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Sheep Tricks

In Memory of NEBCA Life Member, Alex McKinven

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A familiar photo for many: Alex and Old Tweed at Cessnock Farm.

Photo courtesy of the McKinven Family

Alexander G. McKinven - March 28, 1923 - May 3, 2006:

Passed away peacefully at the CHSLD memphremagog, Magog, QC, on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 in his 84th year. Alexander Gemmell McKinven, beloved husband of 60 years of Jemima Mathieson and dear father of Derwyn, Alistair, Callum and Verna. Beloved grandfather of Shona, Trevor, Meagan, Ryan, Tara, Brooke, Alana and Travis. Interned in Reedsville Cemetery, North Hatley, QC.

As memorial tributes, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 King St. West, Sherbrooke, QC, J1L 1C9 would be appreciated by the family.

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In Memory of Alexander G. McKinven

Submitted by Fiona Robertson

Alex McKinven and his wife Maimie were my neighbors since we moved to the area over 10 years ago. Alex was my first teacher, my mentor, a good friend, sometimes an enemy, but always interesting and knowledgeable, his love for the Border Collie shining through.

Those who were fortunate enough to know him in the early days, before his illness took over are lucky to have memories of a Scottish gentleman, eager to lend a hand, eager to invite you into his home to spend time talking dogs, sheep, cattle and everything about farming in the 1950's, 60's and 70's, while he was herdsman for Mrs. Virgin's #1 Jersey herd in Canada. Maybe you were lucky enough to see some of his wonderful old home movies of dogs, cows, children...Maybe you got to hear him playing the accordion, or the piano while Maimie sang and danced.

My very first memory of Alex is the day I met him.

I was out for a long walk with my 10 month old pet Border Collie, when I saw an older gentleman walking up the road from the other direction. He had 2 Border Collies at his heels, which broke away to come and greet me.

"Dinna worry," the gentleman said is an accent thick as Jersey cream. "They willna fight."

That very day, Alex McKinven invited me into his home, where Maimie fed me fresh shortbread and I met the newest batch of puppies. And, after learning that my dog was mostly his breeding, he invited me into his training field, "to see what my dog would do".

Those are my fondest memories—the

early days of shortbread, cows and puppies, and of my little Border Collie puppy, Jess, given to me as a gift by Alex for taking care of his dogs while he was away numerous weekends at fairs or sheepdog trials. The best memories are of the days before Alex was in such pain and obviously suffering but would never show any weakness. Instead, pain showed itself in the form of a wicked temper, which drove friends away for a while.

I am ashamed to say that I didn't visit much the last few years. My



Above photo taken by Darlene Robbins in July, 1997, when she drove from Tennessee to North Hatley to pick up her puppy by Cap out of Jan.

husband, being 6 foot 3 inches and of a calm nature often would visit Alex, offer to lend a hand with something, or to listen to old war stories or watch home movies of the old dogs.

Some days Alex was welcoming and chatty, other days he would chase him away in a violent temper. But it was the pain and all the medication—not the real Alex. Everyone understood that, but it didn't make it any easier to witness.

I am sad that we couldn't visit him in hospital, or that we couldn't help him at the end. The obituary reads, "died peacefully". I think this means he really knew how much all his friends cared. I for one will miss the old Scotsman.

Fiona Robertson North Hatley, QC

As we all knew, this day would arrive. I bought my first dog Ben from Alex 17 years ago. Alex's love and devotion the Border collie had no boundaries. I know of no one who could teach a young dog to shed like him. He had a temper that would push you away for weeks, yet his interest in training, trials and your progression would bring him back.

We spent many great hours in all sorts of weather training and just enjoying the dogs.

I am at a loss for more words.

Dave Young, Sawyerville, QC

I only met Alex one time, at Dave and Mary Ellen Young's farm trial in 2000. I was running Molly, my first dog, in novice-novice at the time. It was our third or fourth trial. I took advantage of the small number of entries to also try her in pro-novice. Alex saw me run her twice, and stopped me on my way back to the trial field from the excellent lunch to introduce himself.

"I heard you trained her yourself," he said. I told him that I had futzed around for a few years, and gotten some help lately from a few people who knew what they were doing.

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Alexander G. McKinven - Continued



Above: Alex, his wife Maimie and their 4 children in the early 1960's.
(Photo courtesy of Nancy Hayes)



Above: Alex (far right) and Maimie were good friends of renowned Scottish sheepdog trainer and handler, John J. Templeton, pictured 2nd from left. Alex's first dog in Canada was Meg, who came from Scotland in 1967 bred to Templeton's Cap, who went on the win the Supreme in 1972.

(Photo courtesy of the McKinven Family)

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"Well, you did a fine job."

Those words were among the most encouraging words anyone has ever spoken to me in the sheepdog world.

That fall, Molly went on to win the first Alex McKinven Trophy at the NEBCA novice finals.

Bill Foshier, Amherst, MA

I was the McKinven's farm maybe a dozen times, give or take, but Alex and his wife made a huge impression on me. They probably just treated me as they treated all their many visitors, as if they had nothing better to do than to pass the time with you.

Alex would get out the dogs and put them through their paces, we would go in for tea and some thing delicious, look at videos and talk about dogs and everything else. They just blew me away, they were just so generous, interesting and lovely.

When Skye came along, and I would

arrive laden with my puppy paraphernalia: radio, toys, camera etc. Alex would get a bemused look on his face and off we would go to see the pups. He would release poor Meg from her incarceration with the puppies and he would leave me to do my work.

I am glad that at least Alex was able to have his border collies right to the end for his love of the breed was certainly an essential part of him.

Cathy McNaughton, Mallorytown, ON

I've known Alex McKinven since the 1970s when he was running his dog Tweed with a stick in his mouth to avoid a grip. After a run he would call Tweed to leap into his arms, and it was always touch and go whether he'd first remember to tell Tweed to drop the stick. So he tended to get whacked in the face as he caught the dog.

Every visit with Alex involved working dogs, lots of talk, and Maimie's shortbread. When the McKinvens

stayed with us on their way to or from trials, it was the same. Alex at a piano or with his accordion provided after-trials music, and he often played for Maimie's wonderful Scottish step dancing. He loved partying, and at one memorable fall foliage trial he produced a bottle of scotch, which he shared with the judge, who had a miserable hang-over the next day as he sat in the truck trying to watch and score runs.

Alex talked readily about his prize cattle and his dogs, but it was a long time before he let slip that he and Maimie were champion ballroom dancers before they left Scotland, or that he was one of a thousand young men dropped behind enemy lines in Burma during World war II to prepare for the allied invasion. A grueling year. He was lucky, he said. He was one of the very few survivors from that mission.

After Maimie developed Alzheimer's and Alex began to suffer from can-

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Alexander G. McKinven - Continued

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cer, he always said that his dogs kept him going. When he could no longer compete, he made an effort to come to watch trials that were not too far from home. Two years ago in Quechee, he pointed one run after another, missing nothing as he assessed each dog or handler or both. It was amazing to hear the younger, confident Alex speaking through the afflicted person he'd become.

And that's how I'll remember him.

Betty Levin, MA

To all of You who Knew Alex:

A lot of old friends and acquaintances attended the service yesterday in Lennoxville to pay their respects to Alex. So many in fact that the service was delayed by a half hour so that all the guests could meet with the family and sign the register. There must of been a hundred people at the funeral home (standing room only) It was a moving event, a lot of Alex's memorabilia and pictures were on display, his market stick proudly displayed in front of the casket.

Eulogies were given by Randy, Alex's son in law, (Verna's husband) and by Trevor (Derwyn's son), as the rest of the family mourned. The service was led by a Lady Pastor from Sherbrooke who spoke with a Scottish brogue. We elected not to go the cemetery and the following reception in North Hatley, feeling that it should be a family affair.

