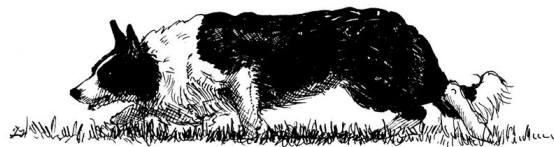


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## My First Open Run

By Deb Mickey

My first Open run was this year at Dave & Debbie Fetterman's Borders on Paradise SDT held in the beautiful countryside outside of Turbotsville, PA. After being in the sport going on my 7<sup>th</sup> year, the question probably asked is "What took you so long?"

Well, I admit I'm a casual hobby sheepdog trialer and my first Open dog is also the first dog I ever trained and trialed, Jill. Jill and I started this voyage when she was 11 months old by tagging along with Sue Asten to take herding lessons from Mary Brighoff at her farm in Libertytown. Jill had many issues in those days - everything frightened her: people, dogs, new situations, life itself it seemed. My goal at that time was to help Jill overcome her

fears and I was exposing her to many situations and activities such as flyball and agility as well as herding. It all helped and you may have read my article about her transformation into an almost "normal" dog in an earlier NEBCA newsletter.

Anyway, when I started herding with Jill my goal wasn't to get her into Open, in fact, I doubted we'd ever get far given Jill's temperament. But 7 years later here we are! More than one big hat suggested I move Jill into Open for the experience and knowledge I would receive, and I couldn't think of a nicer trial to move Jill up at than Borders.



Jill at Steppingstone SDT in 2004  
Photo by Barb Klein

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# My First Open Run

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I ran Jill in Ranch that Friday as a warm up for the big day, and Saturday there on the running order were our names – the very last to run in the Open class of 71 dogs. I wasn't nervous during the day (I may have been in major denial), and it wasn't until a couple dogs before our run that I got jittery. Jill isn't a strong dog, doesn't shed, can sometimes lose her mind, and my handling is a work in progress. What were we doing here and what would happen?

Walt Jagger and Bernie Armata were sitting on Walt's golf cart swapping stories when I came up beside them. Walt, ever the gentleman, wished me luck and the now nervous Nellie that I had become expressed my doubts. Wait a minute, Walt said, you're going out there with a dog you love to do a thing you both enjoy. Nothing could be better. Bernie chimed in with his wonderful dry wit to let me know everyone watching would commiserate with whatever may happen on the field – they all had been there. I took a big breath and walked onto the field where judge Linda Tesdahl greeted

me with a smile and encouraging words.

Since being rammed by a ewe defending her lambs a couple years ago Jill's outruns have been problematic, but she got to the top, lifted them slightly off line and proceeded to bring them off line down the fetch. After missing the fetch panels, I was able to get her to put them on line. We had a nice turn at the post and a good first leg of the drive. Jill was listening and being very brave, which are always considered accomplishments! At the drive panels my novice handling skills reared up and I flanked her just before the sheep went through the panels – dang! We had a decent cross drive, if off line, and I swear the sheep brushed against the outside of the lower cross panel as they missed going through them. The pen was good and now came the point where our inexperience would really show – the shed.

Between Jill being somewhat leery about sheep, her desire to keep things together, and my lack of knowledge on how to help her, shedding has been

a problem – Jill just doesn't feel comfortable or understand the need to come in. But that day the sheep were calm and we were able to make a couple nice holes and I swear Jill did think about coming in. Graciously time ran out and we exited the field, both feeling pretty good about our first Open run. And Walt was right – it was fun!

Knowing our competitive days are probably behind us and we'll never receive paybacks or rosettes from the Open class, I have come up with a new answer when asked how we did: "Great! I \$upport the \$port!"

So many people have helped us reach this day, big hats, and soon-to-be big hats, by cheering us on, giving advice, instructing us or hosting the clinics we attended. But credit is due too to these dogs who give us their full trust and have faith that what we ask them to do, they can do. Jill is not a brave dog or a strong dog, but she has a big heart and never quits trying. We've had a fun and fulfilling voyage so far together and now a new phase of it has begun.



## Editorializing...

Hello NEBCA members! It's been almost 2 full years of doing the newsletter for the Northeast Border Collie Association—time flies when you're having fun, as they say!

I hope you are enjoying the NEBCA News. I plan to continue as editor in 2006, but have a small request...

### **MEMBERS: THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!**

The reason why this edition is so late going to press is that until the end of August, I had enough content to fill about 2 pages. I realize active trailers are busy during the summer months running dogs in competitions all over the Northeast and beyond, and trial managers are dealing with last minute headaches before they set off to enjoy the hospitality of someone else's trial. But please, don't forget about the newsletter!

Trying to locate the results on Sheepdog-L and reformat is

both time consuming and frustrating. Please just cc the Editor when sending your trial results to the list. That way, I'll get them right on time!

Remember too that we have a membership that consist of both active trailers and working Border Collie fanciers. Send your funny stories, training tips, trial experiences, travel woes, sheep tales, poems, and please, send your photos!

I have a lot of photos of my own dogs, but I'm guessing you'd get pretty sick of seeing them all the time! Trial photos, working shots, cute photos of puppies etc. are all worthy of the newsletter!

So come on members! Don't be shy! And if you are, you can always sign, "anonymous". Who knows—your story might become famous!

Fiona Robertson



# BAER (hearing) Testing at Borders on Paradise SDT

## By Dave Fetterman

I have been asked about the BAER testing that took place in May at Borders On Paradise SDT. The brain-stem auditory evoked response, BAER, test is the standard for hearing tests in dogs mainly because it is the only test to evaluate a dog's hearing objectively.

A series of clicks are given by ear-phones to the dog. These sounds if detected by the sensory part of the ear generate an electrical impulse to be sent to the brain via the auditory nerve. These electrical impulses in the nerve are picked up by electrodes on the dog and a computer shows the information in a waveform (please see sample printout on page 5).

The appearance of this waveform has characteristic peaks and valleys. Like the physician who looks at our EKG and can tell if it is normal or not, the trained person can tell if the trace looks normal or not for the dog in question. The BAER test does not require the dog to do anything but stand there.

There are a number of Border Collies that have displayed normal hearing at age three and younger and developed hearing loss in the four to seven age group. Some of these dogs are littermates some are parent and offspring. These dogs are not completely deaf, but their hearing is not normal. This problem is not clearly understood and requires research and study to learn what is occurring.

The Border Collie community is fortunate to have the interest of Teresa Chu DVM from Saskatoon in this hearing loss question. Dr Chu is trying to gain tests from enough affected and normal Border Col-

lies to do a study. She has adopted an affected Border Collies that was BAER normal at a young age and has become BAER abnormal at the four year mark. Her interest is focused by the fact that she does the BAER testing for the Veterinary school in Saskatoon and has tested large numbers of dogs.

I am interested in this hearing problem and wish to help Dr. Chu gain as many BAER tests for Border Collies as she needs for her project. That is the reason that this test was offered to handlers and their dogs at the trial. Each of us who tested our dogs received a printout for our records and she retained one for her study. The trace for each ear and a cheek swab for DNA was collected for each dog. The information as to how your dog

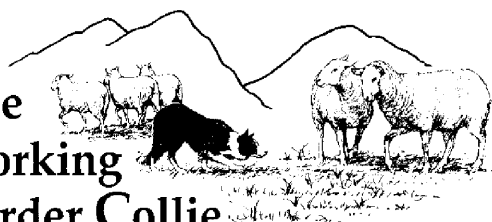
performed on the test was not released.

The testing was done in our travel trailer at the trial site. No dogs were sedated. You could finish the test and directly go to the trial field with no compromise to your run. No one reported any problems with this test. Dr. Chu provided the testing all three days of the trial. She was able to test about twenty five dogs each day. It was not difficult to do this at the trial and I would encourage other trials to have her come and test dogs.

Since understanding is incomplete and hypothesis and conjecture exist the following paragraphs are my opinion and are in italic to indicate opinion not fact.

