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Last issue of 2005.

Happy Holidays



The Promise By Gail Jaffa

I don't make many promises, especially not to sheep. But, I made a promise to a ewe this spring and now I wonder whether I have to keep it. She was supposed to be a cull after she raised her lambs. She's a purebred Dorset, but not much of a specimen – she is tall and lanky and tends to be thin. She has no health problems, I think she was probably a bottle baby that just didn't get a good start. She also doesn't have a great udder even though she seems to produce enough milk to raise her lambs. I bought her along with some other ewes. I really didn't want her, but it was a package deal.

Anyway, she had twins last year. They were nothing special. So, I had decided that she would probably be culled this year after she raised her lambs. This spring, she had a huge single ewe lamb. When walking through the pasture to check for newborns, I missed her on the first pass because she was so large. This was one of the last ewes to lamb and her hours-old lamb was as large as the 2-3-week old lambs already romping around the pasture. Mom and daughter were lying happily in the sun. The lamb was completely dry and had a fat belly full of milk.

My ewes typically lamb on pasture and then I jug them for a couple days. Well, on Day 2, this huge lamb managed to strangle itself in a hay rack in the jug.

Just happens that I had a sole orphan lamb that I had tried to pawn off on three other



Photo by Barb Klein.

ewes without success. This was a pitiful little 4-pounder at birth who was in the house for about 20 hours until he could maintain his temperature. By then, the ewe wouldn't accept him. I had only three ewes left to lamb, so my hope was to pawn him off on one of these. I missed my chance with two of the ewes who lambed during the day

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Please don't send in Excel, save your excel files as .txt (in WordPad) and then send! Thanks!

The Promise

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while I was at work. My timing was better with the third, but this week old lamb was still pretty pitiful and I had a real hard time getting him to nurse. I left him with this ewe and her two lambs hoping for the best. I was milking her out and bottle feeding the lamb 4-5 times a day while still trying to get him to nurse. Unfortunately, the ewe got wise and decided that there was no way this scrawny excuse of a lamb was hers. I didn't necessarily mind bottle-feeding the little guy, but really wanted a ewe to at least accept him to the point of not bashing him so he would have somewhere to go for safety. I had pretty much lost hope when the ewe ate his tail off.

When my huge lamb died, I figured I had one last chance. I was exhausted. This was the end of 3 1/2 weeks of lambing and the only lamb of 67 that was orphaned or needed a bottle. I skinned the huge lamb and slipped the skin on the pitiful orphan. The ewe sniffed him, baaed again for her baby, sniffed him again, sniffed the bloody stub of a tail, and was still unsure.

Trying to get him to nurse...he wasn't tall enough to reach her teats and she wasn't convinced enough to make an attempt to squat down for him. So, went through several days of holding her and pushing down on her butt so she would squat and again trying to get this lamb, who had been nursing mainly from a bottle, to reach for the teat. He finally got the hang of it, but the ewe still was not convinced. After two days of 70+ degree weather, the lamb skin was smelling pretty rank & I had to discard that. Through all this, the lamb was gaining and doing pretty well. While the ewe still would not let him nurse, she wasn't trying to hurt him. Actually, I'm not sure the lamb was trying to nurse while

I wasn't there. He would see me coming and run to the ewe's teat waiting for me to hold her.

After about a week of this, I was beyond exhaustion. In a moment of weakness



Photo by Barb Klein.

at about 2AM one night when I was holding the ewe's head leaning down on her back, I begged her to take the lamb and told her I wouldn't cull her this summer. Not only would I not cull her this summer, she could stay here for the rest of her life. After she lost her teeth, I would mash grain for her - Please, just take this lamb!

These guys still weren't getting it.

Same thing 4-5 times a day. I would go into the barn. The lamb would hear me and run to the ewe's teat. The ewe would hear me and not allow the lamb to nurse until I climbed into the jug. I didn't really even need to hold her anymore, but she still wouldn't stand still for him to nurse until I came into the jug. I started eating my meals during these times. I would bring an apple or two. A slice for me, a slice for the ewe. I would struggle to stay awake and not slice my finger off and the ewe would stand there letting the lamb nurse eating slices of apple.

Finally, I walked into the barn and saw the lamb nursing. I moved them into a group pen and the ewe was very protective and caring of the tiny lamb. While he was growing and gaining daily, he was still small enough to walk underneath the larger lambs.

As the months have passed, the little lamb has grown and is a respectable, although runty, lamb. He will bring me a decent price and make someone a fine feast. He won't come within 10 feet of me anymore though.

Now, as I am reviewing ewes, what do I do about this ewe who was high on the cull list? I did promise to keep her. Okay, it was the middle of the night, I was exhausted and frustrated. I would have promised my soul to the devil if he would have raised this lamb. One night last week as dusk was approaching and it was cooling to a comfortable summer night, I brought an apple out to the field to eat as I sat and watched the ewes grazing. This ewe came over to me to share my apple. I looked into her eyes asking her if she remembered my promise. She, of course, just nudged me for another slice of apple.



IS YOUR DOG A STAR? The 2007 Calendar Committee is searching for great photos of your working Border Collie!

NEBCA members who have clear, high resolution photos with good composition that they would like to have considered for the 2007 calendar should send them to Kate Collins: By Email to: george01368@yahoo.com or by mail to POB 119 Royalston, MA 01368. Deadline for submission is February 1st, 2006.



2005 NEBCA Novice Finals

By Rob Drummond

The 2005 NEBCA Novice Finals were held at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds in Contoocook, NH over the weekend of September 17/18th. It was a typical September weekend in New Hampshire with the threat of rain and cool temperatures, but with the exception of a quick shower on Sunday, the rain held off and the temperature was near perfect for a trial. The judge was Carol Champion of Hampton, CT with George Northrop and Fran Wheeler handling and setting out sheep on both days. The classes run were NN, PN, and Ranch. There were 25 handlers and 31 dogs that competed over the weekend.

The trial format consisted of 3 runs per dog over the two day period, from which, the best two scores for each dog were combined to determine overall high scores. The sheep, (provided by Bill

Fosher of Sheepscapes, LLC), were challenging but very consistent throughout both days.

The trial was a success and by all accounts it was an enjoyable weekend. The Saturday evening cookout was held in one of the exhibit buildings on the fair grounds and the food, prepared by Jim and Carol Cleary of Bennington, NH, was terrific.

In addition to those listed below, I would like to thank David Lewis, Carol Champion and Joyce Westcott for their help in setting out the course, not once, but twice in the pouring rain and pitch dark due to confusion with the fair grounds coordinator.

It would have been impossible to put this trial on without the help of many. I

want to thank everyone who pitched in and contributed to its success. Special thanks to the NEBCA Novice Trial Committee for overall organization, and in particular Joanne Krause for organizing the prizes and arranging for the Nutro dog food donation, and Connie Weller for her on-site participation

Thank you to Warren Mick for providing the score sheets & score boards. Betty Murray for spending both days keeping and tallying the scores. Ellen Rusconi Black, Carol Weigand, and Martha Walke, Pat Murphy, Sue Allen and Jim and Joanne Murphy for scribing, running scores, work at the pen, and posting results on the web site.

For complete results, go to page 6.



Left: 2005 NEBCA Novice Champions Nathalie Labelle and Tyke.

Above: 2005 NEBCA Novice Reserve Champions Ellen Rusconi Black and Stevie.

Photos by Claire Garwood and Betsy Drummond

2005 Alex McKinven Cup Winner

By Paul Garwood

Alex McKinven and his now legendary dog and stockmanship skills, were honored a few years ago with the Presentation of the Alex McKinven Cup. This cup was co-sponsored by long time NEBCA members and friends, Clint & Linda Brake and Edgar & Helen Gould. It was to be awarded, each year at the NEBCA Novice Finals.

The cup would be presented to a Novice handler who has demonstrated the ability to compete and succeed at the Pro-Novice level against stiff competition from Open handlers and their young dogs. To all of you who know Alex, and indeed may have worked with him in the past, you will be aware of his constant commitment to the better understanding of the working dog, its traditions and abilities, and to the unerring support he always gave to young and inexperienced handlers.

For most of his life Alex has lived and farmed in a small rural hamlet of Quebec, Canada. In this area, and indeed in most of Quebec, there are only very small number of Border Collie handlers and even fewer who compete on the Trial circuits in Eastern Canada and Eastern USA. It was especially gratifying, therefore, that the Trophy this year was won by Claire Garwood and her dog Rhos, bringing the cup back to its roots for the first time, since its inception in 2000. Even more gratifying

for both, since Rhos traces his breeding back to two of Alex's best dogs Imp. Nell and Glen Tweed. So too, that Claire and husband Paul live within 25 mins. drive of Alex and his farm.

