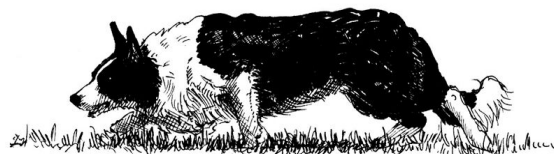


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In Memory of Walt Jagger
Photo of Walt and Kit at 2007 Finals by Ellen Rusconi Black

Editorializing...

This spring we lost another beloved NEBCA Elder. As you will read from the tributes and musings on the following pages, Walt was a much respected and loved person, both as a handler as well as a friend. I cannot say I knew him very well, but he always had a kind word or encouragement for me, especially as I struggled as a novice with my hot headed first dog. So, hats off to you Walt, keep all your furry friends busy at the bridge.

Also, you will have noticed that you are getting your Summer edition of NEBCA News a bit late (Okay, a LOT late!) Since I can only give excuses, which would bore you no matter how valid, I simply ask the membership for your patience and understanding as I try and get caught up on work and life! On the bright side, since it is so late, most of the trial results that usually must be published in a Summer Supplement are in this issue! And on another note, if there is someone out there absolutely chomping at the bit to take over the newsletter beginning in 2009, I am very open to that idea !

Thanks!

Your humble editor,
Fiona Robertson

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Remembering Walt Jagger

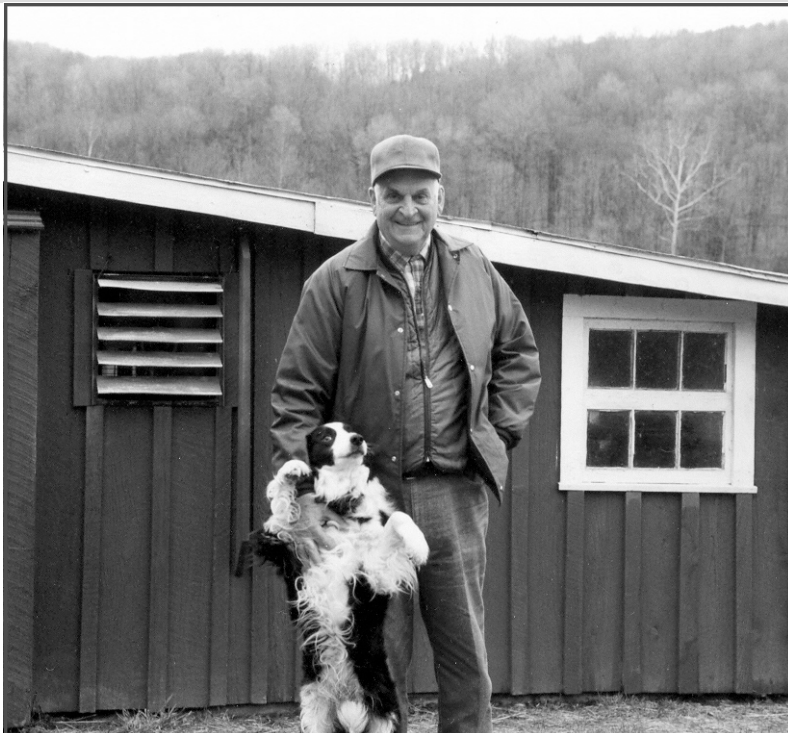
"He's probably not too smart," Walt would say as he introduced you to his new dog. "Not too smart, because he seems to like me." This was about as close to bragging as Walt ever came, but it never masked his devotion to his dogs. From the time he started trialing and came into New England, he got into the habit of stopping off for a meal or overnight, and we would sit around the table and talk about all sorts of things, not just dogs. What came through in those conversations was his steadfast love of his family, and long before I met Cheryl's sister and brothers I had a sense of who they were and what they were to Walt and Eleanor. In the early years of the Hop Bottom trial the Jagger's put Ellen Raja and me up in their downstairs "pub" for the big weekend, and we were brought into their lives as though we were extended family. All that warmth and generosity endures and radiates out from this one man.

Betty Levin, MA

Dear Cheryl and Dick,

I am so sorry for your loss, Walt was a wonderful man and he will be missed by all.

Geri Abrams, Free To Be Ranch, Mountainair NM



Walt and Celt in 1991.
Photo by Tina Pabst



Above: Walt at the Kingston SDT, Photo by Amanda Milliken

Left: Walt and Kit at the 2007 Finals. Photo by Lori Mauger

Walt Jagger was a wonderful person to know. Sitting with him and talking was the highlight of my trips to various trials over the past few years. He always had some important fact or information to impart about his dogs or training in general. His wit and sense of humor were wonderful. I will miss him. *Gail Van Wicklen*

Remembering Walt Jagger



Photo at left shows Walt and Dave Clark drinking my homemade beer during the trial. Walt made me feel very good in that he said, because it was a home brew, it was one of the best beers he had ever had. David Clark was very close to Walt and family.

*Dan King
(Photo by Sally King)*



Being Playful. Deb Mickey took these at the '07 Finals. She says that when Walt discovered he was being photographed, he ducked behind this pipe. "Ain't it just like him!" Deb says.

Walt was such a big part of the border collie world here in the northeast. A trail blazer of the breed and of their work. Attending the trial in Hop Bottom was always a treat; the family was so welcoming and warm. The love and respect the family shared for each other was apparent to see. They lost a beloved patriarch; we and the border collie lost a very good friend.

Play them a snappy jig, Walt.
Deb Mickey

We were privileged to partake in One of Walt's breakfasts, on our way back from Gettysburg last fall, at the barn - coffee and cookies (which he insisted on going to buy). I'm sure everyone who partook in those felt his special attention. We were amazed at the trophies, ribbons and crooks. Talked dogs and then went outside and watched him work a dog. Then we had to go down to the house and go into the other office, with as many if not more accolades on the walls, to look up the pedigree of the worked dog. What a privilege !!

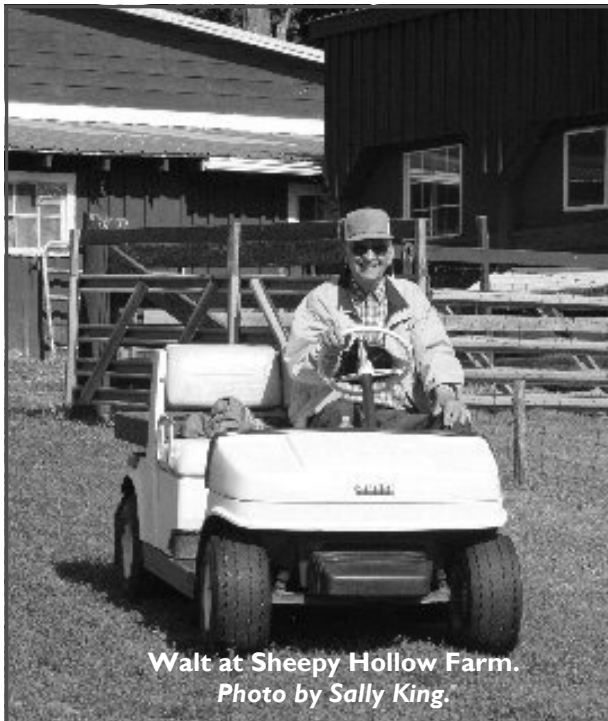
Years ago, when researching my Rhos's pedigree, I saw Tweed owned by Walt Jagger. I wrote to Walt and asked him what he remembered of Tweed. His answer was so sweet it made me cry. I did not know him well at that time but his love came through loud and strong.

Last summer, at the Ewesful Acres Trial, I was speaking to an older couple who were spectating. At one point, they pointed to Walt sitting on his golf cart with, probably Kit - gazing at him with adoration, and said "Look how much that dog loves that man "

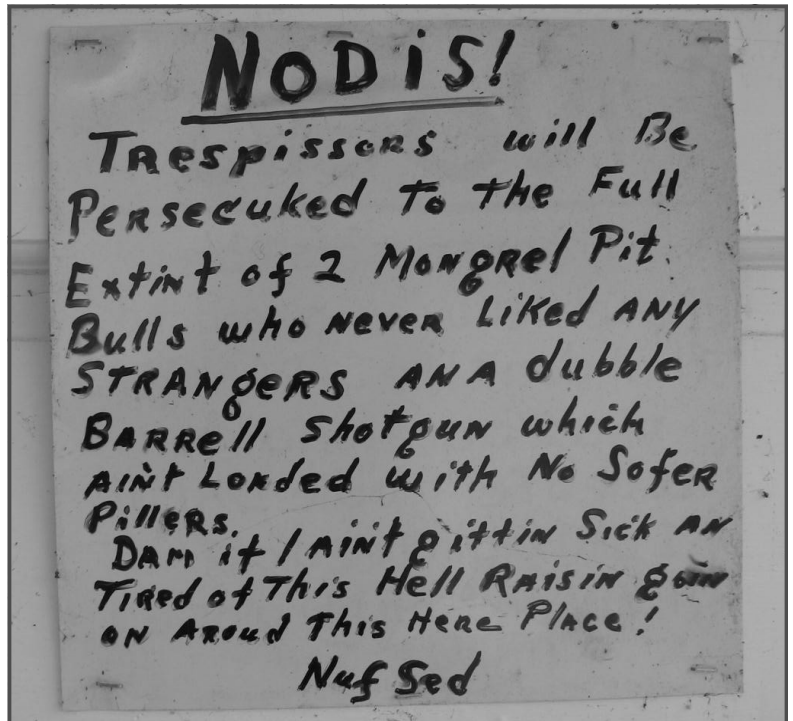
My answer was "if you knew that man, you would love him that much too !!"