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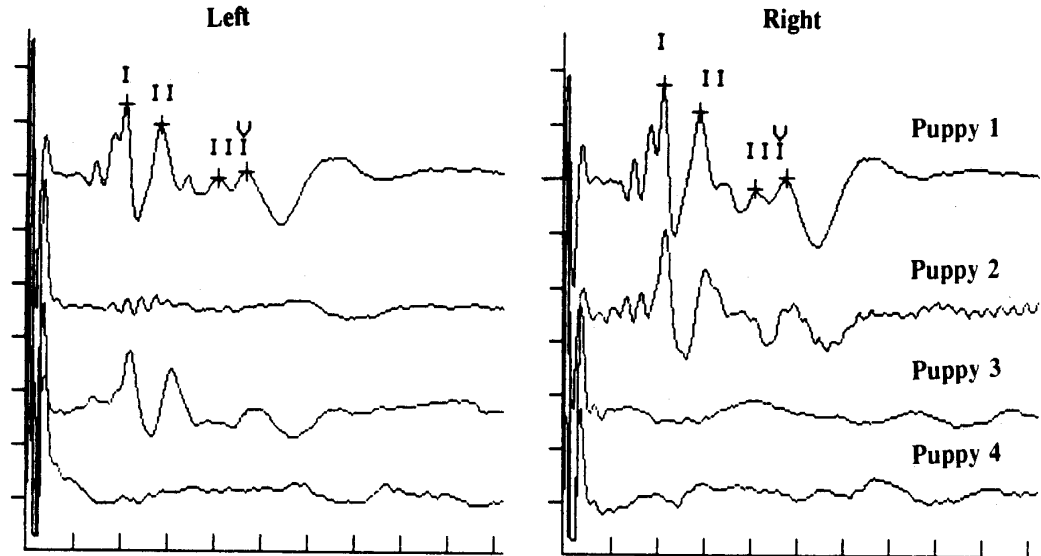
# BAER Testing

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While the incidence of this problem is low, there are more affected dogs than we recognize. Some of the good dogs that start to just not listen or blow off their handler may not hear. These dogs could be retired from trialing and used for breeding stock and excuses such as airplane flights, toxic chemicals in dip tanks, hit on the head one too many times, or just shut down because the handler was too hard on them could be given as a well meaning but incorrect explanation for something the DNA controls. I wonder about the Nursery Champions who "are pushed too hard and burn out" do they hear normally or could this be a presentation of this problem? I wonder about the dog that gets traded off because it is not working like it once did and gets sold to another handler to see if that is a better match.

This condition is suspected to have an autosomal dominant mode of inheritance (suggested by preliminary data from Dr. Chu's study). If this is indeed the case, then pups from parents who are eight years or older and running Open are likely free of this form of hearing problem.

It affects males and females. The presence of a normal BAER test at an early age, say three, does not indicate the dog will retain normal hearing.



The pedigrees of affected families appear to show an autosomal dominant pattern of inherited adult hearing loss.

If this is autosomal dominant your dog could be fine even if littermates are affected. We do not have to avoid all offspring of dogs related to one with hearing loss (i.e. no carrier state if mode of inheritance is autosomal dominant).

The hearing test we daily give our dogs with whistles at 400 yards is more sensitive than a BAER as to how the dog hears and at what pitches are heard better. The trial field is the best test, but it does not help to find the facts of what is going on. Although the BAER test is regarded as the standard hearing test in companion animals because it offers objectivity, it is

NOT a sensitive test for subtle hearing loss.

Keep hearing loss active in your thoughts as an explanation as to why a dog no longer trials.

Several of the affected dogs are very thunder sensitive.

The need to do BAER testing on our breed and support Dr. Chu in her interest to apply science to learn the cause for this problem is of real future value to the Border Collie as the best working dog. The cost is small the return of real value. If we could test every dog four and under that runs at nationals then retest these same dogs at age seven and repeat this for five to ten years we will likely know what is up.



**A bored Coyote can wreck havoc with your flock...**

## *The 2005 NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship*

The Fall Foliage Championship will be held on Oct 7, 8 & 9 at Bramble Hill Farm in Amherst MA. The trial will feature two days of qualifying runs and a double lift final on Sunday.

George Gardner of Scotland will be judging and SheepScapes will be providing the sheep.

To qualify, a dog must have placed in at least **TWO** NEBCA open trials in the current season.

The entry form and directions can be found on the NEBCA web site. [www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net)

Entries must be postmarked by September 24

Contact any member of the open trial committee for more information.

**Hope you can come!**

## **Moving Up: A Note From the NEBCA Novice Trial Committee**

Novice Handlers: Before You Move Up....

The Novice trials committee has received a fair number of requests from handlers that moved up to move back down because they realized either they or their dog were not ready for the next class. Please consider carefully when making a decision to move up to the next class.

The Novice/Novice class was designed for just that, the novice handler with the novice dog. Any dog that has run in the open class cannot run in Novice/Novice and any handler that has competed at the open level may not compete in the Novice/Novice class. This class was made for new handlers to be able to get their feet wet in the sport without having to compete against those handlers with more experience.

Use this safe haven to your advantage to gain as much experience for yourself and your dog as possible. You may continue to compete in this class until you earn 40 points and at that time you must move up. With the fewer number of novice trials as compared to 5 years ago, you could gain a lot of experience before you have to move up. This experience includes the added tension of having to perform in front of spectators,

having to make split decisions, having to read unknown sheep in an unknown field, having your dog (and yourself) learn to relax before and during your run, etc. Also, you can be training for that next higher class at home so that when you do enter it, your dog is (at least at home) capable of running at that level.

Even if your dog may be able to drive, starting in Novice/Novice allows you the opportunity to start trialing in that safe zone with other novice handlers. And the Novice/Novice class allows the drive portion to be completed as a wear, an assisted drive or a drive where the handler stays at the post. Remember, your dog will not perform as well at a trial as at home. There is just too much excitement. This class gives you the opportunity to proof your dog.

The same is true to an extent with the other Novice classes. While open handlers do run their young dogs in Pro-Novice and Ranch to give them the experience of an easier course in the trialing venue, you do can do the same. Use those classes for both yourself and your dog to feel comfortable with the more advanced courses and the skills required at these levels. If you go to a fair number of trials, you will be gaining

experience on different fields and sheep.

If you think you may want to move up to the next level, but are not sure, ask an open handler for their opinion. They would be happy to help you determine if you and your dog are ready for the next level.

The Novice Trials Guidelines are posted on the NEBCA website, [www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net). You should familiarize yourself with these and if you have a question, ask the advice of an open handler, the novice trials committee, or a member of the board of directors or executive committee. And also remember that once you have trialed in an open trial, you are considered an open handler and may no longer run in Novice/Novice.

While one of the jobs of the Novice Trials Committee is to resolve issues such as these, they would prefer that you have moved up only when you are ready. And you will be doing both yourself and your dog a great service by trying to gain as much experience as possible rather than putting both you and your dog in over your head. Eventually, you will need the challenge of the next higher class to learn more, but building the foundation is key.



# The Conspiracy

## By Betsy Drummond

There are 10 dogs at our place, nine of them are border collies. The one that isn't a border collie is a Great Pyrenees. He could be categorized as a herding "accessory". I told myself to stop counting crates and kennels and bowls when it reached 6, but now we're in the double digits and there's a kind of absurd humor in it. I tell myself that because I have to - we have 9 border collies and an "accessory".

A month before we packed up our manufacturing business and left suburban New York for our new home in New Hampshire we had 3 border collies. I thought that was a nightmare, but they had worked our goose control business and they were income earning, tax deductible, housebroken animals. Ok, three dogs, three bowls, three crates etc. Not really that bad since we were moving from an eighth of an acre to 32 acres. There would be room for everyone. That's what I thought until I found out that two dogs had been secretly added to the tally, probably through some sort of covert border collie conspiracy (outlined in the conspiracy rules manual), bringing us to five dogs before the moving van had even backed into the driveway. There wasn't a goose control business anymore, but there was a farm ahead of us, and apparently a specific purpose for each and every wet nosed, black and white nightmare along the way.

I think most people reading this story know how it goes from here, but I'll continue anyway, I've found it to be cathartic.