Congratulations Claire, for Reserve Champion and McKinven trophy NEBCA Novice Finals 2005.



Alex McKinven and Claire Garwood, 2005 winner of the Alex McKinven Cup, pictured here in Alex's home with backdrop of Border Collie memorabilia and trial awards.

Postscript: Rhos greatly appreciated winning the cup but he keeps looking inside it...Shouldn't there be a nice quantity of water in there to drink ??



Left: Claire Garwood's Rhos gets back to work after the busy trial season.

Here he is moving 170 sheep down the road in Bromont, QC, Canada.



2005 NEBCA Novice Finals Results



Sept 17-18, 2005, Contoocook, NH

Novice (8 dogs) Combined Score

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) Nathalie Labelle & Tyke | 123 |
| <i>& Long Road Award Winner</i> | |
| 1) Ellen Rusconi-Black & Stevie | 120 |
| 2) Joe Evans & Peg | 117 |
| 3) Nathalie Labelle & Jules | 110 |
| 4) Carol Weigand & McDuff | 101 |
| 5) Joyce Westcott & Moli | 82 |
| 6) Martha Walke & Moss | 47 |

Pro-Novice (17 dogs) Combined Score

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) Peter Van de Car & Russ | 125 |
| <i>& Long Road Award Winner</i> | |
| 2) Claire Garwood & Rhos | 115 |
| <i>& Alex McKinven Cup Winner</i> | |
| 3) Connie Weller & Ki | 113 |
| 4) Warren Mick & Tap | 112 |
| 5) Jim Murphy & Trim | 112 |
| 6) Michelle Brothers & Snap | 110 |
| 7) Dave Fetterman & Chief | 106 |
| 8) Bert Cowgill & Moss | 102 |

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 9) Joanne Murphy & Bess | 101 |
| 10) Patricia Murphy & Jack | 100 |

Ranch (5 dogs) Combined Score

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1) Dave Lewis & Aj | 147 |
| <i>& Long Road Award Winner</i> | |
| 2) Jim Murphy & Megan | 136 |
| 3) Warren Mick & Rock | 132 |
| 4) Sue Allen & Corrie | 124 |
| 5) Carol Lockhart & Gwen | 95 |



2005 NEBCA Pro-Novice Champions & Long Road Award winners Peter Vandecar and Russ (right) and 2005 NEBCA Pro-Novice Reserve Champs and Alex McKinven Cup winners Claire Garwood and Rhos.



Next submission deadline: February 1st, 2006.

2005 NEBCA Fall Foliage Championships

By Lori Cunningham

The 2005 Nebca Fall Foliage Championship was again held at Bramble Hill Farm, in Amherst, Massachusetts. Nebca member Bill Fosher arranged for use of the lovely property and supplied 200 of his wool cross bred sheep for the trial. The trial field was a large rectangular, longer than it was deep, essentially flat, but with a few tricky rolling spots and wooded areas for extra challenge. The leaves were just beginning to change to their autumn colors and with trees surrounding the entire property, it was a beautiful spot for the trial.

For the qualifying rounds on Friday and Saturday, handlers ran on packets of five sheep, two of which were collared. Most dogs were sent to the right in the qualifying rounds. Dog sent left had to negotiate a small grove of trees and those that ran wide could find themselves on the wrong side of a short fence line. Qualifying rounds required a shed of two of the three un-collared sheep, a pen, and then a single of a collared sheep.

Although the course was the same both days, the weather was quite changeable! Friday was a nice dry overcast autumn day. Heavy rains moved in on Friday night and continued ALL day on Saturday and into Sunday early morning. Several areas of Massachusetts and New Hampshire experienced significant flooding. Emily Yazwinski and her daughter Molly, who did a great job working the sheep pen all weekend, brought digital photos from their nearby farm which had suddenly become "oceanfront property"! Thankfully, Sunday was cloudy, but mostly dry.

Normally, the top 15 single scores advance to the double lift finals, however, at the end of the two days of qualifying, there was a three way tie for 15th place, so 17 teams went on to Sunday's double lift. Again we were grateful to have 200 sheep so that we could run a full international course with 20 sheep (five collared) per run.

The first outrun of the double lift was to the left. Dogs had to run out past the exhaust, and since most dogs had gone right

in the qualifying rounds, this proved a difficult outrun for some. The first fetch line was through a grove of trees and sheep had to be pushed over some standing water left over from the previous days' rains. At the marked drop off point for the first group, there was a heavy pull on the sheep to the exhaust and many dogs had a difficult time releasing the first group to go back for the second, which was held back and to the right. Although several dogs crossed on their second outrun, eventually all 17 finalists were able to gather the second group of sheep and go on with the course.

After driving all 20 sheep through the course, the finalists proceeded to the international shed, where the 15 uncollared sheep were to be split off from the five collared sheep. Only a few teams were able to complete the international shed and move on to pen the five collared sheep. Those that completed the course should be very proud of their efforts!

Our judge George Gardner, from Scotland, did a wonderful job sorting out the runs. He was fair and consistent and a real trooper through the inclement weather. Again, Emily & Molly Yazwinski and Quinn McCormick did a truly professional job at the top and the trial was very lucky to have their services. Barb Armata provided set out for the qualifying rounds, including all day in the torrential Saturday downpours, and George Northrop, Kate Collins and Emily Yazwinski took up the set up duties for the double lift finals. Martha Walke scribed for most of the trial. Many handlers took turns at the exhaust to speed up getting the sheep off the course, or provided their services to keep sheep on the course during the double lift. Warren Mick headed the Open trials committee who set up the courses and generally did what needed to be done. Lynn Fosher prepared a wonderful handlers' dinner on Friday night, serving lamb, fresh vegetables grown on the farm property and decadent chocolate cake. The dinner was served in one of the beautiful "barns" on the property and was a lovely time. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make the 2005 Fall Foliage a success.



2005 NEBCA Fall Foliage Results



October 7-9, Bramble Hill Farm, Amherst, MA

Qualifying Round (110 points possible)

1	Beverly Lambert	Bill	99	6	Sue Schoen	Nap	110
2	Michael Dathe	Trot	96	7	Denise Leonard	Kate	109
3	Gene Sheninger	Jess	96	8	Gene Sheninger	Jess	101
4	Denise Leonard	Kate	96	9	Barb Leverett	Nan	88
5	Beverly Lambert	Pippa	96	10	Michael Dathe	Cooper	78
				11	Michael Dathe	Trot	77
				12	Steve Wetmore	Dart	73
				13	Barb Levinson	Gin	71
				14	Paul Heidenberg	Jodi	68
				15	Sally Lacy	Robin	67
				16	Jim Murphy	Kit	47
				17	Barb Levinson	Lass	Rt

Double Lift Final (170 points possible)

1	Beverly Lambert	Bill	138
2	Lori Cunningham	Tess	126
3	Warren Mick	Glen	124
4	Beverly Lambert	Pippa	113
5	Gene Sheninger	Jen	111





NEBCA Classifieds

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NOTE FROM CALENDAR COMMITTEE: Dear members and 2006 Calendar purchasers, we have discovered a misprint in the 2006 calendar. The February picture of Shep (credited to Dan Parker as owner and photographer) **SHOULD** be credited to Dan Turner. The calendar committee apologizes to Dan for the misprint.



NEBCA Trial Results



Lancaster Fair Open Points Trial, Sept. 1, 2005

Judge: Carroll Goodwin

37 dogs to post in round 1; top 10 continue to round 2 with a blank slate

1. L. Deschambeault & Chip 61
2. Rich Seaman & Zoe 60
3. Rich Seaman & Boo 58
4. R. Deschambeault & Trim 57
5. Fiona Robertson & Pat 56
6. Chris Bowen & Jake 53
7. Dee Woessner & Spot 53
8. Bud Ames & Luke 50
9. Mary Ellen Young & Spot 50
10. M. MacGregor & Flash 47

Right:
Top 10 winners from Lancaster Fair.
Photo by Dee Woessner



Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trial, Cooperstown, NY Aug. 19-21, 2005

Judge: Tom Lacy

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.

Friday Novice, 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

Friday Pro-Novice, 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

Friday Ranch, 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

Saturday Open, 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

11:

Sunday Open, 65 dogs

- 1: Barb Levinson / Ginny
- 2: Carol Campion / 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

Champion: Bev Lambert & Pippa
Reserve & Long Road Trophy: Steve Wetmore & Gyp



When I am Old

In Loving Memory of Coca...A Star in My Heart if not on the Trial Field

August 8, 1995 – July 13, 2005

When I am Old....

