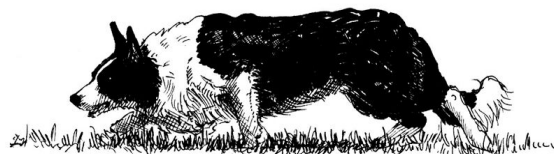


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Fiona Robertson's Imp. Pat cooling off in the water bucket after her run at the MA Sheep and Wool sheepdog trials at Cummington, MA.

Photo by Grace Smith

Editorializing...

Getty Fever!

Well, we are all noticing the huge entries to our Open trials here in the Northeast this season...Everyone has "Getty Fever", including me! Many of our open handlers already have masses of points and are not too worried about getting a spot in the Finals. Others, like me, find ourselves with very few points for whatever reasons...Young dog, limited trialing after August 1st last year or simply just not finely tuned enough to get into that top 20%. The problem we have this season is that we now have more dogs than running spots in many trials and managers are now creating "opening days" for entries and have an entry limit due to number of sheep, number of daylight hours etc. For those of us that have a hard time

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planning far in advance, here are some tips to ensure your entries are accepted and that you get your 2 spots in that running order:

1. Prepare your entry form and check the very second it becomes available on www.nebca.net. Prepare your envelope and stamp it.
2. Put a *Post It* note on the envelope reminding you what day to head to the post office.
3. Write a "Mail Entry to ABC Trial" reminder in your calendar, in your Blackberry, your computer or somewhere that you check every day
4. Also write a reminder of the trial's closing date in the same calendar.
5. Keep a copy of your entry form along with check number in a folder
6. Pile your prepared envelopes with entry forms and checks in a highly visible area sorted by mail date, so that you look at it each time you go out the door.
7. Be SURE to have the post office postmark your entry for the trial's Opening Day. Many trials are filling on the first day, or a day after.
8. If some unforeseen conflict arises and you cannot attend the trial after all, you can Email or call the trial manager on or before the closing date for (usually) a full refund. Then, remove the entry form copy from your folder and shred or recycle it!

If the trial uses a "random draw" for entries, then it really doesn't matter when you send your entry in, unless otherwise specified, as you will have as good a chance of getting in as the next person. That's why they sometimes call it a "lottery"!

Fiona Robertson, Editor



Are you my mommy?
Photo submitted by Wendy Warner.

ATTENTION TRIAL MANAGERS!

Everyone wants to know who is getting "Getty Points"!

Please submit your top 20% of Open Class scores for publication in the newsletter as well as all of the Nursery Class Qualifiers.

THANK YOU!

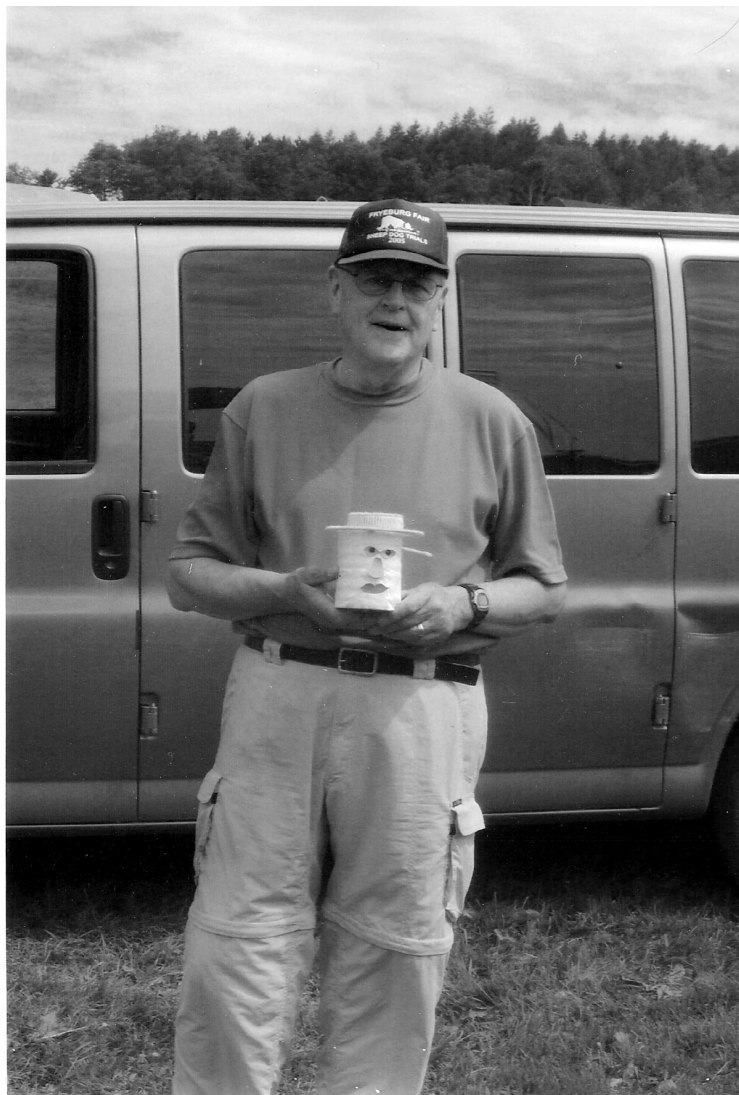
Corrections....

- I. The photos on page 19 of the Spring issue are of Jan Mayr's dog Piper who was bred by Cheryl Jagger Williams and is enjoying training and competing in herding, agility, obedience, Rally and Freestyle. (For a description of all these sports, please see NEBCA News, Volume 23, Issue 2, June 2005, page 19). The photos were taken by Jen Thompson but submitted by Jan Mayr.
- I. Mary Gessert (Open Trial Committee) has a new phone number and Email address. Please take note of the correct ones now listed on Page 2 of this issue.
- I. The Skunk Odor Formula on Page 10 of the Spring Issue was submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black.

Right: Jim Allen is prepared for his night in a cabin at the Merck Forest Sheepdog Trial thanks to a donation from fellow NEBCA trailers!

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NEBCA Trial Results



Long Shot Farm SDT Trial, Church Hill, MD

March 23-25, 2007

Judge: Ellen Skillings, CA

Trial Manager: Sherry Smith

Submitted by: Chris Bowen and Sherry Smith

It was a beautiful weekend, particularly appreciated by us northerners who got to see green grass for the first time in months. As always the trial ran like clockwork. Sunday, which was the day for the Novice classes was particularly impressive. We completed 116 runs in the limited daylight hours of a March day. *Chris Bowen*

I want to thank Ellen Skillings, from California for sitting all three days doing a great job of judging. Also without all the volunteers this trial would not go as smooth as it does nor could we have gotten in all the runs. If I forgot anyone I apologize but do thank you for your help and also want to thank all the people who offered to help. Sandy Hornung, Sue Asten, Suzanne Craddock, Barb Starkey, Sarah Ruckelhaus, Kathryn Paxton Hill, Sherry and Mark Sheldon. Also Sharon Nunan and Debbie Crowder worked all three days at the top sorting and setting sheep and did an excellent job. *Sherry Smith*

Open #1 (total dogs-47)

1st Bev Lambert Pippa 85
2nd Gene Sheninger Jess 83
3rd Bev Lambert Bill 83
4th Richard Seaman K1 82
5th Gene Sheninger Jen 82

6th Mark Billadeau Peg 81

7th Tom Lacy Peg 79

8th Anet Haithcox Jax 79

9th Steve Paxton Hill Mac 75

10th Richard Seaman Zoe 75

Ranch #1 (total dogs-26)

1st Lyle Lad Slick 86

2nd Bev Lambert Hemp 81

3rd Pam Gardner Rusty 78

4th Jeanine van der Merwe Jade 77

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NEBCA Trial Results



Long Shot Farm SDT Trial, Church Hill, MD (Continued)

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5th Deb Mickey Annie 76
6th Linda Tesdahl Ryan 72
7th Sue Asten, Brooke 67
8th Tom Lacy Belle 64
9th Joanne Murphy Bess 63
10th Carol Lockhart Gwen 60

Pro Novice #1 (23 dogs)

1st Nancy Starkey Lark 77
2nd Lyle Lad Bless 71
3rd Susan Rhoades Rock -it 70
4th Sherry Smith Jill 69
5th Tom Lacy Pat 68
6th Tom lacy Emmie 64
7th Chris Bowen Ben 64
8th Nancy Starkey Scout 63
9th Anet Haithcox Jock 63
10th Laurie Anderson Pod 61
11th Mark Sheldon Jaffe 60
12th Lyle Lad Rory 56
13th Judy Gambrill Jaz 51

Novice #1 (total dogs-15)

1st Laurie Anderson Cooper 69
2nd Lisa Basial Gem 68
3rd Liz Sharp Gift 61
4th Pat Warne Kate 61