Claire & Paul Garwood

Remembering Walt Jagger



Walt at Sheepy Hollow Farm.
Photo by Sally King.



ABOVE: The sign on the barn door at Sheepy Hollow shows Walt's sense of fun to all. Photo by Claire Garwood

Walt's Work

A life well lived. Lived well.
Measured by friends helped (how many handlers?)
Stories told and listened to (jokes and songs)
Kindness demonstrated to people, dogs, sheep
Knowledge passed on ("would you take some advice from an old man?")

Love given and received Delights shared ("did you see my Nan's run?")

Priorities clear.

Your work visible in the legacy of virtuous, generous, loving family members.

And, a multitude of lasting friendships.

I am so grateful that you were a part of my life,
Mentor and father figure.

As you would say,

"But, then. That's all part of the Big Picture, isn't it?"

"Away-to-me, Walt.

"There.

Walk Up.

That'll do."

-Eve Marschark



Walt in his office with the numerous trial prizes and awards he has won over the years as backdrop. Photo by Claire Garwood

Trial Managers—submit your results and photos to creeksidefarm@sympatico.ca by August 1st !

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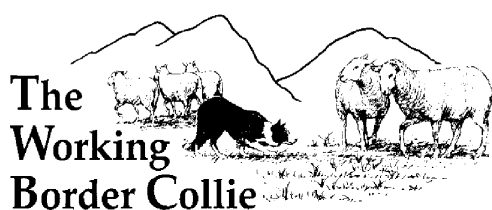
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570-742-3527

Sorry for any inconvenience!

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES...

On the first warm day of the year, we had the car windows open. I had my hair pulled back in a loose pony tail and strands were blowing around my face. I said to my 13 yr old, "We need to close the windows because its messing up my hair." He says back to me, "Mom your a farmgirl, not a beauty queen! lets leave the windows open!" Still makes me laugh today!!

Submitted by Wendy Warner



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Dates: July 19&20

Classes: NN, PN, R, O, Nursery (if enough entries)

Judge: Craig Rogers

Contact: Cynthia Palmer

cjpalmer@nexicom.net 705-295-3351

UBSCHA, OBCC sanctioned; Commercial sheep. **Limited to 70 runs**

Renaissance Farm SDT

Sydenham, Ontario, Canada

(near Kingston)

Oct 10, 11, 2008

(Possibly the 12th as well)

Classes: NN, PN, Ranch, Open &

(possibly) Nursery.

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tioned. Trial Manager: Lorna Savage

savagel@kos.net (613) 541-0296

Date Correction - Kingston SDT at Grass Creek Park

August 5-10 2008. For details and entry form, please go to

www.canadianbordercollies.org/events.htm

NYS Sheep & Wool Festival

Rhinebeck NY

October 18-19, 2008

Two open trials

Pat Canaday: 518-861-6049;

canadaypc@aol.com

Eastern States Exposition

Springfield MA

September 15-16, 2008

Two open points trials

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Photo by John Hartmann

NEBCA Classifieds

BORDER COLLIE STUD SERVICES: *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 9, 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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Border Collie Puppies - Litter of 8 - Born April 2, 2008.

3 females, 5 males. Sire is Maria Mick's Open dog Doc, 2005 CBCA Nursery Champion. Mother is Sian, out of Roger Deschambeault's great Ken x Trim breedings, granddaughter of Aled Owen's ##Bob. Both dogs are Optigen DNA Clear and have OFA Good hips. Should be serious minded workers with talent. Contact Claire Garwood at 450 539-5090 or penbre@sympatico.ca

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NEBCA TRIAL RESULTS



MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair SDT, Cummington, MA

May 23-25, 2008

Judge: Michael Dathe (Friday and Saturday); Maria Mick (Sunday)

Submitted by: Denise Leonard

Friday Novice/Novice

1. Sharon Perkins	Roy	78
2. Anne Devine	Doc	76
3. Melody Hanchett	Canon	72
4. Wally Dury	Max	63
5. Anne Devine	Fly	62
6. Julie Williams	Lucy	58
7. Lisa Goodman	Scout	54
8. Grace Smith	Click	44
9. Rosemary Redick	Fawn	25

Long Road - Melody Hanchett and Canon

Friday ProNovice

1. Denise Leonard	Maggie	77
2. Denise Leonard	Floss	75

3. Barbara Armata	Vic	74
4. Sharon Perkins	Jack	73
5. Carol Weigand	McDuff	72
6. Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	71
7. Jan Berger	Moss	70
8. Carol Campion	Slick	70
9. Eileen Wilentz	Jamie	64
10. Joyce Westcott	Tair	64

Long Road - Denise Leonard and Maggie

Friday Ranch

1. Anne Devine	Annie	84
2. Bill Foshier	Tweed	82
3. Carolyn West	Jill	75
4. Kate Collins	Rex	66

5. Kitze McCormick	Jax	49
6. Kitze McCormick	Wink	44
7. Tom Leigh	Jo	26

Long Road - Bill Foshier and Tweed

Saturday Novice/Novice

1. Sharon Perkins	Roy	75
2. Lisa Goodman	Scout	74
3. Mary Wasielewski	Zen	55
4. Wally Dury	Max	50
5. Julie Williams	Lucy	25

Long Road - Mary Wasielewski and Zen

Saturday ProNovice

1. Barbara Leverett	Cap	79
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(Continued on page 20)

Remembering Walt Jagger



My first encounter with Walt was similar to another posted here. We were at Edgar Gould's, another recently passed pillar in the BC world, and Walt asked if I would sell him my Nell dog. I couldn't do that as she was my first BC, but later on we bred Nell to Celt and Walt took a pup and called her Nan.

Don't ask me why but I was so worried, Walt Jagger had one of my pups. My worry was short lived as Walt & Nan had a wonderful career together. With encouragement from Walt and Vergil Holland, my daughter decided she wanted to run a dog when she was 9 and the only dog we had was Nell. I remember Walt standing at the fence with me as she stepped up to the post that first time, "Now mother" he said, "she'll do fine, Nell will take care of her." With that kind of twinkle in his eye and smile that he had he added, "Just turn around and don't look."

Thank you Walt. To Eleanor, Cheryl, Dick and the rest of his family, thank you for helping him be such a big part of the Border Collie world.

Sylvia Murray

LEFT: A familiar pose - Walt at the post. Photo by Claire Garwood

It was 1991, my first clinic with my first border collie, Annie. We were a gaggle of beginners, many of us from the city, with no clue about the world we were about to enter. Cheryl was teaching the clinic, but she said that her father would give a little demonstration first, so that we could all get an idea of what it was supposed to look like. So we watched Walt shuffle through the gate, with a little bitch slithering beside him. When he entered the field, he turned his head to his right and whispered "lie down". And that little bitch dropped! Right there. In a microsecond!

I was stunned. STUNNED! In the 34 years that I had been training dogs, I had never had a moment like this. The man had barely opened his mouth, and that dog – connected, experienced, and obviously loved – had responded with every atom she had. It was the beginning of a love affair with this kind of training, with this kind of real work, with these kinds of dogs and the world they have led me to inhabit. Between the two of them, I will never be able to repay my debt to Walt and his daughter.

Polly Matzinger

Remembering Walt Jagger

I met Walt in 1993, when I called him about purchasing a male pup. He asked what my plans were for this pup. I told Walt I wanted him to be a Lead Dog on my Sled Dog team. He then invited me to come to Sheepy Hollow to watch him and his dogs work, which my husband and I did. Walt had 4 dogs walking behind him, we arrived at a gate and there were sheep in the field. Walt called for Roy, three times, and turned to see where he was, Roy stayed directly behind him, and every time Walt turned, Roy turned, it was quite comical, finally Roy stepped to the side and Walt took his hat off and gently tapped him, saying yooou! I was impressed at how his dogs all looked at him with adoring eyes, listened to his slightest command, I knew I was seeing something very special. Walt worked his dogs gently and skillfully.

