gregor | Willie | 77 | | 3. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 71 | |
| 7. Stephen Paxton-Hill | Kate | 67 | | 9. Walt Jagger | Jim | 76 | | 4. Allan Lynch | Scout | 69 | |
| 8. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 67 | | 10. Sally Lacy | Chess | 75 | | 5. Joyce Geier | Troy | 68 | |
| 9. Louise DiMarcello | Hope | 65 | | USBCA - 13 dogs | | | | 6. Heather Millen | Buck | 68 | |
| 10. Liz Phillips | Queen | 64 | | 1. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 69 | | 7. Carol Campion | Roy | 66 | |
| Pro/Novice - 41 dogs | | | | 2. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 58 | | 8. Dick Williams | Max | 66 | |
| 1. Sharon Nunan | Fan | 74 | | 3. Walt Jagger | Moss | 49 | | 9. Allan Lynch | McDuff | 66 | |
| 2. Joyce Geier | Troy | 73 | | 4. Brooks Parrott | Rush | 46 | | 10. Cheryl Williams | Sally | 66 | |
| 3. Allan Lynch | Scout | 72 | | SATURDAY | | | | Ranch - 32 dogs | | | |
| 4. Sharon Nunan | Jim | 71 | | Novice/Novice - 23 dogs | | | | 1. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 81 | |
| 5. Peter VandeCar | Spot | 70 | | 1. Peg Lynch | Jill | 76 | | 2. Gene Sheninger | Gael | 80 | |
| 6. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 70 | | 2. Peg Lynch | Pepper | 75 | | 3. Nancy Ortiz Sharp | Aquilla | 79 | |
| 7. Dick Williams | Max | 70 | | 3. Liz Phillips | Queen | 74 | | 4. Cheryl Williams | Slip | 79 | |
| 8. Jim Stroecker | Rudy | 69 | | 4. Stephen Paxton-Hill | Kate | 72 | | 5. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 79 | |
| 9. Dick Williams | Hope | 68 | | 5. Kathryn Paxton-Hill | Ty | 70 | | 6. Polly Matzinger | Anne | 78 | |
| 10. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 67 | | 6. Janet Larson | Robbie | 70 | | | | | |

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| 7. Polly Matzinger | Roy | 77 |
| 8. Sally Lacy | Chess | 76 |
| 9. Bernie Armata | Dan | 73 |
| 10. Brooks Parrott | Sky | 72 |

USBCHA - 13 dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 84 |
| 2. Sally Lacy | Chess | 82 |
| 3. Brooks Parrott | Rush | 78 |
| 4. Kent Kuykendall | Calvin | 78 |

Open - 65 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Beverly Lambert | Jet | 91 |
| 2. Walt Jagger | Roy | 88 |
| 3. Gene Sheneringer | Yankee | 87 |
| 4. Walt Jagger | Nan | 86 |
| 5. Mike Canaday | Ken | 85 |
| 6. Eve Marschark | Spin | 84 |
| 7. Mike Canaday | Robin | 84 |
| 8. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 81 |
| 9. Jennifer McGinnis | Shep | 80 |
| 10. Jennifer McGinnis | Sweep | 79 |

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|----------------------|-------|----|
| 11. Sally Lacy | Tru | 79 |
| 12. Ed Gebauer | Flo | 79 |
| 13. Cheryl Williams | Nell | 78 |
| 14. Gene Sheneringer | Sweep | 78 |
| 15. Amanda Milliken | Grace | 75 |

Best Outwork:

Eve Marschark & Spin

Best Drive:

Jennifer McGinnis & Shep

Best Pen:

Mary Brighoff & Ron

Best Shed:

Cheryl Williams & Nell

SUNDAY**Open - 60 dogs**

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Walt Jagger | Nan | 93 |
| 2. Jennifer McGinnis | Sweep | 92 |
| 3. Beverly Lambert | Jet | 89 |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Grace | 87 |
| 5. Amanda Milliken | Hazel | 86 |
| 6. Tom Lacy | Midge | 83 |
| 7. Maria Mick | Ken | 77 |

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|-----------------------|-------|----|
| 8. Walt Jagger | Celt | 75 |
| 9. Mary Brighoff | Moss | 75 |
| 10. Mike Canaday | Robin | 73 |
| 11. Mary Brighoff | Ron | 73 |
| 12. Cheryl Williams | Sadie | 72 |
| 13. Mike Canaday | Dell | 72 |
| 14. Tom Lacy | Juggs | 71 |
| 15. Jennifer McGinnis | Shep | 71 |

Best Outwork:

Maria Mick & Ken

Best Drive:

Mike Canaday & Robin

Best Cross:

Beverly Lambert & Jet

Overall High Point Champion:

Beverly Lambert & Jet

Overall Reserve:

Walt Jagger & Nan

Mid-Atlantic Champion:

Walt Jagger & Nan

Mid-Atlantic Reserve:

Walt Jagger and Roy

Northeast Independence Day Trial

July 4-6, 1997 / Canaday Farm, Altamont, New York / Mike Canaday, trial manager

Judge for Open Class: Butch Larsen, Del Rio, Texas

Judges for Novice Classes: Bruce Smart, Hudson, Quebec

Dave Young, Sawyerville, Quebec

As far as sheep dog trials are concerned, the 5th annual Independence day trial was a true extravaganza! All classes were offered each of three days. This trial saw a total of 446 runs, 75 handlers and 156 dogs. The theme for July 5 was 'Texas Day.' This atmosphere was achieved by open class running some extremely unbroke wool sheep, a salsa contest, best western outfit prize for kids, and a Texas BBQ

dinner. Kids also had a fishing contest and participated in a junior novice run consisting of a gather and pen. Thanks to trial hosts Mike and Pat Canaday, to the Judges Butch Larsen, Bruce Smart and Dave Young, and to all those who participated and pitched in to make it a great trial.

Warren Mick

FRIDAY**Novice/Novice - 19 Dogs**

| | | |
|--------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Peg Lynch | Jill | 69 |
| 2. Peg Lynch | Pepper | 59 |
| 3. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 54 |
| 4. Ed Hobart | Joy | 54 |
| 5. Derek Johnston | Kruz | 53 |
| 6. Heather Millen | Kate | 50 |
| 7. Evi Carlton | Jack | 50 |
| 8. Kathy Duchesne | Rose | 50 |
| 9. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 50 |
| 10. Joshua Yurfest | Tessa | 49 |

Pro/Novice - 36 Dogs

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 73 |
| 2. Tom Lacy | Thomas | 73 |
| 3. Mike Canaday | Zac | 65 |
| 4. Brooks Parrott | Rush | 64 |

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|---------------------|--------|----|
| 5. Walt Jagger | Moss | 63 |
| 6. Barbara Levinson | Tess | 62 |
| 7. Alan Lunch | McDuff | 61 |
| 8. Peter VandeCar | Spot | 61 |
| 9. Barbara Starkey | Meg | 59 |
| 10. Carol Campion | Roy | 58 |

Ranch - 31 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Polly Matzinger | Roy | 82 |
| 2. Polly Matzinger | Annie | 79 |
| 3. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 77 |
| 4. Mike Canaday | Smut | 77 |
| 5. Joshua Yurfest | Montana | 76 |
| 6. Gene Sheneringer | Shep | 75 |
| 7. Sally Lacy | Chess | 72 |
| 8. Derek Johnston | Kelly | 72 |
| 9. Brooks Parrott | Skye | 71 |
| 10. Dick Williams | Max | 68 |

Open - 60 Dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Alasdair MacRae | Nan | 96 |
| 2. Kent Kuykendall | Bill | 94 |
| 3. Alasdair MacRae | Ben | 91 |
| 4. Mike Canaday | Robin | 89 |
| 5. Mike Canaday | Smut | 87 |
| 6. Sally Lacy | Bob | 87 |
| 7. Jean Kennedy | Max | 85 |
| 8. Beverly Lambert | Jet | 84 |
| 9. Ellen Skillings | Jack | 84 |
| 10. Mary Brighoff | Moss | 79 |

USBCHA - 8 Dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Sally Lacy | Chess | 67 |
| 2. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 66 |

Junior Novice

| | |
|------------------|------|
| 1. Logan Millen | Buck |
| 2. Jay Canaday | Zak |
| 3. Tanner Millen | Kate |

SATURDAY**Novice/Novice - 25 Dogs**

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Peg Lynch | Jill | 73 |
| 2. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 72 |
| 3. Heather Millen | Kate | 69 |
| 4. Elizabeth Phillips | Queen | 68 |
| 5. Sue Schoen | Jet | 68 |
| 6. Emily Yazwinski | Tair | 66 |
| 7. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 64 |
| 8. Ed Hobart | Joy | 64 |
| 9. Joanne Krause | Spice | 62 |
| 10. Derek Jonhston | Kruz | 59 |