Alex was remembered, not only for his devotion to his family, but also for his sweet tooth, a good tippie, the King of Video, as well as for his love of music and song. But when all was said and done his lifelong commitment to excellence in farming and his unwavering devotion to his beloved dogs will carry his memory on!

Paul and Claire Garwood, Knowlton, QC

Thank you for sending this on to me. It will seem empty not to see him this summer.



Alex and Imp. Tweed (son of JH Wilson's ##Spot), showing off his athletic abilities as a 3 year old.

(Photo courtesy McKinven Family)



Alex in October 2005 in front of his home in North Hatley.

(Photo by Claire Garwood)

Lena Bailey, VA

Thank you for letting us know about the service of our dear friend Alex. We will miss him. Over the years we have enjoyed Alex and Mamie's company at our home and at theirs. We exchanged many telephone calls back and forth to keep up on the dog news, and just plain news. We shared so many good times, and some sad times also. Our children and even our grandchildren enjoyed Alex and Mamie's visits down here. We will all miss him and the only thing to relieve this sadness is that he was so sick and will suffer no more.

Helen and Edgar Gould, MA

Thanks for your call about the service for Alex. I was upset not being able to go. Please tell me about it. I am so sad that he isn't here anymore.

Steve Wetmore, Strafford, VT

I am so sorry and upset to learn of Alex's passing. As you know, he was my mentor and friend, and honorary Grandpa to Barbara. My Family loved him a great deal, and we will miss him greatly.

Clint Brake, NH

Thanks for sending on the description of the service. He will be missed.

Dee Woessner, MA

Claire - Thanks for sending the note about Alex. Callum called me with the news the night after he died. I'm going to write about him in the next Newsletter so that everyone knows that we lost a good friend and a dear soul.

Nancy Hayes

Rest well, Alex.

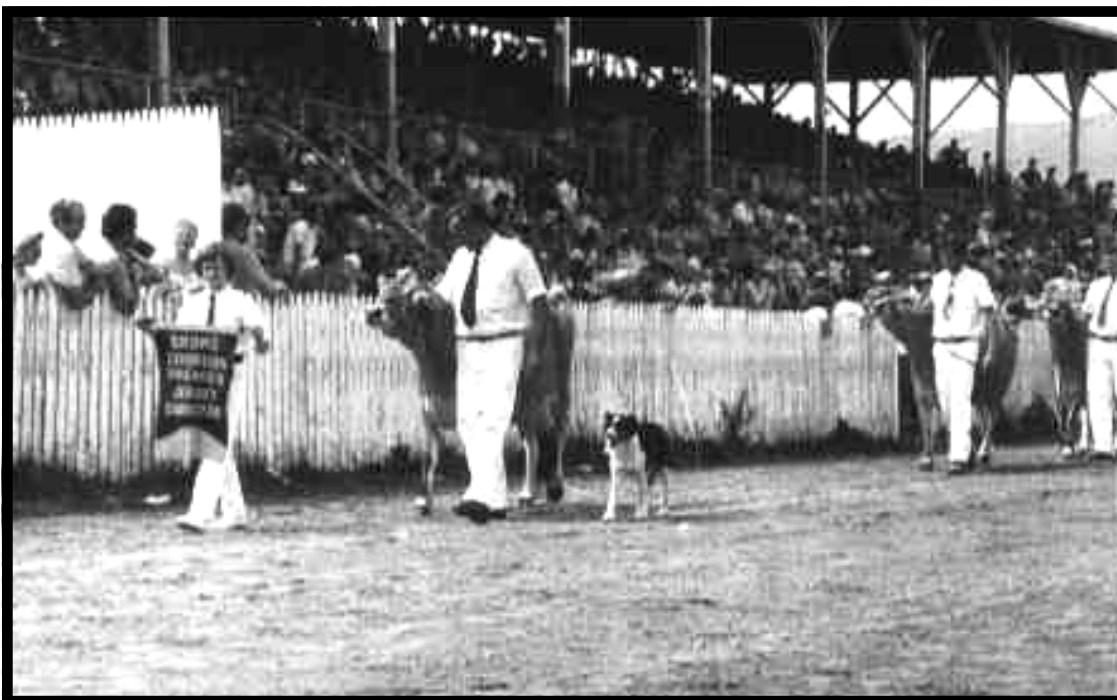


Alexander G. McKinven - *Memories in pictures*



Above: Alex and Maimie, July 1997.
(Photo by Darlene Robbins)

Above left: Alex and the young Rob at the post at the MA Sheep and Wool Festival (Cummington) Trial in the 1980's. (photo courtesy of McKinven family)



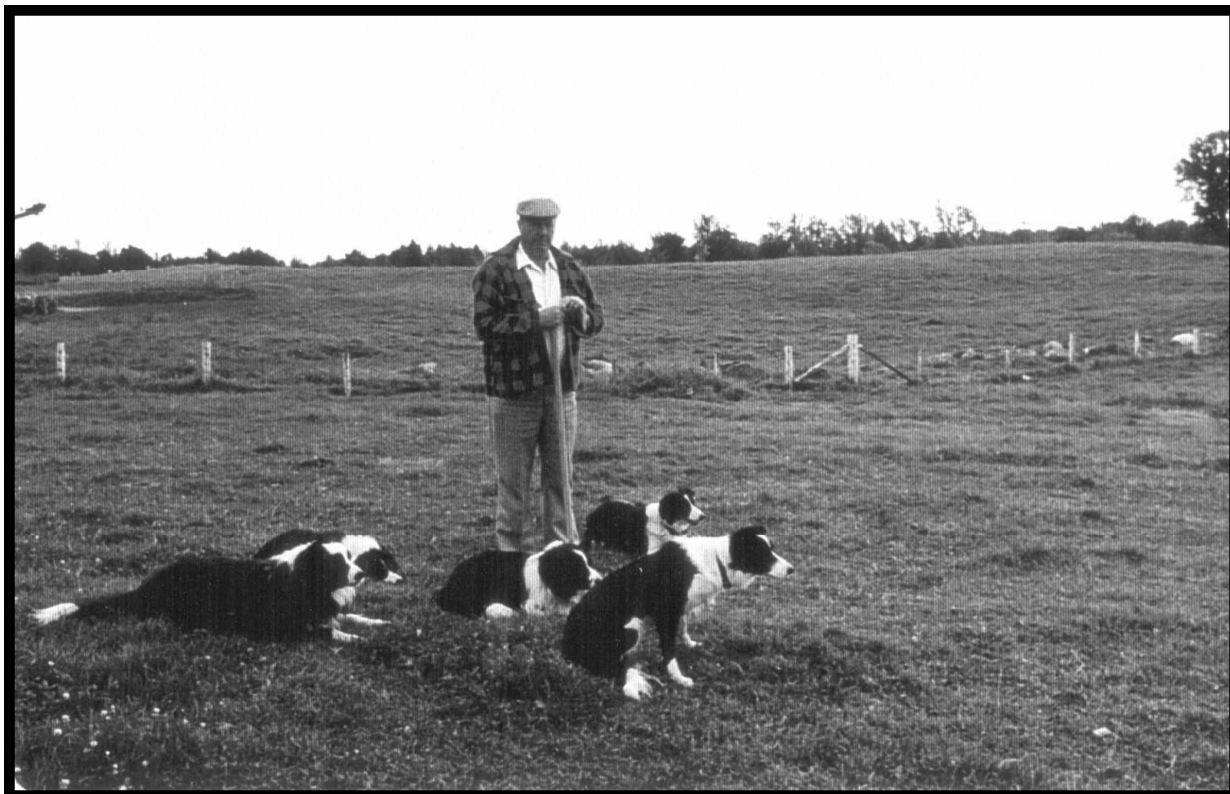
Left: Alex leading the group of winners at a Jersey show in the 70's. Tweed (Imp. Meg x ##Cap) was always at his side. (photo courtesy of McKinven family)

Alexander G. McKinven - *Memories in pictures*



Alex's love and devotion for the working Border Collie was immediately obvious to anyone who met him. Pictured below is Alex in the training field at Cessnock Farm. Alex would give wonderful demonstrations with his working dogs, often working 4 or 5 dogs simultaneously. It was a breathtaking thing to watch.