We were in our new house, spending 15 hours a day at our plant, with 12 new employees in a location that was "foreign" to us, and the moving van had not yet arrived with our stuff. Imagine my delight when late one afternoon, a pick-up truck rolled down the road pulling what appeared to be an animal trailer. Yep! Twelve sheep - an even dozen. In many rural locations, it's traditional to bring a casserole when someone moves into a new house, but apparently not if you have a farm and 5 border collies. We had no bed to sleep in, only three days worth of clean clothes

and no telephone service, but by God we had sheep and 5 dogs to herd them! Shortly after that I realized that there were six rolls of electric fencing, a water trough, salt lick, and sheep grain stashed in the barn. It was becoming clear to me now why my husband and the UPS driver had become best friends so quickly. They had obviously been meeting in secret at our place everyday.

Well, at least the worst was over. The sheep were "out of the barn" so to speak, and within a few days the moving van brought our belongings and a sense of comfort back to our lives. The work days were still long and hectic, but with a little luck and surplus adrenalin we'd be able to get unpacked and set up life as we had known it prior to the migration. I teetered on that sense of comfort for about 72 hours - just up to the point where the next big truck rambled down the road towing our Brand New Tractor. My gosh, and with a whole month left to go until my birthday! A brand new mortgage and a brand new tractor! According to the "Rules" you have to have a tractor the size of a tyrannosaurus if you have a sheep farm and 5 border collies. How could I have missed that?

Over the next few months I spotted various shiny tyrannosaurus "parts" hiding behind different out-buildings on the property. I came across the spreader, the York rake, the chain harrow, the log splitter, and my favorite, the big red post pounder. There was a small auger, but apparently it had to moved on down the road once the post pounder came to town.

I've digressed a bit because the series of events sometimes get a little cloudy in my mind. At last count we were up to dog number five and 12 sheep. This is where dog number 6 comes in - we had to breed the sheep, it's somewhere in the "Rules", and therefore we would need protection for the lambs. Dog #6 - the Great Pyrenees puppy - the "accessory".

By this time we had gotten a ram, and like most rams during breeding season, he was a fairly disagreeable sort. He and I had an understanding. I would

get out of my car at night, yell over the fence at him "What the F\*\*\* is your problem?" and he would wander back to the barn. That was as far as our relationship went. He was happy to do his "ram" thing, and I was happy to not be looking out the window when he was doing it. It did occur to me, however, that based on the time of year this side-show was going on, there would be little baby lambs in the barnyard in February. I figured it was probably one of the "Rules" - border collies, farms, tractors, sheep and lambs. In the sub-category about sheep, it probably says if you're going to breed sheep in New Hampshire, the logical procedure is to be outside at all hours of the night in sub-zero temperatures, preferably walking across large areas of ice in the dark.

The lambs came with a little less fanfare and panic than I had expected. A mass of little babies which increased the flock to over 45, but of course we still didn't have enough mouths to feed. One of our 5 border collies had been used as a stud in the late fall and the litter had arrived. Wouldn't you know it? One of the puppies looked just like her daddy. I've always referred to this particular "stud" dog as "Lumpy", but of course that's not his given name because it wouldn't be dignified enough for the trial field. Lumpy was apparently a good trial dog and there's an obscure "Rule" somewhere that says we needed to preserve the line, so Lumpy's little look-alike became dog number seven. Seven dogs, seven bowls, seven crates etc.

We muddled through the winter with the seven dogs and 45 sheep. When the last of the snow had melted off the lawn, I opened the front door to a beautiful spring day and filled my lungs with the scent of seven months worth of seven dogs worth of poop, which had only taken 24 hours to thaw. This was a moment that will probably stay with me forever.

The good news was that the snow was finally gone, the sheep could be put to pasture, and the dogs could finally get the exercise and work that they needed.

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# NEBCA Classifieds

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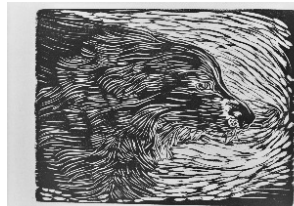
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## How many dogs does it take to change a lightbulb ?

**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb? **Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code. **Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp! **ROTTWEILER:** Make me. **LAB:** Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? **TIBETAN TERRIER:** Let the Border Collie do it. You can feed me while he's busy! **JACK RUSSELL TERRIER:** I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture. **POODLE:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will

be dry. **COCKER SPANIEL:** Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark. **DOBERMAN:** While it's dark, I'm going to sleep on the couch. **BOXER:** Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.....**CHIHUAHUA:** Yo quiero Taco Bulb. **IRISH WOLFHOUND:** Can somebody else do it? I've got this hangover....**POINTER:** I see it, there it is, there it is, right there....**GREYHOUND:** It isn't moving. Who cares? **AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD:** First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle..**OLD ENGLISH SHEEP DOG:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb? **HOUND DOG:** ZZZZZzzzzzz.z.z.z..**CATS:** Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the question is: How long will it be before I can expect light?  
*ALL OF WHICH PROVES, ONCE AGAIN, THAT WHILE DOGS HAVE MASTERS, CATS HAVE STAFF...*

# NEBCA Meeting Minutes

## Submitted by Maria Mick, Secretary

### NEBCA Meeting, Leatherstocking SDT, August 19, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:57pm by Denise Leonard. 39 members present

1. **Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick:** Current membership stands at 260. Membership at the conclusion of 2004 was 279. Joanne Murphy moved to accept the report: Lorna Savage seconded.
2. **Treasurer's Report – given by Denise Leonard for Maria Amodei:**  
Income \$5,194.52  
Expenses \$9,310.15  
Difference (-)\$4,115.63  
Total in account \$11,884.37

Current treasurer Maria Amodei hopes to close out the account used by the previous treasurer in the near future and have all the records transferred.

Maria has suggested that we could sell NEBCA fundraising items on the website and possibly set up a PayPal account.

3. **Library Report – given by Denise Leonard for Martha Walke:** The new librarian is Martha Walke (email [walkem@sover.net](mailto:walkem@sover.net)). Martha states that new items are needed for the library and for the membership to email her with suggestions for new purchases.

This fall Martha will be working on a database for the library inventory.

4. **Open Trials Committee Report – given by Warren Mick:** The Fall Foliage Championship will be held at Bramble Hill Farm in Amherst, MA on October 7–9, 2005. The judge will be George Gardner from Scotland.

Dogs will need two placings this year to qualify to run and the entry form will be in the next newsletter.

5. **Novice Trials Committee Report – given by Joanne Krause:** The Novice Finals will be held at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds in Hopkinton, NH on September 17-18, 2005. The judge will be Carol Campion of Hampton, CT. Please note that there is a camping fee (hookup or non-hookup).

A proposal written by Rob Drummond was presented on a possible mechanism to address requests by novice handlers wishing to move down a class. Discussion followed.


6. **Old Business - none**
7. **New Business:** Bruce Smart presented information concerning the locations for the USBCHA National Finals. As of now, the 2005 finals are in Sturgis, SD (third consecutive year) and will be in Klamath Falls, OR in 2006.

Bids are still being accepted the finals location in 2007, although the only bid now is for Klamath Falls again. A bid is in the works by a group in Virginia for the 2008 finals.

Bruce Smart motioned that NEBCA express its disappointment in holding the finals in Klamath Falls in 2006 and strongly urge the USBCHA to hold the trial in the east in 2007. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Williams and passed.

Beverly Lambert motioned that NEBCA consider placing a bid to host the 2007 finals and that Bruce Smart head the trial committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ron McGettigan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,   
Maria Mick

## NEW NEBCA Trials this fall!

### SHEPHERD'S CROOK FALL SHEEPDOG TRIAL

October 1 and 2, Lorneville, Ontario, Canada,  
Classes n/n; pro/n; nursery; ranch and Open  
Judges TBA

Contact Trial Managers - Ian and Shona Talbot  
[ian\\_shona@hotmail.com](mailto:ian_shona@hotmail.com)  
Trial co-Manager, Mike Churcher  
[mchurcher@rogers.com](mailto:mchurcher@rogers.com)

Entry forms are at [larsyl@eagle.ca](mailto:larsyl@eagle.ca) or [www.nebca.net](http://www.nebca.net)

### LONG SHOT WINTER OPEN TRIAL

December 10-11  
Church Hill, MD

Two one day open trials  
USBCHA Nursery

Sherry Smith, 410-758-3363  
[longsht@dmv.com](mailto:longsht@dmv.com)

# The Conspiracy

*(Continued from page 7)*

They were like seven little attention deficit children\_who'd gone all winter without their medication and I was at the breaking point. My husband had his farm, his tractor, his flock of sheep and his working dogs. Who could ask for more ?