5th Carson Cox Bette 60
6th Irene Trewitt Boston 57
7th Laurie Schultz Nara 56
8th Gwenn LeFever Mirk 54

Open #2 (Total dogs-52 dogs)

1st Bev Lambert Bill 91
2nd Tom Lacy Peg 91
3rd Linda Tesdahl Jaffe 86
4th Gene Sheninger Jen 85
5th Richard Seaman Boo 84
6th Dave Sharp Kirk 83
7th Linda Tesdahl Peg 83
8th Sherry Smith Cap 82
9th Gene Sheninger Jess 82
10th Renee Billadeau Rae 82

Ranch #2 (total dogs-21)

1st Lyle Lad Slick 79
2nd Linda Tesdahl, Ryan 77
3rd Joanne Murphy Maude 74
4th Doug Brewer Tess 68
5th Susan Rhoades Bill 67
6th Sherry Sheldon Maddie 57
7th Skip Robinson Gal 56
8th Deb Mickey Annie 46
9th Pam Gardner Rusty 46
10th Carol Lockhart Gwen 42

Pro Novice #2 (total dogs -18 dogs)

1st Lyle Lad Ruff 74
2nd Sherry Smith Jill 72
3rd Mark Sheldon Jaffe 69
4th Donna Cox Jade 67
5th Susan Rhoades Rock-It 66
6th Chris Bowen Ben 64
7th Lyle Lad Rory 58
8th Laurie Anderson Pod 56
9th Lyle Lad Bless 53
10th Peggy Wilkerson Buzz 46

Novice #2 (total dogs- 13)

1st Lisa Basial Gem 72
2nd Sylvia Broderick Fly 66
3rd Laurie Anderson Cooper 65
4th Gwen LeFever Mirk 53
5th Liz Sharp Gift 45
6th Fran Sharon Storm 15

Overall Champions:

Open: Bev Lambert & Bill
Ranch: Lyle Lad & Slick
Pro Novice: Sherry Smith & Jill
Novice: Lisa Basial & Gem



NEBCA Recipes



Recipes accepted from NEBCA members! Please help fill this column each issue! All recipes accepted—Lamb / mutton of course but any others that you would care to send and please rate them 1-10 (from bizarre to everyday).

This one is from Anonymous Shepherd:

This recipe was prompted by an article in ABC magazine by John Atkinson. John had reason to visit a old farmer up in the Dales to look at a pup, whilst there the lady of the house offered a lunch of mutton broth, Hungry, he accepted and took a second serving, upon leaving he went by way of the back kitchen, and there on the stove was a large iron pot with the remnants of the broth a sheep's head staring out from a film of greasy liquid.?



And so here is a recipe for sheep's head soup:

1. Sheep's head with enough water to cover, 3 carrots 3 turnips 2-3 parsnips, 3 onions, small bunch parsley, salt and pepper to taste ¼ lb scotch oatmeal.

Method; soak sheep's head in warm water for two hours to remove blood. Place in large pot and cover with fresh water and bring to a boil. When boiling add vegetables, (peeled and chopped), herbs and spices, mix oatmeal with small amount of broth to form a paste and add to pot, cover with a lid and gently simmer for two hours.

Rating: Probably 1 (everyday) in the hills of Scotland, but maybe a 9 (approaching bizarre!) here is the US!

Hint: Don't let your quests see the contents of the pot !

The next NEBCA meeting will be at the Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trials in Cooperstown, NY in August.



NEBCA Trial Results



Sand Creek Farm SDT Trial, Mendon, NY

April 21-22, 2007

Judge: John Baker, Rothesay, Scotland

Trial Manager: Joyce Geier

Taken from NEBCA.Net

NOVICE-NOVICE 1

- 1 Michael Heasley Taj 76
- 2 Joyce Fredericks Trim 74
- 3 Joyce Fredericks Kai 65
- 4 Chris Knowlton Keane 62
- 5 Chris Knowlton Amber 52
- 6 Kelly Knowlton Ben 38

NOVICE-NOVICE 2

- 1 Joyce Fredericks Trim 61
- 2 Chris Knowlton Amber 58
- 3 Kelly Knowlton Ben 56
- 4 Kelly Knowlton Jammer 54
- 5 Chris Knowlton Keane 50
- 6 Joyce Fredericks Kai 49

PRO-NOVICE 1

- 1 Sue Schoen Jenny 69
- 2 Rob Drummond Maggie 65
- 3 Michele Higgins Spirit 65
- 4 Tom Hoeber Taz 64
- 5 Janet Fahey Jim 64
- 6 Wendy Pullan Amber 61
- 7 Denise Leonard Floss 60
- 8 Liz Phillips Merle 57
- 9 Michael Heasley Tait 55
- 10 Wendy Pullan Blue 54

PRO-NOVICE 2

- 1 Michael Heasley Tait 75

- 2 Joyce Geier Jim 74
- 3 Liz Phillips Merle 61
- 4 Rob Drummond Maggie 60
- 5 Tom Hoeber Taz 60
- 6 Lori Cunningham William 59
- 7 Sue Shoen Jenny 58
- 8 Janet Fahey Jock 57
- 9 Michele Higgins Spirit 57
- 10 Rob Drummond Tyke 57

RANCH -1

- 1 Mary Thompson Coal 79
- 2 Mary Thompson Rio 76
- 3 Terri Clingerman Rhys 65
- 4 Betty Levin Selkie 64
- 5 Liz Phillips Vicky 62
- 6 Sue Schoen Tyne 58

RANCH -2

- 1 Mary Thompson Rio 73
- 2 Terri Clingerman Rhys 70
- 3 Janice Woods Reef 53
- 4 Betty Levin Selkie 49
- 5 Liz Phillips Vicky 47
- 6 Sue Schoen Tyne 43

OPEN - 1 43 Dogs Ran

- 1 Amanda Milliken Bart 94
- 2 Betty Leven Kyle 93
- 3 Mary Thompson Holly 93

- 4 Sally Malloy Paige 91
- 5 Joyce Geier Clue 90
- 6 Denise Leonard Kate 88
- 7 Wendy Pullan Sara 87
- 8 Michelle Higgins Bracken 86
- 9 Mary Thompson Hawk 86
- 10 Dick Williams Mirk 85

OPEN - 2 41 Dogs Ran

- 1 Cheryl Jagger-Williams Spot 96
- 2 Betty Levin Kyle 95
- 3 Joyce Geier Brass 94
- 4 Joyce Geier Clue 94
- 5 Lorna Savage Zoe 93
- 6 Joan Worthington Hope 92
- 7 Sue Schoen Bonnie 91
- 8 Kim Purich Jack 90
- 9 Lori Cunningham Riff 90
- 10 Lorna Savage Brock 88

USBCHA Nursery - 1

- 1 Mary Thompson Coal 77
- 2 Kim Baker Kris 62
- 3 Sue Schoen Jenny 51
- 4 Liz Phillips Merle 51

USBCHA Nursery - 2

- 1 Mary Thompson Coal 83
- 2 Sue Schoen Jenny 76
- 3 Liz Phillips Merle 47



Borders On Paradise SDT, Turbotville, PA

May 11-13, 2007

Judge: Carol Campion, Hampton, CT (Open); Joyce Geier, Mendon, NY (Novice)

Trial Manager: Dave Fetterman

This year is special for eastern handlers, as the finals will be at Gettysburg.

Renting a commercial wool flock seemed like a good way to get some experience on sheep that would be more similar to those at the finals.

The effect of the finals on entries was significant. Entries were up and required a draw to get to a level that was workable. One great help was that a number of folks, who were still Ranch eligible, agreed to give up their two Open runs for one run of Ranch. These handlers I wish to thank; Tara Dier, Kim Baker, Dave Sharp, and Sue Asten. Hope I did not forget anyone!

On Friday, the 6:00 a.m. handlers meeting was delayed by fog so thick that you could not see the pen from the post. As we waited for the fog to lift, three hours ticked off the clock. We announced that a standard would be required and asked those who were having a tough go of it to retire. The standard proved of little help, but the gracious retirement by handlers

was very helpful, saving a lot of time. Good sportsmanship was very evident. We had to move the Nursery class from Friday to Sunday and were able to complete all runs.

Saturday started out cool and clear and the trial moved along well. The high score of the two days was earned by Peter Van De Car and Bud, with a 91. Congratulations Peter! Sunday we began with Nursery then Ranch followed by a second Nursery, then ProNovice and Novice.