(Photos courtesy of Nancy Hayes)



JUST A DOG

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man/woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Michele Higgins
Hidden Meadow Farm
Long Island, New York

In Loving memory

"Kilt" 9/12/93 - 4/15/06 & "Ace" 1/10/94-5/24/06



He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

Paul & Michelle Higgins



NEBCA Trial Results



2006 NH Sheep and Wool Festival Sheepdog Trial, Contoocook, NH

May 13-14, 2006

Judge: Rob Drummond

Trial Manager: Dave Lewis

Novice Saturday

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. V. Pietraszewski | Leaf |
| 2. Anne Devine | Jade |
| 3. Anne Devine | Nell |
| 4. P. Hammel-Murphy | Bob |
| 5. Marthe Walke | Moss |
| 6. Nancy Phillips | Susie |
| 7. Marthe Walke | Sweep |
| 8. Deb Donahue | Ross |
| 9. Joyce Westcott | Moli |
| 10. Jeff Philbrick | Tess |

Novice Sunday

- | | |
|-------------------|----------|
| 1. Marthe Walke | Sweep |
| 2. Nancy Phillips | Susie |
| 3. Joe Grady | Johnny |
| 4. Joyce Westcott | Moli |
| 5. Lorna McMaster | Cricket |
| 6. Katie Behner | Rob Roy |
| 7. Joyce Westcott | Mibbs |
| 8. Liz Phillips | NBK Frey |
| 9. Deb Donahue | Ross |

OVERALL CH. MARTHA WALKE & SWEEP

ProNovice Saturday

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Sweep |
| 2. Fiona Robertson | Tap |
| 3. Anne Devine | Ben |
| 4. Maria Amodei | Rhyme |
| 5. Greg Hamm | Jamie |

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|---------------------|--------|
| 6. Ginny Prince | Martha |
| 7. Kate Collins | Rex |
| 8. P. Hammel-Murphy | Jack |
| 9. Anne Devine | Taft |
| 10. Bert Cowgill | Moss |

ProNovice Sunday

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Sweep |
| 2. E. Rusconi-Black | Stevie |
| 3. P. Hammel-Murphy | Jack |
| 4. P. Hammel-Murphy | Li |
| 5. Greg Hamm | Spree |
| 6. Kate Collins | Rex |
- OVERALL CH. WARREN MICK & SWEEP**

Ranch Saturday

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Dale |
| 2. Greg Hamm | Jamie |
| 3. Claire Garwood | Rhos |
| 4. Peter Vanrdecarr | Russ |
| 5. Greg Hamm | Fly |

Ranch Sunday

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|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Dale |
| 2. Liz Phillips | Vicky |
| 3. Claire Garwood | Rhos |
| 4. Greg Hamm | Fly |
| 5. Carlene Eitapence | Kodi |
- OVERALL CH. WARREN MICK & DALE**

Saturday Nursery

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|----------------|-----|
| 1. David Lewis | Jim |
|----------------|-----|

Saturday Open (29 Dogs)

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Warren Mick | Kess |
| 2. Peter Vandercarr | Bud |
| 3. Rich Seaman | Ki |
| 4. Warren Mick | Glen |
| 5. Micael Dathe | Cooper |
| 6. Rich Seaman | Zoe |
| 7. Steve Wetmore | Dart |
| 8. Michael Dathe | Trot |
| 9. Denise Leonard | Kate |
| 10. Chris Bowen | Dot |

Sunday Open (24 Dogs)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Rich Seaman | Boo |
| 2. Warren Mick | Glen |
| 3. Warren Mick | Jinty |
| 4. Rich Seaman | Zoe |
| 5. Maria Mick | Kit |
| 6. Maria Amodei | Cato |
| 7. Steve Wetmore | Dart |
| 8. Steve Wetmore | Gyp |
| 9. Carlene Eitapence | Anna |
| 10. Peter Vandercarr | Russ |
- OVERALL CH. WARREN MICK & GLEN**





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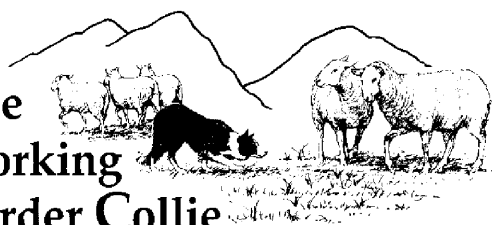
Puppy Dialogue "Interpreted" by Mary Ames

We got a new Border Collie puppy at Christmas....We named the pup Cash. Cash is doing great, still too much of a puppy to take sheep seriously. Bud took him out the other day with the yearlings. This is my interpretation of his reaction:

"Hey! What are those white things? Sheep! Cool! Wow! Sheep run just like the cat! Oh boy, I'm gonna get 'em! Hey! Wait a minute, what's that over there? Sheep poop! Yumm! I love sheep poop! Oh yeah, Sheep! I'll get 'em this time! Hey! What's this stuff? Cow poop! Yumm-yumm! Hey! Look who's hiding over there! One of my pack mates! Whatcha doin' out here? Wanna play? Hey! What's that sound? Whistle? Whistle means Boss wants me! Boss loves me! Maybe Boss has cookies! I LOVE cookies! Here I come Boss! That was FUN!



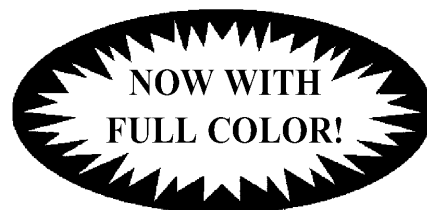
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NEBCA Trials / Clinics / Lessons: Updates

Correction: Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials, Winchester, ON

Date change: The trial will now be held **September 9 & 10, 2006**. Judge: JP Lalonde. All classes. Entries may be limited. Entry forms available soon www.canadianbordercollies.org

Correction: Fetch Gate Farm SDT, July 1-3, 2006.

Change in classes offered: This trial is now offering: Two Novice trials and Two Open trials. Novice and ProNovice will run 2x on Saturday, followed by One USBCHA Nursery class; Open & Ranch will run Sunday and Monday.
Information: Millen@frontiernet.net

NEW Vermont Triple Crown Award: More details on page 8.

Top Open scores from each of the three Vermont trials (Merck Forest SDT in Rupert; Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield; and Vermont State Championships held in Quechee and Stratford) will be added together to determine the winner of a handcrafted trophy in the shape of Vermont, engraved with handler and dog names and year won.

NEW location for Halloween Trial.

The Oct. 27 - 29th trial hosted by Joanne Krause will now be held at

Taravale Farm (Barb and Bernie Armata) in Esperance, NY.
Information: Contact Joanne Krause at: joannekrause1@hotmail.com

Lessons with Cheryl Jagger-Williams:

Following the Mad River Sheepdog Trial in Waitsfield, Vermont. One hour lessons will be held on Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18. The cost is \$60 per hour lesson.