I shall wear turquoise and soft grey sweatshirts ...
and a bandana over my silver hair....
and I shall spend my Social Security Cheques on sweet wine and my
dogs...and sit in my house on my well-worn chair, and listen to my
dogs breathing.

I will snark out in the middle of a warm summer night and take my
dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow.... and when people come
to call, I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...
and talk of them and about them...
the ones so beloved of the past and
the ones so beloved of today....

I still will work hard cleaning after them and washing and feeding
them and whispering their names in a soft, loving way... I will wear
the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel. And I will be an
embarrassment to all...
and to my family ... who have not yet found the peace in being free
to have dogs as your best friends...

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...and
eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet you as if
you are a God.
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will stay and
hug their big, strong necks...and kiss their dear sweet heads...and
whisper to them of your love and the beautiful pleasure of their very
special company....

I look in the mirror...and I see I am getting old....
this is the kind of woman I am...and have always been.
Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me, they accept me for who I
am, my dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...

When I am old this will be important to me...
and you will understand when you are old....
and if you have dogs to love too.

Author Unknown

Submitted by: Mary Thompson



NEBCA Trial Results



Blue Hill Fair Open Points Trial, Sept. 3 & 4, 2005

Judge: Carroll Goodwin

Saturday—33 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault & Ken 24
2. Steve Wetmore & Gyp 24
3. Rich Seaman & Boo 24
4. Steve Wetmore & Dart 24
5. Dee Woessner & Spot 24
6. Sue Schoen & Nap 24
7. Bud Ames & Dirk 24
8. Maurice MacGregor & Flash 24
9. Lynn Deschambeault & Di 24
10. Betty Levin & Folly 24

All these ties were broken by times.

Sunday—25 dogs

1. Rich Seaman & Boo 32
2. Maurice MacGregor & Jan 32
3. Lynn Deschambeault & Chip 32
4. Sue Schoen & Clair 32
5. Sue Schoen & Nap 32
6. Dee Woessner & Joy 32
7. Dave Craven & irk 31
8. Rich Seaman & Zoe 31
9. Betty Levin & Maddie 31
10. Betty Levin & Bryn 31

All ties broken by times.



Long Shot Fall Trial, Oct 15, 2005

Novice: 7 dogs

1. Dottie Escher, Scott 62
2. Lisa Basial, Ransom, 43

Pro Novice: 11 dogs

1. Nancy Obernier, Jan, 74
2. Anne Devine, Taff, 71
3. Skip Robinson, Gal, 63
4. Andy King, Taz, 58
5. Tina DeAngelo, Jess, 58
6. Darlene Muhly, Jesse, 56
7. Anne Devine, Ben, 54
8. Pat Warne, Chip, 52

Ranch: 11 dogs

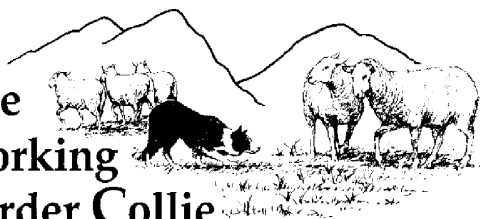
1. Janet Harvey, Jess, 65
2. Pam Gardner, Ferrell, 65
3. Nancy Obernier, Scott, 57
4. Sherry Smith, Liz, 53

Open: 17 dogs

1. Kelly Bradley, Jess, 88
2. Nancy Obernier, Nick, 81
3. Sherry Smith, Cap, 78
4. Sally Molloy, Zac, 78
5. Nancy Obernier, Ben, 77
6. Polly Matzinger, Lilly, 73
7. Eileen Stein, Gyp, 72
8. Polly Matzinger, Charlie, 71
9. Sally Molloy, Paige, 67
10. Heather Nadelman, Phyl, 66



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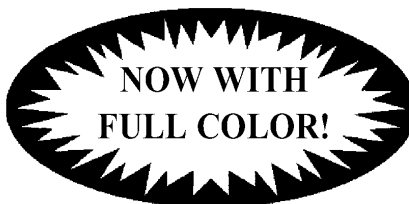
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NEBCA Trial Results



Eastern States Exposition Sheepdog Trial, Sept 19-20, 2005

Trial 1 - Monday, Sept. 19 34 Dogs

- 1 Cheryl J. Williams Andy
- 2 Joan L. Worthington Sam
- 3 Maurice Macgregor Jan
- 4 Peter Van De Car Bud
- 5 Roger Deschambeault Ken
- 6 Maurice Macgregor Sam
- 7 Peter Van De Car Katie
- 8 Cheryl J. Williams Toby
- 9 Lynn Deschambeault Chip
- 10 Warren Mick Jinty
- 11 Dee Woessner Joy
- 12 Roger Deschambeault Jet
- 13 Lynn Deschambeault Di
- 14 Dee Woessner Spot
- 15 Betty Levin Maddie

Trial 2 - Monday, Sept. 19 34 Dogs

- 1 Warren Mick Jinty
- 2 Roger Deschambeault Trim
- 3 Betty Levin Folly
- 4 Richard Williams Mirk
- 5 Maurice Macgregor Flash
- 6 Betty Levin Bryn
- 7 Maurice Macgregor Jan
- 8 Cheryl J. Williams Toby
- 9 Maria Mick Ben
- 10 Gabrielle Merrill Sue
- 11 Cheryl J. Williams Fly
- 12 Roger Deschambeault Ken
- 13 Joan L. Worthington Sam
- 14 Kate Collins Jan
- 15 Gabrielle Merrill Jill

Trial 3 - Tuesday, Sept. 20 35 Dogs

- 1 Lynn Deschambeault Di
- 2 Roger Deschambeault Trim
- 3 Warren Mick Glen
- 4 Warren Mick Tim
- 5 Maurice Macgregor Flash
- 6 Cheryl J. Williams Ben
- 7 Richard Williams Scott
- 8 Roger Deschambeault Ken
- 9 Joan L. Worthington Sam
- 10 Maria Mick Ben
- 11 Maurice Macgregor Sam
- 12 Cheryl J. Williams Toby
- 13 Richard Williams Lass
- 14 Peter Van De Car Bud
- 15 Walter Jagger Kitt



New Hampshire Highland Games, Sept 23, 2005

By: Lynn Deschambeault

The weather for the NHHG trial was wonderful for all handlers, dogs and spectators! We were fortunate to have 32 dogs compete, being held on a Fri. and on the same week as the BIG E it is difficult, I know for, for the competitors to get so much time off work to support this trial. I can't single anyone out for helping because as usual EVERYONE pitched in where ever needed, it is indeed an honor to call these people my friends! Special thanks to the pen crew, Kate Walker and Martha Walke, we couldn't have had such a smoothly run trial without them. A spectator even commented on how everyone helped out and how much she enjoyed it. The coarse proved a challenge with only 1 perfect score all day. We re-ran the top 10. I do have to mention we had a handler who placed in the top 10 for her first time , a special CONGRATULATIONS to Fran and Glen! The Long Road Award, presented by Merlynn Kennels in memory of Joe Kennedy was presented to Betty Levin and Maddie.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Roger Deschambeault & Trim | 5. Betty Levin & Kyle | 9. Fran Wheeler & Glen |
| 2. Betty Levin & Maddie | 6. Carlene Eitapence & Anna | 10. Lynn Deschambeault & Di. |
| 3. Dee Woessner & Joy | 7. Maurice MacGregor & Flash | |
| 4. Roger Deschambeault & Ken | 8. Ed Hobart & Joy | |



2005 NEBCA High Points Competition

Final Results for 2005 Season

1	Bev Lambert	Bill	748	10	Steve Wetmore	Dart	525
2	Warren Mick	Glen	697	11	Lori Cunningham	Tess	523
3	Bev Lambert	Pippa	695	12	Roger Deschambeault	Ken	501
4	Michael Dathe	Trot	623	13	Richard Seaman	Zoe	415
5	Michael Dathe	Cooper	623	14	Gene Sheninger	Jess	389
6	Warren Mick	Jinty	605	15	Mary Thompson	Hawk	371
7	Peter Vandecar	Bud	581	16	Barbara Levinson	Lass	371
8	Steve Wetmore	Gyp	574	17	Susan Schoen	Nap	366
9	Warren Mick	Kess	571	18	Cheryl Jagger-Williams	Fly	360
				19	Ed Hobart	Bonnie	355
				20	Nancy Obernier	Ben	341



 ★ **Beverly Lambert's Bill is the 3rd dog in history to be named NEBCA Supreme Champions af-** ★
 ★ **ter winning 2005 Fall Foliage Championship & 2005 NEBCA High Points Competition!** ★
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NEBCA Trial Results



NH State Championships, Conway, NH, October 1, 2005

Judge: George Gardner, Scotland, UK

By: Gabe Merrill

N.H. Championship was another good trial to attend. Early in the morning we couldn't see the length of the field, but by 9:00 the sun appeared and the fog cleared and was quite hot the rest of the day. George Gardner judged the trial. Mary Ames scribed for him all day. Thanks Mary! Almost everyone completed their runs, though a few had some problems. But that is the way trials go. TRIALS for the handler, in more ways than one!!