How would I sum up the trial from a host perspective? One of the thank you notes from a seasoned open handler who came for the first time tells the story. *"Thanks so much for putting on such a great trial. We had a good time. The field was lovely and the sheep were great - the two most important things in a dog trialing well looked after. Thanks so much - I am so glad I was lucky enough to get in. I thought Carol did a very good job judging."*

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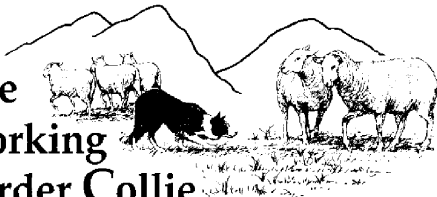
Glen: (ABCA 136198, CBCA 471) - 2003 NEBCA Supreme Champion, 7th place 2002 USBCHA National Open, 13th place 2001 USBCHA National Nursery. At the age of 8, Glen has placed in the top 10 of approximately 140 Open trials. CEA/CH genetic test "normal". Grandson of Berhow's "Nick" (3 time USBCHA National Champ). Glen is a very biddable & stylish worker. Eyes clear, hips OFA certified.

Doc: (ABCA 214103, CBCA 3846) - 2005 Canadian National Nursery Champion, descendant of Julie Simpson's ## Moss and #Gwen and Stuart Davidson's #Whiterose Kep. A good gathering dog and serious minded worker with a terrific temperament. OFA Good and eyes clear.

Dale: (ABCA 227438, CBCA 4515) - 2006 NEBCA Ranch Reserve Champion and Long Road Winner, out of Wetmore's "Gyp" by Mick's "Glen", from Berhow's "Nick" line. A dog that is focused and quick. OFA Excellent, eyes CEA/CH genetic test "normal".

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The Novice Committee would like comments and suggestions on adding the following to the NEBCA guidelines:

Nursery Dogs - Any dog that has competed in the National Nursery Finals will only be eligible to run in Ranch or Open.

This will be open for discussion at the NEBCA meeting in Leatherstocking. Send comments to any member on the Novice Committee. Addresses and phone numbers on page 2.



NEBCA Trial Results



Borders On Paradise SDT, Turbotville, PA (cont.)

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One detail that helped this year was the very effective pen set up that my son, Erik, designed and built. It flowed so well that one person could handle it and eliminated the pushing that seems to characterize the chute type of system. Erik and his friend even barbequed steaks while keeping things moving

without stressing the sheep. If you are thinking of building a set out pen, this design is excellent and he would welcome your interest. He is even thinking of providing plans and hardware so you would not have to run all over to get the parts and can just work on assembly.

Round-1-Open (72 dogs)

- 1 Williams, Cheryl Spot 85
- 2 Williams, Dick Lass 82
- 3 Marschark, Eve Rue 79
- 4 Sharp, Dave Kirk 77
- 5 Schoen, Sue Brook 76
- 6 Wall, Denise Mick 73
- 7 Williams, Cheryl Toby 73
- 8 Matzinger, Polly James 71
- 9 Smith, Sherry Liz 71
- 10 Lambert, Bev Pippa 71
- 11 French, Robin Spottie 69
- 12 Milliken, Amanda Bart 68
- 13 Robertson, Fiona Pat 68
- 14 King, Carla Emma 67

Round-2-Open (72 dogs)

- 1 VanDeCar, Peter Bud 91
- 2 Milliken, Amanda Bart 87
- 3 King, Carla Liz 85
- 4 Wall, Denise Mick 84
- 5 Milliken, Amanda Clive 83
- 6 Wilson, Florence Cap 83
- 7 Wilson, Tom Nick 83
- 8 Tesdahl, Linda Peg 82
- 9 French, Robin Spottie 81

- 10 Worthington, Joan Hope 79
- 11 Geier, Joyce Clue 77
- 12 Murphy, Jim Kit 77
- 13 Harvey, Janet Scott 77
- 14 Wilson, Tom Sly 75

Nursery 1 (9 dogs)

- 1 Lambert, Bev Huck 77
- 2 Milliken, Amanda Clive 72

Nursery 2 (8 dogs)

- 1 Billadeau, Renee Bette 78
- 2 Lambert, Bev Huck 55

Novice-Novice (18 dogs)

- 1 Mauger, Lori Ross 69
- 2 Mauger, Lori Mia 68
- 3 Lefever, Gwenn Mirk 58
- 4 Knowlton, Cris Keane 55
- 5 Heasley, Michel Taj 54
- 6 Castanzo, Kyra Skye 53
- 7 McMullen, Nancy Wattie 52
- 8 Basial, Lisa Gem 48
- 9 Knowlton, Kelly Ben 46

Pro-Novice (27 dogs)

- 1 Starkey, Nancy Lark 67
- 2 Starkey, Nancy Scout 63
- 3 McMullen, Nancy Jan 59
- 4 Lambert, Bev Huck 59
- 5 Palmer, Annie Dan 58
- 6 Sheldon, Sherry Tess 57
- 7 Heasley, Michael Tait 57
- 8 Hoeber, Tom Nikki 56
- 9 Morgan, Celia Starr 56
- 10 Smart, Bruce Floss 52

Open-Ranch (26 dogs)

- 1 Levinson, Barbara Ryn 80
- 2 Tesdahl, Linda Ryan 77
- 3 Fetterman, David Jared 67
- 4 Asten, Sue Brook 66
- 5 Shelden, Sherry Maddie 58
- 6 Clingerman, Terri Rhys 57
- 7 Murphy, Joanne Maude 56
- 8 Lockhart, Carol Gwen 47
- 9 Brewer, Doug Tess 47
- 10 Baker, Kim Tate 45



Photos from this trial begin on
Page 10.

New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival SDT, Contoocook, NH May 12-13, 2007

Judge: George Northrup, MA; Trial Manager: Chris Bowen

After last years flooding rains at the NH Sheep & Wool Festival, the beautiful sunny weather that we experienced this year was much appreciated by both the handlers and the spectators. The flock of Kathadin sheep, provided by Bud & Mary Ames, were challenging in the small field at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds and Judge George Northrup had to make many quick scoring decisions. But, he sorted things out admirably.

As a first time trial manager, I developed a great appreciation of the importance of all the support and assistance offered by my fellow handlers. I may have forgotten a detail here and there, but with everyone's help and patience, we managed to put on a successful trial. *Chris Bowen*

Saturday Open - 30 Dogs

1. Steve Wetmore & Dart - 82
2. Rich Seaman & Boo - 81
3. Bud Ames & Luke - 75
4. Lynn Deschambeault & Chip - 72
5. Roger Deschambeault & Ken - 72
6. Maria Amodei & Cato - 72
7. Chris Bowen & Jake - 71
8. Carol Guy & Roy - 71
9. Lynn Deschambeault & Di - 71

10. Denise Leonard & Kate - 69

Sunday Open - 31 Dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault & Ken - 83
2. Rich Seaman & Bud - 81
3. Roger Deschambeault & Bob - 76
4. Lynn Deschambeault & Di - 76
5. Viki Kidd & Cash - 74
6. Roger Deschambeault & Pat - 73 (3rd Dog)
6. Kate Collins & Jan - 73
7. Steve Wetmore & Pace - 72

8. Denise Leonard & Jessie - 72
9. Rich Seaman & Ki - 70
10. Carol Guy & Piper - 69

Two Day Open Champion: Roger Deschambeault & Ken

Novice/Novice - Saturday - 9 dogs

1. Anne Devine & Ben - 67
2. Anne Devine & Sue - 61

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New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival SDT (Continued)

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- 3. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Bob - 58
- 4. Deb Donahue & Ross - 44
- 5. Heather Shaver & Jazz - 23

Novice/Novice - Sunday - 5 dogs

- 1. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Bob - 69
- 2. Deb Donahue & Ross - 49
- 3. Martha Walke & Sweep - 22
- 4. Heather Shaver & Jazz - 28

Two Day Novice/Novice Champion: Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Bob

Pro Novice - Saturday - 20 Dogs

- 1. Steve Wetmore & Beal - 56
- 2. Chris Bowen & Ben - 55
- 3. Jim Perkins & Jack - 53
- 4. Kate Collins & Rex - 53
- 5. Ginny Prince & Martha - 51
- 6. Bert Cowgill & Moss - 49
- 7. Clara Stites & Penn - 48

- 8. Ellen Rusconi-Black & Steve - 47
- 9. Darlene Hutchins & Lil - 45
- 10. Bert Cowgill & Zach - 35

Pro Novice - Sunday - 19 Dogs

- 1. Steve Wetmore & Weez - 67
- 2. Ginny Prince & Martha - 65
- 3. Chris Bowen & Ben - 63
- 4. Kate Collins & Rex - 61
- 5. Valerie Pietrazewska & Jessie - 54
- 6. Martha Walke & Moss - 51
- 7. Steve Wetmore & Beal - 50
- 8. Denise Leonard & Floss - 48
- 9. Bert Cowgill & Moss - 47
- 10. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Li - 47

Two Day Pro Novice Champion: Chris Bowen & Ben

Ranch - Saturday - 7 Dogs

- 1. Maria Amodei & Rhyme - 59
- 2. Anne Devine & Annie - 58

- 3. Nancy Phillips & Susie - 52
- 4. Betty Levin & Selkie - 52
- 5. Joe Grady & Johnny - 50
- 6. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Fly - 43

Ranch - Sunday - 5 Dogs

- 1. Nancy Phillips & Susie - 71
- 2. Joe Grady & Johnny - 57
- 3. Patricia Hammel-Murphy - 54
- 4. Maria Amodei & Rhyme - 54

Two Day Ranch Champion: Nancy Phillips & Susie

USBCHA - Saturday - 6 Dogs

- 1. Chris Bowen & Ben - 71
- 2. Roger Deschambeault & Pat - 67

USBCHA - Sunday - 6 Dogs

- 1. Joe Grady & Johnny - 71
- 2. Roger Deschambeault & Roy - 66



The sheep at the NHSW trial were almost impossible to pen, and resulted in many a handler trying various non-traditional methods for coaxing them in.