Wrong Question. In the "Rules", deep in the conspiracy manual, tucked away in some obscure chapter there must be a few paragraphs about the proper equipment for attending dog trials. Once again I turned my gaze up the road as our pick-up came bouncing toward the house towing\_the piece de resistance, The Camper. Now there are those who would be envious of people who have their very own camper, but to my way of thinking the pick-up might just as well have been pulling a 19 ft. tuna can. You can imagine my husband's disappointment when he found out that not only was I not interested in spending my summer at dog trials, there was no way I was going to spend the night in an oversized dog kennel with six dogs, a plastic toilet, and a kitchen table which doubled as a bed after the dog crates were removed from it. Go figure.

His spirits remained unhampered however as he toiled around the northeast that summer doing what he liked best. I had time to myself and he had his dream come true – except that there

must have been a little something missing because when he returned from a trial late one summer evening there was one extra passenger on board. I thought I might have counted wrong so I counted again: five, six, seven – Seven ? Sure enough, an extra dog got out of that camper with him. I told myself not to jump to conclusions but by the look on his face when I greeted him at the door I could just tell. He had brought home #8. There wasn't much dinner conversation that evening. Eight dogs, eight bowls, eight crates etc. The spring thaw came late the following year and I prayed for torrential rain to wash away the "top soil".

Now back to the conspiracy manual – there must be a code of ethics chapter that explains how your best friends and closest trialing companions must assist in helping you find the perfect dog. If they fail they must continue in this quest. They will sympathize with the injuries your dogs sustain and they will empathize with missed trials and bad runs. They will never ever think you're out of your mind for leaving the house at 3:00 am to get to a trial in another state so that you can run one dog for seven minutes and then turn around and drive home so you can feed your 7 other dogs and your flock of sheep. If they have a tip on a litter that holds promise, it's their obligation pursue it for you. My husband has good friends –

that's why dog #9 moved in two months ago. "Great lines, incredible style, champions in his breeding and only a couple puppies left". Dog #9 is teething now, and if his instinct for sheep is anything like his instinct for chewing on furniture, he may actually be a champion.

O.k. – so maybe it's not so bad. I live on a beautiful farm in New Hampshire with my husband, his border collies, a flock of sheep and an occasional visiting horse. The barking is really just background noise now and I've almost gotten used to seeing hay encrusted sheep dropping tracked across the kitchen floor. It's probably why someone invented paper towels.

I've also concluded that the conspiracy and "Rules" are simply a part of my life. There will be covert and overt activities forever, and as long as I can still find humor in some of the tiny little cracks and crevices of it all, and as long as most "normal" people don't ask me how many dogs we have, I'll be fine.

By the way - #10 arrived at Logan Airport at 1:30 am on Sunday morning. Oh well - ten dogs, ten bowls, ten crates etc.

Betsy Drummond  
betsy@brailsfordco.com



## PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP CLEAN UP THE NOVICE POINTS STANDINGS!

If your dog is no longer competing in the NEBCA Novice classes (Novice, Pro-Novice or Ranch), please contact Heather Millen with the updated information. This includes dogs moved up into the Open class, dogs that have been sold or retired or dogs that have deceased.

**Heather Millen: 607-835-6584 or millen@frontiernet.net**

**NEBCA competitors! Take photos at your next trial and send to the Editor at:**  
**creeksidefarm@sympatico.ca**

Or by snail mail to: Fiona Robertson, 4565 Rte 108, Canton de Hatley, QC  
J0B 2C0, Canada

*Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope if you want the pictures returned. (US postage is fine, I cross the border weekly!)*

# Blast from the Past: 1988 Fall Foliage

## NEBCA CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL RESULTS

The 1988 NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL went off without a hitch thanks to the management of Mel and Greg Brenner. They may never have known what they were getting into back a year ago when they were volunteered for the position at the annual meeting! They, along with Steve Wetmore, who secured the site did a superb job of organizing this event which has grown larger every year. There were many more people who helped with the execution of this event. And all deserve a hand. Everyone seemed to chip in the weekend of the trial to help announce, exhaust sheep, set out sheep, and tear down the course when it was all over. Despite a chilly start to the day Sunday, the weather was relatively hospitable for the time of year. The sheep for both Saturday and Sunday came from Vergil Holland and were truly neutral sheep. Meaning no one competitor had the advantage of having worked his/her dog on them prior to the competition. There were Rambouillets, Border Leicesters, Scottish Blackfaces, a variety or down breeds and crosses of the above represented. (Forgive me Vergil if I'm way off track!) And the luck of the draw was just that. There were some very fine runs. But every dog had to work at it. With some draws you could tell which sheep would be shed before they finished the fetch. Others were attached like Siamese twins. There was a great deal of variety depending on the lot you drew. This of

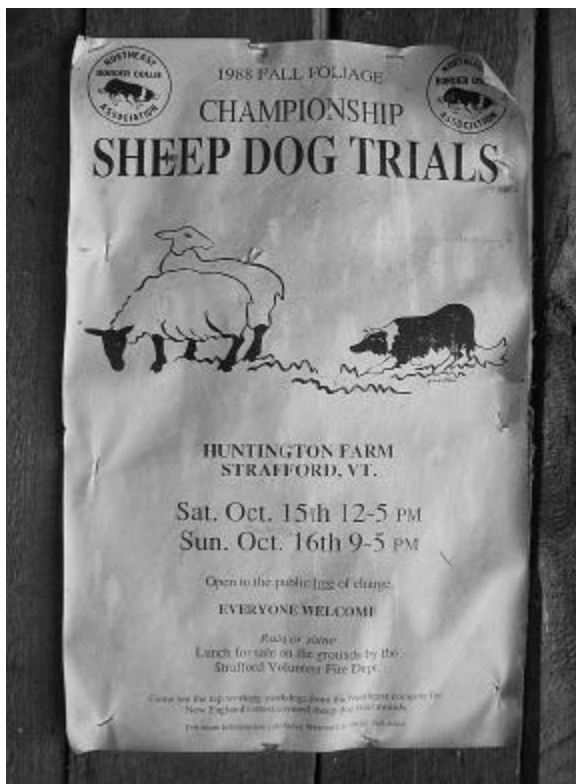
course made for a fascinating trial to watch! Nobody went away bored!

Vergil worked hard for three long days (including the Futurity run on Friday) as judge of this event, with his wife Bonnie as secretary. In the three days he judged 102 separate runs!

A few special awards of appreciation were handed out over the weekend. Both of these awards were purchased with donations from the handlers. Eleanor Jagger was presented with a jacket bearing the title of official scorekeeper in appreciation of her efforts in tallying the points for the High Point awards. Mel and Greg Brenner were presented with a crook in appreciation of their work as the Championship Trial managers for this year.

There were 28 dogs that qualified for the 1988 Championship Trial. It is both an honor and an accomplishment to have qualified for this trial. We extend our Congratulations to the following handlers and dogs. While not finishing in the top ten at this season's trial, they did a fine job.

Beverly Lambert	Jetta
Walt Jagger	Tweed
Paul Heidenberg	Coby
Mike Canaday	Sandy
Bill Lubecki	Cap
Kristen Whittle	Bekka
Dave Webster	Gill
Dick Williams	Dudley
Steve Wetmore	Jill
Beverly Lambert	Kate
Dave Webster	Cap
Walt Jagger	Jill
Steve Wetmore	Ben
Cheryl Jagger	Kim
Beverly Lambert	Mac
Walt Jagger	Dot
Iain Francis	Pip
Iain Francis	Jack



This poster was found still tacked to the barn door at Steve Wetmore's place in August 2005. Photo by Warren Mick

### CHAMPION

<b>1. Roger Deschambeault</b>	<b>Sue</b>	<b>179.5</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>		
<b>2. Cheryl Jagger</b>	<b>Tess</b>	<b>172.5</b>
3. Mike Canaday	Kit	168
4. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	167.5
5. Betty Levin	Kelty	166.5
6. Edie Overly	Midge	158
7. Mike Canaday	Tibby	156
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	154.5
9. Becky Peterson	Fly	152.5
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	151.5

Congratulations on some outstanding work! The following trophies are given to those dogs that excelled at individual phases of work. Each "Best" was the result of a cumulative score from all three runs.