Pro/Novice - 38 Dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----|
| 1. Kathi Hughes | Isabella | 75 |
| 2. Mike Canaday | Zak | 74 |
| 3. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 74 |
| 4. Alan Lynch | McDuff | 72 |
| 5. Cheryl Williams | Meg | 72 |
| 6. Tom Lacy | Thomas | 71 |
| 7. RC Gilbert | Gyp | 70 |
| 8. Barbara Starkey | Meg | 70 |
| 9. Warren Mick | Reggie | 70 |
| 10. Walt Jagger | Moss | 69 |

Ranch - 32 Dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 86 |
| 2. Alan Lynch | Jen | 83 |
| 3. Gene Sheninger | Shep | 83 |
| 4. Paul Heidenburg | Heidi | 81 |
| 5. Peter VandeCar | Spot | 80 |
| 6. Polly Matzinger | Annie | 79 |
| 7. Brooks Parrott | Skye | 79 |
| 8. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 78 |

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|----------------------|------|----|
| 9. Chris Kroemelbein | Fred | 78 |
| 10. Eve Marschark | Cleo | 77 |

Open - 63 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Alasdair MacRae | Ben | 92 |
| 2. Warren Mick | Tim | 83 |
| 3. Sally Lacy | Tru | 82 |
| 4. Amanda Millikan | Eucker | 82 |
| 5. Mike Canaday | Dell | 82 |
| 6. Kent Kuykendall | Bill | 80 |
| 7. Mike Canaday | Robin | 79 |
| 8. Rich Seaman | Socks | 76 |
| 9. Dave Young | Ben | 74 |
| 10. Alasdair MacRae | Nan | 74 |

USBCHA - 7 Dogs

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 85 |
| 2. Amanda Millikan | Grace | 80 |

Junior Novice

| | | |
|------------------|------|--|
| 1. Jay Canaday | Zak | |
| 2. Tanner Millen | Kate | |
| 3. Logan Millen | Buck | |

SUNDAY**Novice/Novice - 16 Dogs**

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 75 |
| 2. Heather Millen | Kate | 72 |
| 3. Derek Johnston | Kruz | 71 |
| 4. Sue Schoen | Jet | 66 |
| 5. Fran Wheeler | JJ | 64 |
| 6. Chris Kroemelbein | Dell | 64 |
| 7. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 57 |
| 8. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 55 |
| 9. Kathi Hughes | Summer | 46 |
| 10. Dawn Bills | Timer | 34 |

Pro/Novice - 30 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----|
| 1. Mike Canaday | Zak | 75 |
| 2. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 74 |
| 3. Bruce Smart | Maggs | 73 |
| 4. Cheryl Williams | Meg | 71 |
| 5. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 69 |
| 6. Ellen Skillings | Paige | 68 |
| 7. Dayle Hamilton | Piper | 68 |
| 8. Barbara Leverett | Queen | 67 |
| 9. Kathi Hughes | Isabella | 65 |
| 10. Barbara Starkey | Katie | 65 |

Ranch - 26 Dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 89 |
| 2. Polly Matzinger | Annie | 81 |
| 3. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 81 |
| 4. Bernie Armata | Dan | 79 |
| 5. Elizabeth Phillips | Kate | 75 |
| 6. Derek Johnston | Kelly | 75 |
| 7. Joyce Geier | Troy | 74 |
| 8. Polly Matzinger | Roy | 74 |
| 9. Walt Jagger | Jim | 73 |
| 10. Merry Klimek | Tweed | 73 |

Open - 55 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Alasdair MacRae | Ben | 96 |
| 2. Amanda Millikan | Eucker | 94 |
| 3. Kent Kuykendall | Gyp | 91 |
| 4. Mike Canaday | Dell | 89 |
| 5. Amanda Millikan | Hazel | 87 |
| 6. Cheryl Williams | Nell | 87 |
| 7. Gene Sheninger | Yankee | 85 |
| 8. Warren Mick | Tara | 84 |
| 9. Cheryl Williams | Taff | 84 |
| 10. Alasdair MacRae | Nan | 79 |

Vermont State Championship Trial

August 23, 1997 / Quechee, VT

Denise Leonard, judge

Steve Wetmore, trial manager

37 dogs to the post

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|------|
| 1. Bev Lambert | Jet | 93 |
| 2. Mike Canaday | Robin | 92 |
| 3. Mike Canaday | Smut | 91.5 |
| 4. Bev Lambert | Lark | 91 |
| 5. Jean Kennedy | Max | 90.5 |
| 6. L. Deschambeault | Pip | 89.5 |
| 7. Betty Levin | Kelty | 88.5 |
| 8. R. Deschambeault | Lassie | 87 |
| 9. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 87 |
| 10. Gabe Merrill | Jed | 86 |

The "Run Your Own Dog" Trial

September 7, 1997 / Strafford, VT / Steve Wetmore, open judge
Michael Dathe, nursery judge / Steve Wetmore, trial manager

Thirty-two dogs ran in 4 classes, all courses ran on the steep hill behind our farm house. The Katadin sheep were very responsive to dogs and hard to pen. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed a chance to work some tough sheep on a steep hill. Many thanks to all who helped out, especially Betty Murray as trial secretary.

Steve Wetmore

Open

9 dogs – paid 3 places

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|------------------|-------|
| 1. Michael Dathe | Cobb |
| 2. Gabe Merrill | Abbie |
| 3. Brooks Parrot | Skye |

Ranch

5 dogs – paid 3 places

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Ellen Raja | Jenny |
| 2. Lana Petty | Galen |
| 3. Kate Collins | Pippin |

(This was a fun trial, not a NEBCA sanctioned trial.)

Pro/Novice

4 dogs – paid 3 places

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Greg Hamm | Gaelen |
| 2. Lana Petty | Sioux |
| 3. Kate Collins | Queen |

Novice/Novice

12 dogs – paid 5 places

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Jane Jackson | Toff |
| 2. Carlene Eitapence | Floss |
| 3. Ed Hobart | Joy |
| 4. Louise Taylor | Red |
| 5. Joanne Krause | Spice |

NEBCA Novice Finals

Taravale Farm, Esperance, New York
September 13 & 14, 1997

The annual Northeast Border Collie Association Novice Finals were held this year at Bernie and Barbara Armata's Taravale Farm in Esperance, New York. One can appreciate why Sir John Johnson would choose this site to regroup and rest there in October 1780, after raiding Schoharie and destroying Kiskern Dorf. The area is beautiful, with rolling hills and wonderful views.



Taravale Farm Trial Area

The farm is located up in the hills of Montgomery County, which may have been the reason for the slightly unpredictable weather. Saturday was cool and damp, with an occasional drizzle; in other words, perfect for the sheep – Peg & Allen Lynch's cooperative Katahdins which ran evenly throughout the two-day event – and a total of 66 dogs competing in the three nursery classes. The field was great: Green, mowed, with a gentle rise towards the tree-line where the sheep were held out. It provided just enough diversity, including a slight ditch and several pressure points to make it challenging. Because the day was not quite long enough for 132 runs, the 2nd run for some of the Pro-Novice and all of the Ranch class was finished Sunday morning.

Saturday evening the Armadas offered a catered dinner and an incredible array of desserts provided by the handlers (my personal award goes to the carrot-cake).

Sunday was picture-perfect with a blue sky and very comfortable temperatures while each class ran for the third time with the best two runs added together for the final score.



Ivy resting

Eve Marschark judged consistently and fairly (non-stop two days!).

Bernie and Barbara Armada did a masterful job of running a very smooth trial, and all who helped let out and spott sheep, keep score and a myriad of other things made it a true success.

The following prizes were given out:

1st place: a pastel portrait of the winning dog

2nd place: a large border collie silhouette

3rd thru 10th places: a printed tile depicting a handler and his dog



Louise DeMarcello and Sally

Novice/Novice – 21 Dogs

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 1. | Louise DeMarcello | Sally | 153 |
| 2. | Sue Schoen | Jet | 150.5 |
| 3. | Maggie Chambers | Joy | 143.5 |
| 4. | Kathy Duchesne | Rose | 142.5 |
| 5. | Peg Lynch | Pepper | 141.5 |
| 6. | Ed Hobart | Joy | 135 |
| 7. | Janet Larson | Robbie | 133.5 |
| 8. | Joanne Krause | Spice | 131.5* |
| 9. | Sue Schoen | Jim | 131.5 |
| 10. | Kim Baker | Beth | 125 |

Legend: * – 2 runs tie; place determined by 3rd score



Novice/Novice Winners (from left to right)

Ed Hobart and Joy, Louise DeMarcello and Sally, Maggie Chambers and Joy, Kathy Duchesne and Rose, Janet Larson and Robbie's leash, Peg Lynch and Pepper (sitting), Joanne Krause and Spice, Kim Baker and Sue Schoen with Jet and Jim.

Pro-Novice – 19 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 139 |
| 2. Walt Jagger | Moss | 138 |
| 3. Mike Canaday | Zac | 138 |
| 4. Linda Tesdahl | Trim | 137.5 |
| 5. Barbara Levinson | Tess | 136.5 |
| 6. Dave Young | Streak | 132 |
| 7. Cheryl Jagger-Williams | Meg | 131.5 |
| 8. Warren Mick | Reggie | 131 |
| 9. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 129.5 |
| 10. Barbara Starkey | Katie | 126 |

Pro-Novice Winners

Barbara Levinson
and Ivy, Walt Jagger
and Moss.