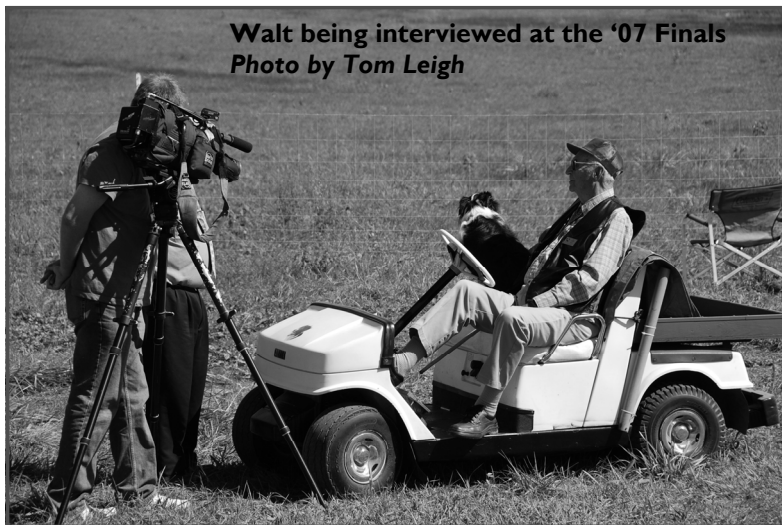
I bought a Celt pup when the litter came do, and Walt called me a few times to see how I was doing with him. We visited him several times over the years, there was Wisdom in his stories, and it was an Honor and Pleasure to know him.
H. Ludwig, Equinunk, Pa.

I have decided one of my favorite memories of Walt (and there are many) is of Walt with Eleanor's little Sheltie Dixie. Walt would bring Dixie out of the motorhome and put her through her little routine. My favorite trick was when Walt would place a treat on his knee and tell Dixie "you mustn't touch it, it is no good". Dixie would turn her head away and not touch the treat until Walt examined it and told her it was now OK to eat. It was just a stupid dog trick, but you could see how much time Walt had spent with her. She was a grand little dog and I am sure was waiting (along with all the others) for Walt. My condolences to the entire Jagger family.
Lynn Deschambeault

1991 Photo of Walt by Nancy Starkey



Walt being interviewed at the '07 Finals
Photo by Tom Leigh



Walt Jagger: A True Gentleman

Words cannot express the profound sadness I feel that you have left us for greener sheep pastures. You were a unique man who contributed greatly to the world of working border collies and handlers, both on and of the field. I know you would not want us to mourn your departure, but rather celebrate your achievements and remember those truly great trialing moments. I will miss the giant bear hugs and the cheek smooch, but most certainly will remember your wit, that huge grin, and the twinkle in your eyes! Have fun with God's sheep and lay a kind hand on an old friend's furry head. Renew your friendships with handlers that have gone before you, and enjoy God's Sheepy Hollow. I feel privileged to have known you.

Mary Thompson, Ontario, Canada

Remembering Walt Jagger

I had wanted a Border Collie for as long as I can remember. The time was right in my life and I started my quest for a pup. After MANY phone calls and as many turn downs I called Walt. I told him my "story" and asked if he had any pups or planned litters. He said he had a litter due in a few months and suggested my husband and I come up to his farm for a visit. See the dogs, make sure this was really the dog I wanted.

My husband Paul and I drove up and met the man who would indirectly change my life forever! Sheepy Hollow farm was so beautiful to us, so neat as a pin. We met Walt and stepped into his office where the walls were covered in sheepdog ribbons. We

each sat down and had a cup of Walt's perpetual brew of coffee. We talked about many things as well as dogs.

We then were brought into the barn to meet the dogs. What Paul and I noticed right away was how each dog lived and breathed for Walt, how Walt talked to each one so calm and quiet and how each dog wiggled and could barely contain itself as he spoke. Walt then asked us if we would like to see them work.

We went out into his field and each dog went to the fence and waited it's turn. Never tied, just went to the fence to wait for it's name. He worked his dogs and as I watched in awe, my world was changing forever. Each dog when done went back to it's spot and the next dog called took it's place. We spent the whole day there. At the end of the day I still remember sitting on a swing chair over by the creek, Walt telling us how much he loved this place. We could see why.

I got my pup from Walt several months later. We just loved that dog. Walt and I spoke often in the months to follow and he mentioned his daughter Cheryl was giving a clinic at his place. He said my pup was just about old enough and suggested we come up. We did and my journey into the sheepdog world began to unfold and I have never looked back.

Over the years Walt had been a mentor to me on so many

levels. When his Open dog Celt retired from trialing, I painted him a plate of Celt. Over the years I have known him he always mentioned how much he loved that plate. Walt also loved to tell jokes and enjoyed hearing them. Many trials I have memories of sitting in his golf cart and swapping jokes or talking about our runs or dogs or things in

general. He always made me feel special. If I had a good go, he always congratulated me and if the weekend was not the best he always managed to say something to me that made me feel better about myself, my dogs.

When I read of his passing

and then while in shock read of all the people he had made feel special I realized he had a gift for this. When I attended his Wake and saw and felt the outpouring of love and support for his family I was truly moved. I wished I had spent more time with him down at the Finals this past Fall. I never thought it would be the last time I would sit in his golf cart, talk to him. I will miss him very much.

Because of Walt I now have several Border Collies, (one of his favorite things to say "You know, they're like potato chips, you can't have just one") sheep, a travel trailer and have been looking to purchase a farm the past few years.

Because of Walt I have met many people I never would have and have many friends I could not imagine my life without. Because of Walt I have traveled to places I never knew existed.

Because of Walt, where I once looked at an open field and thought "wow, I sure would like to ride a horse out there" I now think of nothing else than working a dog on it.

Walt, I could never Thank You enough!

*Michele Higgins
Hidden Meadow Farm Long Island, New York*

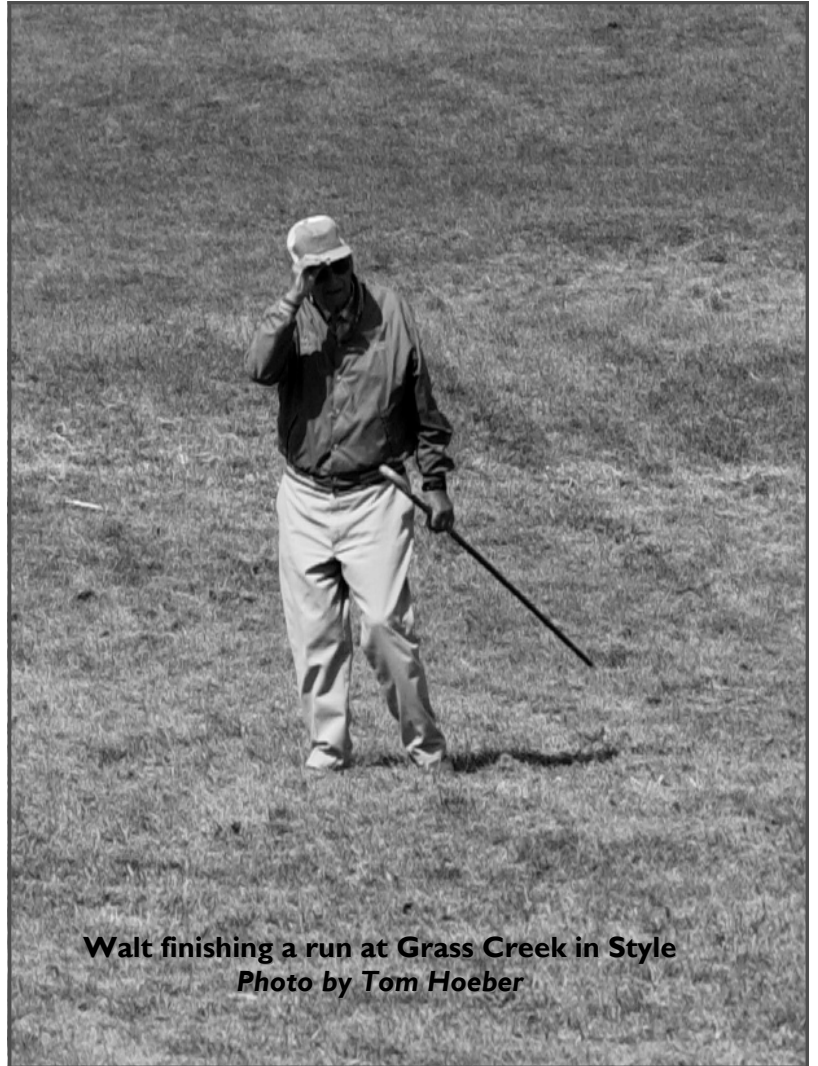


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Walt and Dick at the handlers dinner in Gettysburg. Photo by Deb Mickey