This is Maria Amodei blowing into the sheep's faces and stamping her foot. Cato is just out of the photo. Maybe he gave his handler up for a crazy person and fled the scene.

Below is Roger Deschambeault doing his "pen dance" with the help of his promising young dog, Pat.
Both photos by Sharon Perkins





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New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival SDT (Continued) - Photos by Sharon Perkins.



This is Chris Bowen's talented Nursery dog, Ben. Ben and Chris were the Pro-Novice Champions at NHSW.



NEBCA Trial Results



Borders On Paradise (Continued). Photos by Tom Hoeber.



Enjoying the dog tub complete with fresh running water after a run at the well equipped Borders on Paradise trials.



NEBCA Trial Results



Borders On Paradise (Continued)



Above: The gorgeous view from the top of the field, at the holding pens.

Below: this elaborate handling system, designed by Dave's son, Erik, facilitated set out and was a comfortable place for the sheep at the Borders on Paradise trials. Multiple gates operated by pulleys made set of these un-dogged Amish sheep much easier on both sheep and set out crew!



From the Open Trial Committee:



Proposals for a possible Fall Foliage and / or Fall Foliage / open trial.

Those interested need to submit a detailed proposal to the Open Trials committee.

The proposals including date of event, site, source of sheep should be emailed to Sue Schoen by July 1.

sbschoen@comcast.net

You could also contact Mary Gessert:
mgessert@leapmail.net

or Bud Ames
mbames@valley.ne

or Chris Bowen
cbowen@ne.rr.com

or call Peter Vandecar
at 518-482-2625



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Borders On Paradise (Continued)

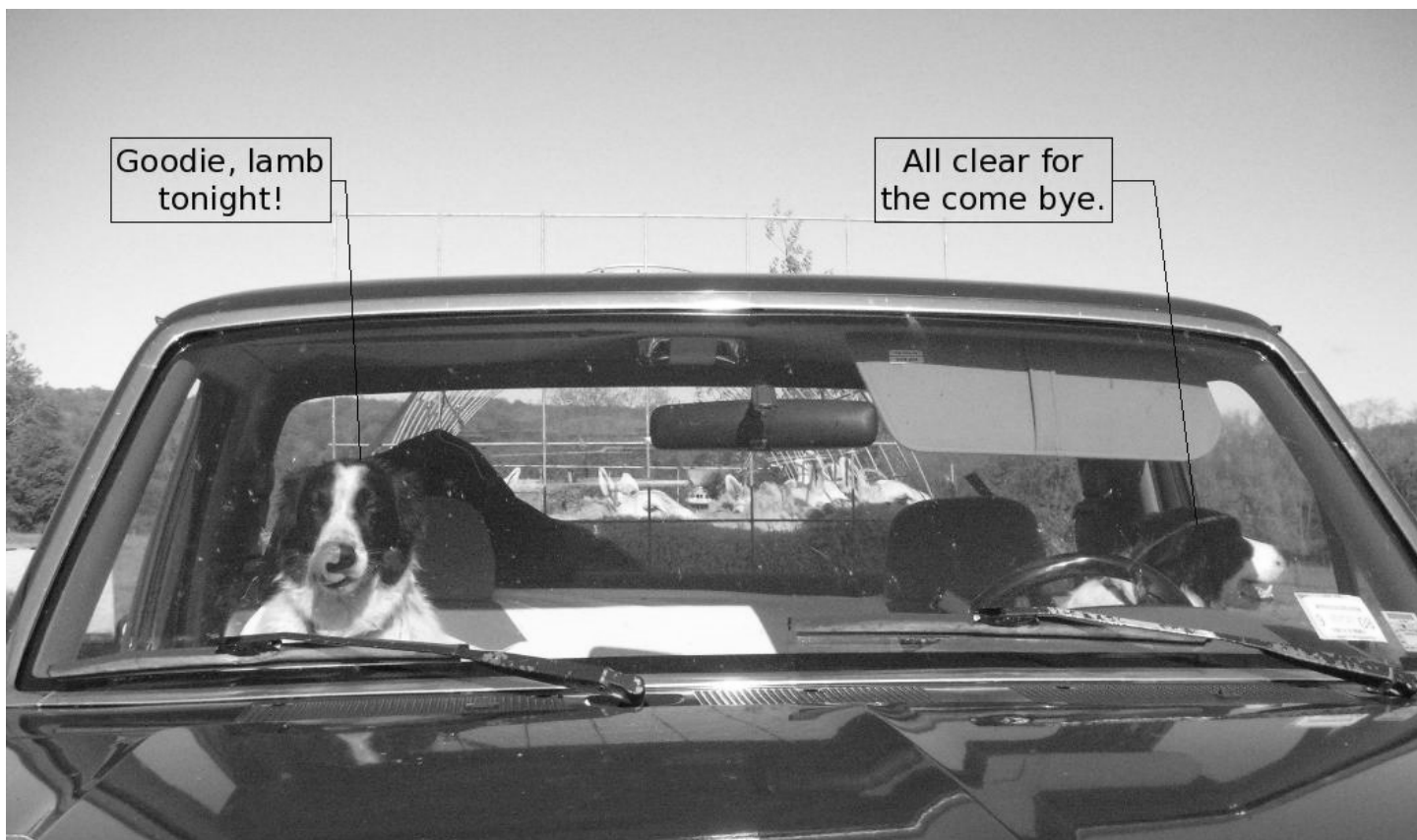


Friday Open top 10 winners (most of them!) with Judge Carol Campion.

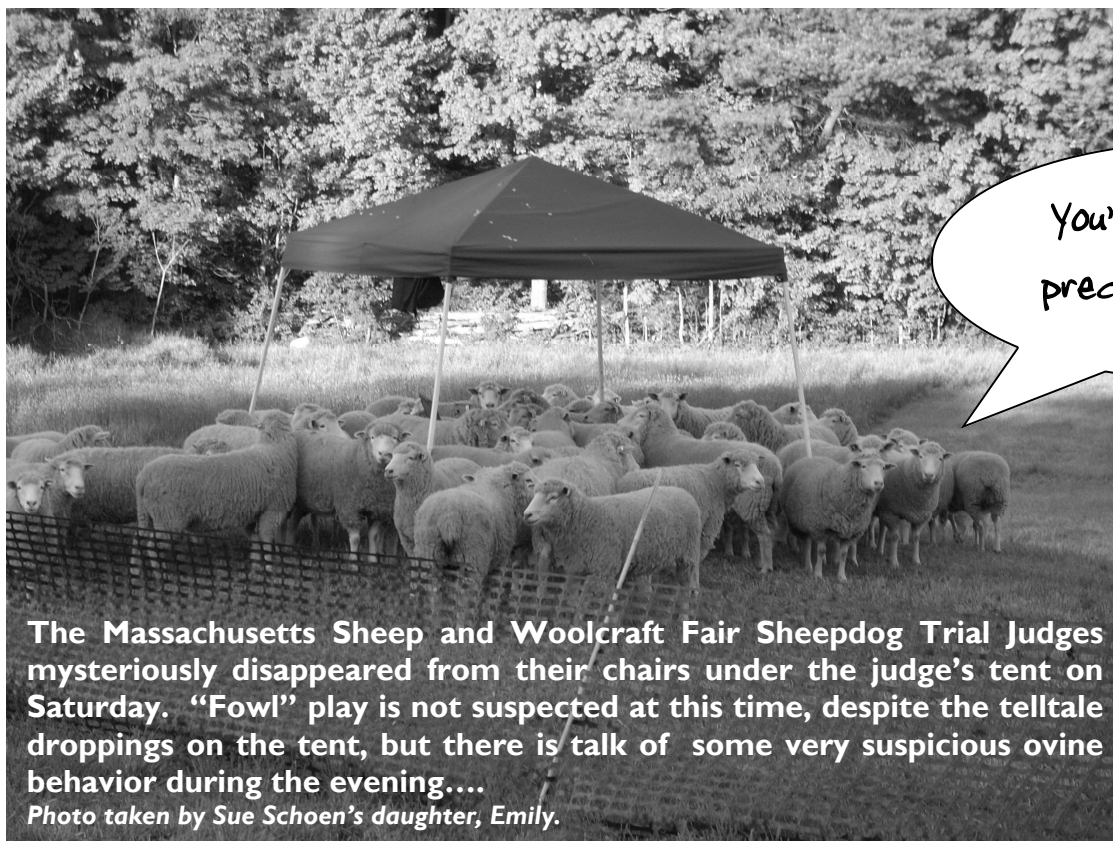
Below are the Sunday Novice trial winners.