It was good to see all of you again, Happy trialing.

45 dogs to post

1. Warren Mick & Glen	94
2. Roger Deschambeault & Ken	91
3. Rich Seaman & Bud	90
4. Bruce Smart & Dolly	90
5. Roger Deschambeault & Jet	88
6. Rich Seaman & Zoe	88
7. Ed Hobart & Bonnie	87
8. Warren Mick & Jinty	85
9. Denise Leonard & Kate	84

Fryeburg Fair Sheepdog Trial, October 2, 2005

Judge: George Gardner, Scotland, UK

By: Gabe Merrill

Fryeburg Fair trial is the last trial to be held in this area. Fall is arriving, but the weather was really hot for this time of the year-about 80 degrees! Not the usual weather for October. We had large crowds all day, very interested spectators, questions from the crowd, all showing a real interest in the trial. Lynn kept the crowd well informed about the runs and scores as well. She gave information about the dogs and handlers as too. We had a really good day. The sheep were Horned Dorsets brought to the trial by Roger Deschambeault, and seemed to be pretty even-if the dogs were not too pushy. Last but not least, many thanks go out to Betty Murray and her friend for all the help. Her many things that help us all should not go without a lot of gratitude THANKS BETTY! We all need to keep in touch with her this LONG WINTER.

We are sure glad that it was the first Sunday of the fair, and not the following Sunday! As it rained hard all day.

51 dogs to post

1. Steve Wetmore	Dart
2. Warren Mick	Kess
3. Steve Wetmore	Gyp
4. Bruce Smart	Dolly
5. Denise Leonard	Kate
6. Warren Mick	Jinty
7. Ed Hobart	Joy
8. Peter Vandecar	Katie
9. Rob Drummond	Andy
10. Betty Levin	Maddie
11. Peter Vandecar	Bud
12. Gabe Merrill	Sue
13. Lynn Deschambeault	Di
14. Ed Hobart	Picasso
15. Sue Schoen	Nap

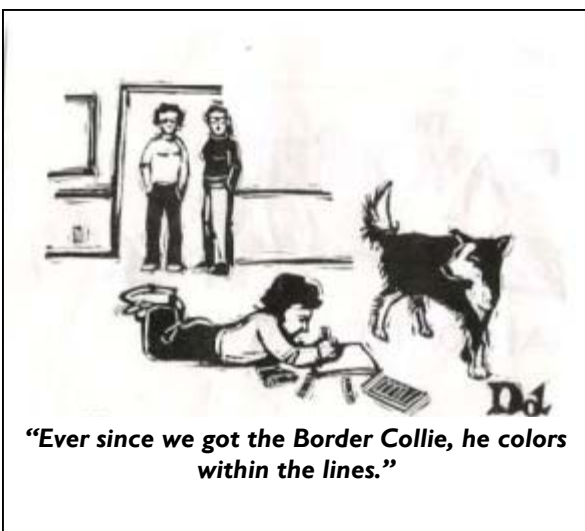


Photo at right by Gabe Merrill





NEBCA Trial Results



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

Trial Hosts: Nancy Phillips and Steve Doherty

Submitted by: Ellen Rusconi Black

Whoops, cheers and clapping for fellow handlers and by attentive viewers cascaded along the river valley in the bucolic Vermont Green Mountains, site of the second annual Mad River Valley Sheep Dog Trial. Hosted by the well organized Nancy Phillips and husband, Steve Doherty, as a benefit for the local Lion's Club, the SDT has become a part of the Mad River Valley Festival of the Arts.

Saturday Novice runs began promptly at 7:15 am with the heat and humidity on a steady rise topping the upper 80's by midday. Denise Leonard of Greenfield, MA was described by announcer Bruce Smart of Canada as a 'gentle judge' showed herself to be firm and consistent. Two flocks of sheep were provided, one by our hosts and a large group of hair and woolies by the Ames Family of Lebanon, NH. The groups were alternated for the classes. All were ruggedly determined to outsmart the dogs, many making it to the exhaust, sometimes by leaping over dogs, turning on a dime, and showing the speed of a race horse proving themselves quite clever throughout. Handlers who positioned their dogs in the right place at the right time holding the pressure completed the course. Many a team fell to the ruminant tricksters. Saturday scores were consistently low.

Sally Lacy's composure and experience bested both days in Ranch with her dog, Mott. Emily Yazwinski of Deerfield, MA, nearly black long-haired, prick eared, stylish Nip showed nice close work at the open turn chute. Few sheds were accomplished with the sticky sheep and strong pressure to the exhaust. Few openings developed no matter how experienced handlers worked the shedding ring. Steve Wetmore of Stafford, VT bested the Saturday Open Class with a score of 78, making a neat shed.

Many a handler and dog found relief from the intense heat in a sandy swimming hole in the north flowing Mad River along the trial field. What a wonderful sensation having the cool water flow over our heads and such fun swimming with our dogs. Our Saturday judge is commended for keeping her concentration throughout the long hot day in the field. Our host, Nancy, was concerned if we were all having a good time. At one time I requested a bit more breeze and wouldn't you know, with a look only a school teacher or nun could give, a bit of a breeze waffled upon us.

Saturday evening we enjoyed the Lion's Club BBQ rib dinner under the handlers tent complete with homemade pies. As the mist was settling among the mountain crevices a lone bag piper played down the hill to the field. How fitting and sad to learn of the passing of Johnny Wilson in such a setting. Many of our present dogs have the J. Wilson lineage. What better a

heavenly shepherd to tend our flocks.

Saturday's heat gave way to intermittent showers and downright rain on Sunday afternoon. The change in weather brought a change to the course. The trial field was shifted a bit further away from the exhaust which produced more complete runs and higher scores on Sunday. Steve Wetmore was our able judge giving Denise Leonard the opportunity to meet the challenge. Her score of 83 with Kate won the Open. Sally Lacy had the only 10 point shed with her dog, Robin. Peter Vandecar with his Katie was exciting to watch in the pouring rain, after numerous attempts he did achieve a shed. Michael Dathe with his dog, Cooper and Maria Mick with Ben had notable runs near the end of the day. Michael became Open Champion with Peter as Reserve. Canadian, Werner Reitboeck with Tara won the PN Champion and Kate Collins of MA with Rex taking the Reserve. Carol Weigand of Bozrah, CT with her dog McDuff had a strong showing both Saturday and Sunday with scores of 65 to earn the NN Champion. Joanne Krause of Granville, NY young dog, Lucy, is one of several dogs the 2004 judge, David Sykes of the UK had admired. Lucy showed good close work around the chute area maintaining calm sheep. Joanne and Lucy earned the Reserve in NN. While I DQ'd on Saturday, Sunday I had a nice draw of sheep, my foxy looking dog, Stevie, showed her quiet workmanship staying well off the sheep, responding to flanks and keeping steady, with nice assisted drive work to earn the NN score of 79. What a wonderful feeling when it all comes together to work so smoothly.

The Mad River trial is a return to my college stomping grounds, the smell of moist pine, memories of freer younger days, and the comradeship make this trial special for me. The beautiful surroundings, great food, wonderful facilities, dedicated trial management, and challenge these sheep present give us all special memories and a trial to look forward to next year.

A special thanks to Kenyon's Farm Store for allowing us the use of their beautiful groomed fields. Vermont Sheep and Goat Breeders Association provided the plates and bowls for the champions and reserve champions. Eagle, Wellness and Vermont Animal Cookies provided prizes. Green Mountain Coffee Roasters provided coffee for both days. Nancy and Stephen would like to thank all the handlers and friends who helped out at the trial. It would not have been possible without your support.

Complete results of the Mad River Trial were printed in the Fall 2005 issue of NEBA News, before this write up was received. Photos from this trial are on page 15.



Winter Tip: Does your dog come back from winter walks with feet splayed from collected ice and snow? Try a little Bag Balm rubbed on and in between the pads before you head out. The snow won't stick and you'll be protecting your pooch's paws as well!