**Walt finishing a run at Grass Creek in Style
Photo by Tom Hoeber**

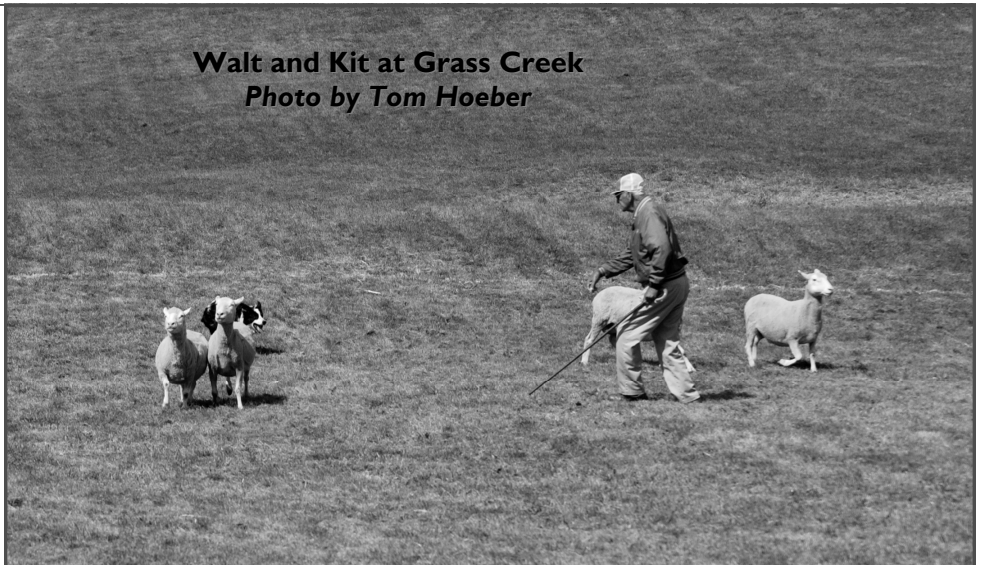


I first met Walt at the Spring Fling Practice Trial in 2000, it was at his farm, this trial was my first time out with my new border collie (Sian). I was very nervous and we were both very novice. Chris Kroemmelbein introduced me to Walt and right away he made me feel at ease. He told me to go out there and just go slow and let Sian do her thing. She did and all went well. Walt was right there when I came off the field and told me a couple of things to do and he assured me I was going to do just fine.

Every trial I went to after that he always greeted me with a big smile. He always made me feel welcome. He always complemented my dog and joked with me about buying my dog, which he knew I would never sell. I just want to say I have never met such a genuinely nice person. I will really miss seeing him.

Kim Vanderwende and Sian

**Walt and Kit at Grass Creek
Photo by Tom Hoeber**



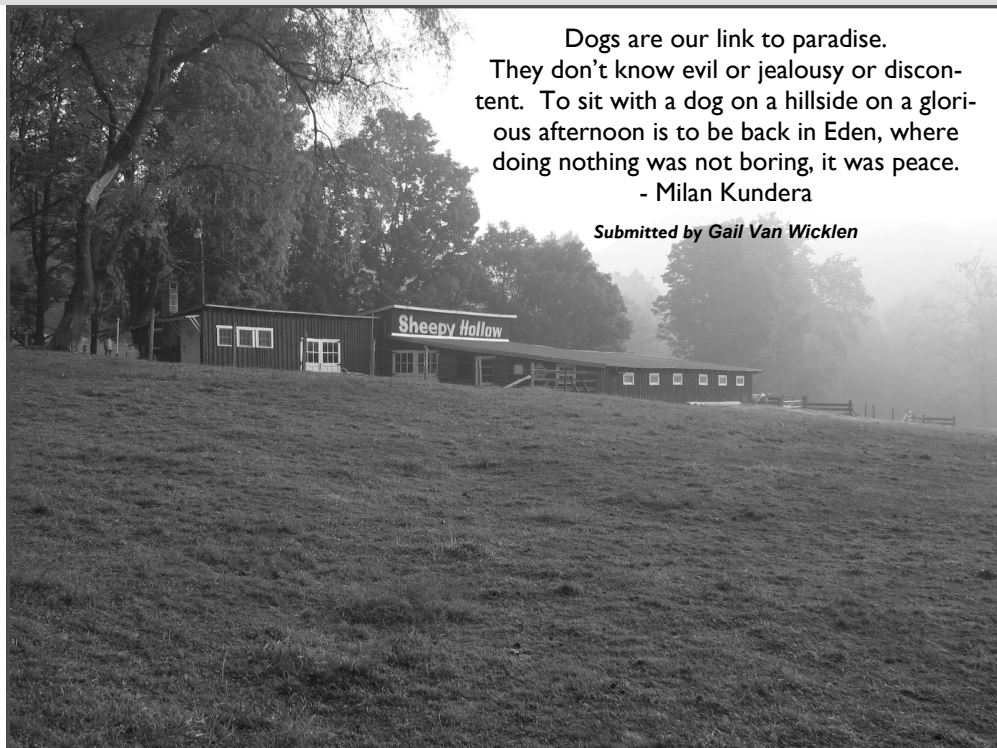
Remembering Walt Jagger

A pioneer, legend, husband, father, grandfather, sibling, mentor and someone I am proud to call a dear friend. There was a standing order between myself and Walt. When I was done working my dogs with Cheryl the coffee was on at the farm. I was to bring along the donuts. And so our friendship began that eventually extended between our families. My family and I offer our deepest sympathy to Walt's family. He was a great man that we all love dearly.

To Walt, keep the coffee hot my friend. We will have a lot of catching up once we meet again.

All our Love,
Ed, Terri, Eddie, Amy and Heather Florentino

Photo at right of Sheepy Hollow Farm by Claire Garwood



Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring, it was peace.

- Milan Kundera

Submitted by Gail Van Wicklen



NEBCA TRIAL RESULTS



CT Sheep Breeders SDT, Vernon, CT; April 26 & 27th, 2008

Judge: Doug McDonough; Submitted by: Carolyn West

The CT Sheepbreeders Trial was held on April 26th & 27th in Vernon, CT. This is one of the longest running sheepdog trials in the US. For the first time, Novice classes were offered on both Saturday and Sunday along with Open and we had great turnout with seasoned Open handlers along with many Novice handlers. This trial was a group effort - both before and during the trial and we really appreciate all of the help that we received. Last year the trial wasn't held and it was a bit of a last minute effort this year, but we managed to pull it off and a great time was had by all. We had good weather, things went mostly according to plan and the sheep were especially challenging. The RV-ers and campers even got a special awakening on Sunday morning from the local fire department as they filled their tankers in order to fight a brush fire!

A special thank you goes to our judge, Doug McDonough, for doing a great job of judging and for going above and beyond to put in extra time both days. We'd also like to especially thank Rob Drummond and Betsy Drummond and Fran Wheeler of Bordercollics Anonymous (www.bordercollicsanonymous.com) for their generous donation of 4 of Rob's new Luminator Aluminum whistles for the overall champion prizes in each class. The whistles were even engraved!

Saturday Open: 17 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault & Bob
2. Emma Court & Marshall
3. Roger Deschambeault & Jet
4. Rob Drummond & Ben
5. Michelle Higgins & Bracken
6. Nancy Phillips & Susie
7. Michelle Higgins & Deigh
8. Emma Court & Kane
9. Kate Collins & Jan
10. Molly King & Storm

Saturday Ranch: 6 dogs

1. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Fly
2. Diane Bauman & Jaq

3. Kate Collins & Rex
4. Carolyn West & Jill
5. Linda Hotchkiss & Mae

Saturday Pro-Novice: 19 dogs

1. Michele Higgins & Dream
2. Ellen Rusconi-Black & Stevie
3. Michele Higgins & Spirit
4. Valerie Pietraszewska & Jess
5. Carol Campion & Zacharina
6. Linda Hotchkiss & Moss
7. Carolyn West & Dash
8. Patricia Kallen & Trim
9. Emma Court & Maia

10. Darlene Hutchins & Lil

Saturday Novice: 11 dogs

1. Judy Hooper & Dan
2. Linda Hotchkiss & Gyp
3. Patricia Kallen & Sophie
4. Sharon Perkins & Roy
5. Eileen Wilentz & Jamie

Nursery: 5 dogs

1. Gabe Merrill & Roy

Sunday Open: 14 dogs

1. Carol Campion & Floss

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NEBCA Meeting Minutes - Cummington, MA

Submitted by Maria Mick

NEBCA Meeting Cummington, MA; May 24, 2008

Called to order at 5:45pm. Twenty-six members present.

The motion was made by Bernie Armata to accept the minutes from the annual meeting in January and seconded by Nancy Phillips. The minutes were approved.

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

Membership is currently at 250 including 60 family memberships, 5 Life memberships and 1 one honorary membership. This compares to 252 at this time last year.

Treasurer's Report –

given by Maria Amodei
Current balance in the treasury as of 5-22-08 is \$18,618.92.

Open Trial Committee Report –

given by Peter VandeCar
The location of the Fall Foliage

has been narrowed to either Coopers-town, NY or Troy, VT. Although Cooperstown may be a more centralized location, sheep would have to be shipped to location, whereas the northern VT location has sheep on-site. It was suggested that the Open Trials Committee take a poll to gather information on numbers of people interested in attending and which members would be able to be present at the trial site to prepare and clean up after the event. It was also suggested that the committee look into the availability of sheep for the Cooperstown location, including all costs involved. Contact members of the Open Trials Committee for input/information regarding the Fall Foliage (Bud Ames, Chris Bowen, Mary Gessert, Sue Schoen, or Peter VandeCar).