NEBCA Funnies



Sheep Rustlers
Photo submitted by Michael Heasley.



The Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair Sheepdog Trial Judges mysteriously disappeared from their chairs under the judge's tent on Saturday. "Fowl" play is not suspected at this time, despite the telltale droppings on the tent, but there is talk of some very suspicious ovine behavior during the evening....

Photo taken by Sue Schoen's daughter, Emily.

You'll never see your
precious judges again!

The International - A “Supreme” Experience

By Carolyn West (Photos by Carol Campion)

Last September, I went to Scotland for the International Supreme Sheepdog Trial. My friend, Carol Campion, was going along with Emily Yazwinski, and when Carol asked if I wanted to go I made a spontaneous decision and bought a ticket before I could change my mind. Later, Molly King decided to join the trip. It was the Centenary year celebration of the International and it was sure to be a memorable event. I was arriving in Scotland on Wednesday morning (the International was Thursday to Saturday) and leaving the following Monday.

As a novice to sheepdogs, it was a thrill to be going to watch the International and see all of the great dogs and handlers. I would have been content to just be sitting in the stands and watching all day, recognizing a name here or there, but what I got was a thousand times better than that! Carol and Emily were staying at Julie Hill's farm and I was going to stay there too. Even better was the fact that Julie had qualified for the International with her bitch Tess in Singles and with Tess and her daughter, Fly, in Brace. My dog Jill is a littermate to Fly, and I really looked forward to seeing

Julie run them. So, to recap, I was going to the International, staying at the farm of the only woman to have won the International, and I was going to see this woman run my dog's littermate and dam. Could it have gotten any better for someone who decided to try working her agility dogs on sheep about three years ago?



John Templeton shedding.



Julie's Tess.

Julie's farm, called Carcant, is in Heriot in the Borders region and about 25 miles from Edinburgh. The farm is about 600 acres and there are four houses on it which are set in a valley with several fields for sheep and the rest of the property is up in the surrounding hills. It's an idyllic setting. The house that Molly and I were staying in was very roomy and a little rustic. The big surprise was that we had to light a fire in a wood stove in order to heat hot water! Once the tank of water was heated it would stay warm for many hours, but I did have to take a cold shower that first day.

Thursday morning we woke up to light rain. The Charterhall Estates in Kelso, the site for the International, was about an hour away from Heriot and we set out early on Thursday morning. The trial was set on a big field that was about a half mile off the main road and we had to drive toward the trial field and park in an adjacent field. Then, we either walked or got into a trailer being pulled by a big tractor and we were driven to the trial area. There was reserved seating in two big grandstands of seats set up under two big tents. The grandstands faced the trial field and behind the grandstands were tents with various food, crafts, farm equipment/supplies, and

border collie paraphernalia. There were a couple of big rings set up where there was agility, goose and duck herding demos, highland dancing, rugby and on the finals day, a birds of prey exhibit. The atmosphere was that of a country fair and there was a lot to see and a lot of food to sample. The

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The International - A “Supreme” Experience (cont.)

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ISDS had a big tent with information on previous trials and winning dogs, hats/shirts/books/etc for sale, and a display of all of the trophies and awards to be handed out at the end of the trial. Princess Anne visited one day and it was a thrill to see a member of the Royal Family up close and personal.

George Northrup and Kate Collins were also there for the International and were staying with Chris Smart. They met us on Thursday morning near the grandstands and had reserved seats with us. We had quite a nice NEBCA contingent! Thursday morning started the singles qualifying runs for the finals – half of the runs would be on Thursday and the other half on Friday. The singles runs were on five Scottish Blackface ewes with two of them being collared. There was a 400-500 yard flat outrun, a fetch thru two panels, a drive and a cross drive, then they had to shed two non-collared sheep in the shedding ring, pen all five, then single a collared sheep. They had fifteen minutes per run. These sheep were much lighter than I've ever seen and at the shed and pen the handler had to stay way off of them. Our seats were right in front of the pen so I had a good vantage point to really watch how they penned. I need a lot more patience when I do it, that's for sure. Watching shed after shed and seeing the skill required of both handler and dog was impressive, especially the International shed on the final day.

We saw some good runs and some bad runs but even bad runs didn't seem so bad to me. I was amazed to see a few dogs unable to find the sheep at all especially since the field was so flat, but if a dog was wide on the outrun and ran to the far top of the field they just didn't see the sheep and ended up either at the holding pens or coming right back around the other side of the field. When this happened, the handler usually couldn't see where the dog was but from the grandstands the spectators could. Many people had to stifle the urge to yell to the handler at the post and tell him or her where their dog was.

One of the most amusing things to watch was the exhausting



Julie and Tess penning and shedding in qualifying.

of the sheep. The exhaust was right next to the grandstand and the handler parking area, making it a busy area, and it was not surprising that the sheep wanted nothing to do with going into a chute surrounded by people. Exhausting the sheep was a show unto itself. At times, it took multiple dogs and handlers to get the sheep into the chute and even then it was difficult. Our grandstand seats afforded us a great view of the exhaust and the spectacle surrounding it.

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The International - A “Supreme” Experience (cont.)

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Julie ran Tess and Fly in the brace competition mid-day on Thursday and had a great run going until just after the group of sheep was split in two. She turned her back in order to have Fly drive off one group and two from the group that Tess was watching ran to join Fly's group, so she had to regroup them and lost a lot of time. She didn't get to her second pen which cost her quite a few points. I'd never seen a brace team work and the teamwork between the dogs was amazing to see. Four of the brace runs were on Thursday and the other four were run on Friday.

The rest of the singles and brace runs were on Friday. The weather was lovely with a mixture of sun and clouds. Julie ran with Tess and had the highest score of both days, winning the qualifying trial. It was interesting how quiet the stands got when she ran her dog. Usually there's some chatter during each run (which got much, much louder if the run was going badly) but when she ran you could hear a pin drop and all eyes were watching. I don't think that it was that quiet for any other handler during the Thursday and Friday runs (though I didn't see Bobby Dalziel's run).

Saturday was the finals and the top 15 handlers from the Thurs/Fri qualifying trial were set to run. There was a definite buzz of excitement and expectation

in the air and the crowds were bigger and more boisterous. The outruns were approximately 700-800 yards on a flat field and there were a few dogs that had a hard time finding the sheep. The course time was 30 minutes and very few competitors were able to complete the course in that time and clearly many dogs and handlers had seen better runs. Bobby Dalziel ran early in the day and was the eventual winner with his young dog, Joe. I'm told that he had a beautiful run but sadly I missed it because I chose not to drive to the trial with the others and instead drove myself so that I could stop and take pictures along the way. As a result I missed the first couple runs of the day. I don't regret all of the great pictures that I got but I do regret missing the winning run!

On Saturday night we had a great time at Julie's house celebrating her second-place finish. Who needs a fancy celebration when you have about 10 females, alcoholic beverages and a CD player? I can't go into specifics of the hijinks that ensued but suffice to say I got to see a whole new side of some people who shall remain nameless (there are pictures though and if you're interested they can be had for a price...). It was a fun night with a lot of laughing and good cheer and after a stressful few days our hostess was really able to let her hair down.

Sunday was my final day in Scotland

and my only “free” day. In the morning I took a hike up to the back part of Julie's farm which is both spectacular and peaceful - just fields and sheep and stone walls and lovely views. I could have packed a lunch and a book and spent the whole day there but I reluctantly went back to the house and packed my car. After that, I left the farm and went to see Melrose Abbey and then Dryburgh Abbey which were both built in the 1100's. I also stopped between the two at Scott's View to take in the amazing view of the Border region. Both abbeys were mostly ruins and only parts of them remained but it was easy to get a sense of their scope and importance to the region. After I left Dryburgh I made my way back to Glasgow, stopping to see Rosslyn Chapel (it was in *The DaVinci Code*) on the way. I was a bit disappointed to find that it's nothing like the Rosslyn Chapel described in the book or in the movie!