MAD memories

Scenes from the Mad River Sheepdog Trial

Champions (Note: complete results in the Fall 2005 issue of NEBCA News)

Novice Champion: Carol Weigand & McDuff

Novice Reserve: Joanne Krause & Lucy

Pro-Novice Champion: Werner Reitboeck & Tara

Pro-Novice Reserve: Kate Collins & Rex

Ranch Champion: Sally Lacy & Mott

Ranch Reserve: Emily Yazwinski & Nip

Open Champion: Michael Dathe – Cooper

Open Reserve: Peter Vandecar - Kati

Right: Werner Reitboeck, Pro Novice Champion with Tara
Below: The best seats in the house! Bud Ames, Bill Luth and Ginny Prince.



Above: Ellen Rusconi Black & Stevie; Joanne Krause & Lucy (Novice Reserve Champion); Carol Weigand & McDuff (Novice Champions)

Right: Kate Collins, Pro-Novice Reserve Champion with Rex.





NEBCA Trial Results



Dancing Ewe Halloween Trial, Granville, NY, Oct 28 -30, 2005

By: Joanne Krause

Except for the soggy entrance to the field because of the rain we got all week the trial seemed to go along nicely. We couldn't have asked for better weather considering the time of year. The sheep, a flock of about 80 farm sheep, proved to be a challenging. Jody, Lusia and I would like to take this time to thank everyone that came to the trial as well as those that helped throughout the 3 days. Thank-you to the judges, Roger Deschambeault for the novice trials and Barb Armata for the open classes. Thank-you to the handlers that helped in the pen and to the handlers that set out sheep and to everyone in between who helped everywhere and anywhere...thank-you. To Ron McGettigan who helped were ever he was needed and Kym Hance for making the lasagna...thank-you. At last a special thanks to everyone that needed to be pulled through the mud to get out on Sunday. You proved to be good sports! It's hard to name everyone so thanks to you all. Anyone that has put on a trial knows without these volunteers we could not have such a successful trial.

Friday Novice - 11 dogs

1 Anne Devine	Nell	64
2 MaryAnn Fallon	Jade	62
3 Joyce Westcott	Moli	61
4 Lois Urda	Denver	58
5 Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	56
6 Lois Urda	Kasi	54
7 Joanne Krause	Lucy	53
8 Joyce Westcott	Mibbs	50

Friday Pro-Novice - 18 dogs

1 Joyce Geier	Breeze	65
2 Joyce Geier	Brass	65
3 Anne Devine	Taff	64
4 Anne Devine	Ben	62
5 Sharon Nunan	Sweep	60
6 Liz Phillips	Vickey	57
7 Ron McGettigan	Taff	54
8 Eric Johnson	Rhos	52

Friday Ranch - 8 dogs

1 Warren Mick	Dale	70
2 Claire Garwood	Rhos	44

Long Road Award: Joyce Westcott & Moli

Saturday Open—46 dogs

1 Bev Lambert	Pippa	84
2 Steve Wetmore	Dart	83
3 Steve Wetmore	Gyp	79
4 Warren Mick	Jinty	77
5 Warren Mick	Glen	75
6 Roger Deschambeault	Ken	73
7 Joyce Geier	Clue	65
8 Michael Dathe	Trot	63
9 Sally Lacy	Jean	63
10 Peter VandeCar	Bud	55

Sunday Open—45 dogs

1 Warren Mick	Jinty	77
2 Bev Lambert	Bill	73
3 Warren Mick	Glen	63
4 Joyce Geier	Tate	58
5 Peter Van deCar	Katie	57
6 Bev Lambert	Pippa	57
7 Steve Wetmore	Pace	56

8 Heather Nadelman	Phyl	53
9 Michael Dathe	Trot	50
10 Betty Levin	Kyle	50

2-day Combined Scores

Open Champion: Warren Mick & Jinty

Reserve Champion: Bev Lambert & Pippa

Long Road Trophy: Warren Mick & Glen

Team #6 1st place: Bev Lambert, Peter Van deCar, Paul Garwood

Best Costume: Ron McGettigan as Aladdin

Original Costume: Sally Lacy as Organ Grinder w/monkey

Funniest Costume: Bud Ames as Wolf in Sheep's Clothing



An angel and a....? Above "angel" is Fawn, owned by Rose Redick. The penguin is Joyce Geier.



More photo on s page 17.



NEBCA Trial Results



Dancing Ewe Halloween Trial, Granville, NY, Oct 28 -30, 2005 (continued from page 16).

Photos submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black

Below: Miss EWE-SA is Wendy Warner with Jayne.



Above: "That'll Do Times" News Dog is Stevie with handler Ellen Rusconi-Black. Stevie distributed her fictitious Halloween article: "Marauding Sheep Foiled by Novice Dogs at the Dancing Ewe".



"Gee, when will they let US drive?"



NEBCA Trial Results



Ewesful Acres Sheepdog Trial, October 15-16, 2005, Portland, ON, Canada

Submitted by: Joanne Murphy

Round-1-Novice-Novice, 5 dogs

1	Fahey, Janet	Jock	65
2	McKay, John	Sue	64
3	McKay, John	Roy	44

Round-2-Novice-Novice, 5 dogs

1	Fahey, Janet	Jock	66
2	McKay, John	Roy	64
3	Palmer, Cynthia	Pam	60
4	McKay, John	Sue	57
5	Knowlton, Chris	Amber	45

Round 1 Pro-Novice, 17 dogs

1	Murphy, Joanne	Bess	69
2	McKay, John	Max	67
3	Dier, Tara	Stella	67
4	Guy, Carol	Roy	64
5	Purich, Kim	Jack	63

6	Murphy, Jim	Trim	62
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7	Thompson, Mary	Rio	61
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Round 2 Pro-Novice, 17 dogs

1	Dier, Tara	Stella	73
2	Palmer, Cynthia	Kit	72
3	Guy, Carol	Roy	71
4	Murphy, Jim	Trim	70
5	Murphy, Joanne	Bess	68
6	Bailey, Lena	Cord	67
7	Bailey, Lena	Hemp	66

Round 1 Ranch, 6 dogs

1	Churcher, Mike	Dan	75
2	Dier, Tara	Earl	70
3	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	69

Round-2-Ranch, 7 dogs

1	Dier, Tara	Earl	78
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2	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	68
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3	Churcher, Mike	Dan	67
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Round 1 Open, 11 dogs

1	Milliken, Amanda	Bart	95
2	Murphy, Jim	Kit	94
3	Thompson, Mary	Hawk	91
4	Milliken, Amanda	Ethel	77
5	Guy, Carol	Piper	70
6	Younger, Bill	Mica	70

Round-2-Open, 13 dogs

1	Milliken, Amanda	Bart	102
2	Milliken, Amanda	Ethel	101
3	Thompson, Mary	Hawk	94
4	Thompson, Mary	Holly	93
5	Gamble, Leslie	Bob	91
6	Murphy, Jim	Kit	90



Shepherd's Crook Fall Trial, October 1-2, 2005, Lorneville, ON, Canada

Submitted by: Joanne Murphy

Round-1-Novice, 11 dogs

1.	John McKay	Sue	58
2.	Janet Burton	Pam	50
3.	Linda Comeau	Nell	46
4.	Heide Elliott	Blue	29
5.	Tom Hoeber	Taz	26

Round-2-Novice, 12 dogs

1.	John McKay	Sue	64
2.	Janet Fahey	Jock	50
3.	Janet Burton	Pam	48
4.	Shona Talbot	Clover	31
5.	Tom Hoeber	Taz	24

Round-1-Pro-Novice, 20 dogs

1.	Peter Matwin	Maddie	62
2.	Kim Purich	Jack	48

3.	Darrin George	Mica	45
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4.	Janet Fahey	Jim	41
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5.	Teresa Castonguay	Pearl	41
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Round-2-Pro-Novice, 20 dogs

1.	Mary Thompson	Rio	66
2.	Kim Purich	Jack	62
3.	John McKay	Max	57
4.	Joanne, Murphy	Bess	56
5.	Jim Murphy	Trim	53

Round-1-Ranch, 7 dogs

1.	Mike Churcher	Dan	57
2.	Louise Tackaberry	Claire	43
3.	Joanne Murphy	Maude	38

Round-2-Ranch, 7 dogs

1.	Mike Churcher	Dan	58
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2.	Heide Elliot	Don	42
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3.	Joanne Murphy	Maude	41
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Round-1-Open, 11 dogs

1.	Amanda, Milliken	Ethel	90
2.	Lorna Savage	Zoe	67
3.	Bill Younger	Mica	65
4.	Jim Murphy	Kit	50

Round-2-Open (Double Lift) 11 dogs

1.	Amanda Milliken	Bart	133
2.	Amanda Milliken	Ethel	132
3.	Mary Thompson	Hawk	125.5
4.	Lorna Savage	Brock	113
5.	Andrea deKenedy	Hobbes	101



Sophie's First Christmas

By Jackie Wilson

"I'll take Sophie for you for the Christmas weekend if you want, then I'll take her to the kennel when it opens on Monday." "Great!", said I, thinking that Sophie would have a great old time with Mary's dog and the open spaces in which to play, rather than two days confined at the kennel.