Novice Trial Committee Report –

given by Steve Wetmore

The Novice Finals will be held in Cheshire, MA at the farm of member Wendy Warner on September 20-21, 2008. The judge will be Maria Mick.

Calendar Committee – given by George Northrup

The 2009 calendars are now available. Four hundred were printed and additional copies could be printed if needed. Kate Collins will email information to the website for on-line sales since there is now a PayPal account set up for the

of NEBCA in memory of Life member Walt Jagger to the charity chosen by the Jagger family. In addition, flowers will be donated both to the church and the Hop Bottom, PA trial location on the weekend of the trial (June 14-15, 2008).

New Business

The members page is now on-line on the NEBCA website. To date, there are a few copies of past newsletters and a few financial reports. More will be added soon. The user ID and password will be emailed to the membership shortly.

The PayPal account has been set up to allow for the sale of NEBCA items from the website and help will be needed to assist in shipping those items sold.

A motion was made to present each NEBCA member that will be going to the World Trials in Wales (5 members) with a NEBCA pin. The motion was seconded



No, Liz is not sleeping during the NEBCA meeting! But she was sleeping during the running at the NEBCA Novice Finals last year!

Photo of Liz Phillips by Joanne Krause.

NEBCA website.

Fund Raising Committee – given by Joanne Krause

Sweatshirts are now available for sale and more hats will be ordered soon. NEBCA pins are also available. Joanne Krause has notified the club that she will continue on the fund raising committee until the end of the year.

Health Guidelines Update – given by Michael Dathe

The committee has made substantial progress in updating the NEBCA health and breeding guidelines and will have a final draft for review by the next meeting. Michael noted that a portion of the existing guidelines on hip dysplasia is missing from the web site.

Old Business – given by Denise Leonard

A donation of \$100 was given on behalf

and approved.

Maggie O'Neil queried the members present on the procedure used to acquire insurance for trials. A discussion followed as to various insurance agencies that have been used such as USBCHA, Farm Bureau, Nation Wide, Sportsman's, etc. Chris Bowen, Maggie O'Neil and Mel Hanchett will look into the matter.

Betty Murray motioned that a donation be made on behalf of the club in memory of Life member Edwin Merrill to Fryeburg Rescue. The motion was seconded by George Northrup and approved.

Motion to adjourn – Motion by Nancy Phillips and seconded by Maria Amodei. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Maria Mick, Secretary*

World Trial Competitor Profile: Nancy Obernier (Pennsylvania)

By Fiona Robertson

Like most trial enthusiasts in the Northeast, the sport of sheepdog trialing is not a profession for Nancy. In fact, she is a nurse, and currently works with her husband in his business.

"My husband Joe has been extremely supportive, even though he has no interest in the dog world." Nancy says.

Nancy grew up in the suburbs so has no agricultural background. But she and her husband bought land to raise sheep on and train her dogs, which is located 30 minutes away.

Her first dog was a Border Collie from a "Backyard Breeder". That first dog, Nancy muses, had no talent or interest in any of the dog sports and activities that they tried. After dabbling in obedience, flyball and agility and then herding.

Nancy reports that her herding instructor, Steve Paxton-hill said, "I can keep taking your money, but she has no talent."

"At that time" Nancy says, "I was turning 50 and had a mid-life crisis! I didn't want to spend the rest of my life indoors, I enjoyed being outside with the dogs and sheep and with not getting any younger, I decided to take the plunge and get a well bred pup!"

For the short time Nancy had been around herding dogs, she saw novice handlers with dogs that were difficult to handle and train. She made the decision to get an easier dog to work, so she looked around for a repeat breeding and one that would be suitable for a novice handler. My first "real" dog was Del'Mar Ben and came from Dave Ellison in BC, Canada. Ben is by Dave's Imp Jim, a Wisp

son, out of his Imp Nell, who's lines go to Henderson's Sweep and Johnny Wilson's Spot. Ben just turned 7 this year. Nancy says Ben was easy to train up and very biddable.

Nancy also purchased a started dog named Wattie, a bitch whose lines go back to Longton's Bess, from Janet

going around sheep with a good attitude, and I've done all his training since" says Nancy.

When asked who her main mentors in sheepdog handling and training have been, Nancy answers, "Steve Paxton-Hill has been my main mentor, he is great with novice dogs and handlers.

He will also tell you when he can no longer help you." At that point Nancy also did some lessons with Alasdair Macrae when he was in Va. "This is when my handling skills greatly improved." says Nancy.

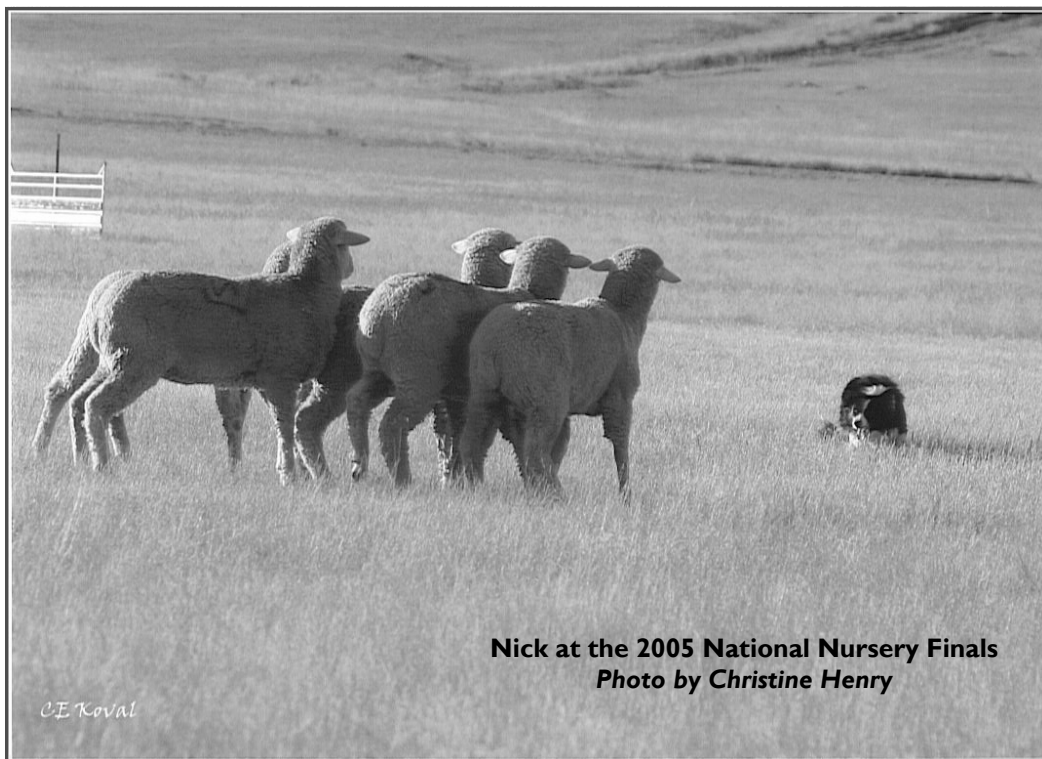
Nancy also has a lot of support from her friends. Her proudest moment in trialing was having all her friends supporting

her at the National Finals in Gettysburg, "Thank you Dar, Elayne, Fletch, Fran and Nancy M!"

Nancy, like the rest of the NEBCA members going to Wales in September is busy getting her dogs ready. For her, this means making sure that Nick is fit, through both work and running alongside golf cart. Nancy is also hauling sheep to different terrains and fields, and she will be borrowing some flighty sheep to work, as most of Nancy's own sheep are Dorset crosses and require a fair amount of push from the dog.

Words of advice from Nancy: "Watch your sheep, they will tell you everything you need to know." And to those new to trialing, "Enjoy the ride. Don't take yourself too seriously and never train your dog when angry."

Seems like sound advice to me!



Nick at the 2005 National Nursery Finals
Photo by Christine Henry

Beale in Scotland. "Wattie is a wonderful novice dog." Nancy says. "You could send her, turn your back and know the sheep would be at your feet with most of your 50 points intact." Wattie gave Nancy the confidence to progress. Wattie's greatest asset was giving confidence to novice handlers and is now lovingly owned by my good friend Nancy M.

When Wattie and Ben decided they would like to have a litter together (Nancy says Ben broke the door down to get to Wattie), Nick was born. Nick, although from an "oops" litter, is the special dog that Nancy is taking to compete with at the World Trial.