Ranch Winners and Judge

 (from left to right)

Barbara Leverett and Queen,
Eve Marschark, Brooks
Parrott, Bernie Armata, Merry
Klimek, Polly Matzinger with
Annie and Roy, and Allen
Lynch.

Ranch – 26 Dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| 1. Barbara Leverett | Queen | 158 |
| 2. Walt Jagger | Jim | 154.5 |
| 3. Bernie Armata | Dan | 151 |
| 4. Polly Matzinger | Annie | 149.5 |
| 5. Brooks Parrott | Skye | 149 |
| 6. Nancy Ortiz | Aquilla | 139.5 |
| 7. Merry Klimek | Tweed | 134.5* |
| 8. Polly Matzinger | Roy | 134.5 |
| 9. Merry Klimek | Jeep | 127 |
| 10. Allen Lynch | McDuff | 124 |

Legend: * – 2 runs tie; place determined by 3rd score



Eve Marschark

Long Road Trophy

The "Long Road Trophy", a decorative plate, was awarded for the first time during the NEBCA Nursery Finals by Barbara Leverett, Betty Levin, and Becky Peterson. The award was presented to handlers of the highest scoring dogs in each class who have owned and trained their dogs since puppyhood (no older than six months). As Betty Levin stated: "Attendance at training clinics and lessons with the dog and handler together will not disqualify a dog. The trophy does not make a statement about the superiority of one method of training over another. It is simply a way of recognizing what it takes to start a dog before it is proven and of acknowledging the long and bumpy road that a dog and handler must travel together to place well in the novice finals".

The winners of the "Long Road Trophy" were :

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Novice/Novice: | Ed Hobart and Joy |
| Pro-Novice: | Dave Young and Streak |
| Ranch: | Bernie Armata and Dan |



Barbara Leverett presents the "Long Road Trophy" for Pro-Novice Class to Dave Young.

National Sheepdog Finals

NEBCA's Beverly Lambert won with her dog Lark the Reserve National Championship at the 1997 National Sheepdog Finals held at Klamath Falls, Oregon. Congratulations Bev! The finalists were:

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----------------|--------|-----|
| 1. | Alasdair Macrae | Nan | 261 | 11. | Jack Knox | Coon | 135 |
| 2. | Beverly Lambert | Lark | 259 | 12. | Stu Ligon | Nap | 121 |
| 3. | Alasdair Macrae | Ben | 202 | 13. | Kent Kykendall | Bill | 103 |
| 4. | Scott Glen | Dan | 198 | 14. | Amanda Milliken | Eucher | 99 |
| 5. | Bill Evans | Bob | 197 | 15. | Lyle Boyer | Cap | 99 |
| 6. | Terry Parrish | Oreo | 182 | 16. | Red Oliver | Roy | 97 |
| 7. | Tom Wilson | Vic | 166 | 17. | Bill Berhow | Shep | 57 |
| 8. | Tom Wilson | Hope | 164 | 18. | Ralph Pulfer | Kirk | 56 |
| 9. | Dodie Green | Cord | 162 | 19. | Mike Hubbard | Chica | 34 |
| 10. | George Grist | Moss | 136 | 20. | Emil Luedecke | Tyne | 0 |

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial

September 28, 1997 / Fryeburg, ME

Joe Kennedy, judge / Gabrielle Merrill, trial manager

OPEN (For 1998)

| | | | | | |
|----|--------------|-------|-----|---------------------|--------|
| 1. | Mike Canaday | Robin | 6. | Roger Deschambeault | Jack |
| 2. | Mike Canaday | Ken | 7. | Lynn Deschambeault | Jolly |
| 3. | Gabe Merrill | Meg | 8. | Roger Deschambeault | Lassie |
| 4. | Jean Kennedy | Max | 9. | Lynn Deschambeault | Pip |
| 5. | Betty Levin | Kelty | 10. | Betty Levin | Tay |

Notes on the NEBCA Nursery Finals

The NEBCA Nursery Finals was a success. What I hoped for was that everyone competing would come away either successful in their placings or successful furthering their dog's and/or their own education in trialing. But most of all, just have a good time. This success was achieved due to all the help given by NEBCA members.

In early summer, as the trial sites were discussed and our farm was decided on, I wondered how everything would get done, especially since we have the trial in Cooperstown to work on. But even back then, offers of help were given. And I never turn away help . . . ask Barb Levinson! Everyone should thank her, as all the preliminary work fell to her – getting entry forms out, prize tiles, score sheets, collecting entries, etc. etc. Also she kept me on my toes to get things done on time! And her energies kept on right through the trial weekend.

Then there were some special people who didn't need to be asked, but just called and told Bernie and me they'd be over to help put up fence. Kathy and Mark Duchesne were of great help getting the farm ready.

Also helping prior to the trial was my friend Candie. It was her idea to use our farm and, of course, I never let her forget it! She also spent both days in the sheep pen, along with Mark Duchesne and Kim Baker's husband Roger.

Barb Leverett and Peter VandeCar live relatively close so they offered to help set up holding and exhaust pens. This they did in drenching rain. And, of course, Bernie wasn't left out! I had endless lists of things to get done.

Warren Mick contributed tables, tent and hours of holding out. Also spending many hours at the far end were Nancy Ortiz-Sharp and Dave Young.

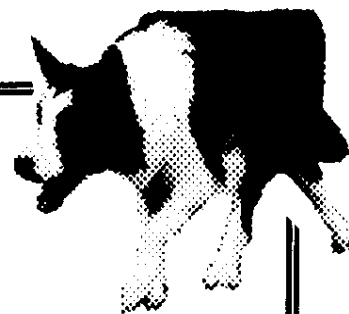
And last of all, I must include everyone who competed. Everyone helped with scribing, exhaust gate keeping, running scores, and all the other odd jobs of the weekend. I'd like to name everyone, but I'm sure I'd leave someone out!

So I thank each and everyone of you for making this NEBCA trial a success.

Barb Armata
NEBCA Nursery Trials Chairperson

NEBCA CALENDARS

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A smiling Board of Directors at the Cumington trial: (left to right) Lynn Deschambeault, Roger Millen, Becky Peterson, Dave Young and Cheryl Jagger-Williams



mother-in-law Margaret, five cats and two parakeets, with the cats and birds a source of endless fascination to Moss. On the positive side, he was housebroken in a day, was very affectionate and exceptionally careful with the baby. On the negative, he was terrified of strangers inside the house (but much less so outside) unless they smelled of dogs and/or sheep, he went up and down 15-step staircases in a single bound, and he was very noise sensitive with the most frightening sound clearly that of the neighbors children playing basketball! When I told Glyn Jones about the basketball, it took him a while to understand what I was talking about - he finally asked "Is this that strange American sport played by exceptionally tall people in baggy shorts?"

This convinced me it must be the unusual sound (to a Welsh dog) of the ball bouncing on pavement that frightened him. Therefore I bought a basketball and carefully desensitized him to it and its sound.

Nevertheless, he is still bothered by people playing basketball, but not the sound itself. He has become almost completely inured to the sound of gun shots, but thunder sometimes still bothers him. We have also gotten him to go up and down stairs in several leaps instead of one. He still, however, barks at people inside although we have yet to figure out why certain people bother him so much more than others. Fortunately, he is not at all aggressive and usually goes immediately to his kennel inside the house if he is uncomfortable with a situation.

The snows of January slowed up his introduction to sheep and it then took several weeks for him to begin consistently listening to me, but by the end of February I could comfortably use him for routine, low-pressure work. He was slow in lying down, his flanks were difficult to control, and he was not coming in confidently when shedding, but he was working. I initially kept him quite close to me, but as I began to move him a greater distance away, I could sense a vagueness developing in our communication. This would become dramatically apparent at about 75-100 yards, where he would often fail to terminate a flank on command and instead circle the sheep and try and return them to me. I realized this was probably due to a lack of confidence which should decrease with time.

Despite this clear indication that he was not yet ready to trial, I decided to run him in the ranch class in the local Springton Manor nursery trial in April. While not disastrous, I had to fight him all the way around the course. When left on his own he was fine. On the fetch, as well as on the first part of the drive, he kept a good line pretty much by himself. His natural ability and previous excellent training were apparent. But as soon as I started flanking him to adjust the line, he over flanked and we found ourselves in that all too familiar game of correction and overcorrection. At one point on a crossdrive, a band at a wedding across the

road suddenly began to play. He instantly froze and turned and looked plaintively at me, clearly wanting to come back. I rushed him through the rest of the crossdrive and back to the pen, but he was obviously a very unhappy dog. We trained for another month with some slight improvement and then ran the one day open trial at Cummington, MA. Again we worked under very marginal control, although he made all of the gates. With some hesitation we then attempted Walt Jagger and Cheryl Jagger-Williams' trial at Hop Bottom, PA. This turned out to be a true disaster, but actually probably a blessing in disguise. On his first open run Moss ran very tight, failed to take several redirects and only widened out perhaps 75 yards in front of the sheep.