I had made reservations to fly out from Bangor, Maine, heading for Tucson to meet up with my sister Barb over the Christmas vacation; the plan was to meet another sister and her husband (Sally and Mike) at the Boston airport; we three would then fly on to Tucson for a fabulous Christmas reunion!

I had picked up Sophie at a small family who breeds border collies over Thanksgiving vacation, so she had been with me for only one month; she was only 6 months when I picked her

up. I felt in my heart that I was truly rescuing her, since nobody else had chosen her, and she was at the time extremely timid. When I first saw Sophie at the breeder's house, she was a quivering mass of nervous fear; however, I fell in love with her instantly, and she also seemed to come alive when some of the puppies (from the second litter!) came out to play. I noticed how delicately she played with the other little pups.

Sophie had not been socialized at all, I realized hind-sight; she had been kept in a pen for many months and was extremely frightened by almost everybody. Still, she seemed to bond with me fairly quickly. At the time I picked her up I was working part-time and had many hours of the day to spend with her and teach her some of the basic commands like sit,

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Sophie's First Christmas

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stay. Still, regrettably, I noticed that the "come here" command had not yet been secured! She was so timid that first month that she would hide behind a chair whenever anybody came over to visit; in time I noticed she would respond more favorably to women than to men.

I felt terrible about having to leave her at a kennel for such a long time, and the first separation for us both, so I jumped at the offer of my friend, Mary, to keep her over the Christmas weekend for me.

Christmas Eve I left Sophie with Mary and her dog and walked quickly to the car and headed for the motel near the Bangor airport. The flight to Boston/Tucson would leave at 6:00 the following morning (Christmas Day.) I settled into my motel room that night and was about to turn off the lights around 10:30 p.m., when the phone rang; It was Mary, with a quavering voice:

"Jackie, Sophie has run away,! I thought it best to tell you now so you would know, but have a nice trip and holiday, we'll see you when you get back, and Sophie will probably come back."

Gulp. I put the phone down and thought a minute; then quickly called Mary back.

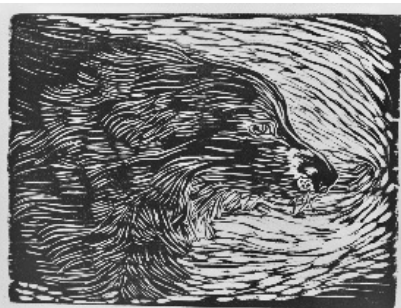
"Mary, what time did Sophie run away?"

"About 8:30, and we have been searching and calling all night, all up and down Little Deer Isle, and even called the rescue dog people and sent the boys out."

Oh dear; also, by now it was going on 11:00, and the temperature was dropping, from 20 degrees getting colder. I made a snap decision and decided to drive back to the island of Deer Isle and search for Sophie. At least she would respond to my voice. Perhaps she was just too terrified to come to anybody!

I broke all speed limits, I'm afraid. Christmas Eve. Nobody else on the road! no snow or ice yet! I raced to Mary's house in Little Deer Isle and began immediately calling for her. By now it was midnight and close to 10 degrees. I walked up and down the road calling, calling.

There was no moon so it was terribly dark, not even Xmas lights to guide me. On impulse I drove back to my house on Deer Isle, across the causeway, three miles away, thinking crazily that per-



Jackie Wilson, an artist from Deer Island Maine, created these woodcuts of Sophie, her beloved Border Collie.

haps Sophie had run all the way back to her own home. No luck! I drove back to Little Deer Isle and down to the shore, calling, calling into the absolutely still night - no wind, only frigid temperatures. Absolute silence.

Three hours later, after coming back and forth to Mary's house, the road, the woods, drinking gulps of hot tea in between, I decided to slowly head back to my own house, knowing that she would surely perish in the cold if I did not eventually find her. As my headlights turned from Mary's driveway I spotted something tiny in the road; it was Sophie, in a half frozen position of fear; I got out of the car while she remained paralytically glued to the road in a crouched position. I picked her up and put her in the car, hugging and hugging her. She was of course delighted to be with me again.

I returned to Mary's house, picked up her crate, and drove off to... where??? nothing open at midnight, Xmas eve!! However, My sister Jean's house was on the way to the airport and I decided that this was my last chance, if I was ever to get out of Maine and onto that airplane, and be able to leave her in a safe place!

I dropped Sophie off at Jean's house, left her in the crate, next to her best friend Feona (Jean's basset hound); they both rested quietly in the pantry, Feona on her round bed, Sophie safe and secure in her crate. It was 3:30 a.m., Christmas morning. At the last minute I left a hand-written note taped on top of Sophie's crate; "Hi, sis, Merry Xmas; Sophie's here because she ran away from Mary's house; can you keep her for me till Monday and then take her to the kennel? Sorry about the inconvenience; also, don't let her out the front door, but keep her in the back yard (where there was a fence circling the back of the house) thanks!"

I took off and got back to my motel room with about 30 minutes left before it would be time to take the taxi to the airport. I remember laying down on the clean unused motel bedroom pillow, thinking, Oh Thank God, oh thank God, she's alive, safe and well. Now I can begin my vacation...

I met my sister Sally and her husband Mike at the Boston airport later on that Xmas morning; I was too excited to feel tired and too keyed up to notice that both Sal and Mike seemed a little quiet. After the plane took off I decided to ask: "Hey you two, everything okay?" Sally leaned over and said, "Oh, Jackie, Sophie ran away from Jeannie's house too!"

Oh, the misery I felt at that moment! A multitude of cell phone calls between sisters once we all arrived in Tucson. One sister nodding her head and the other one frantic on the other end of the phone. "How could she do this to us..." etc. etc. "Sophie won't come back, she keeps running away from us, seems terrified, it's freezing, down below 20, she will perish! There are coyotes out there!..." etc. etc.

The three of us checked into a motel with long faces, had supper, or lunch, or breakfast, can't remember which; THE FAMILY made a DECISION which I

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Sophie's First Christmas

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also agreed would be the only course to follow; I must return to Maine; otherwise it would be on my conscience forever if Sophie were to perish!

24 hours in Tucson, and not even able to meet up with Barb (who lived in Bisbee). Some more frantic phone calls to get on a plane, now considered the return flight "after Christmas." back to Boston, then Maine. Tears, groans, and sorrow. At the security check they told me: "Today is your lucky Day!" the full body search. I dissolved into floods of tears, noticing that the guards stood around looking apologetic and contrite - oh no, another neurotic unstable passenger and this search is too invasive for her!

The flight had to pass through Chicago. I got off the plane to change gates and noticed that ALL FLIGHTS TO THE EAST COAST WERE CANCELLED.

There was a massive blizzard passing through the east and all of us were told

to remain in Chicago for 24 hours.

Sweat pouring down my back, I telephoned my friend Bill who was spending Christmas with his family in Cleveland. Without spending a second thinking about my plans, I asked Bill if it would be okay if I flew to Cleveland because at least that would be closer to Maine! And maybe there would be some planes flying to Boston from Cleveland, maybe the blizzard wouldn't be so bad if I left from that city?

Kindly Bill picked me up in the middle the night, now Saturday evening, Christmas Day night, so to speak.

Cleveland was having its own snow storm. Bill drove me along the highway as I recounted the frantic events of the past 24 hours to him. It was snowing hard and visibility was terrible; Bill realized he was all out of window washer fluid. Suddenly he veered over to the side of the highway. "We just ran out of gas," he said. Gulp. Fortunately he was able to use his cell phone to call

his sister to come and bring along a gallon of gas. "What about Triple A," I whispered...

Back at Bill's family house, so happy to see everybody, wish I could stay longer, but will be out of here in 24 hours. At 3:00 a.m. of the following morning of Monday, preceded by many phone calls, my nephew Travis (Jean's son) called to say that he and a friend of his had been able to grab onto Sophie and put her back in her crate. Travis's dad then took her to the kennel which was now open (Monday). Sophie was alive and well and now three or four families could begin their Christmas celebrations in earnest. And I stayed in Cleveland and finished out the holidays with my friend Bill!

Postscript: Seven months later, Sophie is well and seems to be smarter than her owner and is no longer fearful and will even let a strange man give her a biscuit at the gas station.