Nick was initially sold as a pup, but Nancy bought him back at a year old, when his owner had a serious accident. "When I got him back he was

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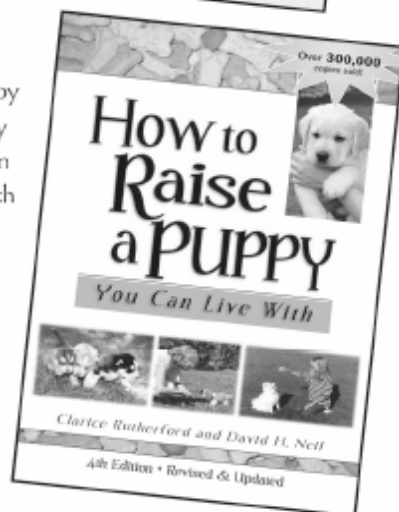
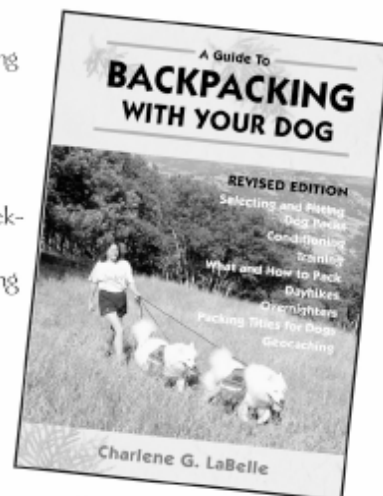
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World Trial Competitor Profile: Fiona Robertson (Canada)

Initial Interview by Angie Driscoll for www.worldsheepdogtrials.org

A: What is your background? Agriculture? How did you become involved in Border Collies and trialing?

F: Our suburban family never had dogs growing up, only cats. But I was into horses as a kid - did a lot of pony club and showed ponies in the hunter ring well into my teens (I was short enough)! As a teen, a friend of mine had a Border Collie pet dog, which, in my opinion was the smartest dog I had ever met. As soon as I was living on my own, I went out and got myself a pup. He was from what I would now refer to as a backyard breeder, but his lineage (now that I know a little bit about it!) was decent. One day, while out walking, I met (the now late) Alex McKinven, and I think the first words out of his mouth were "Have ye had 'im on sheep 'tall?"

And so began my pursuit of the sport. Those first five minutes spent 14 years ago with my 10 month old pet Border Collie chasing Alex's sheep around the field evolved into land clearing, barn renovations, fencing, acquiring a small flock of Border Cheviot sheep, more Border Collies, and more land clearing! I think that most people involved at the high level in this sport in the UK would chuckle at our small hobby farm and 20 or 30 sheep, and our day jobs still pay all the bills!

A: Can you tell us something about the first dogs you had and how did these dogs help you advance as a handler?

F: That first dog I had I did a pretty good job of ruining him for trials. He was able to do some very novice tasks, maybe a 100 yard gather and had pretty good balance, but his real talent was for Dog Agility. The first "real" sheepdog was a leftover female pup

from a litter bred by Alex. "Jess" is a granddaughter of JH Wilson's ##Spot and goes back to Templeton's ##Cap on her dam's side. And of course I, in all my great experience to date (next to none!) thought she would be a piece of cake to train and had many visions of winning trials with her. Oh, how she humbled me! Jess was too much dog for a rank beginner, mostly taking matters into her own hands when she

pedigree contains a lot of the Bwlch lineage and a healthy dose of Price's ##Davy. Pat was everything a novice handler could want, being biddable, stylish and very amiable to live with. She had been trained well all the way up to the shed, which even I, with very little experience was easily able to put on her. She did very well for me through the Novice classes and when we moved into the Open class, she continued to do

well for me, teaching me many things along the way.

"Tap" is out of my Pat, by Warren Mick's "Glen". Glen is no stranger to NEBCA handlers I am sure! I liked Glen for his upright working style, his lovely pace and friendly temperament, and also liked the way the Mick's trained and handled their dogs -

that was important to me as well. Tap was a puppy payment for Glen's stud service and it was Warren who trained her up to a very competent Nursery level. But she was meant to be my dog it seems, as I bought her from Warren as a Nursery dog. She is very much like her mother - keen and biddable, with lots of natural talent and loads of style. On the flip side, she tends to be a wide flanker and needs constant confidence building on bold, heavy sheep.

A: What traits do you look for in a dog?

F: The very first thing I want is biddability! After Jess, who did everything at warp speed, slicing her flanks and hardly ever stopping when told, Pat was the first dog with whom I could actually learn how to handle! I also like a very stable and friendly temperament, as I do lots of other ac-

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Fiona's Tap on her outrun. Photo by Grace Smith

suspected me of incompetence (which was most of the time). We did progress (slowly) to the Open class, and even placed once or twice, but her tight flanks and lack of pace and total disregard for me as her handler didn't allow us to be very consistent! Jess is still with us, now aged 13, as she will always be that first, special dog who taught me many useful things - mostly in a "learn though your mistakes" sort of way!

A: Can you tell us something about the current dogs you have?

F: My two current trial dogs, and the ones accompanying me to Wales in September, are a mother and daughter duo. "Pat", who will be 10 in September, and her 4 year old daughter, "Tap" (yes, lots of thought went into that name!). I bought Pat from a friend who imported her from Wales with the help of H. Glyn Jones. Her

World Trial Competitor Profile: Fiona Robertson (Canada)

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tivities with my dogs as well, such as hiking with packs of friends and dogs.

A: Can you tell us if there has been any person (or people) who has influenced the way you think about, train and/or handle a dog?

F: Obviously I owe most everything to Alex and that gift of that little leftover pup. He also helped a lot with training, taught me about sheep management and was a good friend. Warren Mick and his wife Maria have always opened their home to me when I needed help with training, and I also consider them good friends. Warren helped polish me as a handler. I was always so impressed with his skills to turn someone else's castoff into a useful and even successful dog. To me, that spoke loads for how an open mind can help when training. Beverly Lambert has been (patiently) teaching me the art of shedding, a skill that still seems like Rocket Science to me!

A: When preparing to compete at an event like the World Trial, how do you prepare for this? Do you do anything special or different in training?

F: Yikes! Tap just finished her first season in the Open class, and had puppies this winter, so I find myself in a bit of a

panic! I will take some more (several more, hopefully!) shedding lessons and drive all over creation in search of new and exciting training opportunities to keep my dogs keen and my handling skills alert.

A: What is the best piece of advice you've been given about training or handling a dog?

F: Be fair! I used to get so hot headed running my Jess, when most if not all of the faults in her running were due to my poor training and bad handling!

A: What advice would you give to someone starting out and new to trialing?

F: I think that a well started or trained dog is invaluable to a beginner. But if you do want to train a dog yourself, you'll not necessarily need or want that powerhouse dog that may turn out to be too much to handle for someone new to the sport. A biddable dog, with good natural ability will be your best bet, even if it is a bit on the softer side. And use the novice classes that are offered to learn and grow as a handler, but your goal should be the Open class - maybe with your current dog, or maybe with another.

Follow Fiona, Tap and Pat's adventure on:

www.creeksideattheworlds.blogspot.com



NEBCA TRIAL RESULTS



CT Sheep Breeders SDT, Vernon, CT (continued from page 12)

2. Roger Deschambeault & Ken
3. Roger Deschambeault & Jet
4. Roger Deschambeault & Bob
5. Emma Court & Kane
6. Kate Collins & Jan
7. Emma Court, & Marshall
8. Gabe Merrill, & Roy
9. Molly King, Storm & Storm
10. Michelle Higgins & Bracken

Sunday Ranch: 8 dogs

1. Anne Devine & Annie
2. Anne Devine & Ben
3. Carolyn West & Jill
4. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Li
5. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Fly

Sunday Pro-Novice: 19 dogs

1. Michelle Higgins & Spirit
2. Michelle Higgins & Dream
3. Anne Devine & Pat

Roger Deschambeault captured most of the top Open placements at the CT Sheep Breeders SDT. NEBCA is now enforcing a zero tolerance Anti Cloning law. We believe that when he tried to clone his top dog, something went awry.

Photo by Ellen Rusconi Black / Carol Campion (& Photoshop)



10. Carol Campion & Slick

Sunday Novice: 10 dogs

1. Eileen Wilentz & Jamie
2. Diane Bauman & Streak
3. Anne Devine & Fly
4. Judy Hooper & Dan
5. Mary Wasielewski & Zen

Open Ch.: Roger Deschambeault & Jet;
Reserve: Roger D & Bob

Ranch Ch.: Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Fly;
Reserve: Carolyn West & Jill

Pro-Novice Ch.: Michelle Higgins & Dream; **Reserve:** Michelle Higgins & Spirit

Novice Ch.: Eileen Wilentz & Jamie;
Reserve: Judy Hooper & Dan
More photos on page 18!