I've traveled to Europe five times in the last six years and Scotland certainly didn't disappoint. The landscape was beautiful, the people were friendly and welcoming, and I had a great time. I wish I'd had more time there to see other parts of the country but I guess I'll have to save that for my next trip!



The day after the “Spring” edition of NEBCA News arrived in Clair and Paul Garwood's mailbox (Yes, April!) ...

NEBCA Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Maria Mick

NEBCA Meeting – Cummington, MA May 26, 2007

Called to order at 4:54pm. Twenty-eight members present.

The motion was made by George Northrup to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting in January 2007. The minutes were approved.

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

Membership is currently at 231 including 66 family memberships. This compares to 140 at the Annual meeting and 226 from one year ago.

Treasurer's Report – given by Maria Amodei

Current balance of treasury as of 5-25-07 is \$12,326.78.

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Sue Schoen

Sue reminded the membership that it was suggested at the Annual Meeting that the Fall Foliage Championship not be held this year due to the fact that many handlers would be attending the

National Finals. Because of this, the Novice Finals were scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, which is the traditional time for the Fall Foliage. Some members have suggested that the regional championship continue, perhaps in conjunction with an open trial (as it was last year).

The motion was made by Emily Yazwinski that detailed proposals for a Fall Foliage championship, including site, sheep, date, etc. be given to the Open Trials Committee by July 1, 2007. The committee would then decide if any of the proposals is acceptable. The motion was seconded by Steve Wetmore and approved. It was also agreed that notice of this motion and approval was to be published in the newsletter and on the website such that ideas and proposals could be submitted by July 1.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Steve Wetmore

Steve reminded everyone that changes voted upon at the Annual Meeting that affect the novice competitions would not go into effect until the start of the new novice year (after Fosterfields trial in September). These changes are printed (as proposals) in the Fall 2006 newsletter

and proposals 1, 2, and 4 were passed.

The Novice Finals will be held in Knox, NY on Columbus Day weekend.

Board of Directors Report – given by Warren Mick

Nothing to report.

Fund Raising Committee – given by Joanne Krause

T-shirts and hats are now available. Design by Kate Collins.

Calendar Committee – given by George Northrup

The 2008 are now available for sale at \$10 each. There are still some 2007 for sale at reduced price.

New Business

Next club meeting will be on the Saturday of the Leatherstocking Trial, Cooperstown, NY

Motion to adjourn – Motion by Steve Wetmore and seconded by Kate Collins. Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Mick, Secretary



Working Partnerships with “Goose Dog” Border Collies

Submitted by Joe Evans, Geese Off!

“If you’d have told us five years ago that we’d be chasing wild geese with sheepdogs for a living, we’d have said your seat-back and tray table were not in the upright and locked position!” That was how Joe Evans, responded to the question as to how they started working with Border Collies. Joe and his wife, Jackie are the co-founders of GEESE OFF!, a company from Long Island that specializes in Canada goose control.

“We thought it would be easy – just turn up a few times with Patch, our pet Border Collie and the geese would be gone,” Jackie Evans confided. “Poor old Patch; he turned out to be pretty poor at goose control,” she continued. “He’d been a suburban pet, so the concept of going more than fifty yards from my side was too much for him. He’d run

flat out at the geese, come to a screeching halt with his big fan-tail wagging and bark like a maniac. Pretty soon the geese knew his limits.”

So, the Evanses brought in reinforcements. They bought Mirk, “a trained goosedog” from the Carolinas and Joe returned to his homeland in the hills of West Wales to buy Peg, a three year old bitch and Molly, an eighteen month old; both had been trained on sheep.

Joe explained “I knew very little about sheepdog work, but I could see they had both been exceptionally well-trained. I asked for tapes of their whistles and commands and flew back to New York to the news that Jackie had won the contract to clear geese from New York’s racetracks, Aqueduct and Belmont

Park. We were in at the deep end!”

Their American dog, Mirk turned up with phobias, a freshly broken tooth, parasites and a sweet disposition. For the first few days, he hid – in bushes, under crawl-spaces, anywhere deep and dark. But the Evanses soon found that the dog loved nothing more than to chase geese – on land, in ponds, lakes, creeks, even the ocean. “He’d been trained how to chase, how to swim, but not how to stop,” said Jackie Evans. “But, he was very willing and lovable.”

Peg, the older Welsh dog didn’t really understand the new job, but adjusted to it very quickly indeed – except for the swimming. Molly, the younger Welsh bitch was afraid of engaging the geese.

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She wanted to control them. When they flew, she would run round the entire 1.5 mile track at Belmont Park – not once, but twice - in a vain attempt to get them back. When she returned she sometimes suffered from anxiety attacks. Yet, despite their faults, the three of them would clear the forty acre inner field at Belmont Park racetrack of up to 5,000 geese in that first hard winter of 2003.

“In those early days it was pandemonium. Lots of competition between the dogs to get to the geese first,” explained Joe Evans. “There was little control - just a mad dash to get bragging rights on scaring as many geese as possible. But they’d all eventually return when the job was done, unless there were birds left in either of the large ponds, in which case Mirk

and wonderful nature. Mirk was used as the Bangalore artillery, firing off in all directions at vast pace with no stop, but always coming back for fresh targets and instructions when he couldn’t find any more geese. Tragically, that incredible drive proved to be his undoing. He ran out on to a busy road after just one goose and was killed by a car. “We never got over that, but we certainly learned from it. To this day, we mourn little Mirk,” said Jackie.

In the meantime, Joe used his background in advertising and marketing to expand the business. That meant they needed more dogs. Peg had a litter of puppies. They kept one and sold four. One of the others was subsequently returned for being too much of a handful. They started to train them on ducks, sheep, geese, buoys, kayaks and anything else they



would swim around in the freezing, fetid sump-hole and refuse to come back until all the birds had flown. He would pirouette and yodel in the water. Sometimes, he was so cold he could hardly stand. He’d also turn green from all the goose feces he’d stir up at the bottom of the pond.”

Slowly but surely, the Evans's started to bring more control to their work. They used ponds to reinforce the flanking commands that the two dogs had locked away – front of mind with Peg and Molly, in Mirk’s case buried deep in the back of his mind. Peg had been taught reverse flanking Anglo-Welsh commands – Come Bye to her right, Away to her left. Dere Ma for Here. This had its advantages as Peg and Peg alone would respond to her own set of Welsh commands and whistles. Mirk just went where and when he wanted. Molly, of course would run the track and be the last home. “For all I knew, she might have gone to the Dunkin Donuts across the street” confided Joe Evans.

However, more contracts followed, all of which were child’s play compared to the racetracks. Peg was the precision sniper - used in challenging, tight spots. Molly was the beautiful dog that would impress everybody with her super-model looks

could lay their hands on. It was and continues to be a long, sometimes frustrating process. Jackie explained that “teaching sheepdogs to chase is easy. But, after Mirk’s death, we vowed we would always strive to have flanks and solid stops on all our dogs. That’s a much more challenging proposition with geese than it is with more sedentary stock.”

They bought two more dogs from a top trainer. One, whose name was Bunnie, had a peerless pedigree. But, he was a restless A.D.H.D. dog with many hidden demons. Once again, however, control was lacking: “In the presence of sheep or geese, he has one desire – to get to his stock,” says Jackie. As is often the case, his phobias, anxiety and weaknesses off the stock are schizophrenically offset by astonishing strength of mind, endurance and bravery on the job. Jackie recounted a tale that’s a common problem (or opportunity) with highly focused, hard to handle goose-dogs.

“Two winters ago when large parts of the bay by our house were frozen, we were training Bunnie and his handler on the beach in sub-zero temperatures. His handler turned her back

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on him for just a few seconds. He took off like a shot after a few geese and black ducks. He swam 200 yards out between the ice-flows. We only just got him to turn back before he left us for good."

So, what makes a good goose-dog?

The book has yet to be written on this subject. The Evans's believe the current business model for training and selling goose-dogs is flawed. The majority of people in the working Border Collie world are selling stock-dogs that have failed on the trial field, or on the farm. According to Joe Evans, "All too often, goose-dogs tend to be cast-offs, – mostly dogs with high prey drive that are too willful for shepherding."

In Evans's experience, spending a few weeks teaching the dogs how to swim by herding domestic ducks in ponds and maybe fine tuning their herding skills by training them in a pen on domestic ducks and sheep is not enough. But there are many of these types of "herding cast offs" that are put on the market for a substantial mark-up after such a training period.