NEBCA Chocolate "Bribe" Cake

Submitted by Ellen Rusconi Black

This recipe was such a hit at the potluck the night before the Mad River Valley SDT that it totally disappeared. Folks asked for the recipe so here it is attached. While our Saturday judge is a total chocoholic she could be bribed but not bought. I myself DQ'd on Saturday, hmmm. Anyway, I heard it on good accounts after having a large piece she was seen scooping frosting off some of the other cake. This cake is great, fast, easy to make, travels well, moist and sure doesn't last long!

Emily's 6 Minute Chocolate Cake

From Hands Around the Table—Fair Winds Farm Food Book: Janet Bailey, Erica Breen, Bekah Murchison
Brattleboro, Vermont

1 ½ cups flour	1 cup cold water or coffee (I use cold coffee)
1 tsp. baking soda	½ cup vegetable oil
1 cup sugar	2 tsp. vanilla
1/3 cup cocoa	
½ tsp. salt	2 Tbsp. vinegar (I use cider vinegar)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Bake 35 minutes. Bake at 350F if using a glass dish.

Mix the dry ingredients, you can mix by hand right in the 9" cake pan, I however, being a bit messy use a separate bowl. Mix wet ingredients, except the vinegar in a 2 cup measuring cup.

Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix well. Add the vinegar, mix quickly and bake immediately. (remember those science project volcanoes?).

When the cake is done, glaze with the following: About 10 minutes before the cake is finished baking I cook up the frosting and pour over the hot cake right out of the oven.

Glaze: In a heavy pan combine ½ lb. bittersweet chocolate, (semi-sweet is good also) ¾ cup milk or cream, ½ tsp. vanilla. I melt, stirring frequently, until it bubbles a bit. Pour over cake. Let cool, yum.



The trial committees would like express their great appreciation to Heather Millen for managing the novice and open points and keeping the web site up to date. Thanks also to Gene Sheninger for developing the slick new web page for displaying the open points.

Mic

In his graying years a man brought home
A companion he knew he'd love and trust,
A companion he'd offer all his care.
In return, bestow complete devotion
And become his steadfast friend.
He brought home a wee black and white dog.

Mic seemed a fine name to give the dog,
And welcomed him gladly into his home.
The two formed a bond, instantly friends,
A relationship cemented with trust.
Mic thrived and showed his devotion
While getting brushed and petted with care.

Of each other they knew they'd always take care.
Many miles they'd walk, the man and his dog,
Enjoying the country with great devotion.
And as it grew dark they'd head on back home
Finding their way, the dog had his full trust,
Then a hearty supper they'd share as true friends.

Time gradually became a fickle old friend.
With a limp in his step the man had to take care.
His legs were weakening, he could no longer trust.
His pace had slowed and he looked to his dog.
Keeping the wind to his back, Mic led him back home,
Day after day with unfaltering devotion.

It was due to this unfailing devotion
That the man had welcomed this loyal friend
Unselfishly into his warm, simple home.
But a shift was occurring in providing the care.
The burden less on the man and more on the dog,
But always equal, the magnitude of their trust.

Their thoughts connected conveying that trust.
When the man spoke he expressed his undying devotion.
Mic, the man said, You are truly a great dog
And no man ever lived to know finer a friend.
So when I pass on I hope you'll take care
And know I've gone on to a different home.

I lay you to rest, my trusty old friend
With thoughtful devotion I've considered with care.
This loyal old dog is coming home.

Anne Devine

Coyote Attack

By: Anonymous Shepherd

The Northern Adirondack mountains sparkled with their fresh coat of snow, the Champlain Valley a green swath with silver water to our west. A reminder that winter was coming soon ! We had left the trial early (our last of this year) knowing that chores were mounting and the time to do them dwindling.

It was time to bring home the flock from their summer pasture. I called Eddy, my neighbor, when we got home around 2.30 that Saturday. "Could you pick up the sheep tomorrow. Sunday ?" I asked. He thought for a moment and said "Can't do it tomorrow. I've got hockey with my son. How about Monday morning after milking?" "Sure" I said "that'll work" "OK", he said "I'll bring the trailer about 9.30". I was hoping to get it done, but Eddy had the trailer to fit the whole group. We used to collect them ourselves but now our old trailer was too small and too far gone for the job! Heck, what's one more day I thought? The girls have been there all summer, the fence was good and we'd taken them in hay on the way home.

Sunday flew by, chores taking the whole day, the dogs played tag in the yard and helped with firewood. Monday started warm and clear, I was having my tea when the phone call came, about 7.15. "Hi this is Mike" said a voice, (Mike owns the field and barn where our sheep spend their summers). "Hi Mike" I said. "I just had a call from the girl who works for me at the store." he said, "She was passing by on Valley Road this morning and noticed one of the sheep limping with blood on its leg." I said, "I was just coming to pick them up this morning, so I'll check her out. Thanks!"

Darn! I thought, she's probably been shot (hunting had just started and I envisaged a bullet hole). I grabbed some medicated pads and other first aid stuff hoping I could do something for her. I drove up the road to Eddy's, but he was having his breakfast. "I'll see you at the field." I said, not wanting to spoil his appetite.

The sheep were up on the rise above the road where we had been putting hay, it was a nice dry spot on ledge with some crab apple trees to one side for shelter and fruit. They heard the truck and were on the move. Then I spotted her trying to keep up but dragging and limping one hind leg, the wool be-

low the joint soaked with blood. Dog and I reached the field, gathering the group we singled out the ewe. It was bad ! The left hind leg had the skin stripped away, two holes in the flesh and muscle oozed blood and ragged skin hung from the joint over the hip! Just then I looked up and my gaze fell on what appeared to be a prone sheep on the hillside above - strangely awkward, I thought and lifeless. Dog had seen it too and looked at me for a command "We'll walk up" I said.

Dog and I set off, down from the ledge and through some wet land to reach the hill on the other side, it was then I spotted what looked like cotton wool covering the tops of the sedge in a wide circle, we continued up the hill a hundred yards or more, and there was the sheep-or what was left of a sheep. A carcass, crimson rib cage, part of a fleece, the hoofs spread-eagled on stripped bones, the head and shoulders gone! Then I knew. Coyote's ! I shuddered at the savagery of the attack. I was not one to be squeamish over death, but it was a shocking sight!

For all of you who have not yet encountered what a pack of coyotes can do to livestock, it is truly a sickening sight ! Especially if your flock is small and you have any kind of rapport with your animals. Dog and I returned to the group, I did a head count. One ewe missing, one dead and one badly injured. I shouted an expletive into the woods. The fence we had installed on the perimeter was still at full power and was four strands. I had thought the flock was safe. Three years they had been there without a problem!

Eddy had arrived and was looking at the ewe, "Coyotes" he said emphatically, "Horrible wound but she's in good shape. You could try and save her, the leg is still intact. Better get her home right away.....". We loaded the flock. If only we had picked them up that Sunday! Would we have saved them?

On the way home I thought back on the Trial we had just left, the Halloween costume of *Wily Coyote* and the *Acme Sheep Catcher Kit* we had all enjoyed and laughed at. I wasn't laughing now ! The rest is another story.

Just a man out-standing in his field



"You're going down, buster!"

Above photos taken by Diane Thompson. The puppy, "Riot" is shown here at 6 months old playing with her friend "Georgia", a Rottweiler. Since then, Riot has competed in her first sheepdog trial at Fosterfields.

NEBCA Business

Upcoming BOD Elections

Election for your Directors is coming soon! Four people have agreed to run for the BOD: Eve Marschark, Sally Lacy, Bernie Armata and Betty Levin. Some of these members have submitted bios for you to peruse.

Eve Marschark, Ph.D., CPDT

Eve has been an active participant in NEBCA from the beginning of her involvement with Border collies. She served on the Nursery Trials Committee from 1988-1993 (Chair 1992-1994), Trials Committee (Committee Chair 1993-1998), and Board of Directors 1998-2001. Prior to her doctoral studies (1998-2004), she was trial manager for the Keystone State Sheep Dog Trials 1988-2000 (USBCHA and Purina sanctioned), and a successful Open competitor and judge.

Her background in the applied field of dog training is as a professional stock dog trainer, providing sheep herding clinics, private lessons and boarding training at her farm in Pennsylvania since 1987. In 1990 she began providing dogs and services to chase Canada geese from corporate campuses in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Eve Marschark received her doctorate in Comparative Psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA where she conducted research in herding training and later in general human-dog interaction. She currently teaches a course on "The Relationship between Humans, Dogs and Other Do-


mestic Animals" as an adjunct professor at Temple University in Philadelphia.

She is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer and provides canine behavior consultation. Twice a month Eve and her Border collie, "Turn" provide animal-assisted therapy as volunteers as Certified Delta Society Pet Partners. Mother of two, grandmother of two, she maintains a flock of sheep, four Border collies, one Italian greyhound and the same husband throughout it all.