Ranch Class at the CT Sheep Breeders SDT.
Photo by Ellen Rusconi-Black



ProNovice Class at the CT Sheep Breeders SDT.
Photo by Bill Black



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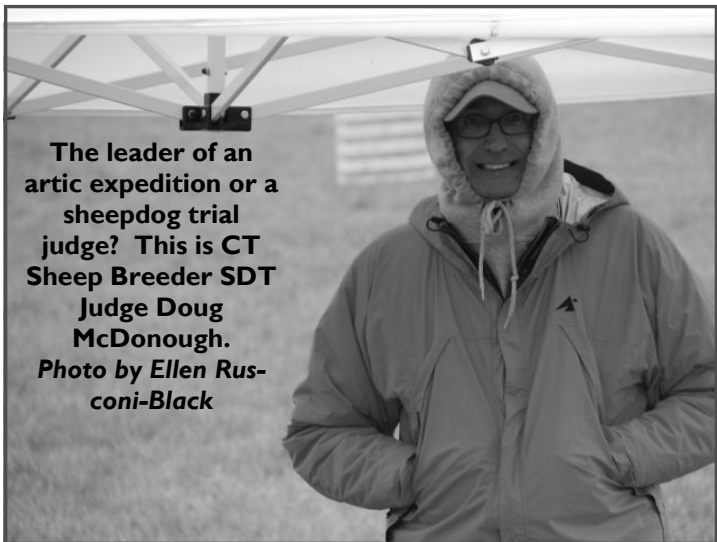
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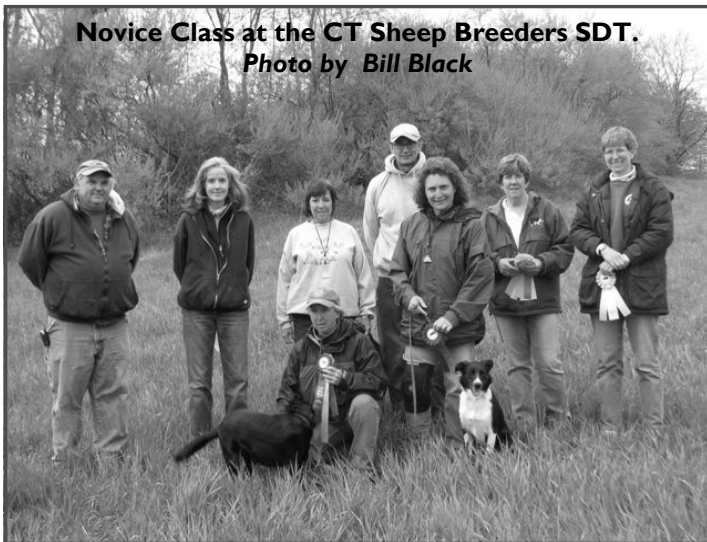


**Sylvia Murray holding up the drive panels after they
 fell suddenly during Eileen and Jamie's winning
 Novice run. Michelle Higgins is setting out.**
Photo by Ellen Rusconi-Black

**The leader of an
 arctic expedition or a
 sheepdog trial
 judge? This is CT
 Sheep Breeder SDT
 Judge Doug
 McDonough.**
*Photo by Ellen Rus-
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Novice Class at the CT Sheep Breeders SDT.
Photo by Bill Black





NEBCA TRIAL RESULTS



Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company SDT, Chatham, NY; April 26 & 27th, 2008
Judge: Bob Stephens, Kamloops, BC; Submitted by: Warren Mick

Open - Saturday: 65 Dogs Ran

1	Amanda Milliken	Clive
2	Amanda Milliken	Ethel
3	Beverly Lambert	Bill
4	Rich Seaman	Ki
5	Beverly Lambert	Hemp
6	Steve Wetmore	Dart
7	Dawn Boyce	Tink
8	Barbara Levinson	Gin
9	Heather Nadelman	Phyl
10	Nancy Obernier	Nick
11	Maria Mick	Kit
12	Joyce Geier	Clue
13	Sue Schoen	Brook

Open - Sunday: 66 Dogs Ran

1	Amanda Milliken	Bart
2	Amanda Milliken	Ethel
3	Beverly Lambert	Hemp
4	Nancy Obernier	Ben
5	Sue Schoen	Brook
6	Barbara Levinson	Ryn
7	Joan Worthington	Sam
8	Dawn Boyce	Giordi
9	Warren Mick	Glen
10	Denise Leonard	Jessie
11	Peter Vandercar	Katy
12	Warren Mick	Dale
13	Barbara Levinson	Gin



Above: Getting Instructions from trial Manager Warren Mick
Photo by Mary Gessert



Judge Bob Stephens and Steve Wetmore of Strafford VT, whose dog Dart placed 6th on Saturday.
Photo by Mary Gessert



Maria Mick and Doc at the pen
Photo by Mary Gessert



NEBCA TRIAL RESULTS



MA Sheep and Woolcraft Fair SDT, Cummington, MA

May 23-25, 2008

Judge: Michael Dathe (Friday and Saturday); Maria Mick (Sunday)

Submitted by: Denise Leonard

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2.	Jan Berger	Moss	78
3.	Steve Wetmore	Beal	77
4.	Barbara Armata	Gar	77
5.	Carol Champion	Slick	75
6.	Denise Leonard	Maggie	75
7.	Joyce Westcott	Moli	74
8.	Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	72
9.	Barbara Armata	Vic	63
10.	Sharon Perkins	Jack	63

Long Road – Carol Champion and Slick

Saturday Ranch

1.	Peter Van de Car	Leif	71
2.	Kitze McCormick	Jax	66
3.	Warren Mick	Sweep	66
4.	Elizabeth Phillips	Vicky	65
5.	Kitze McCormick	Wink	56
6.	Ginny Prince	Martha	36

Long Road – Elizabeth Phillips and Vicky

Sunday Novice/Novice

1.	Sharon Perkins	Roy	74
2.	Julie Williams	Lucy	60
3.	Grace Smith	Click	60
4.	Mary Waslielewski	Zen	39

Long Road - Grace Smith and Click

Sunday Pro Novice

1.	Denise Leonard	Maggie	75
2.	Rob Drummond	Casey	72
3.	Barbara Armata	Vic	72
4.	Barbara Leverett	Dot	71
5.	Barbara Leverett	Cap	71
6.	Barbara Armata	Gar	71
7.	Denise Leonard	Floss	67
8.	Val Pietraszewska	Jess	67
9.	Joyce Westcott	Tair	67
10.	Joyce Westcott	Mibs	66

Long Road – Denise Leonard and Maggie

Sunday Ranch

1.	Peter Van de Car	Leif	84
2.	Michael Nunan	Moss	82
3.	Kitze McCormick	Wink	64
4.	Kate Collins	Rex	63
5.	Kitze McCormick	Jax	60
6.	Tom Leigh	Jo	49
7.	Ginny Prince	Martha	35

Long Road – Michael Nunan and Moss

Saturday Open

1.	Warren Mick	Dale	99
2.	Kate Collins	Jan	96
3.	Warren Mick	Glen	95
4.	Carol Champion	Floss	92
5.	Maria Amodei	Rhyme	91
6.	Stephen Wetmore	Pace	91
7.	Stephen Wetmore	Dart	87
8.	Peter Van de Car	Russ	87
9.	Peter Van de Car	Bud	86
10.	Maria Amodei	Cato	83

Long Road – Warren Mick and Dale

Sunday Open

1.	Peter Van de Car	Russ	83
2.	Denise Leonard	Jessie	82
3.	Stephen Wetmore	Dart	81
4.	Fiona Robertson	Tap	80
5.	Jim Perkins	Z	79
6.	Fiona Robertson	Pat	78
7.	Peter Van de Car	Katie	75
8.	Rob Drummond	Ben	74
9.	Warren Mick	Glen	72
10.	Barbara Armata	Jill	72

Long Road – Peter Van de Car and Russ

Overall two day open winner - Peter Van de Car and Russ



Ames Mountain Meadow Farm Trial June 7 & 8, 2008

Judge: Michael Dathe, South Strafford, VT

Trial Managers: Bud & Mary Ames, Lebanon, NH

The weather was hot and humid. Three Katahdin sheep were run and the trial course was on a hill side dotted with trees. The outrun was narrow at the top, best outruns were away with dogs going between the pond and fence. The fetch was doglegged and uphill. The cross drive was difficult on the second leg with lines hard to see through the trees. There was a chute followed by the pen. Penning the sheep was difficult, dog and handler had to be in the right position and many were called for time or points. On Saturday, there was a run-off for first place, all other ties were broken with outwork. On Sunday, the weather and course was the same as Saturday. Three Katahdin sheep were run. A "W" shaped chute with openings at the points replaced the shed and pen and runs ended when the sheep left the chute. There were 100 possible points per run and 20 dogs ran. Thanks to Betty Murray who tallied and posted all scores. Also a big thank you to all the handlers who worked the set-out, scribed and helped out in any other way. *Mary Ames.*

Saturday Ranch: 4 dogs

1. Ginny Prince & Martha
2. Darlene Hutchins & Lil
3. Patricia Kallen & Trim

Saturday Pro-Novice: 17 dogs

1. Rob Drummond & Casey
2. Carlene Eitapence & Cole
3. Martha Walke & Moss
4. Bert Cowgill & Zack
5. Darlene Hutchins & Mel
6. Jan Berger & Moss
7. Val Pietrazewska & Jess
8. Wendy Warner & Jayne

9. Darlene Hutchins & Rufina
10. Jim Allen & Sunny

Saturday Novice: 3 dogs

1. Martha Walke & Sweep

Sunday Ranch: 4 dogs

1. Michael Nunan & Moss
 2. Ginny Prince & Martha
 3. Patricia Kallen & Trim
 4. Darlene Hutchins & Lil
- Champion: Ginny Prince & Martha*
Reserve: Michael Nunan & Moss
Long Road: Ginny Prince & Martha