The Evans's have a problem with this model. Joe explains: "This form of rapid turnaround training does not prepare a dog for the traumas and the dangers of professional goose control. This amazing breed has had three hundred years of genetic development to keep its prey tightly controlled, to bring it back neatly wrapped to the alpha of the pack - the dog handler. The dogs face enormous pressure, firstly from being taken from one home to another for a demanding six week training course before being shipped to yet another new home. Then they have to adjust to a different (most often completely inexperienced) handler. But, the biggest problem that's not addressed is that goose deterrence involves persuading the stock to fly away to all four corners of the compass – an extremely stressful proposition for many herding dogs, whose natural, hard wired instinct is to gather and control."

The Evans's reckon some dogs that come from the "turnaround" dealer/trainers can readily overcome the shock of losing their stock – but often at the cost of a lack of control that is a danger to dog, geese and owner. "These dogs are often an accident waiting to happen," according to Jackie Evans. She sees them as "little more than chasers."

The second type of failed stock dog is the 'creeper'. "This dog is usually strong-eyed. It either locks in on the birds in a painfully slow, often immovable stealth creep, or it refuses to engage the birds by going on such a wide outrun that it ends up in the next county," explains Jackie. "When the geese eventually fly, the dog will race around like a March hare in a futile attempt to get them back."

In her experience, neither of these traits makes for effective deterrence. "They don't provide enough of a fear factor to keep the birds away for very long," says Jackie Evans.

In her view, the best type of dog for goose control has to be a physically strong, natural athlete. This job does not allow much opportunity for calisthenics and warm-up exercises.

The dog has to be able to jump straight from a relatively warm vehicle to run hard at a flock of geese then return to the vehicle to move quickly on to the next job - time is money in this field; the dog cannot be susceptible to injuries.

It has to be very biddable. It has to chase when asked to chase, gather when asked to gather, stalk when asked to stalk, lie down when asked to lie down and return when asked

to return. It has to be able to swim when asked, come out of the water when asked (much harder to do than you would think).

It has to be brave and hardy – geese are at their most active in really foul weather.

It has to be intelligent enough to adapt to the new demands placed upon it. It has to be smart enough to figure out for itself how to work and where to go in the dark (often unseen by the handler). It has to understand danger points, such as roads, traffic and other animals that must not be disturbed.

It has to be 100% trustworthy with people, children, horses, other dogs and pets, as they are mostly working in areas with strict leash laws. It has to focus on its work and not be distracted by other wildlife such as squirrels, rabbits, cats or ducks.

In their experience, the best form of training for this type of work is firstly a very solid period of herding livestock. That

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Peg and Ducks



NEBCA Trial Results



MA Sheep and Wool Sheepdog Trial, Cummington, MA

May 25-27, 2007

Judges: Warren Mick / Barb Armata

Novice

1. Anne Devine	Sue	71
2. Eileen Wilentz	Jamie	56*
3. Deb Donahue	Ross	50
4. Ann Mazur	Cricket	45

ProNovice

1. Peter Van de Car	Lief	73
2. Ginny Prince	Martha	67*
3. Maria Amodei	Mel	64
4. Kate Collins	Rex	63
5. Eve Marschark	Doll	63
6. Bernie Armata	Roy	61
7. Elizabeth Phillips	Merle	61
8. Chris Bowen	Ben	59
9. Steve Wetmore	Beal	58
10. Barb Armata	Gar	58

Ranch

1. Elizabeth Phillips	Vicky	73*
2. Jim Perkins	Z	67

3. Barb Armata	Jill	66
4. Maria Amodei	Rhyme	63
5. Bill Foshier	Tweed	59
6. Nancy Phillips	Susie	59
7. Ginnie Prince	Martha	57
8. Kate Collins	Rex	48
9. Anne Devine	Ben	48
10. Betty Levin	Selkie	39

USBCA Nursery Friday – 10 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault	Pat	80
2. Chris Bowen	Ben	62

USBCA Nursery Saturday – 9 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault	Pat	81
2. Eve Marschark	Doll	79

Open Saturday – 50 dogs

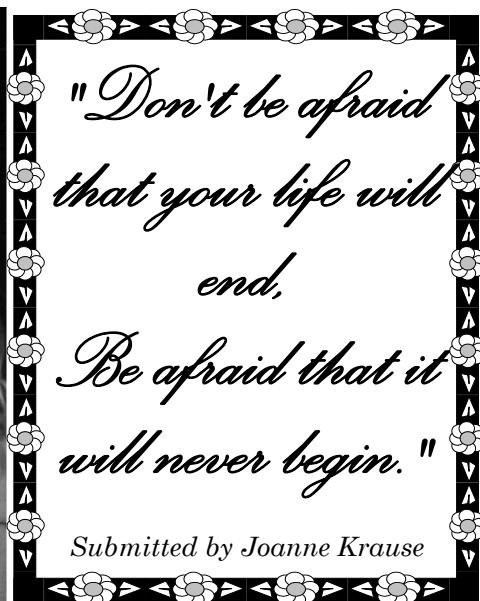
1. Steve Wetmore	Pace	94*
2. Roger Deschambeault	Pat	92
3. Eve Marschark	Rue	92

4. Sue Schoen	Brook	91
5. Fiona Robertson	Pat	88
6. Michael Dathe	Trot	87
7. Rob Drummond	Ben	86
8. Rich Seaman	Boo	85
9. Dave Young	Patch	84
10. Peter Van de Car	Katie	84

Open Sunday – 44 dogs

1. Peter Van de Car	Bud	90
2. Fiona Robertson	Pat	89
3. Warren Mick	Glen	88*
4. Rich Seaman	Ki	88
5. Roger Des.	Bob	84
6. Rich Seaman	Zoe	83
7. Denise Leonard	Jessie	82
8. Maria Mick	Kit	82
9. Peter Van de Car	Russ	82
10. Sue Schoen	Brook	81

* Denotes Long Road Award



Left: Joan Worthington's granddaughter Abby and a newborn lamb.

SHEPHERD'S CROOK TRIAL LORNEVILLE, ONTARIO

The 3rd Annual Shepherd's Crook Trial will take place on June 23 and 24 at the lovely sheep farm of Kevin and Kim Gretton in the hamlet of Lorneville, Ontario (north-east of Toronto). This trial has grown in leaps and bounds, time for you to enter all classes available. Again this year Elvis will make a personal appearance for your entertainment.

ENTRY FORM and all directions available on www.nebca.net.

The Little Red Book and Other Stories

by Anonymous Shepherd

So it comes time to reveal the title of the little red book that slipped into my lap Christmas day 2005!

Thanks to all of you who wrote in , and congratulations to both Martha Walke and Jim Allen who correctly answered that the Title was indeed “Owd Bob - The Grey dog of Kenmuir, written by Alfred Ollivant; Published by Thomas Nelson and sons in 1898.

Thanks again to Jim who I believe correctly made the connection from Owd to Old; I do however think that it is old in a clever way, so possibly more like Wise Bob. Quote: page 9 “And such was Owd Bob O’ Kenmuir--owd, young though he was, by reason of that sprinkling shower of snow upon his head.”

I wondered what had prompted Mr. Ollivant to write a tale of sheepdogs of the Dales. It is possible that he was familiar with Cumbria, certainly his use of local slang would suggest it. However, this was Victorian England and dog shows and dog fancying were very popular, train travel had made trips to many parts of England accessible and the Gentry owned vast estates where many of these exhibitions took place. These lands were extensively farmed, also stocked with game and fish for all types of country pursuits. Local shepherds had been competing with each other for years previous and trials were now included in a variety of dog events, which brought in ever increasing numbers of spectators. Trialing received a real boost, when in 1889, Queen Victoria and entourage visited the LLangollen Trial in North Wales. She had also owned and exhibited collies in the past.

Easy to see therefore why Mr. Ollivant would pick a sheep dog as a hero for a book. Not the first to do so and certainly not the last! Many more to go. His dog Bob is described as a large Grey beast, gentle and wise with white fur on his head and snow cloud eyes? In the 1938 movie he is portrayed as a Border Collie but by this date many of the traditional herding Dogs were gone? If anyone would care to send me information on early types of dogs I will include it in an article for the future, as well as some insight of my own.

Not to spoil your enjoyment of this book I will include here just a small snippet from Owd Bob...If you can imagine this

prose in a thick North Country accent it will give you some idea of how confusing this might be to someone without the ear? (I’ll do my best to translate next issue)

“In the distance were three figures on the lowland lips of the Pike: a grey dog and a black faced ram engaged in fateful duel; and on a mound, something apart, the tall form of a man watching motionless.