Bernie Armata

Bernie got his first BC, a puppy from Edgar Gould, in 1989. He trained Chris himself and started trialing in 1991. Since that start, he has bred, raised and trained a number of Border Collies and competed on the trial field successfully. He also started judging in the mid 90's and is known for his knowledge, fairness and consistency. Outside of the this, Bernie is an Executive Director for the Cooperative Extension.

Betty Levin

Betty has been raising, training, and working border collies as long as anyone in the northeast. She is also one of the founding members of NEBCA. Her knowledge of the club and trialing is only one of the many positive assets she would bring to the BOD if elected. 



Photos from Fosterfields.

Here's handler Lois Urda and her dogs Denver (top) and Cassie showing their stuff.

Photos by Mary Gessert.



Happy Holidays!



NEBCA Annual Meeting - January 21, 2006

The 2006 Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2006 (snow date of January 28) at the Firehouse in Deerfield, MA. Please come and support the organization and take part in the discussion. The meeting will start at 10:00am, but please try to arrive by 9:30am. We are usually done by 3:00pm. In case of inclement weather, please check with a NEBCA officer, a member of the board of directors, or the website before going.

Please bring a dish to share for lunch. Crock-pots are great as there is limited oven space. Utensils and drinks will be provided.

Directions

From the South

Take Interstate 91 north to Exit 24 in South Deerfield. Take a right off the ramp and go north on Rts 5 & 10 for 5 miles. Take a left at the Sunoco station and the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile. The firehouse is on your right.

From the North

Take Interstate 91 south to exit 26 in Greenfield. Go 1/2 way around the traffic circle and take Rt 2A East. Turn right at the 2nd traffic light (Dunkin Donuts is on the right) onto River Street. Turn right at the next light onto Rts 5 & 10 (Deerfield Street) and go 2-3 miles. Turn right at the sign for Historic Deerfield. Go about 1/2 mile. The firehouse is on your right.

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

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of past minutes
- Committee reports
- Executive committee
- Secretary - Membership status
- Treasurer
 - Financial summary for 2005
 - Budget for 2006
- Election committee - Election results
- Board of Directors
- Open Trials Committee
 - 2005 High Points and Fall Foliage Report
 - Proposed Fall Foliage Rule Changes
 - 2006 Fall Foliage discussion and prep.
- Novice Trials committee
 - 2005 Novice Finals report
 - 2006 Novice Finals discussion and prep.
- Calendar Committee report
- Newsletter report
- Library report
- Presentation of awards
- Committee appointments
- Any other old business
- Any new business from the floor
- Announcements
- Meeting dates for 2006
- Adjournment



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- E.B. Carpenter – The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork
- Katy Cropper – A Dog's Life in the Dales
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- John Holmes – A Farmer's Dog
- Tony Iley – Sheepdogs at Work
- Glyn Jones – A Way Of Life
- Scott Lithgow – Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock
- Tim Longton – The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training
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- Luke Pasio – Heather Jean: The Working Sheep Dog
- Pope Robertson – Anybody Can Do It
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- John Templeton – Working Sheep Dogs – Management and Training
- Virgil Holland – Herding Dogs – Progressive Training
- Delta Society – Professional Standards for Dog trainers: Effective, Humane Principles
- American Humane Association – Guide to Humane Dog Training
- Julie Simpson -- The Natural Way
- Derek Scrimgeour -- Talking Sheepdogs

BOOKS - Fiction/Children's

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- James Herriott – *Only One Woof*
- Betty Levin – *Away To ME, Moss*
- Dick King-Smith – *Babe the Gallant Pig*

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- Jane Burton – A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family (photos)
- E.B. Carpenter – The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988
- Betty Cavanna – The First Book of Wool
- Noel Flanders – The Joy of Running Sled Dogs
- Colin Gordon – One Man's Opinion, An Approach & Guide to Judging Sheepdog Trials
- Leo Gowan – The Craft of Stickmaking
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- Eric Halsall - Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends
- Donald McCaig – Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men
- Olivia Mills – Practical Sheep Dairying
- Jane Simmons-Moake – Agility Training – The Fun Sport for all Dogs
- American Rescue Dog Association – Search and Rescue Dogs – Training Methods
- Monks of New Skete – The Art of Raising a Puppy

BOOKS - General/Health

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VIDEOS

- 1988 International Supreme (Parts 1 & 2)
- 1989 British International Supreme (Parts 1 & 2)
- 1991 British International Championship
- 1992 British International Sheepdog Trials
- 1993 International Supreme Sheepdog Championship
- 1994 International Supreme Championship
- 1995 International Supreme Championship
- 1996 International Supreme Championship
- 1998 International Supreme Championship (Tape A & B)
- One Man and His Dog - 1990 (poor quality)
- One Man and His Dog - 1991, includes part of 1989 International (poor quality)
- One Man and His Dog – BBC of America -Tape A (includes 3 weeks shows)
- One Man and His Dog- BBC of America -Tape B (includes 3 weeks shows)
- 1994 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)
- 1995 Nationals
- 1996 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)

- 1996 Best of the Best Nationals (includes runoff between MacRae & Wilson)
- 1998 Nationals (2 Tape set ; Top 20)
- 1999 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2000 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2001 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2001 National Cowdog Finals – Rural route Video
- The Year of the Working Sheepdog – filmed in England
- Training the Working Border Collie – Tony Collins (Parts I & II) (2 tape set)
- Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training – Glyn Jones (Tape I)
- That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience - Glyn Jones (Tape II)
- Take Time - Glyn Jones (Tape III)
- Training The Working Stock Dog – Elvin Kopp (Parts I, II, & III) (3 tape set)
- Stockdog Training Fundamentals - Mike Hubbard
- Training Your Dog for Cattle - Mike Hubbard
- SDTF Outwork & Drives - Mike Hubbard
- How To Get The Most From Your Working Dog – Scott Lithgow, (Companion to his book, Training and Working Dogs)
- University of Guelph Series: (3 tape set)
Part 1 – “Selection and Early Training of Border Collies”
Part 2 – “Basic Training for Sheep Work”
Part 3 – “Advanced Training For Sheep Work”
- Training and Working a Border Collie – Rural Route Video
- The Sheepdog Video – The Training and Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of Small Stock - filmed in South Africa
- Training the Working Stockdog – Gary Erikson
- How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs – Phil Phillips
- Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way - Chuck O'Reilly
- One Woman and Her Dog – Katy Cropper
- Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and Ducks – Rural Route Videos
- A Hill Shepherd Trains his Border Collies – Derek Scringeour
- British Sheep Fairs and Crafts – Rural Route Videos
- Sit, Clap & Furbish – Karen Pryor
- Babe

AUDIOTAPES

- HubertBailey – Training Whistle Commands
- Alasdair Macrae - Whistle While You Work

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If you know of a good addition for the library, let Martha know about it.

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE TRIAL RULES

Approved January 2002 at the Annual Meeting

Qualifying

To run in the Fall Foliage Trial (FF) each dog/handler team must meet the following requirements:

- Handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA prior to qualifying.
- A handler may enter no more than two qualified dogs.
- In a trial of 52 or less dogs, the top 10 dogs will earn one placing towards the FF. In a trial of 53 or more dogs, the top 20% (rounded up) will earn one placing towards the FF. A dog must earn three placings to qualify for the FF. These placings may have been with a different handler.
- If the number of entries is sufficiently low, the required number of placings may be reduced from three to two. The Trials committee will make this determination one month prior to the trial.

Trial Format

Preliminary Round: The preliminary round will consist of two runs on a national style course with the best of the two scores determining the placings. The top ten scores from the preliminary round will advance to the finals. If multiple scores are tied for the tenth place, all dogs with that score will advance to the finals.

Finals: If conditions permit, the final round will run a double lift course. The finals will run on a clean slate. Final round ties for first place will be broken by a run-off with the method to be determined by the judge. Ties for second through tenth place will be broken by looking at the final round score breakdown. If a tie still exists, the preliminary round scores will be compared.

Proposed Changes To Fall Foliage Rules to be Voted on at the 2006 annual meeting

Change 1: Increase the maximum allowed dogs per handler to three

Old: "A handler may enter no more than two qualified dogs"

New: "A handler may enter no more than three qualified dogs. The Trials committee will decide if handlers may run two or three dogs based on the number of dogs entered that year"

Change 2: Eliminate the date for setting the required number of placings

Old: "If the number of entries is sufficiently low, the required number of placings may be reduced from three to two. The Trials committee will make this determination one month prior to the trial."

New: "If the number of entries is sufficiently low, the required number of placings may be reduced from three to two. The Trials committee will make this determination."

Photos From Past NEBCA Calendars



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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