Contact Nancy Phillips at nphillips@madriver.com or (802-496-7625) or Joyce

Wescott at DSidel2459@aol.com or (802-496-2459)



NEBCA Classifieds

BORDER COLLIE STUD SERVICE: "Glen" (ABCA 136198, CBCA 471) - 2003 NEBCA Supreme Champion, 7th place 2002 USBCHA National Open, 13th place 2001 USBCHA National Nursery. At the age of 7, Glen has placed in the top 10 of approximately 120 Open trials. CEA/CH genetic test "normal". Grandson of Berhow's "Nick" (3 time USBCHA National Champ). Glen is a very biddable & stylish worker. Eyes clear, hips OFA certified. Warren & Maria Mick, Altamont, NY (518) 861-5854, or mickwa@capital.net.

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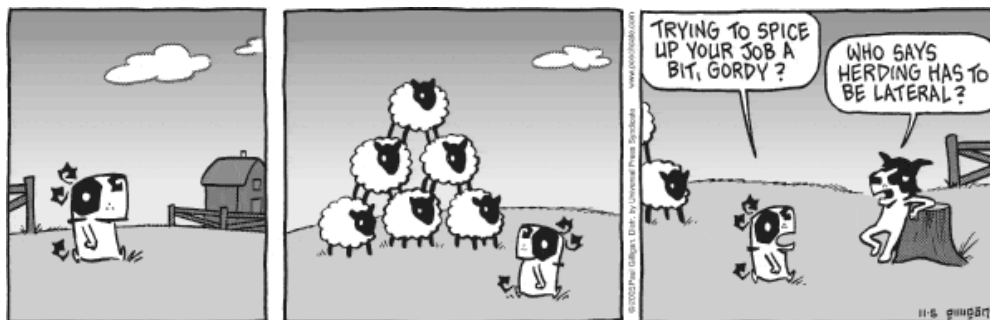
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New Vermont Triple Crown Award

Submitted by Nancy Phillips

This summer three trials have joined together to offer the Vermont Triple Crown Award - Merck Forest SDT in Rupert; Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield; and Vermont State Championships held in Quechee and Strafford. The top score from each of the three open trials will be added together to determine the most consistent dog and handler. The winner will receive a handcrafted trophy in the shape of Vermont with the name of the handler, dog, and year engraved on a brass plaque. The trophy will be in the possession of the winning handler until the new trial year. In addition there will be a cash prize and an individual award. The reserve champion will be recognized. For further information about the Triple Crown, contact Steve Wetmore at swwet@valley.net or call 802-765-4466.

The first trial in the Triple Crown is Merck Forest, in Rupert, Vermont, near the New York border, will be held July 8 and 9. It is in the region where slate and marble are mined. The hills are short and steep, just like the trial field. The set out of 250 yards is on top of a hill about 100 feet above the handler. To add to the challenge, the sheep are not dog broke which is rare in the northeast. To learn more about this trial read an article written by Craig Rogers in American Border Collie Magazine, July/August 2005 issue. For information about this year's trial, contact Debra Fuller at dfuller@vermontel.net or call 802-394-7836

The following weekend on July 15 and 16 will be the third year for the Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield, Vermont. This trial offers novice classes as well as an open trial. The trial is held on a former daily farm that is situated along the Mad River. The long flat field offers an outrun of 300 yards. The sheep are a mix of Katahdin and wool sheep. A berm at the set out offers good viewing of the field and the beautiful vistas of the Monroe Skyline of the Green Mountains. This trial draws an attentive group of spectators to cheer on the handlers and dogs.

These two trials occur just before the Bloomfield Trial in Connecticut. So for the long distance handler, s/he can attend three trials within four hours of each other and enjoy his/her time in between enjoying the beauty of Vermont and its summer weather. The days are warm and the nights tend to cool off for good sleeping. If you come during a warm spell, there are plenty of nearby swimming holes in the rivers or a sandy beach by a lake for both man and dog. Between trials, if you need a spot to camp and work sheep, contact Nancy Phillips (nphillips@madriver.com or call 802-496-7625)

The last in the Triple Crown is the Vermont State Championships on August 26 and 27 held in Quechee and Strafford. The first day the trial is held in conjunction with the Scottish Festival. This well attended festival provides bagpipes, traditional Scottish sports, food, crafts, and off course lots of people to cheer on the handlers and dogs. The next day the trial moves to Steve Wetmore's traditional Vermont hillside farm - not a flat spot in site. The outrun is short but steep and wooded. There are many a dog that don't find the sheep lurking in the shadows. The next challenge is to bring the sheep down the hillside, across the brook and back again and finally across a bridge before you have to pen and shed the sheep near the barnyard. The flock of Katahdin and wool sheep are very familiar with this hillside and provide the dogs an additional challenge. The Vermont Triple Crown Award will be presented at this trial. Contact Steve Wetmore at swwet@valley.net or call 802-765-4466

If you are looking for a spot to trial this summer, Vermont may be a good choice. Each trial provides a convenient and scenic location with unique challenges to the handler and dog. Applications, directions and additional information can be obtained from www.nebca.net



Dottie Esher's "Scot"



Photo by Barb Klein

Tracing your dog's ancestry - Some useful websites

Border Collie Database: <http://db.kennel.dk/>
Search by dog and see pedigrees, relations and related health info. 10 generation pedigrees available on more than 3000 Border Collies!

OFA Database search: <http://www.offa.org/search.html> Many Border Collies' pedigrees with links to siblings, offspring and distant relations as well as health tests can be searched.

ISDS Border Collie Database - <http://home.tiscali.nl/~palado/bcdb/index.htm>
250,000 ISDS registered dogs in the database! Not directly affiliated with the International Sheepdog Society.

Trial Data Base:
<http://www.trialdatabase.bravepages.com/index.htm>



NEBCA Trial Results



Longshot Sheepdog Trial, March 24-26, 2006, Church Hill, MD

Hosted by: Sherry and Dave Smith

Judge: Patrick Shannahan

Submitted by Deb Mickey

The 9th annual Longshot Sheepdog Trial was held March 24, 25, & 26, 2006, and was graciously hosted by Sherry and Dave Smith at their farm in Church Hill, Maryland.

The trial was well organized and ran smoothly and this year's weather for the trial broke all previous records. It was dry, cloudy, just cool enough to be good for the dogs and sheep and cool enough to keep the handlers bundled up, but no rain or mud! The sheep were even and fair, but eager to take advantage if the dog wasn't right and were not easy to shed.

Judge Patrick Shannahan had a full day of judging each day and was capably assisted by scribes Suzanne Craddock, Pat Warne, Carol Lockhart, Lisa Basial, Barb Klein, Linda Tesdahl, Nancy Ortiz-Sharp and Dave Sharp. At the top we had Debbie Crowder in the pen pushing sheep out to setouts Sherry Shelden, Sherry Smith, Barb Starkey, Linda Tesdahl, Lori Cunningham, Nancy Ortiz-Sharp, Pam Gardner and Sharon Nunan who held out for both days of Open. Sandy Horning, Sarah Ruckelshaus, and Sue Asten tallied the scores, and Sue Asten and Deb Mickey did the announcing.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped make this another successful trial, and we especially thank Sherry and Dave for their hospitality and generosity.