“Noo, Bob” screamed the veteran on the ladder, and held his breath as the warrior ram made a last huge onslaught. Stan till her! Heart oop, lad noo noo hes comin! Ma wud! a despart fratch.....Ah-h-h!-smiting the ladder in red hot ecstasy- “weel done, oor Bob! See owd staggy run, Sam’l see un’ ‘op! Ma sarty, if that dosena bang a’!Ah, if iver I seed a good tyke.....he’s a reet’ un He’s a rare ‘un A proper Grey Dog, I’s uphod thee! A reg’lar-reg-lar- Rex son o’ Rally”

More on dogs and early trials next issue. Maybe even another book review?

Also a little about yan, tan, tetherer.....say what?

From the man just out, standing in his field!



Working Partnerships with Goose Dog Border Collies (continued)

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needs to be followed by careful training on the job. And the better the dog and handler, the less geese to chase. That’s when the marketing skills of the business owner come in. You’ve got the dogs, now they need more work.

“Anybody who thinks that setting up a goose control company is going to be easy should be prepared for a lot of sales and marketing effort. Many people hate Canada geese being on their properties, but few are prepared to pay to move them off,” says Jackie. “And be prepared for unsociable hours – lots of them! Geese are far more active on weekends and on Holidays and even at night if hazed hard in the day, because they

are always testing their feeding grounds for safe grazing times,” says Jackie Evans.

Their dogs don’t care about that though. They don’t want payment; they want to be taken to geese. They don’t want to lounge around the house; they want to be trained on sheep or on ducks. They don’t want treats or rewards; they just want to be out working - the longer the better!



A Baby Story

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Whenever one of my own animals has a medical disaster I seek comfort in the thought that I am a better veterinarian for the experience. You don't learn much when things are easy. So let's just start out by saying Bonnie's pregnancy was a great learning experience. Nothing horrible happened and everything came out ok in the end. But from the get go it was not going to be an easy ride and this may serve as a cautionary tale for the casual breeder.

All my bitches have had easy times with breeding, pregnancy and whelping. All my pups have been sold without a thought, often before they were born. I am not a casual or frequent breeder - with one exception I have only bred when I hankered after a pup from a certain cross. I am well versed in what difficulties can occur. But it when it happened to me it took me by surprise.

I wanted a pup from my twelve year old Nap and six year old Bonnie. No spring chickens either of them but both had bred successfully before and I figured this was probably about the last bus for both of them. Bonnie had had three litters before she came over from England. Then she lived with Jean Kennedy for three years before I got her. Her litters were large and she was much younger. Everyone including myself assumed she'd be a pro. Looking back I can't believe I made this stupid assumption. Assumptions always get you in trouble when it comes to animals.

Bonnie is a very easy breeder and before I knew it was standing for my neutered male Willy. Nap was not very interested. His back seemed sore or was it that he was too old and had lost the drive? I despaired and decided to learn to do AI on a Sunday afternoon. It seemed a success and the next day we tried it again with the same apparent success. But was my timing right? The next day at Betty Levin's house Nap's son Kyle was more than willing to guarantee pups. That afternoon when I returned home Nap met Bonnie at the door with great enthusiasm and I realized we were probably going to have a double sired litter. Thank goodness for DNA analysis!

Bonnie got bigger and bigger. Ultrasound confirmed 9 pups and as her due date approached her temperature dropped as expected. That Saturday night at midnight she informed me she was going to have her pups.

We proceeded to the whelping area, Bonnie fussed and fretted and dug a lot. Finally without a lot of pushing or effort on her part she produced a pup. I thought maybe she just needed time to warm up and get into the pushing thing but it took an hour for the both of us to produce the next pup. Bonnie was not distressed or concerned. The pups were fine. She licked them and nursed them but there was not going to be a lot of pushing on her part. Seven pups to go this was looking like a long night and I started to worry about getting this done. I rethought the "gee she'll be a pro" view of things. Instead I realized Bonnie had had three large litters. Then she'd had three years off. Her uterus never planned on pushing out another pup. It was kaput.

After another hour of napping and trying to coax pup number three to advance within finger grabbing range in the vagina I realized this was one of those horrid experiences that everyone talks about. I could just feel the mouth of pup number three but by 3:30 am the mouth seemed less responsive. Time to act. I had to accept that this pup might be dead. This was the other end of the phone calls I fielded so confidently at work. How long to wait, would the bitch need an x ray, oxytocin or a C section. Lack of progress, uterine inertia, C section dead puppies if you wait too long. This was actually happening to Bonnie and I.

I reviewed my options. She needed an x-ray if I was going to consider oxytocin. I had no staff to call on as our hospital no longer does emergencies on a Sunday at 4 am. I really did not fancy cutting my own dog in this situation. I decided on a referral hospital to which we send oodles of clients. They were the right choice and only 50 minutes away. I raced up with Bonnie and her two pups. It was a long dark drive in the cold pre-dawn.

The doc on duty was wonderful and I found myself relaxing into client as she discussed what she thought we should do. I could tell right away she knew more than I did. X-ray, oxytocin to cause the uterus to contract and then possibly a C section if no progress. The best option for the pups guaranteed survival was to do a C section right away, but because Bonnie was fine and in no distress Dr. Pearlstein thought we were fine to try delivery first. I agreed. They took Bonnie off to x-ray and I sat on the floor of the exam room with the two pups under my shirt -exhausted and relieved to have able assistance. I really wanted to have Bonnie deliver on her own. She had shown no distress so it seems that this was simple uterine inertia that would respond to oxytocin. That said there were still seven pups in there - and a uterus that started out less than enthusiastic about the job ahead.

Dr Pearlstein reappeared in a few minutes later with Bonnie and the pup in the canal that had fallen out on the x-ray table alive and screaming. A little dark female. Things were looking up! Bonnie nursed everyone, had a little meal and a drink. Dr. Pearlstein gave her some fluids under her skin that contained calcium and then gave an injection of oxytocin. Her x-ray showed all was well with 6 pups left to go all in normal position- no obvious problems. The ball started to roll again.

Over the next 4 hours she delivered 4 more pups on the exam room floor. I was a happy midwife- massaging her huge uterus as it contracted, applying warm compresses, talking her out for walks. I ate birthday cake and drank coke Bonnie had water and cat food. Dr Pearlstein and the staff popped in periodically to check on things and admire the growing pile of pups. It was going well but slowly. After puppy six came out there was a long pause and Dr. Pearlstein gave Bonnie a Tums to provide calcium. Fifteen minutes later out came pup seven.

two to go. Bonnie had been in labor for

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13 hours. It was 1 pm on super bowl Sunday. She was exhausted. Her uterus had shrunk to about ¼ of it's pre whelping size. It had been a very rewarding experience but was not over yet. The next two pups still had to come out and it did not seem that Bonnie had much left.

As the pups were born they seemed to whisper their sires names The first

three were obvious Kyle pups- big heads, dark tricolors. I was waiting for my Nap son to appear. And beautiful as the pups were I was a bit sad not to see the flamboyant black and white that marked my previous Nap pups. I like Kyle very much but was pulling for my old boy. When pup five appeared I was rewarded. Nap had come through. And a male, I named him Nick on the spot. Pup seven was an

absolute Bonnie clone – a girl with brown cheeks and a long rat tail.

By one pm we were at a point where we decided Bonnie could have one more oxytocin injection and then could go home. If by any chance she did not deliver the pups in a timely manner I could get help and the C section at our hospital that afternoon. Dr. Pearlstein thought it might be ok to wait until the morning. She thought Bonnie might deliver them at her own pace sometime over the next 12 hours but I decided to

stay a little while longer and hope to deliver the pups at the hospital and close this chapter once and for all.

She had her injection and started to push. I milked out the last two pups. The last one alas was still born. Perfectly formed but white and never a ghost of a heartbeat. I worked on him for a minute or two but it was clear he had no chance. He was the casualty of the long labor. But I was elated. Eight



Bonnie and her pups.

healthy pups, a healthy mom and no surgery. The ER team was very distressed by the dead pup and took it away to try to revive it. They came back with sad faces. I tried to console them. I know they want to save everything but this pup had had no chance. And I was feeling like I felt like a big winner.

Off I drove that afternoon- my most difficult whelping ever. What remained was to determine parentage of the pups and enjoy them until they left for their new homes.

It turned out that the pups clearly reflected their sires. The three that I pegged as Nap pups were Nap pups and the other five were Kyle's. A few owners had preference for a particular sire and it was ultimately nice to produce this custom litter. The DNA parenting ID was easy- a cheek swab at 2 weeks. Results came back 2 weeks later well before the pups left. I sort of felt inept for the allowing the double breeding. I

don't think I would do it again intentionally, but in this case it did work out.

It was an exhausting whelping. I have heard of far more gruesome experiences with less favorable outcomes. I was once again reminded to take nothing for granted with animals! Ultimately I am glad I did this breeding- all the pups are sold, most too working homes, and I have my little darling Nick. But this

was not for the faint of heart.



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