Best Gather	Mike Canaday	Kit
Best Drive	Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy
Best Pen	Cheryl Jagger	Kim
Best Shed	Roger Deschambeault	Sue

Breeders Trophy: presented to the breeder of the dog that wins the Championship. This year's winner was Roger Deschambeault's Sue, who was bred by Nancy Killam of Atkinson, N.H. Congratulations Nancy!

Long Road Trophy: presented by Barbara and Dick Leverett to the highest scoring owner trained and handled dog in recognition of the person who has taken that dog from its puppyhood right up to the Championships. This year's trophy goes to Betty Levin with her dog Kelty. Congratulations Betty and Kelty!





# Trial Results




**VT State Championship, Quechee, VT & Spring Valley Farm SDT, Strafford, VT**  
**August 27-28, 2005** Judge: **Bernie Armata**  
**Submitted by: Jim Allen**

The trial manager, Steve Wetmore, would like to thank everyone who ran dogs and especially everyone who helped out with the trial. Michael Dathe and Warren Mick handled the set out for both trials expertly. Susan and Jim Allen with set-up and paperwork, Bill Luth ran the holding pen and got the sheep ready for setting, Betty Murray did her usual superb job of managing the scores, Joyce Westcott was everywhere she was needed, and many others who stepped in to set up and tear down the fencing. Paul Garwood cooked a delicious Greek dinner on Saturday night. Bud Ames deserves special thanks for contributing his flock to the joint flock of Katahdins used in both trials and also for contributing his handling equipment. Bernie Armata did a fine job of sorting out the runs over the two very different days of trialing-lovely sun on Saturday and pouring rain on Sunday. The overall champion was Michael Dathe and his dog Cooper. Michael and his dog Trot were the reserve champions.

## Quechee, 65 dogs

1. Michael Dathe, Trot
2. Rich Seaman, Boo
3. Michael Dathe, Cooper
4. Warren Mick, Jinty
5. Ed Hobart, Joy
6. Ed Hobart, Bonnie
7. Peter Van de Car, Bud
8. Bud Ames, Luke
9. Joyce Geier, Tait
10. Warren Mick, Glen

## Spring Valley, 53 dogs

1. Michael Dathe, Cooper
2. Rich Seaman, Zoe
3. Joyce Geier, Clue
4. Warren Mick, Glen
5. Steve Wetmore, Dart
6. Peter Van de Car, Bud
7. Steve Wetmore, Gyp
8. Joyce Geier, Tait
9. Michael Dathe, Trot
10. Warren Mick, Kess 

## Lennoxville Int'l Sheepdog Trials, Lennoxville, QC Canada, July 23-24, 2005

**Judge: Barbara Ray**  
**By: Warren Mick**

If you haven't been to Lennoxville trial before, be sure to mark this trial on your calendars for next year. Lennoxville is in heart of the Eastern Townships region of Quebec, a spectacularly beautiful area of rolling tree covered hills and cultivated land. The trial is held on the grounds of Bishop's University, and every year trial hosts, Maryellen and Dave Young, put on a great event and make all feel welcome.

This year the weather was perfect and there were plentiful spectators both days. The Young's Hampshire flock proved a good test for the dogs and every run was fun to watch (there's something about that beet pulp that keeps the sheep fresh and a challenging from the first to the last run). Judge, Barbara Ray sorted the runs, Fiona Robertson arranged and coordinated the trial sponsorship from Eukanuba, Betty Murray managed the paperwork, Clair and Paul Garwood organized the setout detail and sheep moves, and many others pitched in to make the trial run smoothly. On behalf of all who participated, a sincere Thank you to Maryellen and Dave for another great sheepdog trial.

### Saturday—55 Dogs

- |                        |       |      |
|------------------------|-------|------|
| 1. Amanda Milliken     | Bart  | 95   |
| 2. Bev Lambert         | Pippa | 80*  |
| 3. Warren Mick         | Glen  | 80*  |
| 4. Bev Lambert         | Bill  | 80*  |
| 5. Amanda Milliken     | Grace | 80*  |
| 6. Roger Deschambeault | Jet   | 77   |
| 7. Lorna Savage        | Brock | 75   |
| 8. Peter VandeCar      | Bud   | 74   |
| 9. Steve Wetmore       | Gyp   | 73   |
| Amanda Milliken        | Ethel | 73** |
| 10. Sue Schoen         | Nap   | 72   |

\* Ties broken by outwork 1st, then drive

\*\* 3rd Dog

### Sunday—53 Dogs

- |                        |        |    |
|------------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Mary Thompson       | Hawk   | 88 |
| 2. Amanda Milliken     | Ethel  | 84 |
| 3. Michael Dathe       | Trot   | 82 |
| 4. Bev Lambert         | Maid   | 80 |
| 5. Sue Schoen          | Clair  | 79 |
| 6. Roger Deschambeault | Ken    | 78 |
| 7. Bev Lambert         | Bill   | 77 |
| 8. Amanda Milliken     | Bart   | 77 |
| 9. Michael Dathe       | Cooper | 76 |
| 10. Shay McMullen      | Lad    | 70 |

Champion: Amanda Milliken & Bart

Reserve: Amanda Milliken & Ethel







# Trial Results



## Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials, July 29-31, 2005, Winchester, ON Canada

Judge: Barbara Ray (Results from Sheepdog-L)

### Novice 1 (9dogs)

- 1 Nathalie Labelle - Jules - 68
- 2 Chris Knolton - Amber - 56
- 3 John McKay - Roy - 45
- 4 Carol Lockhart - Lil - 33

### Novice 2 (9dogs)

- 1 Nathalie Labelle - Jules - 60
- 2 John McKay - Sue - 54
- 3 David Argue - Catt - 45
- 4 Linda Comeau - Nell - 43

### ProNovice 1 (36 dogs)

- 1 Beverly Lambert - Hemp - 76
- 2 Nancy Obernier - Scott - 74
- 3 Carol Guy - Roy - 72
- 4 Werner Reitboeck - Tara - 70
- 5 Mike Churcher - Ben - 69
- 6 Tara Dier - Stella - 68
- 7 John McKay - Max - 66
- 8 Peter Vandercar - Russ - 64
- 9 Joann Murphy - Bess - 63
- 10 David Argue - Silken - 61
- 11 Shay McMullen - Nell - 60
- 12 Keith Donnelly - Kip - 55
- 13 Joyce Geier - Brass - 50

### ProNovice 2 (34 dogs)

- 1 Beverly Lambert - Hemp - 74
- 2 Peter Vandercar - Russ - 73
- 3 Werner Reitboeck - Tara - 68
- 4 John McKay - Max - 67

- 5 Nancy Obernier - Jan - 67
- 6 Joanne Murphy - Bess - 65
- 7 Mary Thompson - Rio - 63
- 8 Tara Dier - Stella - 62
- 9 Joyce Geier - Brass - 62
- 10 Carol Guy - Roy - 61
- 11 Claire Garwood - Rhos - 59
- 12 Shay McMullen - Nell - 59
- 13 Kim Purich - Jack - 57
- 14 Nancy Obernier - Scott - 57
- 15 Ann Devine - Taff - 55
- 16 Patricia Warne - Chip - 55
- 17 David Argue - Silken - 54
- 18 Mike Churcher - Ben - 54
- 19 Sue Schoen - Tess - 51

### Ranch 1 (15 dogs)

- 1 Dawn Boyce - Tink - 79
- 2 Janet Harvey - Jess - 58
- 3 Lorna Savage - Trace - 56
- 4 Jessica Ligon - Britt - 50
- 5 Linda Tesdahl - Strike - 47

### Ranch 2 (15 dogs)

- 1 Peter Matwiy - Trin - 73
- 2 Jesscia Ligon - Britt - 66
- 3 Dawn Boyce - Tink - 61
- 4 Susan Allen - Lexie - 59
- 5 Carol Lockhard - Gwen - 59