Novice 1, 8 dogs

1. Robin Mongold Tanner, 69
2. Jeanine van der Merwe, Jade 62
3. Michelle Brothers, Roy 57
4. Robin Mongold, Tucker 57
5. Kelli Herbst, Splash 23

Pro Novice 1, 21 dogs

1. Lena Bailey, Hemp 72
2. Tom Lacy, Jill 71
3. Doug Brewer, Nan 71
4. Deb Mickey, Annie 70
5. Linda Tesdahl, Flint 69
6. Pam Gardner, Rusty 67
7. Sherry Smith, Jill, 67
8. Emma Court, Kane 64
9. Sue Asten, Brook, 62
10. Mark Sheldon, Jaffe, 62

Ranch 1, 14 Dogs

1. Bev Lambert Bryn, 71
2. Nancy Obernier, Jan, 70
3. Bev Lambert, Hemp, 67
4. Lori Cunningham, Ethan, 59
5. Steve Paxton Hill, Joe, 56
6. Dave Sharp, Sagitta, 48
7. Darlene Muhly, Jesse, 47
8. Carol Lockhart, Gwen, 46
9. Linda Fossetta, Jean, 43
10. Pat Warne, Nell, 42

Novice 2, 7 dogs

1. Robin Mongold, Tucker, 55

2. Kelli Herbst, Splash, 48

3. Lisa Basial, Gem, 39

Pro Novice 2, 23 dogs

1. Lena Bailey, Hemp, 74
2. Linda Tesdahl, Flint, 74
3. Deb Mickey, Annie, 73
4. Sherry Smith, Jill, 73
5. Tom Lacy, Jill, 73
6. Linda Tesdahl, Ryan, 71
7. Tina DeAngelo, Jess, 65
8. Ron McGettigan, Taff, 64
9. Doug Brewer, Nan 63
10. Dottie Esher, Tweed, 62

Ranch 2, 14 dogs

1. Lori Cunningham, Ethan, 82
2. Bev Lambert, Bryn, 75
3. Michelle Brothers, Snap, 75
4. Bev Lambert, Hemp, 73
5. Darlene Muhly, Jesse 65
6. Nancy Obernier, Jan, 60
7. Carol Lockhart, Gwen, 56
8. Deb Mickey, Jill, 53
9. Pat Warne, Nell, 50
10. Linda Fossetta, Jean, 45

USBCA Nursery 5 dogs

1. Bev Lambert, Hemp, 77
2. Steve Paxton Hill, Mac, 75
3. Lori Cunningham, Ethan, 67
4. Steve Paxton Hill, Tess, Ret.
5. Steve Paxton Hill, Joe, Ret.

Open 1, 48 dogs

1. Bev Lambert, Bill, 89
2. Linda Tesdahl, Peg, 89
3. Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe, 87
4. Lori Cunningham, Riff, 87
5. Tom Lacy, Megan, 86
6. Bev Lambert, Maid, 86
7. Polly Matzinger, Lily, 85
8. Tom Lacy, Peg, 84
9. Nancy Obernier, Ben, 82
10. Barb Levinson, Ginnie, 81

Open 2, 46 dogs

1. Bev Lambert, Pippa, 93
2. Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe, 90
3. Gene Sheninger, Jess, 87
4. Tom Lacy, Peg, 85
5. Janet Harvey, Jess, 83
6. Bev Lambert, Bill, 82
7. Gene Sheninger, Jen, 81
8. Anet Haithcox, Jax, 78
9. Barb Levinson, Ginnie, 78
10. Tom Lacy, Megan, 78

Overall Winners

Novice - Robin Mongold, Tucker

Pro Novice - Lena Bailey, Hemp

Ranch - Bev Lambert, Bryn

Open - Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe



**DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR PHOTOS AND STORIES FOR THE FALL ISSUE!
SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1.**



NEBCA Trial Results



Connecticut Sheepbreeder's Association Sheepdog Trial, April 29-30, Tolland , CT

Judge: George Northrup

Submitted by Sue Schoen

Saturday Open - 44 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault Trim	83
2. Beverly Lambert Pippa	80
3. Dick Williams Lass	80
4. Denise Leonard Kate	77
5. Cheryl Williams Spot	74
6. Ed Hobart Bonnie	73
7. Emily Yazwinski Nip	72
8. Sally Lacy Jean	72
9. Roger Deschambeault Ken	71
10. Dick Williams Mirk	70

Sunday Open - 44 dogs

1. Beverly Lambert Pippa	94
2. Beverly Lambert Bill	88
3. Walt Jagger Kitt	87
4. Dick Williams Lass	83
5. Dick Williams Mirk	78
6. Cheryl Williams Toby	77
7. Cheryl Williams Andy	76
8. Joan Worthington Sam	75

9. Donald McCaig Luke	75
10. Sue Schoen Willy	71

Overall Champion Bev and Pippa
Reserve Champion Dick and Lass

Saturday Nursery - 5 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault Bob	73
2. Beverly Lambert Hemp	64
3. Betty Levin Selkie	48

Saturday Ranch - 10 dogs

1. Beverly Lambert Hemp	65
2. Linda Hotchkiss Mae	64
3. Beverly Lambert Bryn	60
4. Joan Worthington Hope	58
5. Walt Jagger Floss	54
6. Cheryl Williams Maddie	54
7. Ken Freson Liz	46

Sunday Novice - 16 dogs

1. Anne Devine Jade	64
2. Ken Freson Sonni	61

3. Nancy Phillips Suzie	61
4. Martha Walke Moss	59
5. Carolyn West Dash	58
6. Anne Devine Nell	58
7. Ellen Rusconi Black Stevie	56
8. Carolyn West Jill	51
9. Linda Hotchkiss Moss	48
10. Val Pietrazewska Leaf	45

Sunday Pro Novice - 21 dogs

1. Walt Jagger Gem	74
2. Cheryl Williams Shep	70
3. Mish Ferraro Skye	59
4. Sue Schoen Tyne	59
5. Kate Collins Rex	59
6. Anne Devine Ben	56
7. Rob Drummond Maggie	52
8. Rob Drummond Tyke	43
9. Tenley Dexter Star	38
10. Tenley Dexter Kate	32



East Coast National Finals 2007: Help Make it Happen!

NEBCA members are already thinking up great ways to raise money for the 2007 National Finals bid. Read on to see how you can get in on the fun! If you have funds raising suggestions, be sure to get your hot ideas to the Nationals Committee at: NationalFinals2007@att.net

An Easy Fund Raising Suggestion submitted by Lori Cunningham.

ATTENTION NEBCA TRIALERS!

Support the 2007 East Coast finals bid effort, have some fun & MAYBE take home some cash! We're hoping to offer fund raising opportunities at many NEBCA region trials this season. With trial management's permission, anyone can organize this effort. It's easy, fun, and a great way to support the finals bid!

Here's how it works: Handlers choosing to participate: Pick a team mate (both handler and dog). Sign up with your team mate. Each handler pays \$5 to play (\$10 per team). Get with appointed organizer to sign up. The organizer will keep track of team scores and money.

At the end of the trial day, the organizer will compute overall team scores by taking the highest score from each component (Outrun, Lift, Fetch, Drive, Shed & Pen) of each team member's run. High total team score wins! Ties will be broken by conventional numbers formula.

50% of the pot goes to the winning team and 50% goes to the 2007 bid fundraising effort.

Handlers can "team" with more than one other handler, so sign up as many times as your wallet allows. If you're running two dogs, you can "team" with yourself!

We kicked off this fundraising effort at the Old Chatham SDT trial last month and nearly every handler participated! At the end of the day we split a pot of \$180 between the winning team and the finals fundraising effort. Everyone enjoyed it!

Contact NationalFinals2007@att.net if you have questions, need more information on how to kick off this type of fundraiser, or information on where to send the money. We'd be happy to send you sample "score" sheets.

Thanks for supporting the finals bid! Everyone's efforts are appreciated!

More fund raising on page 15

EAST COAST FINALS FUNDRAISER

Silent Auction at the PA State Championship SDT Friday, June 16

Dig in those drawers, get those unused Christmas presents out, dust off the items from the well meaning in-laws and bring them to the National Finals 2007 Silent Auction fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the PA State Championship SDT. Items in good condition that you know you will never use, are the perfect items for this auction. Your donated items will be put to a good cause. All the proceeds for this auction go to sponsor the East Coast National Finals in 2007.

Did you get just one too many 'sheepy' things for Christmas last year?
This is the place to really put them to good use.