Although his fetch was controlled (pretty much on his own again), at about 75-100 yards out on the drive-away, he failed to take a stop and ringed the sheep. Although he finally made the gate, he couldn't complete the crossdrive, although his shed and pen were fine. I

then ran him in the ranch class later that afternoon to see if I could get him under better control. In fact, things were even worse. Although his outrun was wide this time, he overran, failing to take a stop at the top. Again the fetch was satisfactory, but he was overflanking wildly as the drive began. I therefore switched to verbal commands and made him stop after each command. Even here he reacted slowly and I found myself getting angry. I could see that our relationship, which was tenuous at best, was beginning to rapidly deteriorate. After this unpleasant experience, I decided not to run the second day of the trial and indeed, to give us several more months of training before we trialed again.

Several more months of daily and often twice daily work continued to produce only marginal improvement. But a John Atkinson clinic preceding Gene Sheninger's New Jersey trial on Labor Day weekend was too tempting and I resolved to use the clinic as a test as to whether we attended the trial itself. Much to my amazement, Moss worked almost perfectly, although late in the clinic we were able to get him to become hesitant when further out on drives. I was sufficiently encouraged, however, to give the trial a try. Unfortunately, things did not go well. I will spare you the details with one exception in the hope I might save one of you from the same *faux pas*. On his first open run, Moss actually crossed over on his outrun, again failing to take a redirect, something he readily did at home. The lift and fetch were fine as well as the beginning of the drive, but as he entered the crossdrive he again began to respond sluggishly at one moment and then overflanked in the next. It took all my concentration to keep him under some semblance of control. As he neared the crossdrive gate I was surprised at the steep angle necessary to push the sheep through. As usual, the run ended with an uneventful pen and shed. As I left the field, Nancy Ortiz-Sharp came up to me with a rather strange smile on her face and asked if I knew what I had

... and then it happened. Without warning we were suddenly and inexplicably together. He started stopping quickly when his flanks were terminated, came in more aggressively on his sheds and in general seemed more comfortable during his work.

done. I thought she was referring to the crossover (which needless to say had not put me in the best of moods), but she preceded to inform me that I had actually put the sheep through the fetch gates thinking they were the crossdrive panels. At first I didn't believe her, but as other handlers confirmed my error, I had to accept the truth. I finally realized I was so upset during the run that I barely knew what I was doing. I managed to reduce this confusion on the second day. I avoided the crossover by sending him in the other direction and his run wasn't that bad except for the usual overflanking on the crossdrive. I felt there were hints of improvement, but nothing more.

A week later we ran again in the Keystone State Sheepdog trials, our local event. Moss ran both ranch and open and managed his first decent performance, winning the ranch class on his first run. But then again,



that vagueness of communication persisted between us and I retired him during the drive on both of his open runs to try and reduce the stress that was arising. One positive aspect of our poor performance up to this point was that Moss remained eligible for the NEBCA ranch finals. The results at Altamont (NY) were disappointingly similar. Moss had one good run out of three. This did manage him a tenth place overall, but I had hoped for better. He was again tight on his outruns, something I could never reproduce during normal training. I talked to Bruce Fogt, the judge of the novice finals and asked if I might visit him with my two dogs for some lessons in Ohio and subsequently spent several days there in early October. Moss was absolutely terrible during this visit when with Bruce's help I applied more pressure than I usually employed to see if I could get him to respond better. Under Bruce's watchful eye, I made him lie down every time he was commanded and pushed him out at any point he was too tight. During one 600 yard outrun he went so far past the sheep he disappeared from sight and it was a good ten minutes before he reappeared coming back down the other side of the field - still running like a maniac. I left pretty depressed with Moss apparently the worse for the experience.

Moss worked exceedingly poorly for me the first week after we returned and then it happened. Without warning we were suddenly and inexplicably together. He started stopping quickly when his flanks were terminated, came in more aggressively on his sheds and in general seemed more comfortable during his work. It was apparent the trip to Bruce's was much more successful than I initially realized! We ran two more trials in which he partially regressed by being too tight on his outruns and uncertain during shedding, but there was a noticeable improvement, although he failed to break into the top ten in his open runs. He remained extremely excited (nervous!) prior to his runs

which clearly was partially responsible for the poor outruns, but I thought I was beginning to see the dog that I knew was there. In the late fall and early winter I have had trouble with him coming off of the sheep which appears to be due to boredom, probably as a consequence of my small field and the overly repetitive nature of much of my training. This problem seems to be being overcome by focusing for now on more practical work and reducing the number and extent of working sessions. Overall, I remain optimistic and think we have overcome an invisible obstacle that I could never clearly

define and feel ready to move to the next stage in which we achieve a better balance between my direction and his working on his own.

I have learned several tentative lessons from this experience which in many cases may seem obvious, especially to more seasoned trainers and handlers, but have only been painfully

arrived at on a personal level. These include:

- (1) Every dog is truly different. I evolved in parallel with my other dog Marvin from a very early stage and he works entirely differently than Moss. My failure to appreciate this in terms of adjusting my training and handling remains a continuing source of problems.
- (2) There truly is some sort of intangible bond that must form between dog and handler for smooth, cooperative interaction to occur. I suspect the best handlers can still successfully work a dog in the absence of such a relationship due to their superior knowledge and timing, but for someone like myself this bond is probably essential.
- (3) Bringing a dog that has spent his life kenneled into a household is confusing for him. I suspect Moss would have worked better if we hadn't added this complication to an already stressful life change. I wouldn't change this since we want him as part of the family (and in this he has been a joy - albeit a goofy one), but I didn't appreciate how this might affect his working.
- (4) Patience is absolutely necessary during training. We all know this, but purchasing a highly trained dog unrealistically raised my expectations. In fact, Moss is every bit the excellent working dog I bought. It is my own inexperience and misjudgments that have led to most of the problems. I still sometimes forget this when things aren't going the way I wish, but I am beginning to get some perspective and it is relieving much of the highly destructive stress on both dog and handler.
- (5) There is no substitute for the fundamentals. A dog must stop when told and keep its flanks square, but still be allowed to use its natural balance and sheep sense. Although Glyn Jones instilled these to a high degree in Moss, they need to be constantly reinforced. I have found trips to experienced handlers (in my case Eve Marschark

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and Bruce Fogt) critical in this regard since they are able to see these types of problems much more clearly than I can and provide immediate corrective feedback.

Finally, I would like to thank the many handlers who have watched Moss run (not usually a pleasant experience) and have consistently provided me with positive suggestions and general reinforcement. I can't mention everyone

but I would especially like to acknowledge (in no particular order) Eve Marschark, Nancy Ortiz-Sharp, Bruce Fogt, Ken Sigel, Gene Sheninger, Cheryl Jagger-Williams, Dick Williams, Walt Jagger, Beverly Lambert, Nathan Mooney, Merry Klimek, Brooks Parrot, Sharon Nunan, Ron McGettigan, R. C. Gilbert, Polly Matzinger, Mary Brighoff, Barbara Starkey, Ellen Skillings, Chris Kroemmelbein, Stephen Paxton-Hill, Maggie Chambers and Jim Strohecker for their generous attention and support. ☉

Kelmscott Farm Trial

July 19-20, 1997 / Lincolnville, Maine / Patrick Shannahan, judge / Robin Metcalf, trial manager

This trial was run at the beautiful Kelmscott Farm in Lincolnville, Maine on July 19 & 20.

The sheep were very difficult not being accustomed to being worked by dogs and being sort of pets (many of them had names and would come to the crew when called %\$%#^\$####@#@!!) Some of them were very aggressive to the dogs, others just ran away and wouldn't respond to the dogs and some just stood at the handler's post and ignored all efforts by dog and handler to move them. This resulted in some pretty tough runs, especially in novice/novice, but plenty of retirees all weekend.

The same 40 sheep were used for the novice classes

both days and during that time I think Greg Hamm was the only novice handler to pen. A different group of about 40-50 sheep were used for the open and they began penning pretty well by the later runs on Sunday. It was an interesting and challenging trial and a very good test of the dog's ability and handler's fortitude. The Metcalfs had a very nice chicken dinner for the handlers Saturday night.

The weather was the best that Maine can offer in summer, which is pretty perfect and a bit windy. The trial was very nicely judged by Patrick Shannahan.