### Nursery 1 - Friday July 29 - 8 dogs

- 1st Carol Guy with Roy
- 2nd Kate Broadbent, Rob

### Nursery 2 - Sunday July 31 - 5 dogs

- 1 Kate Broadbent, Rob

### Open Saturday July 30, 65 dogs

- 1 Beverly Lambert Pippa
- 2 Amanda Milliken, Bart
- 3 Beverly Lambert, Bill
- 4 Viki Kidd, Cash
- 5 Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe
- 6 JP Lalonde, Fly
- 7 Warren Mick, Glen
- 8 Bruce Smart, Peg
- 9 Bill Younger, Clay
- 10 Amanda Milliken, Ethel
- 11 Don Whittington, Finn
- 12 Amanda Milliken, Grace
- 13 Kate Broadbent, Rose

### Open Sunday, July 31, 64 dogs

- 1 Beverly Lambert, Bill
- 2 Amanda Milliken, Bart
- 3 Dawn Boyce, Ruff
- 4 Kate Broadbent, Rose
- 5 Werner Reitboeck, Gem
- 6 Warren Mick, Jinty
- 7 Janet Harvey, Scott
- 8 Amanda Milliken, Grace
- 9 Bill Younger, Mica
- 10 Beverly Lambert, Maid
- 11 Michael Dathe, Cooper
- 12 Dawn Boyce, Karch
- 13 Maria Mick, Ben



## Ewesful Acres Sheepdog Trials, August 1 - 3, 2005, Portland, ON, Canada

Submitted by: Joanne Murphy

### Round-1-Novice-Novice (15 dogs)

- |                     |        |    |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| 1. McKay, John      | Sue    | 75 |
| 2. Argue, David     | Cait   | 73 |
| 3. Talbot, Ian      | Clover | 64 |
| 4. Murphy, Nicole   | Bess   | 55 |
| 5. Murphy, Brittany | Lady   | 55 |
| 6. Fahey, Janet     | Jock   | 43 |
| 7. Talbot, Shona    | Mayme  | 37 |
| 8. Knowlton, Chris  | Amber  | 36 |
| 9. Berger, Jennifer | Hazel  | 33 |
| 10. Lockhart, Carol | Tess   | 27 |

### Round-2-Novice-Novice (15 dogs)

- |                |     |    |
|----------------|-----|----|
| 1. McKay, John | Sue | 66 |
|----------------|-----|----|

- |                     |        |    |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| 2. McKay, John      | Roy    | 61 |
| 3. Talbot, Ian      | Clover | 61 |
| 4. Murphy, Nicole   | Bess   | 59 |
| 5. Murphy, Brittany | Lady   | 53 |
| 6. Knowlton, Chris  | Amber  | 48 |
| 7. Comeau, Linda    | Nell   | 46 |
| 8. Talbot, Shona    | Mayme  | 32 |

*Champion: John McKay Sue*

*Reserve: Ian Talbot Clover*

### Round-1-Pro-Novice (27 dogs)

- |                 |        |    |
|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1. Talbot, Ian  | Maeve  | 60 |
| 2. Argue, David | Silken | 58 |
| 3. Boyce, Dawn  | Giordi | 57 |

- |                     |       |    |
|---------------------|-------|----|
| 4. McKay, John      | Max   | 56 |
| 5. Vandercar, Peter | Russ  | 56 |
| 6. Lambert, Bev     | Hemp  | 55 |
| 7. Guy, Carol       | Roy   | 54 |
| 8. Garwood, Claire  | Rhos  | 53 |
| 9. Churcher, Mike   | Ben   | 50 |
| 10. Fetterman, Dave | Jared | 46 |

### Round-2-Pro-Novice (28 dogs)

- |                 |        |    |
|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1. Guy, Carol   | Roy    | 73 |
| 2. Dier, Tara   | Stella | 72 |
| 3. Murphy, Jim  | Trim   | 70 |
| 4. Lambert, Bev | Hemp   | 64 |

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# Trial Results



**Ewesful Acres Sheepdog Trials, August 1 – 3 , 2005, Portland, ON, Canada**

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## Round-2-Pro-Novice (28 dogs) - cont.

5. Purich, Kim	Jac	59
6. McKay, John	Max	59
7. Talbot, Ian	Maeve	57
8. Garwood, Claire	Rhos	51
9. Argue, David	Silken	49
10. Castonguay, Teresa	Pear	49

*Champion: Carol Guy Roy*  
*Reserve: Bev Lambert Hemp*

## Round-1-Ranch (19 dogs)

1. Boyce, Dawn	Tink	82
2. Williams, Cheryl	Toby	78
3. Williams, Dick	Mirk	63
4. Allen, Susan	Corrie	61
5. Obernier, Nancy	Scott	60
6. Murphy, Jim	Megan	56
7. Tesdahl, Linda	Strike	54
8. Lockhart, Carol	Gwen	49
9. Williams, Dick	Lass	45
10. Harvey, Janet	Jess	40

## Round-2-Ranch (20 dogs)

1. Williams, Cheryl	Toby	79
2. Obernier, Nancy	Scott	71
3. Savage, Lorna	Trace	52
4. Allen, Susan	Lexie	50
5. Berger, Jennifer	Jeep	50
6. Boyce, Dawn	Tink	50
7. Holbrook, Elayne	Zak	49
8. Warne, Patricia	Nell	49
9. Williams, Dick	Mirk	48
10. Tesdahl, Linda	Strike	43

*Champion: Cheryl Williams, Toby*  
*Reserve: Dawn Boyce, Tink*

## Round-1-Open (52 dogs) 110 possible points

1. Lambert, Bev	Pippa	105
2. Vandecar, Peter	Bud	102
3. Mick, Warren	Kess	101
4. Thompson, Mary	Hawk	98

5. Boyce, Dawn	Ruff	96
6. Tesdahl, Linda	Jaffe	94
7. Kidd, Viki	Cash	93
8. Lambert, Bev	Bill	92
9. Smart, Bruce	Peg	90
10. Wetmore, Steve	Gyp	89

## Round-2-Open (54 dogs) 110 possible points

1. Lambert, Bev	Bill	105*
2. Mick, Warren	Glen	105*
3. Lambert, Bev	Pippa	101
4. Boyce, Dawn	Karch	98
5. Obernier, Nancy	Ben	98
6. Tesdahl, Linda	Jaffe	98
7. Thompson, Mary	Hawk	96
8. Vandecar, Peter	Bud	94
9. Mick, Warren	Kess	93
10. Tesdahl, Linda	Jayce	93

*Champion: Bev Lambert, Pippa*  
*Reserve: Bev Lambert, Bill*



**Scenes from the Ewesful Acres Sheepdog Trial:**

**Left: JP Lalonde works the Chute**

**Bottom Left: Jr. handler Nicole Murphy with Bess finished 4th both days in Novice after only 5 lessons!**

**Bottom Right: Jr. handler Brittany Murphy and Lady also are 5 lessons into their trialing career and placed 5th both days in Novice.**





# Trial Results



## Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trials, August 19 - 21, 2005, Cooperstown, NY Judge: Tom Lacy (Results from Sheepdog-L)

It was an exceptionally great trial this year. Barb and Bernie would like to thank our new LSDT committee members, Linda Hotchkiss, Ed and Tina Pabst, and Liz Philips for all their ideas, hard work and friendship. And thank you, Heather, for your usual expertise in the paper work end of things. And, as always, to Chalmers Means for his help in showing Linda "the ropes" so she could cover everything he has done in the past! And a thank you to Tom Lacy for 3 days of judging!

Our weather couldn't have been better...rain at night and sunny or slightly overcast during the day! The sheep provided by Heather and Roger Millen were very healthy, very consistent Kathadins. All 3 days we were fortunate to have Tom Forrester setting out so everyone had the best possible chance to pick up their sheep.