If you would like to donate an item please contact me at NationalFinals2007@att.net with the subject "Silent Auction" so we can get an idea of how many tables we will need to showcase the these gems. Its a lot of fun and maybe this silent auction won't be so silent ...

Lets bring the Finals east!!



Photo by Barb Klein

Bob Vannoy's "Ben" at a clinic given by Patrick Shannahan, November 2004.

The Crazy Ram

By Colin Andrews

Submitted by Ellen Rusconi - Black

I have lived in Connecticut for the past fourteen years and moved here from southern England to marry Synthia my American wife. I am best known for my research into the mystery of the Crop Circles, appearing in farmers fields around the world. In England, I lived just twenty minutes drive from Stonehenge, where as kids my family would go to sit on the stones for our Sunday afternoon picnic. Not possible since mass travel has made the stones and the fields around them available now to many thousands of tourists each day.

It was in those same fields I would find myself as a volunteer fire fighter doing my duty.

I live now on a small farm in North Guilford, Connecticut, in beautiful countryside and opposite Dragonfly Farm, the home of Ellen Rusconi-Black and her husband Bill. I have always loved the countryside and the nature that can be found around each corner. I enjoy grabbing my camera and taking photographs of the birds, clouds and the country activities that fill my life these days. I constantly think how lucky I am.

Last week, I was looking across the small country highway that separates our two farms, and watched Ellen working with Stevie, her Border Collie. I was touched by the obvious love they have for each other and the sheer desire Stevie has to please Ellen. I took some photographs and got to stroll over and chat with her when she was finished the daily training.

We talked about the sheep and the funny moment when the herd ran full speed towards me. Through my

zoom lens it looked for all the world that they would tread me into the ground. I told Ellen a story surrounding one of the many incidences as a fire fighter back in England that sadly involved farm animals. Some stories were much more tragic



Colin Andrews fighting a farm fire in England.

than others.

One of the funniest though (now I can say that) occurred during a very serious farm fire near my home town of Andover, Hampshire. I drove the first of several fire engines to a small farm on the outskirts of the town, a small hamlet called Wildern. The farmer reported that his barn and chicken house were on fire. As we approached the farm but still some miles away, we could see a large column of black smoke rising into the sky - not a good sign.

With breathing apparatus ready to go, our crew jumped immediately into rescue mode. Animals and chicken were trapped and with a quick assessment of our situation we radioed headquarters for back up of three more units. We carried

'sounders' we operated if we became trapped or needed urgent attention. It was rare to hear them sound, because we were trained to sound them only for very urgent assistance. Suddenly with flames all around and screaming animals and birds, smoke so thick you could not see your hand in front of your face - a sounder pierced out from inside the large chicken house.

One of our guys was trapped inside the burning building with several thousands of birds. I jumped over a fence into the field which ran down one complete side of the 200 foot long building and intended to break my way through the side of the wooden structure to try and locate the fire fighter in trouble. So far this story does not sound very funny, and indeed some of what went on, was not, but then 'the fun' began.

Something came out of the thick smoke in the field and bowled me to the ground like a ten pin bowling strike. I got back to my feet, felt around for my helmet and got back to work, only to be hit even harder again from behind. I turned and saw the white outline of a ram against the dense black smoke. I had to take off my helmet and use it as a shield to protect myself from the very persistent head butting ram. He would disappear back into the smoke to take another run at me, each time re-appearing at full speed and head down. During my attempts to rescue my trapped colleague, I had jumped into the territory of a ram and his colleagues, who he wanted to impress as top sheep in these here fields. I was pleased that while fighting off this crazy animal, my fire fighting crew had entered the building and pulled out our guy, who

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The Crazy Ram

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Ellen with Stevie and the sheep heading towards Colin.

was shaken but OK. He did not even have the bruises I had finished up with on the other side of the wall during moments when I too was in need of some help!. My way back to safe ground arrived when I found five seconds breathing space with the ram positioning for another charge. Long enough for me to find my way out of the smoke and jump back out of the field.

All I could see when I looked down the lens of my camera while filming Ellen and Stevie with her sheep in Connecticut last week, was one angry ram near Stonehenge, England, those years ago.

Colin Andrews, Researcher, Author and broadcaster, is the world's foremost expert on crop circles, has published 3 books on the subject, filled with great photos he's taken of them. He has 3 documentaries that air on BBC, The History Channel, The Learning Channel and The Discovery Channel. Recently, he has signed a contract for a documentary on his life story. Ellen thinks him a pretty cool neighbor! Learn more about Colin and his very interesting research at: www.cropcircleinfo.com



Photo by Barb Klein

Intensity!
Linda Tesdahl's "Benlin Strike"



NEBCA Trial Results



Borders On Paradise Sheepdog Trial, May 12 - 15, 2006, Turbotville, PA From Sheepdog-L

Open Round 1 (62 dogs)

*Runoff

1.	Milliken, Amanda	Bart	93*
2.	Lambert, Beverly	Pippa	93*
3.	Shenninger, Gene	Jen	92
4.	Lambert, Beverly	Bill	89
5.	Marschark, Eve	Rue	89
6.	Worthington, Joan	Hope	88
7.	Shenninger, Gene	Jess	87
8.	Milliken, Amanda	Ethel	87
9.	Geier, Joyce	Tait	86
10.	Geier, Joyce	Clue	85

Open Round 2 (62 dogs):

1.	Lambert, Beverly	Bill	98
2.	Tesdahl, LindaPeg	91	
3.	Williams, Cheryl	Andy	91
4.	Shenninger, Gene	Jen	91
5.	Marschark, Eve	Rue	90
6.	Lambert, Beverly	Maid	90
7.	Harvey, Janet Scott	87	
8.	Geier, Joyce	Tait	86
9.	Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Alderbaran	85
10.	Lambert, Beverly	Pippa	85

Nursery Round 1 (12 dogs)

1.	Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	77
2.	Tesdahl, Linda	Ryan	75
3.	Billadeau, Mark	Jody	73
4.	Thompson, Mary	Coal	72

Nursery Round 2 (8 dogs)

1.	Milliken, Amanda	Clive	82
2.	Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	75
3.	Asten, Sue	Brook	74

Novice Round 1 (14 dogs)

1.	Brothers, Michelle	XPRoy	67
2.	Hoeber, Tom	Taz	66
3.	Hoeber, Tom	Nikki	56
4.	Jackson, Julie	Retta	54
5.	Basial, Lisa	Meg	54
6.	Basial, Lisa	Ranson	40
7.	Herbst, Kelli	Splash	38
8.	Gambil, Judy	Jaz	38

Novice Round 2 (13 dogs)

1.	Brothers, Michelle	XPRoy	60
2.	Basial, Lisa	Ranson	57
3.	Jackson, Julie	Retta	53
4.	Hoeber, Tom	Nikki	51
5.	Herbst, Kelli	Splash	40
6.	Hoeber, Tom	Taz	40
7.	Gambil, Judy	Jaz	32

Pro-Novice Round 1 (30 dogs)

1.	Mickey, Deb	Annie	76
2.	Court, Emma	Kane	71
3.	Fetterman, Dave	Jared	69
4.	Baily, Lena	Hemp	69
5.	Murphy, Joanne	Bess	68
6.	Billadeau, Renee	Bette	67
7.	Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	67
8.	Thompson, Mary	Rio	66
9.	Levin, Betty	Selkie	66
10.	Tesdahl, Linda	Flint	66

Pro-Novice Round 2 (22 dogs)

1.	Billadeau, Renee	Bette	77
2.	Baily, Lena	Hemp	76

3.	Bauman, Diane	Jaq	71
4.	Thompson, Mary	Coal	70
5.	Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	70
6.	Jagger, Walt	Gem	68
7.	Thompson, Mary	Rio	68
8.	Dier, Tara	Spot	66
9.	Murphy, Jim	Trim	66
10.	Geier, Joyce	Brass	65