Beverly Lambert

| SATURDAY | | | | Open | | | | 6. Greg Hamm | | | |
|------------------------|----------|----|--|------------------------|----------|----|--|--------------------------|--------|----|--|
| Novice/Novice | | | | 1. Bev Lambert | Lark | 86 | | 7. Fran Wheeler | Jock | 24 | |
| 1. Tom Leigh | Kate | 59 | | 2. Lynn Deschambeault | Pip | 80 | | | | | |
| 2. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 54 | | 3. Bev Lambert | Jet | 77 | | Ranch | | | |
| 3. Kathi Hughes | Summer | 53 | | 4. Roger Deschambeault | Lassie | 74 | | 1. Merry Klimek | Tweed | 69 | |
| 4. Carlene Eitapence | Lass | 51 | | 5. Betty Levin | Kelty | 72 | | 2. Merry Klimek | Jeep | 58 | |
| 5. Janet Larson | Robbie | 36 | | 6. Joe Kennedy | Ricky | 71 | | 3. Millie Curtis | Fern | 43 | |
| Pro/Novice | | | | 7. Gabe Merrill | Meg | 69 | | 4. Warren Ames | Sam | 39 | |
| 1. Bev Lambert | Tammy | 52 | | 8. Joe Kennedy | Meg | 68 | | Open | | | |
| 2. Lynn Deschambeault | Bess | 49 | | 9. Jean Kennedy | Max | 63 | | 1. Bev Lambert | Lark | 88 | |
| 3. Greg Hamm | Gaelen | 49 | | 10. Lynn Deschambeault | Jolly | 60 | | 2. Betty Levin | Kelty | 85 | |
| 4. Janet Larson | Magnum | 45 | | SUNDAY | | | | 3. Lynn Deschambeault | Pip | 84 | |
| 5. Kathi Hughes | Isabella | 43 | | Novice/Novice | | | | 4. Roger Deschambeault | Sue II | 82 | |
| 6. Roger Deschambeault | Jenny | 41 | | 1. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 56 | | 5. Bev Lambert | Jet | 81 | |
| 7. Maurice MacGregor | Shep | 39 | | 2. Kathi Hughes | Summer | 53 | | 6. Roger Deschambeault | Lassie | 72 | |
| 8. Fran Wheeler | Jock | 24 | | 3. Tom Leigh | Kate | 52 | | 7. Lynn Deschambeault | Jolly | 71 | |
| 9. Fran Wheeler | Tweed | 25 | | Pro/Novice | | | | 8. Joe Kennedy | Meg | 71 | |
| Ranch | | | | 1. Roger Deschambeault | Jenny | 59 | | 9. Gabe Merrill | Meg | 68 | |
| 1. Merry Klimek | Tweed | 70 | | 2. Fran Wheeler | Tweed | 55 | | 10. Jean Kennedy | Max | 67 | |
| 2. Warren Ames | Sam | 62 | | 3. Kathi Hughes | Isabella | 53 | | Open Champion | | | |
| 3. Peter VandeCar | Spot | 42 | | 4. Bev Lambert | Tammy | 50 | | Beverly Lambert & Lark | | | |
| 4. Gabe Merrill | Abbie | 36 | | 5. Lynn Deschambeault | Bess | 49 | | Reserve Champion | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Lynn Deschambeault & Pip | | | |

2nd Annual West Branch Stockdog Trials

Pottsgrove, Penn. / July 18-20, 1997 / Bernie Armata, judge / Allan and Peg Lynch, trial managers

The 2nd Annual West Branch Stockdog Trials proved again to be the trial of the "extreme." Eighty-two dog and handler teams gathered at the new site in Pottsgrove, PA. With the help of the Pottsgrove Fire Company and community, this proved to be a lovely location. The trial field was basically flat with small valleys. Friday's nursery trials were extremely hot. Our Katahdin sheep proved challenging for some handlers and held up well in the heat. As the trialing day came to a close, the CB's in the motor homes were buzzing with the oncoming storm – and what a storm. What wasn't tied down blew away and what was, twisted. Our potluck supper was eaten by candle light due to power loss all over the area.

The weather for the rest of the weekend was less humid. Saturday's classes were delayed until the tent and exhaust pen were repaired. Nursery and Open classes went smoothly. Saturday night dinner was a lamb and ham bar-b-que. During the awards, Sherry Smith and Mick in young dogs and Dick Williams and Max in Open received recognition by the the judge.

The course was changed slightly on Sunday for Ranch and Open classes.

A special thanks to our judge, sponsors, Joy Dog Food and all who came. This trial could not have run smoothly without everyone's help throughout all three days.

Allan and Peg Lynch

FRIDAY

Novice/Novice – 10 dogs

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Sherry Smith | Mick | 71 |
| 2. Peg Lynch | Jill | 65 |
| 3. Louise DiMarcello | Sally | 65 |
| 4. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 54 |
| 5. Daryl Schafer | Trim | 52 |
| 6. Louise DiMarcello | Hope | 36 |
| 7. Bill Gregor | Maggie | 26 |
| 8. Heather Millen | Kate | 22 |
| 9. Kim Baker | Beth | 9 |

Pro/Novice – 12 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Walt Jagger | Moss | 74 |
| 2. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 70 |
| 3. Cheryl J.-Williams | Meg | 70 |
| 4. Sue Honig | Gem | 67 |
| 5. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 61 |
| 6. Allan Lych | Scout | 59 |
| 7. Carolyn Lash | Kit | 56 |
| 8. Mary Brighoff | Hope | 55 |
| 9. Barbara Levinson | Tess | 53 |
| 10. Sandy Hornung | Nell | 40 |

Ranch – 15 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 85 |
| 2. Cheryl J.-Williams | Slip | 73 |
| 3. Walt Jagger | Jim | 71 |
| 4. Calmers Means | Bette | 60 |
| 5. Heather Millen | Lark | 54 |
| 6. Heather Millen | Buck | 50 |
| 7. Ron McGettigan | Wilbur | 54 |
| 8. Bill Gregor | Brew | 41 |

SATURDAY

Novice/Novice – 12 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Sherry Smith | Mick | 75 |
| 2. Kim Baker | Beth | 70 |
| 3. Louise DiMarcello | Sally | 67 |
| 4. Linda Fossetta | Lizzy | 65 |
| 5. Peg Lynch | Pepper | 63 |
| 6. Chris Kroemmelbein | Dell | 63 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|----|
| 7. Peg Lynch | Jill | 61 |
| 8. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 58 |
| 9. Daryl Schafer | Trim | 52 |
| 10. Elizabeth Phillips | Queen | 51 |

Pro/Novice – 18 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Sue Honig | Gem | 75 |
| 2. Mike Canaday | Zack | 70 |
| 3. Barbara Levinson | Tess | 70 |
| 4. Cheryl J.-Williams | Meg | 68 |
| 5. Chris Kroemmelbein | Floss | 67 |
| 6. Warren Mick | Reggie | 60 |
| 7. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 58 |
| 8. Jim Strohecker | Rudy | 56 |
| 9. Mary Brighoff | Hope | 53 |
| 10. Sandy Hornung | Nell | 53 |

Open – 33 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|------|
| 1. Mike Canaday | Robin | 98.5 |
| 2. Cheryl J.-Williams | Taff | 96 |
| 3. Walt Jagger | Roy | 95.5 |
| 4. Gene Sheninger | Sweep | 94.5 |
| 5. Walt Jagger | Celt | 93.5 |
| 6. Dick Williams | Max | 92.5 |
| 7. Barbara Armata | Taff | 92 |
| 8. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp | Vega | 91 |
| 9. Mike Canaday | Dell | 90.5 |
| 10. R.C. Gilbert | Ring | 88.5 |

SUNDAY

Ranch – 17 dogs

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 87 |
| 2. Sharon Nunan | Jim | 80 |
| 3. Walt Jagger | Jim | 78 |
| 4. Gene Sheninger | Shep | 73 |
| 5. Allan Lynch | McDuff | 72 |
| 6. Bill Gregor | Brew | 71 |
| 7. Ron McGettigan | Wilbur | 68 |
| 8. Heather Millen | Buck | 67 |
| 9. Cheryl J.-Williams | Slip | 65 |
| 10. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp | Aquilla | 64 |

Open – 32 dogs

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| 1. Mike Canaday | Ken | 98 |
| 2. Gene Sheninger | Gale | 96 |
| 3. Walt Jagger | Roy | 94.5 |
| 4. Mary Brighoff | Ron | 92 |
| 5. Warren Mick | Tara | 89.5 |
| 6. Walt Jagger | Celt | 88 |
| 7. Cheryl J.-Williams | Slip | 87.5 |
| 8. Dick Williams | Fleet | 87 |
| 9. Gene Sheninger | Sweep | 84.5 |
| 10. Cheryl J.-Williams | Sadie | 83 |

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial

August 28, 1997 / Lancaster, NH / Joe Kennedy, judge
R. Deschambeault, trial manager / Points trial

It started out a cool New England morning, but as the day went on it warmed up and was a beautiful day. Great scenery overlooking the mountains in the area. Rt 2 has such beautiful mountains. Thanks to all who helped. Pat Eitapence was a great time keeper – which we need at this kind of trial. Thanks Pat!