### Novice Friday: 21 dogs

- 1 Hoeber, Tom Nikki 65
- 2 Palmer, Annie Dan 62
- 3 Weigand, Carol McDuff 60
- 4 Krause, Joanne Lucy 55
- 5 Liebau, Mary Nip 53
- 6 Fuge, Heidi Jay 50
- 7 Urda, Lois Kasi 49
- 8 Liebau, Mary Annie 49
- 9 Hotchkiss, L Moss 47
- 10 West, Carolyn Dash 44

### Pro-Novice Friday: 33 dogs

- 1 Champion, Carol Jess 71
- 2 Dier, Tara Stella 69
- 3 Murphy, Jim Trim 69
- 4 Vandecar, Peter Russ 68
- 5 Lambert, Bev Hemp 64
- 6 Court, Emma Kane 64
- 7 Thompson, Mary Rio 59
- 8 Murphy, Joann Bess 58

9 Schoen, Sue Tess 58

10 Fetterman, Dave Jared 58

### Ranch Friday: 23 dogs

- 1 Cunningham, L Ethan 81
- 2 Felegy, Mary Becky 78
- 3 Hotchkiss, L Mae 76
- 4 Lacy, Sally Mot 74
- 5 Williams, CJ Toby 74
- 6 Lambert, Bev Hemp 74
- 7 Mick, Warren Rock 72
- 8 Champion, Carol Jess 71
- 9 Kras, Mary Ann Gyp 71
- 10 Williams, Dick Lass 70

### Open Sat: 66 dogs

- 1: Bev Lambert / Pippa
- 2: Bev Lambert / Bill
- 3: Steve Wetmore / Dart
- 4: Michael Dathe / Trot
- 5: Cheryl J. Williams/ Andy

6: Steve Wetmore / Gyp

7: Mary Brighoff / Don

8: Dick Williams / Scott

9: Mary Thompson / Hawk

10: Roger Millen / Nap

### Open Sun. 65 dogs

- 1: Barb Levinson / Ginny
- 2: Carol Champion / Eve
- 3: Lori Cunningham/ Tess
- 4: Michael Dathe / Cooper
- 5: Steve Wetmore / Gyp
- 6: Warren Mick / Glen
- 7: Warren Mick / Jinty
- 8: Denise Leonard / Kate
- 9: Mary Thompson / Hawk
- 10: Steve Wetmore / Dart

*Open Champ. : Bev Lampert / Pippa*

*Reserve Open: Steve Wetmore / Gyp*

*Long Road: Steve Wetmore / Gyp*



## Bloomfield Sheepdog Trials, July 15 - 17, 2005 (Results from Sheepdog-L)

### Friday —57 Dogs

Alasdair Macrae	Star	89.5
Beverly Lambert	Pippa	87.5
Alasdair Macrae	Don	84
Beverly Lambert	Bill	82.5
Nancy Obernier	Ben	82
Marilyn Terpstra	Scott	82
Warren Mick	Glen	78
Amanda Milliken	Ethel	77
Lori Cunningham	Tess	76.5
Michael Dathe	Cooper	76.5


### Saturday —56 Dogs

Amanda Milliken	Ethel	92
Marilyn Terpstra	Lena	89.5
Alasdair Macrae	Star	89.5
Patricia Schlegal	Max	87
Warren Mick	Jinty	86
Warren Mick	Glen	86
Marilyn Terpstra	Scott	85
Alasdair Macrae	Star	83.5
Michael Dathe	Trot	82.5
Beverly Lambert	Bill	82

### Sunday Double Lift Final

Alasdair MacRae	Star
Amanda Milliken	Ethel
Amanda Milliken	Bart
Warren Mick	Glen
Beverly Lambert	Pippa
Beverly Lambert	Bill
Sue Schoen	Nap

### Nursery—10 Dogs, 2 Qualifiers

Beverly Lambert Hemp	
Marilyn Terpstra Snitch	

**NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEBCA NEWS WILL BE THE WINTER (DECEMBER) ISSUE.  
TRIAL MANAGERS: GET YOUR TRIAL RESULTS AND PHOTOS IN BY NOV. 1st!**

**There are a lot of fall trials—please, let's get ALL the results in the next newsletter!**



# Trial Results



## Shepherd's Crook Sheepdog Trials, July 23-24, 2005, Lorneville, ON, Canada

By: Janet Fahey

In July, 25 Ontario and U.S. trialers got their first crack at a tremendous new ISDS quality trial field in Lorneville, Ontario. The Shepherd's Crook Farm is operated by Kevin and Kim Gretton, and is located about one-and-a-half hours northeast of Toronto in the beautiful Kawartha Lakes District. This trial marked the renewal of a family trial tradition, as Kevin's father, Tom, attended and added some colorful commentary under the handler's tent all weekend. Tom, who hails from West Sussex, England, trialed in England, Canada and the U.S. back in the 'old days' with Ralph Pulfer and Ivan Weir.

### Round-1-Novice-Novice

1. McKay, John	Sue	64
2. Hoeber, Tom	Nicki	60
3. Fahey, Janet	Jock	57
4. McKay, John	Roy	49

### Round-2-Novice-Novice

1. Palmer, Cynthia	Pam	68
2. Talbot, Shona	Clover	63
3. McKay, John	Sue	60
4. Hoeber, Tom	Nicki	56
5. Fahey, Janet	Jock	53

*Champion: John McKay with Sue*

*Reserve: Tom Hoeber with Nicki*

### Round-1-Pro-Novice

1. McKay, John	Max	60
2. Buchanan, Janice	Reef	57
3. Talbot, Shona	Moss	50
4. Purich, Kim	Jack	47
5. Jewell, Sue	Kat	45
6. Murphy, Joanne	Bess	42

7. Donnelly, Keith	Kip	41
8. Talbot, Ian	Maeve	39
9. Palmer, Cynthia	Kit	32

### Round-2-Pro-Novice

1. Talbot, Ian	Maeve	71
2. Donnelly, Keith	Kip	70
3. Murphy, Joanne	Bess	66
4. Tackaberry, Louise	Clare	63
5. McKay, John	Max	62
6. Purich, Kim	Jack	57
7. Argue, David	Silken	53
8. Castonguay, Teresa	Pearl	53
9. Matwiy, Peter	Maddie	51
10. Buchanan, Janice	Reef	46

*Champion: John McKay with Max*

*Reserve: Keith Donnelly with Kip*

### Round-1-Ranch

1. Matwiy, Peter	Trin	58
2. Murphy, Joanne	Maude	43

### Round-1-Ranch

1. Tackaberry, Louise	Clare	58
2. Matwiy, Peter	Trin	44
3. Dier, Tara	Earl	40

*Champion: Peter Matwiy with Trin*

*Reserve: Louise Tackaberry with Clare*

### Round-1-Open

1. Kelly, Randy	Jim	61
2. Younger, Bill	Clay	41
3. Murphy, Jim	Megan	37

### Round-2-Open

1. Younger, Bill	Clay	82
2. Murphy, Jim	Kit	71
3. Younger, Bill	Mika	66
4. Murphy, Jim	Megan	34

*Champion: Bill Younger with Clay*

*Reserve: Jim Murphy with Kit*



### Scenes from Shepherd's Crook SDT:

**Above: The trial field**

**Above Right: Tom Gretton**

**Right: The Prize table, including a beautiful handmade crook by Mike Churcher**





# Trial Results



Shepherd's Crook Sheepdog Trials, July 23-24, 2005, Lorneville, ON, Canada (cont.)