Ranch Round 1 (20 dogs)

1.	Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	87
2.	Higgins, Michele	Bracken	80
3.	Murphy, Joanne	Bess	77
4.	Baker, Kim	Becky	76
5.	Lambert, Beverly	Bryn	74
6.	Billadeau, Mark	Jody	70
7.	Brothers, Michelle	XPSnap	69
8.	Dier, Tara	Earl	64
9.	Baker, Kim	Tate	63
10.	Obernier, Nancy	Jan	62

Ranch Round 2 (20 dogs)

1.	Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	85
2.	Lambert, Beverly	Bryn	85
3.	Billadeau, Mark	Jody	82
4.	Dier, Tara	Earl	79
5.	Basil, Lisa	Willie	75
6.	Court, Emma	Kane	74
7.	Murphy, Jim	Megan	74
8.	Fossetta, Linda	Jean	73
9.	Brothers, Michelle	XPSnap	72
10.	Higgins, Michele	Bracken	64



The celebratory cake honoring Amanda Milliken and Bart, the 2005 USBCHA National Champions, which was served at the Old Chatham Shepherding Company trial in April.



NEBCA Trial Results



Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company Open, Chatham, NY, April 29-30, 2006

By Mary Gessert

Two years ago I moved to Old Chatham, New York. Little did I know that I was relocating to the site of one of the best sheepdog trials in the northeast. Five miles from my house, in the beautiful horse country of the Hudson River Valley, is the Old Chatham Sheepherding Company. Nancy and Tom Clark own the largest sheep dairy in the U.S., and have won many blue ribbons for their delicious sheep milk cheeses. Each year, on the last weekend of April they hold an open house at their picturesque farm and, in conjunction with this event, Warren and Maria Mick hold the Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company Open. From 1997 until 2000, the Northeast Border Collie Association held their Fall Foliage Finals at the farm. Since then, it's been the site of the annual spring open trial. Last year a nursery class was also added.

Ask anyone involved in the sport what makes a good trial and you're likely to set off a lively discussion. Certain things always end up at the top of the list though, and they include a challenging field, even sheep, efficient organization, a competent judge and a friendly atmosphere. This trial consistently has all of these and more. The course is set up in a 35-40 acre field bordered by Kinderhook Creek with the Taconic Hills as a backdrop. The hayfield is relatively level, but this year the dogs were sent 400 yds. and had to cross a tree-line, resulting in some dogs having trouble finding the sheep. Dogs that had experience with blind outruns and those that took their redirects had no trouble. The 200 open ewes were from a flock of 800 East Friesian dairy ewes and, while they are used to being handled and milked, they are not used to being herded in small groups and, as became quite clear, did

not think much of entering a small pen. Each team had five head and they only had to come down the field once or twice per day. Dogs that worked well off but would apply pressure when necessary had no trouble bringing them down the field and completing the 300 yd. drive. Penning and shedding was another matter, and few teams completed the whole course.

This year's judge was Gary Dembski from Crystal Lake, IL. Gary was consistent and patient, allowing handlers to help dogs that couldn't find their sheep and fetch them down the field before retiring from the course. He handled difficult calls professionally and stressed the importance of quiet controlled stockmanship. We truly appreciated his hard work, good advice and sense of humor.

Thanks to the trial organizers, Maria and Warren Mick of Altamont, NY, the trial went off like clockwork, no one was over-worked, and the helpers were well fed. The sheep handling facilities, spectator area and handler areas were all set up ahead of time and the trial started on time and ended at a civilized hour each day. The set out crew, Dave Gessert and his team from Universal Forest Products did a great job and were also assisted by volunteer handlers. Volunteers also helped scribe for the judge, set up and break down fences, and post scores. We appreciated all of you! A special treat was the presentation of a celebratory cake for NEBCA member and national champion, Amanda Milliken and her dog Bart (please see photo on page 18). Of course the trial could not go on without the generous hospitality of the Clarks who welcome us to their beautiful farm. This is a trial you need to add to your must attend list. You won't be sorry you did.

Open - Saturday, April 29 (41 Dogs Ran)

1 Levinson Barbara	Lass	74
2 Warren Mick	Jinty	70
3 Maria Mick	Kit	66
4 Amanda Milliken	Ethel	62
5 Michael Dathe	Trot	62
6 Warren Mick	Glen	60
7 Nancy Obenier	Ben	60
8 Nancy Ortiz-sharp	Cass	49
9 Bruce Smart	Dolly	49
10 Barbara Leverett	Nan	48

Open - Sunday, April 30 (43 Dogs Ran)

1 Bernie Armata	Bob	87
2 Steve Wetmore	Dart	81
3 Michael Dathe	Trot	77
4 Warren Mick	Jinty	76
5 Bruce Smart	Dolly	69
6 Sally Molloy	Zak	69
7 Warren Mick	Glen	68
8 Maria Mick	Kit	66
9 Bruce Smart	Jim	65
10 Amanda Milliken	Bart	64

Nursery Qualifier – Lori Cunningham & Ethan





NEBCA Trial Results



MA Sheep and Wool Sheepdog Trial, Cummington, MA, May 26-28, 2006

Trial Managers: Denise Leonard, Kate Collins

Friday and Saturday Judge: Carol Campion, Hampton, CT

Sunday Judge: Steve Wetmore, Strafford, VT

By Fiona Robertson

This year was my first foray back on to the Cummington trial field since 1997, when I was "competing" in Novice with feisty pocket rocket, Jess. The set up has changed slightly since I was there 9 years ago, but the narrow field at the back of the fairgrounds provided the same challenges as I remembered. The trial was as friendly as I remembered through, and an early finish on Friday afternoon allowed for several fun runs that allowed handlers to try their hand at the next level, if they desired.

The sheep were a rented flock of Dorsets from the farm of Part Canaday in Altamont, NY. They are light, like penning, hate shedding (for the most part) and love running pell mell into the bottleneck either at the top or bottom of the field. Dogs that upset sheep at the top had very little chance to recover, especially in the novice classes with a shortened outrun and drive, although some did manage. But generally, the sheep worked nicest for dogs that kept off and paced correctly. The start of the drive against the exhaust pressure was difficult to keep straight, as the sheep twitched this way and that, but once settled with the dog on line, many walked their drives very nicely. Both Saturday and Sunday drew good crowds from the Sheep and Wool fair and people were rewarded for staying the whole afternoon by getting to watch an exciting run off for first place between past NEBCA President, Warren Mick and our current NEBCA president, Denise Leonard. It was informally decided that Warren went home with enough hardware and was asked to judge the trial next year - to give us all a chance!