Gabe Merrill

31 Dogs ran

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Jean Kennedy | Sue | 21 |
| 2. Roger Deschambeault | Sue II | 21 |
| 3. Gabe Merrill | Abbie | 20 |
| 4. Beverly Lambert | Lark | 17 |
| 5. Roger Deschambeault | Lassie | 17 |
| 6. Beverly Lambert | Jet | 17 |
| 7. Gabe Merrill | Meg | 17 |
| 8. Steve Wetmore | Ralph | 17 |
| 9. Betty Levin | Maddie | 17 |
| 10. Bruce Smart | Dyna | 16 |

A NEBCA Neophyte Goes West... or, How I Survived the Nursery Finals

by Joyce Geier, Sand Creek Farm, Mendon, NY

Well, here I am: in Sisters, Oregon, getting ready to run my dog in the Nursery Finals. Another trial, another check point and yardstick for us, another part of the process and another part of our training. We worked hard for this chance to compare ourselves to the best in the country - we've worked very hard to do well. We WILL do well.

I keep reciting that, our mantra for the week. I've heard that if you say it enough it comes true. I'd like to prove it.

BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I'M HERE AND DOING THIS! It's not quite real. Of course, someone said, it's Oregon, it's too pretty to be the cloudy northeast. That's it, I figure, how silly of me....

It's The First Day. I'm surrounded by friends: some from years and years, some new ones.

I leave the handler's meeting in a panic and seek out two friends who have been keeping tabs on me for well over a decade: "What am I doing here? DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE???? He won the International! She won this a few years ago! How did I get here?"

They look at each other quizzically. "You bought a puppy on impulse, remember?" says the Azima, Troy's breeder.

"United and Hertz," said Ursula. That's why these are longstanding friends; they keep me grounded.

I don't have too much longer to worry; I run third, I need to get my dog, the first dog is up and they want the on-deck dogs in a hay bale blind, I hope there's time for a porta-potty visit. Being third has some distinct qualities: not too many runs to watch to learn about the sheep, but for at least another hour and half, I'll be able to say that I was in the top ten at the Nursery Finals!

Twenty minutes later the the first run starts. Uh-oh. WE DON'T HAVE SHEEP LIKE THIS IN THE NORTH-EAST! Yearling ewes, whiteface, certainly a meat & wool breed. My vet would say, "In fine finish, quite fine finish!" Probably 300 pounds each. Alternately won't turn at all and then turn too much; won't move at all and then run flat out. Dog is too close, sheep panic or fight; dog too far off, sheep don't pay any attention. Perfectly normal for sheep never worked by dogs.

How the heck am I going to control that six inch difference between "too close" and "too far"? Assuming I can even see it?

I reassure myself, until I realize that the first handler has been trialing dogs longer than I've been alive and he missed all his panels and didn't pen. The pressure on the field is wild. The dog and handler keep their cool. I start to sweat.

"Troy, look for sheep, look for sheep?" as the second

dog sets up. Troy looks at me like I'm dense: of COURSE he sees the sheep! The second run goes like the first. Uh-oh. I put a positive spin on it by reminding myself that those runs just "left plenty of room at the top". Sure.

Our turn. Leave the hay bales and walk to the post like we've been taught. Troy is all business, focused, quivering, waiting. I wait for sheep to settle and try to keep my knees from knocking and hope that I'll have enough spit to get SOME sounds out of the whistle. "Steady, Troy....look, look..." Troy flicks an ear at me and conveys: It's a trial, I know where the sheep are, of course I'm settled. He looks across the field at the sunlight sparkling on an irrigation pipe and locks on - a sheep-seeking, dog guided missile. I try a "leave that - look, look" and he just heaves a sigh and glances at me, and just as plain as this crystal-clear Oregon day I can hear him thinking: It's a trial, you're a basket case, and as usual I'll take care of it, shut up and send me, I know where they are!

I send him; he'll get out there and discover he's trying to herd an irrigation pipe, and then either find his sheep or not. But at least he redirects well on this side....I remember to start my watch, put my whistle in my mouth. I am getting better at this.

This is the most helpless feeling of trialing. Here I stand, tied to a handler's post, watching my dog streak across the field. I can't help. He's on his own. I hope he doesn't fall in the gopher holes and twirl end over end and knock himself silly, like he does at two or three trials a year.

I never realized it would be like this: the post, I mean. Seventeen months ago, I stood at the post for the very first time in my life, for a Novice/Novice trial class, shamed into it by a seasoned competitor. I sent Troy on his first official outrun - and felt totally helpless. The noise of that crowd faded as I focused on my dog's run and on my inability to help him if he needed it....that 100 yards was forever. Until today.

The noise of this crowd is gone, too, as I focus on Troy covering the 300 yards to his sheep. His irrigation pipe, I mean.

Half way out Troy realizes he was duped, and his head comes up and swivels around and he sees the real sheep and he corrects himself and keeps going. God bless that dog! It's been forever, but he's coming around on top. I adjust the whistle. Troy turns in on his own, perfectly balanced. I stop him for an instant, to settle him, to remind him to be kind to his sheep, to take his time, to give the right sense of urgency to the sheep; controlled urgency. Just enough urgency to move along briskly, just enough concern to obey the dog, just enough to be slightly unsure

the whole way; but not enough to panic or bolt or be threatened. To do a straight, kind, well-rated lift.

Well, that was the idea, anyway. Troy's kind and slow and gentle approach results in a bit too much urgency on the part of the sheep, and we're off and running; but in the right general direction, at least.

The fetch. Standing at the post, it seems to me that there is no one else here, at this trial, just Troy & me & the sheep. I really like this incorrect picture; I don't want to believe that anyone sees me frantically attempting to use a 45 pound dog more than an eighth of a mile away to steer a half ton of stampeding mutton through some impossibly narrow gates. Or to hear me whistling "go bye! Go Bye! GO BYE!" as fast as I can while my dog runs as fast as he can while the sheep go as fast as THEY can right past the gates.

More fetch. Straight enough to the handlers post, after missing the panels. Actually, the "post" is a "platform" without a railing, and I nearly fall off the thing several times. The sheep get jumpy near the post and slam on the brakes before bolting around it and past it, finally stopped by my dog. Or perhaps by the hay wagon that is serving as the judge's stand; but I prefer to think that Troy had something to do with it.

The Drive. One year ago, we didn't know how to drive yet, either of us. Six months ago, our drive scores were negative. I spent spring and summer putting in stakes for cross drives so that I could learn to see the line. I still wrestle with it. Today, this run, I need a good drive.

It starts out uneventfully and very slowly and almost peacefully. Troy takes them out straight, covering the pressure, holding the line....pushing the sheep backwards for the first few steps. They begin to drift off line at one point; I see it and start to flank him just as the sheep bolt toward the panels and the distant holding pen and he takes off with them. I think I've flanked him far enough and whistle a "there! walk up", and Troy ignores it and keeps flanking and the sheep go straight through the panels.

The turn. Well, it was wide, but it happened. The cross drive began like the first drive leg; dead stop to full bolt. Somewhere about midway along the cross drive we actually hit the line for an instant as the sheep splintered, with one ewe bolting for the exhaust and the others following. Troy headed her and, to his credit, never gripped; we put it back together and continued our cross drive by doing a turn around the pen. I didn't know I could whistle so fast.

After all this, we return straight and calmly to the cross drive panels, the sheep and dog trotting right along, me calmly and peacefully offering guidance. A miracle. Too bad that I steered them all past the panel.....

This is definitely not a run to spend any long distance money calling home about. I consider that I may well owe the judge points for this drive. And there's still one more leg.

Last leg. Often fast, often sloppy. The turn was tight, at least, but the sheep bolt like it's the Kentucky Derby gate. Well, it was fast, more or less straight, Troy on bal-

ance along side the lead ewe's eye. I work on fixing the line. Or, at least, not letting the sheep get to the exhaust.

I surface from that effort miraculously holding the rope to the pen gate and it's open. How did I get here? Who opened the pen?

The sheep don't like the pen. I check the time; one minute...panic rises, but I focus on the job at hand and it fades away. I go to voice mode; try to settle the sheep a few yards away; Troy goes into creep mode. Too much creep mode. Too settled. I ask Troy to edge the sheep up. I stand very still; all summer, I've been spooking sheep out of the pen, it would be easy to do again today but I won't. Troy pushes them toward the pen, one incredibly careful and delicate step at a time.

Time. Or, rather, "Time!"

I close the gate and send the sheep to the exhaust; Troy heads for the water tank. I manage to walk off of the field. I'm hoping that all of the people I know were walking their dogs and getting coffee, and maybe I can just slink back to the car and fly home tonight and pretend that it really didn't happen like this and that my dog was lame and I never even came to Oregon. Even if this is the best run so far.

Surprisingly, for the next fifteen dogs, we are the run to beat; until lunch, we hold in the top ten. But of course that doesn't last, and we end the day right in the middle of the pack, with the leader some 25 points ahead and some dogs 40 or more points behind.

Sunday we run in the middle of the afternoon; and, to make the top ten, I figure we need an 80 out of 90. Not likely! The sheep are the same, the course is the same, our run is smoother; we have both improved and it goes a lot better. But not enough so; a few handling mistakes keeps us out of the top twenty money by four points.