**Saturday's winners**



**Sunday's winners**

**Mad River Valley Sheepdog Trials, August 13-14, 2005, Waitsfield, VT**

**Judge: Denise Leonard (Saturday) and Steve Wetmore (Sunday)**

**Submitted By: Nancy Phillips**

**Sat. Novice/Novice - 9 dogs**

- 1 Carol Weigand - McDuff 65\*
- 2 Joyce Westcott - Mibbs 42
- 3 Michele Brothers - Roy 37
- 4 Joanne Krause - Lucy 37
- 5 Debbie Donahue - Ross 36

**Sunday Novice/Novice - 11 dogs**

- 1 Ellen Rusconi-Black - Stevie 79
- 2 Carol Weigand - McDuff 65\*
- 3 Joanne Krause - Lucy 64
- 4 Deb Donahue - Ross 61
- 5 Michelle Brothers - Roy 56
- 6 Joyce Westcott - Moli 27

*Champion: Carol Weigand - McDuff*

*Reserve: Joanne Krause - Lucy*

**Saturday Pronovice - 23 dogs**

- 1 Werner Reitboeck - Tara 72\*
- 2 Kate Collins - Rex 62
- 3 Tara Dier - Stella 49
- 4 Joanne Drause - Wick 42
- 5 Wendy Warner - Jayne 42
- 6 Jim Murphy - Trim 38
- 7 Claire Farwood - Rhos 32
- 8 Lynn Deschambeault - Becca 24

**Sunday Pronovice - 19 dogs**

- 1 Warren Mick - Tap 65\*
- 2 Michelle Brother - Snap 60
- 3 Peter Vandecar - Russ 59
- 4 Tara Dier - Stella 59
- 5 Warren Mick - Dale 58
- 6 Jim Murphy - Trim 57
- 7 Werner Reitboeck - Tara 57
- 8 Kate Collins Rex 53

*Champion: Werner Reitboeck - Tara*

*Reserve: Kate Collins - Rex*

**Saturday Ranch - 13 dogs**

- 1 Sally Lacy - Mott 59
- 2 Sue Allen Corrie 51
- 3 Emily Yazwinski - Nip 44
- 4 Tara Dier - Earl 37
- 5 Joanne Murphy - Maude 32

**Sunday Ranch - 12 dogs**

- 1 Sally Lacy - Mott 66
- 2 Emily Yazwinski - Nip 64
- 3 Mary Felegy - Becky 56
- 4 Sue Allen - Lexie 54
- 5 Sue Allen - Corrie 52
- Paul Heidenberg 40\*

*Champion: Sally Lacy - Mott*

*Reserve: Emily Yazwinski - Nip*

**Saturday Open - 37 dogs**

- 1 Steve Wetmore - Dart 78\*
- 2 Peter Vandecar - Katie 72
- 3 Mary Felegy - Tam 72
- 4 Michael Dathe - Trot 68
- 5 Warren Mick - Jinty 68
- 6 Michael Dathe - Cooper 66
- 7 Warren Mick - Glen 62
- 8 Ed Hobart - Bonnie 59

**Sunday Open - 36 dogs**

- 1 Denise Leonard - Kate 83\*
- 2 Michael Dathe - Cooper 81
- 3 Emily Yazwinski - Jill 80
- 4 Barbara Levinson - Lass 77
- 5 Maria Mick - Ben 75
- 6 Peter Vandecar - Katie 68
- 7 Werner Reitboeck - Gem 67
- 8 Warren Mick - Jinty 64

*Champion: Michael Dathe - Cooper*

*Reserve: Peter Vandecar - Katie*

\*Long Road Award





# Trial Results



**Kingston Sheepdog Trials, August 4-7, 2005, Grass Creek Park, Kingston, ON Canada**

## OPEN - AUG. 4 & 5 (87 ENTRIES)

1. Bev Lambert	Bill	91
2. Marilyn Terpstra	Scott	89
3. Joyce Geier	Tait	88
4. Marilyn Terpstra	Queen	86
5. Donald McCaig	Luke	86
6. Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe	85
7. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	83
8. Amanda Milliken	Bart	82
9. Mary Thompson	Hawk	82
10. Dawn Boyce Juno	79	
11. Leslie Gamble	Bob	79
12. Don Whittington	Fin	78
13. Amanda Milliken	Ethel	77
14. Jeanne Weaver	Jack	77
15. Viki Kidd	Cash	77
16. Sally Malloy	Zac	76
17. Warren Mick	Kess	75
18. Bev Lambert	Pippa	75
19. Barbara Ray	Queen	72
20. Dick Williams	Mirk	72

## OPEN - AUG. 5 & 6 (87 ENTRIES)

1. Kate Broadbent	Rose	93
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2. Jeanne Weaver	Liz	92
3. Bev Lambert	Bill	91
4. Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe	88
5. Warren Mick	Kess	88
6. Bruce Smart	Peg	87
7. Sue Schoen	Nap	86
8. Barbara Ray	Britt	85
9. Bev Lambert	Maid	85
10. Bruce Smart	Dolly	85
11. Kate Broadbent	Rob	84
12. Amanda Milliken	Bart	83
13. Amanda Milliken	Ethel	83
14. Dick Williams	Scott	82
15. Don McCaig	June	82
16. Wendy Pullan	Sara	82
17. Barbara Ray	Zip	81
18. Bill Younger	Mica	81
19. Gene Scheninger	Jess	81
20. Linda Tesdahl	Peg	80

## PRO-NOVICE - AUG. 6 (30 ENTRIES)

1. John McKay	Maximus	70
2. Tara Dier	Stella	68
3. Warren Mick	Dale	67
4. Carol Guy	Roy	64

5. Betty Levin	Selkie	63
6. Marilyn Terpstra	Snitch	60
7. David Argue	Silken	53
8. Bev Lambert	Hemp	52
9. Jessica Ligon	Zip	45
10. Kim Purich	Jack	45
11. Viki Donnelly	Kip	42
12. Jeanne Weaver	Tuff	40

## DOUBLE LIFT FINAL - AUG. 7

1. Amanda Milliken	Ethel	164
2. Bev Lambert	Bill	147
3. Kate Broadbent	Rose	132
4. Barbara Ray	Queen	129
5. Barbara Ray	Britt	129
6. Amanda Milliken	Bart	122
7. Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe	121
8. Dick Williams	Scott	117
9. Joyce Geier	Tait	107
10. Marilyn Terpstra	Scott	105



**At the post. Photo by TTL**



**Warren and Kess penning. Photo by TTL**

**For complete details of the 2005 Kingston Sheepdog Trials, please visit:**

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/recreation/events/sheepdog/index.asp>





# Trial Results



**The spectators at Grass Creek Park are an informed lot...**

**Right: A view of the double lift drive away at Grass Creek Park.**

**Photo by TTL**



## The Evolution of a “Hobby Herder” By Fiona Robertson

Back in the days when all you really needed to place in Novice/ Novice was a decent dog and a good lie down (ok—even that I often got away with!) With the sport growing more and more with each new season, training must be more complete before entering the trial field, even at the Novice level. So, after having stupidly moving up to the Open class before I or my dogs were really ready now puts me in a position where I just can't get away with the small “paddock” training to prepare myself and dogs for trials. So, this year we've basically taken a season off. Is it a bad thing? Not at all. Sometimes it's healthy to take a break from the things you love so that when you come back to it, the old motivation will be there. Will I (and my dogs) make a comeback? Well not one that will make headline news, but defiantly I plan on getting back into the trial scene in 2006.

*The main problem is lack of training space...*

When we moved to our little “fermette”, as it is referred to, in the eastern Townships of Quebec, the place was a mess. In the 1950's, our little hobby farm was home to several horses, whose existence dictated the need to keep pastures clean of scrub and brush, saplings and other weeds. When we bought the place a little over 10 years ago from a strange lady who kept an array of exotic birds in the barn, the fields were choked with cedar, raspberry, thistles and brush. We are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and will have a 10 or so acre field ready for next spring. While not perfect for training, it is loads better than the 3 acre valley with it's mess of booby traps in the forms of holes, rocks, small brush and woodpiles. However, I do think

our Border Cheviot sheep feel right at home there!

*And one thing leads to another...*

The barn was fit to be knocked down, the interior walls covered with several layers of rotting pink insulation in between equally rotten plywood boards—evidently to keep the birds warm.

My eager husband was in heaven. He and his chainsaw were soul mates those first few years. I'll never forget seeing him high up on a ladder, chainsaw in one hand, swinging wildly at the overhanging branches of the overgrown evergreens. It is amazing he is unhurt, as he continues to act like Evil Kinevil when it comes to his chain saw.

Gutting the barn nearly sent him into the hospital with black lungs from all the noxious fumes and dirt that hung thick in the air as the layers of rotting insulation and wood were torn down, covered with a ton of bird poop and other unmentionable muck.

*OK, now the sheep are happy...*

The house was small, but livable. Now 6 dogs in that small house is too crowded, mind you. (But of course we never planned on the 6 dogs!) So our final stage is now set—we are finally going to put that long awaited addition complete with dog room including dog bathtub and kennels, dog beds and other canine luxuries. Oh, and yes, we are building a new space for the humans too!. See you next year!



## BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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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