Friday Novice - 17 dogs

1. Carolyn West	Jill	72
2. Anne DevineJade	71	
3. Heidi Fuge	Gar	69
4. Nancy Phillips	Susie	67
5. Carolyn West	Dash	63
6. Joyce Westcoot	Mibs	61
7. Eileen Wilentz	Jamie	60
8. Ken Freson	Sonni	58
9. Lois Urda	Denner	58
10. Anne DevineNell	54	

Long Road Award – Carolyn West and Dash

Friday ProNovice - 20 dogs

1. Mary-Anne Fallon	Bailey	74
2. Anne DevineBen	70	
3. Terri Clingerman	Rhys	64
4. Fiona Robertson	Tap	62
5. Joanne Kraus	Lucy	60
6. Sue Schoen Tyne	59	
7. Joanne Kraus	Wick	58
8. Richard Rogers	Molly	58
9. Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	53

10. Warren Mick	Sweep	52
<i>Long Road Award – Terri Clingerman and Rhys</i>		

Ranch Class - 10 dogs

1. Warren Mick	Dale	75
2. Bernie Armata	Moss	74
3. Mary Ann Kras	Gyp	68
4. Bill Foshier	Tweed	63
5. Barbara Armata	Jay	53
6. Kitze McCormick	Jax	51
7. Kitze McCormick	Wink	46
8. Ken Freson	Liz	41

Long Road Award – Warren Mick and Dale

USBCA Nursery - 5 dogs

1. Sue Schoen	Tyne	55
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Open Saturday - 46 dogs

1. Warren Mick	Glen	91*
2. Denise Leonard	Kate	91*
3. Richard Seaman	Ki	86
4. Fiona Robertson	Pat	86

5. Kate Collins	Jan	86
6. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	80
7. Barbara Armata	Rhett	80
8. Denise Leonard	Jessie	79
9. Steve Wetmore	Dart	79
10. Maria Mick	Kit	78

Long Road Award – Warren Mick and Glen

Open Sunday - 40 dogs

1. Warren Mick	Glen	94
2. Denise Leonard	Kate	92
3. Richard Seaman	Zoe	92
4. Warren Mick	Rock	91
5. Fiona Robertson	Pat	90
6. Bud Ames	Luke	87
7. Sue Schoen	Brook	86
8. Barbara Armata	Rhett	85
9. Richard Seaman	Boo	84
10. Dave Young	Patch	84

Long Road Award – Warren Mick and Glen



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THANKS IN ADVANCE!

The Editor



NEBCA Trial Results



Nearfield Farm Sheepdog Trial, Conway, NH, June 2 - 4, 2006.

Judge: Dean Holcomb, NC

By Gabe Merrill

Roger and Kris invited us to Nearfield Farm for another trial and the campers started to arrive on Thursday night and continued to come until Sunday. We all had a good time catching on things with friends that we had not seen for some time.

Fridays weather was over cast, but just fine for handlers and dogs. Saturday and Sunday it rained all day, with the wind blowing in the handlers face and making it difficult for the dogs to hear at times. Saturday night we had potluck with good food brought by all.

We had an auction Saturday night with Dave Young as auctioneer (by the way, he is really good at this), and on Sunday we had a raffle and 50/50 to raise money for the Nationals to be held in 2007 in NEBCA's region. This was the N.E.S.D.C. raising this money.

Thanks to Fran Wheeler for scribing and a big thanks to Jim Perkins and Z (Yes that is just one letter for his dog's name!) for staying out in the rain for 2 days setting out sheep. Thanks to all

NURSERY 6 DOGS

1. NANCY PHILLIPS / SUSIE / 62
2. JOE GRADY / JOHNNY / 60
3. JIM PERKINS / Z / 58
4. KIM KATHAN / KADEE / 35

PRO NOVICE 15 DOGS

1. BERT COWGILL / MOSS / 72
2. NAT LABELLE / JULES / 70
3. DARLENE HUTCHINS / LIL / 60
4. SUE SCHOEN / TYNE / 58
5. JOE GRADY / JOHNNY / 56
6. BERT COWGILL / ZACK / 53
7. FIONA ROBERTSON / TAP / 50
8. BETTYLEVIN / SELKIE / 48

9. NATLABELLE / TYKE / 46
10. C. EITAPENCE / CHINA / 43

RANCH 6 DOGS

1. FIONA ROBERTSON / KAP / 68
2. C. EITAPENCE / KODI / 61
3. WERNER REITBOCK / TARA / 56
4. TOM LEIGH / JO / 36

OPEN SATURDAY 42 DOGS

1. R. DESCHAMBEAULT / KEN / 90
2. R. DESCHAMBEAULT / JET / 88
3. RICH SEAMAN / KI / 88
4. RICH SEAMAN / ZOE / 87
5. STEVE WETMORE / GYP / 86

6. STEVE WETMORE / DART / 83
7. SUE SCHOEN / BROOK / 82
8. PETER VANDECAR / BUD / 81
9. BUD AMES / LUKE / 81
10. CAROL CAMPION / EVE / 81

OPEN SUNDAY 40 DOGS

1. RICH SEAMAN / BOO / 97
2. ROGER DES. / KEN / 95
3. DENISE LEONARD / JESSE / 94
4. STEVE WETMORE / DART / 93
5. SUE SCHOEN / WILLY / 88
6. DENISE LEONARD / KATE / 87
7. P. VANDERCAR / KATIE / 87
8. BRUCE SMART / JIM / 86
9. STEVE WETMORE / GYP / 86
10. ROGER DES. / JET / 84



Fiona Robertson's Tap competing in the Pro-Novice class at the Nearfield Farm trial June 2, 2006.

Photos by Sharon Perkins



Glen cools down after his winning run at Cummington.
Photo by Grace Smith



This is puppy "Click" harassing his mother.
Photo by Grace Smith



Fiona Robertson's Pat scoring a full point single.
Photo by Grace Smith.



Warren Mick and Glen were the Open Champions at Cummington.

Photo by Grace Smith

NEBCA Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Maria Mick

NEBCA Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2006
Cummington, Mass.

Meeting called to order at 5:06pm by Denise Leonard. 22 members were present.

1. Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick: Current membership is 226 members (up 44 since the annual meeting) including 5 Life memberships and 57 family memberships. The meeting minutes from the annual meeting and from the August 2005 meeting could not be approved since there was no quorum.
2. Treasurer's Report – no report available
3. Novice Trials Committee Report – given by Steve Wetmore: The site for the 2006 Novice Finals is the Armata's farm in Esperence, NY. More details to follow. The committee is working on tightening up the novice trials guidelines to assist participants' progression through the classes. The results of the survey on the novice trial program were discussed. Approximately half of the 23 responses from were from novice handlers. The committee felt the limited response prevented drawing any clear conclusions. Some ideas were offered on how to get more responses to obtain an accurate reflection of the opinions of more novice handlers.
4. Open Trials Committee Report – given by Sue Schoen: The site for the Fall Foliage Trial is tentatively planned for Joyce Geier's farm outside Rochester, NY. Negotiations are still ongoing concerning number and price for

sheep. Committee members will consider the number of dogs that currently are and that expect to be qualified and see if the handlers are willing to travel to western NY when determining the number of sheep required.

5. Board of Directors Report - given by Warren Mick: At the request of the president, the board was working on a list of information policies regarding the source and type information allowed in the newsletter and on the web site. A recent clinic listing supplied by a non-member prompted the issue. The policies will cover clinic and trial listings as well as advertising and breeders listings in the newsletter and on the web site. Once approved by the Board, the policy will be posted on the website.
6. Library Report – no report available
7. Calendar Report – given by George Northrup: The 2007 calendars is now available. A total of 640 calendars were printed for the price of close to \$3000. Calendars will be sold for \$6 each. Contact George to obtain calendars for sale at trials, etc.
8. Old Business – no old business
9. New Business – no new business
10. Next meeting will be at the Leatherstocking SDT August 19, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Mick



Photo by Grace Smith

WALK WITH AN OLD DOG

Because you will not be forever,
Hope against time though I may,
Paint your picture in my memory,
Eyes blue with age, muzzle gone gray.
Because you walked with me in Springtime,
Puppy-clumsy, running free.
As you grew, we grew together--
You became a part of me.
Because I shared with you my sorrows,
Not understanding-- simply there.
Often spurring me to laughter--
My friend, you know how much I care.
Because the years have slowed your fleetness,
Though your spirit still is strong.
I promise I will take more time now,
So that you can go along.
Because you do not fear the future,
Living only in the now,
I draw strength from your example--
Yet time keeps slipping by somehow.
Because the day will soon be coming
When I will no longer see
You rise to greet me - but in memory
You will always walk with me.
~ Gayl Jokiel ~

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