It hurts to think of those mistakes as I stand outside the fence while they pass out the awards. We could have done better, I could have done better, my dog ought to be in there, it's my fault we're not. But I did wind up in the top half with my first dog, raised from a puppy and home trained, with only 17 months of experience under our belts, a considerable achievement... I oscillate between these two, disappointment and delight, and reach no conclusion.

My two long time friends meet me after the awards and we head back to the cars.

"We thought about it," they say. "How you got here. We decided it wasn't United or Hertz. It was a good dog and hard work." And, I add, a great group of people who have helped and taught me by their comments and coaching and actions and their own successes...whether they knew it or not.

Yes, I think, it's becoming clear. We didn't win, we didn't place, no one will remember our run. But we did better than many with more experience, and we learned and had fun, and we competed; and the the hours and hours of hard work and training and conditioning were worth it.

May it all continue - and may we not make the same mistakes next year!

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial

August 8-10, 1997 / Cooperstown, New York / Linda Fogt, Nursery judge

Bruce Fogt, Open judge / Chalmers Means, trial manager

The third annual Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial was held in a new location on a large, rolling meadow at the edge of the village of Cooperstown. The event was co-sponsored by The Farmers' Museum whose staff erected bleachers, a tent, temporary fencing, and filled the many woodchuck holes.

The weather was typical upstate New York in August--hot and sunny with welcomed breezes during the day and comfortable sleeping at night. Spectators (estimated to be about 1500) were attentive and knowledgeable, being kept informed by commentary over a public address system and a booklet that explained the sheep, the handlers, the trial and training, and Border Collies as pets. Food and drinks were provided by the Fly Creek Methodist Church, also known for its Jug Band that performed on Garrison Keillor's national radio broadcast.

The Nursery classes (Novice/Novice, Pro/Novice and Ranch) ran on Friday and again early on Saturday or Sunday morning. The first two classes were run in a shortened across-the-field outrun. The Ranch class, run on the main course, was estimated to be about 275 yards, some 50 yards shorter than the Open runs. Some of the young dogs in both Open and Ranch had difficulty finding the sheep.

A flock of healthy Katahdin ewes and lambs were brought to Cooperstown for the trial with only the ewes used in the Nursery classes.

The creative judge set the course for the Open runs that balanced challenge for dogs and handlers, entertainment for the spectators with just enough time to complete the runs. On day one, the sheep came 20 yards through the fetch gates to a small hurdle where the Drive began. The Shed was eliminated and an L-shaped chute was set up. To add challenge, a short gap was left open on the side of the chute nearest the exhaust pen. All three sheep were required to go through before penning.

On day two of the Open, the Drive was started at the same point, though reversed in direction. With four sheep running, a split was required in the shedding ring and the two split off were penned.

The Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial will return to the Beaver Meadow Road site next year. It will be a week later, the third weekend, August 14-16, 1998. The size of the field, its potential for a double lift, and its accessibility was quickly recognized by NEBCA Trials Committee members as a possibility for a future Fall Foliage site.

Barbara Means

| FRIDAY | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|------|--|
| Novice/Novice – 14 dogs | | | |
| 80 possible points | | | |
| 1. Kathy Duchesne | Rose | 71 | |
| 2. Kim Baker | Beth | 70 | |
| 3. Peg Lynch | Jill | 69.5 | |
| 4. Heather Millen | Kate | 69.5 | |
| 5. Peg Lynch | Pepper | 69 | |
| 6. Sandy Sanderson | Lass | 68.5 | |
| 7. Janet Larson | Robbie | 68.5 | |
| 8. Sherry Smith | Mick | 66 | |
| 9. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 64 | |
| 10. Liz Phillips | Queen | 64 | |

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| Pro/Novice – 24 dogs | | | |
| 80 possible points | | | |
| 1. Barbara Levinson | Ivy | 76 | |
| 2. Mary Brighoff | Hope | 76 | |
| 3. Brooks Parrott | Rush | 75.5 | |
| 4. Peg Lynch | Jill | 73 | |
| 5. Walt Jagger | Moss | 72.5 | |
| 6. Barbara Leverett | Queen | 71 | |
| 7. Carol Champion | Roy | 69.5 | |
| 8. R.C. Gilbert | Gyp | 69.5 | |
| 9. Mary Anne Fallon | Spy | 69 | |
| 10. Bev Lambert | Tammy | 68.5 | |

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| Ranch – 31 dogs | | | |
| 90 possible points | | | |
| 1. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 83.5 | |
| 2. Brooks Parrott | Skye | 81 | |

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| 3. Allan Lynch | Jen | 77 | |
| 4. Ron McGettigan | Wilbur | 76.5 | |
| 5. Merry Klimek | Jeep | 75.5 | |
| 6. Allan Lynch | McDuff | 74 | |
| 7. Polly Matzinger | Annie | 74 | |
| 8. Merry Klimek | Ben | 71 | |
| 9. Barbara Leverett | Queen | 69.5 | |
| 10. Walt Jagger | Jim | 69 | |

| SATURDAY | | | |
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| Novice/Novice – 15 dogs | | | |
| 80 possible points | | | |
| 1. Janet Larson | Robbie | 74 | |
| 2. Liz Phillips | Queen | 73.5 | |
| 3. Sherry Smith | Mick | 73.5 | |
| 4. Heather Millen | Kate | 73.5 | |
| 5. Kathy Duchesne | Rose | 70 | |
| 6. Barbara Starkey | Bessie | 69 | |
| 7. Cokie Hamm | Zouk | 65 | |
| 8. Bill Gregor | Maggie | 64 | |
| 9. Maggie Chambers | Joy | 63 | |
| 10. Kathi Hughes | Summer | 61.5 | |

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| Pro/Novice – 26 dogs | | | |
| 80 possible points | | | |
| 1. Carol Champion | Roy | 75.5 | |
| 2. R.C. Gilbert | Gyp | 75 | |
| 3. Peg Lynch | Jill | 75 | |
| 4. Walt Jagger | Moss | 74.5 | |
| 5. Becky Peterson | Taff | 73.5 | |
| 6. C.J. Williams | Meg | 72 | |

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| 7. Ellen Skillings | Paige | 71 | |
| 8. Bruce Fogt | Ben | 69 | |
| 9. Kate Collins | Queen | 69 | |
| 10. Sue Honig | Gem | 64.5 | |

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| Ranch – 29 dogs | | | |
| 90 possible points | | | |
| 1. Polly Matzinger | Roy | 82.5 | |
| 2. Tom Lacy | Thomas | 77 | |
| 3. Walt Jagger | Jim | 76.5 | |
| 4. Allan Lynch | McDuff | 76 | |
| 5. Liz Phillips | Kate | 75.5 | |
| 6. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp | Aquilla | 75.5 | |
| 7. Mary Brighoff | Mirk | 74 | |
| 8. Sharon Nunan | Jim | 72.5 | |
| 9. Ron McGettigan | Wilbur | 72 | |
| 10. George Northrop | Kyp | 71.5 | |

Judge's Award for Most Promising Young Dog and Handler
Brooks Parrott and Rush

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| Open – 54 dogs | | | |
| 95 possible points | | | |
| 1. Warren Mick | Tara | 89.5 | |
| 2. Bev Lambert | Lark | 88 | |
| 3. C. J. Williams | Sadie | 87 | |
| 4. Tom Lacy | Midge | 87 | |
| 5. Linda Fogt | Macy | 84.5 | |
| 6. C. J. Williams | Taff | 84.5 | |

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Eastern Township Trial

Lennoxville, Quebec / July 26-27, 1997 / Tim Flood, judge / Dave and MaryEllen Young, trial mngrs.

Dave and MaryEllen Young had their annual trial at Bishops University in Lennoxville, Quebec on Sat. & Sun July 26 & 27. The trial was run on some of the university's playing fields with a 240 yard outrun and fairly straight forward drives. The depth perception was a bit tricky since the grass looked like a putting green and didn't offer many clues as to when you were at a gate. But a large crowd of spectators usually clapped as the sheep cleared each obstacle, which was a nice help!

The sheep were a very difficult flock of commercial crossbreds that are grazed out all summer on open, clear cuts. The sheep resented being worked and really resented the heat. They were very difficult on Saturday and for

a while during the heat of the day on Sunday (90's) they just refused to participate by running over the dogs and off the field.

On Saturday, there was a tie for first which was won by Sally in a runoff. This was Sally's first open win and everyone was very pleased and excited for her. Sally increased our enthusiasm for her success by buying drinks all around at the dinner Saturday night.

Michael Dathe and Cobb placed in open on Sunday ending their novice careers. Michael has raised and trained Cobb himself and come up through the novice ranks from novice/novice to open with his home-trained dog.

Beverly Lambert

| SATURDAY | | | Open – 36 dogs | | | 3. George Northrop Kyp 48 | | |
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| Novice/Novice – 7 dogs (3 retired or DQ) | | | 1. Sally Lacy | Tru | 92 | 4. Bud Ames | Sam | 40 |
| 1. Fran Wheeler | JJ | 59 | 2. Amanda Milliken | Grace | 92 | Open – 28 dogs | | |
| 2. Clint Brake | Callum | 56 | 3. Mike Canaday | Smut | 90 | 1. Beverly Lambert | Lark | 94 |
| 3. Fiona Robertson | Jess | 52 | 4. Lena Bailey | Jen | 90 | 2. Mike Canaday | Ken | 90 |
| 4. Yves Robert | Nalla | 43 | 5. Bruce Smart | Dyna | 90 | 3. Amanda Milliken | Grace | 89 |
| Pro/Novice – 9 dogs | | | 6. Beverly Lambert | Lark | 89 | 4. Amanda Milliken | Hazel | 89 |
| 1. Lynn Deschambeault | Bess | 71 | 7. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 88 | 5. Sally Lacy | Tru | 86 |
| 2. Mike Canaday | Zac | 69 | 8. Amanda Milliken | Hazel | 87 | 6. Mark Bustard | Burl | 86 |
| 3. Lena Bailey | Mac | 68 | 9. Mark Bustard | Burl | 85 | 7. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 85 |
| 4. Dave Young | Streak | 61 | 10. Warren Mick | Tara | 84 | 8. Beverly Lambert | Pat | 82 |
| 5. Bruce Smart | Mags | 56 | SUNDAY | | | 9. Sally Lacy | Bob | 75 |
| 6. Fran Wheeler | Tweed | 50 | Novice/Novice – 9 dogs (8 retired or DQ) | | | 10. Mike Canaday | Smut | 74 |
| 7. Fran Wheeler | Jock | 36 | 1. Fran Wheeler | JJ | 41 | Two day combined Novice/Novice winner | | |
| 8. Beverly Lambert | Tammy | 34 | Pro/Novice | | | Fran Wheeler and JJ | | |
| 9. Chris Kommelbein | Mary | 32 | 1. Mike Canaday | Zac | 62 | Two day combined Pro/Novice winner | | |
| Ranch – 9 dogs | | | 2. Lynn Deschambeault | Bess | 56 | Mike Canaday and Zac | | |
| 1. Sally Lacy | Chess | 81 | 3. Lena Bailey | Mac | 54 | Two day combined Ranch winner | | |
| 2. Dave Young | Shim | 79 | 4. Dave Young | Streak | 42 | Michael Dathe and Cobb | | |
| 3. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 75 | 5. Chris Kroemmelbein | Mary | | Two day combined Open winner | | |
| 4. Lena Bailey | Teak | 74 | Ranch – 9 dogs | | | Beverly Lambert and Lark | | |
| 5. George Northrop | Kyp | 73 | 1. Michael Dathe | Cobb | 73 | | | |
| 6. Dee Woessner | Fly | 61 | 2. Dee Woessner | Fly | 53 | | | |
| 7. Bud Ames | Sam | 45 | | | | | | |
| 8. Gabe Merrill | Abbie | 26 | | | | | | |

Leatherstocking Trial results, continued

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| 7. Bev Lambert | Jet | 83.5 |
| 8. Gene Sheninger | Katy | 83 |
| 9. Walt Jagger | Roy | 83 |
| 10. Warren Mick | Annie | 83 |

SUNDAY

Open – 49 dogs

100 possible points

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| 1. Eve Marshark | Tea | 92.5 |
| 2. Bev Lambert | Jet | 90.5 |

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| 3. Gene Sheninger | Katy | 90 |
| 4. Warren Mick | Tara | 88.5 |
| 5. Walt Jagger | Celt | 86.5 |
| 6. Gene Sheninger | Gail | 85.5 |
| 7. C.J. Williams | Slip | 83.5 |
| 8. Tom Lacy | Juggs | 83.5 |
| 9. Bev Lambert | Lark | 82.5 |
| 10. Dick Williams | Max | 80 |

Overall Champion

Warren Mick and Tara, 178 points

Reserve Champion

Bev Lambert and Jet, 174 points

Best Gather

Michael Dathe and Cobb

Best Drive

Warren Mick and Tim

Best Pen

R.C. Gilbert and Ring

Best Shed

Maria Mick and Ken

Proposed By-Laws Changes

At the last Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors of NEBCA was assigned the task of addressing the By-Laws, namely to define the NEBCA region in Article III and to define the terms of office of the Open Trials Committee and the Nursery Trials Committee in Article V-a. These Articles are presented here with the PROPOSALS IN CAPITAL LETTERS, as additions (Article III, item 2 and Article V-a, items 1 & 2 respectively) for the inspection of the membership prior to the official ballot in a newsletter later this fall.

There are also two other issues involved in Article III (Dues and Membership Qualifications) that have been a source of concern to the By-Laws Committee. We present them here as additions to Article III (as items 1 & 3) for discussion in hopes of amending them at the same time. Discussion among the membership is welcomed and any comments should be forwarded to the directors.

Becky Peterson, By-Laws Committee

ARTICLE III Dues and Membership Qualifications

Item #1: FOR DISCUSSION

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE PAID PRIOR TO ACQUIRING POINTS TOWARD NEBCA HIGH POINTS COMPETITION, NEBCA NURSERY PROGRAM, OR LEGS TOWARD NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION. (*By-law committee note: There needs to be a workable method by which a member will know when his/her dues have been paid, perhaps a notation on the newsletter mailing label.*)

Members will be responsible for the election of officers, responding to organizational affairs, promoting the NEBCA throughout their own communities, and generally supporting the NEBCA.

Item #2: A PROPOSED ADDITION

THE NEBCA REGION SHALL CONSIST OF MAINE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, ONTARIO, QUEBEC, AND THE MARITIME PROVINCES OF CANADA. (*By-law committee note: This is the region that is already defined in the Guidelines for Open Trials and also "rules" set for the Fall Foliage Championship. No state or province has been added or removed since 1989. Any further changes to the region would have to be addressed through a later by-law change.*)

Item #3: FOR DISCUSSION

MEMBER SHOULD RESIDE IN THE NEBCA REGION AS STATED ABOVE TO ACQUIRE POINTS IN THE NEBCA HIGH POINTS COMPETITION, THE NEBCA NURSERY PROGRAM AND LEGS TOWARD THE NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION. (*The committee has not been directed to this issue but it is a problem and needs to be addressed.*)

ARTICLE V-a Committees

All committees report to the Executive Committee.

Trials Committee: A Trials Committee of five members plus the Nursery 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. ~~Item #1: Members will serve two years, but no more than two members will have their terms expire at the same time.~~ TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE OPEN TRIALS COMMITTEE WILL BE 2 YEARS. MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED ONCE.

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. Item # 2: TERMS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE NURSERY COMMITTEE WILL BE 2 YEARS. MEMBERS MAY BE REAPPOINTED ONCE.

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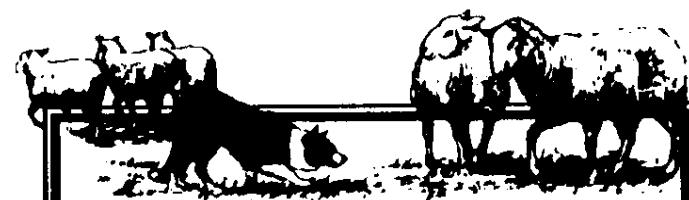
Border Collie Pups - sire and dam OFA good, eyes cleared in 1997, better than average PennHip ratings. Both parents have won and placed in many Nursery trials. Tri-color and black & white. Price varies with purpose of dog. Working/Trial homes preferred. Contact: Janet Larson 603-659-7046.

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Taravale Farm is expecting puppies out of Barb Armata's Taff, by Cheryl Jagger-Williams' Taff. My Taff is extremely keen and fast. She has a sweet disposition, tries very hard to please. Eyes checked, OFA good. Taff is a littermate to Bernie's Dan. Cheryl's Taff also has a wonderful attitude. I've worked a number of his pups out of different females - their attitude, style, focus are what I want in a working dog. For more informa-

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This listing of breeders of Border Collies is for informational purposes only and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the Northeast Border Collie Association. When making inquiries for purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest you see both parents work. If you are not able to see the parents working at the farm, do attend the trials and see them working there. Watch for trial results and seek the advice of experienced handlers. *Not all breeders listed here are handlers.

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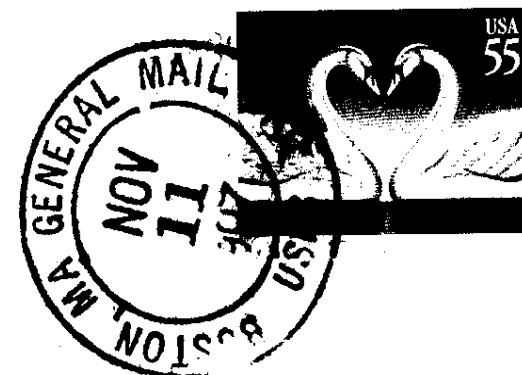
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