Sunday Pro-Novice: 17 Dogs

1. Rob Drummond & Casey
2. Jim Allen & Sunny
3. Martha Walke & Moss
4. Darlene Hutchins & Mel
5. Bud Ames & Cash
6. Carlene Eitapence & Cole
7. Jan Berger & Moss
8. Val Pietrazewska & Jess
9. Terry Murray & Clem
10. Steve Wetmore & Beal

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Ames Mountain Meadow Farm Open Trial June 7 & 8, 2008 (continued from page 20)

Champion: Rob Drummond & Casey
Reserve: Martha Walke & Moss
Long Road: Martha Walke & Moss

Sunday Novice: 3 dogs

1. Martha Walke & Sweep
Champion & Long Road: Martha Walke & Sweep

Saturday Open

Steve Wetmore & Pace – 96
Chris Bowen & Dot – 96

Ed Hobart & Bonnie – 86
Ed Hobart & Picasso – 84
Carlene Eitapence & Kodi – 81
Steve Wetmore & Dart – 79
Rob Drummond & Ben – 78
Chris Bowen & Jake – 77
Michael Nunan & Fly – 77
Susan Allen & Corrie – 72

Sunday Open

Steve Wetmore & Dart – 99
Werner Reitboeck & Tara – 87

Chris Bowen & Dot – 83
Steve Wetmore & Pace – 79
Chris Bowen & Jake – 75
Michael Nunan & Fly – 72
Rob Drummond & Ben – 71
Werner Reitboeck & Roy – 60
Carlene Eitapence & Kodi – 54
Fran Wheeler & Glen – 53
Champion: Chris Bowen & Dot
Reserve Champion and Long Road:
Steve Wetmore & Dart



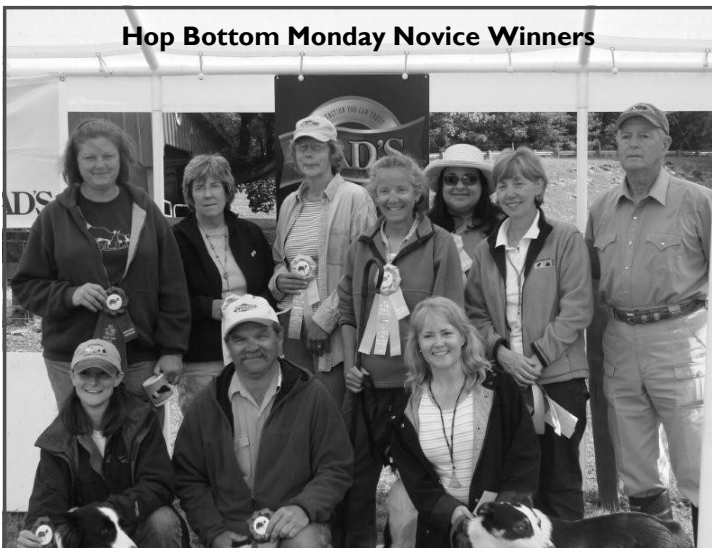
The Pennsylvania State Championship SDT, Hop Bottom, PA June 14-17, 2008 in loving memory of Walter Jagger Judges: Dean Holcomb, NC (Open); Jim Murphy, ONT (Novice) Trial Managers: Cheryl and Dick Williams

Memories, friends, strong competition, good weather mixed with some rough thunder storms, good food, lots of camaraderie, good sheep, bad sheep, great runs, some not so great runs, all add up to a great dog trial.

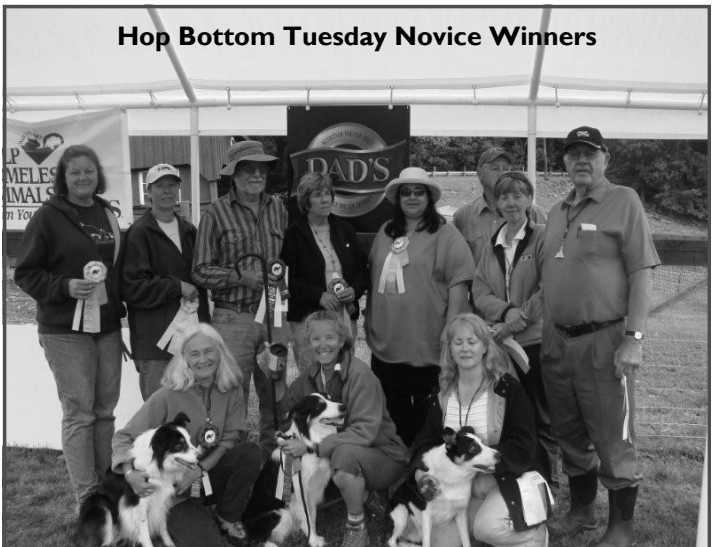
The Pennsylvania State Championship SDT held on June 14-17, 2008 was one of the best trials ever in the twenty seven years of it's history. The handlers were greeted with handler's bags filled with samples of Dad's dog food and cat food, running order booklets, and a very special gift of a mug with a separate picture enclosed of Walt and Kitt, his dog.

The mugs were given by Fran Wheeler and Betsy Drummond of Border Collies Anonymous, a shop from New England. They wanted to remember Walt Jagger in a special way and this was indeed special. The cups were a picture of Walt and his dog Kitt on the golf cart looking into the distance. The inscription was "What's the good word?" (one of his favorite greetings). They also had the "PA. State Championship SDT in loving memory of

Hop Bottom Monday Novice Winners



Hop Bottom Tuesday Novice Winners



they accepted these wonderful mementos. A special thanks to Fran and Betsy. Check out their website:

www.bordercolliesanonymous.com

Dean Holcomb from North Carolina had the difficult job of sorting out the open runs this year. He was very attentive and serious about his job and did it well.

The trial was set up in a different format this year. The sheep had not been worked this spring so the open trials were first on Saturday and Sunday. The sheep proved to be very challenging especially with the famous maltese cross. This was a favorite of Walt's and he would have been disappointed if it wasn't at the first trial after his passing.

The shed after the cross was even more difficult. Lambs were added to the mix in open to add to the effort. Dick Williams and his female, Lass from Hop Bottom, Pa. were the obvious winners with a score of 102 out of 110. Barbara Levinson with her female Ryn from New Jersey was the reserve champion. The maltese cross proved to be a very complicated obstacle to many of the handler/dog combinations.

Sunday morning started with a few runs before the church service. The service was well at-

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Walt Jagger". Handlers were tearful as



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tended. The attendees shared a great respect for the life of Walter Jagger. The pastor celebrated life and reminded us where our priorities lie. As we sang, "How great thou art" Walt's favorite hymn, we were reminded of the blessings we have experienced knowing and loving this man and his God.

The second day of open was a straight forward course with a shed and pen at the end. These sheep are always a struggle to shed and this year were no different.

Barbara Levinson managed to win with a 93. Dawn Boyce and Tink from Georgia and Mark Billadeau with Peg from Maryland tied for Reserve Champion. A coin toss gave Dawn the Reserve spot as the scores were exactly the same on all aspects of the course. Barbara Levinson with Ryn took the overall open for the weekend and Dawn Boyce and Tink was the overall Reserve Champion.

Monday brought out the young dogs. Enthusiasm was the name of the game. Handlers happy with their runs, throwing sticks into the air, hugging their dogs, all brought about a contagious feeling of good will.

Jim Murphy from Canada was the young dog judge. He was very helpful to the novice handlers as he reminded them of the various items they should be watching as they ran their dogs. A great job of judging was performed on a very hard day!

Beautiful weather began the day with novice/novice and 33 novice dogs. What an impressive novice class!!! Kenny Wright from Virginia won the class with Kate. Cynthia Schmitt with Jill from New Jersey was close behind for second. This was an inspiring class with so many handlers running for the first time. Most of the runs were very respectable.

The Pro/novice class was just as impressive with 33 runs. Annie Palmer from Hop Bottom, Pa. won the class with her female Dot. Joyce Geier from New York was very close behind with her dog, Jim. The pronovice class had a short

cross drive which gave some of the dogs a problem.

Severe thunder storms closed the tie-breaking run for first place in the ranch class on Monday. The class was won by Dawn Boyce of Georgia with her dog Tristan. She was tied with Lori Cunningham from Milton, Pa. with her dog Dirk but a coin toss determined the winner due to the severe weather.

Lori Cunningham with William and Annie Palmer with Dot were the USBCHA Nursery qualifiers for Monday.

Tuesday proved to have much better weather as Vickie VanderVere from Williamsport, Pa. won the runoff for first place in a class of 35 in novice/novice. She was tied with Linda Hotchkiss from New York with her dog Gyp. Vickie also won the overall champion category for Novice/Novice.

Pronovice brought another chance for a runoff with Joyce Geier with Jim and Renee Billadeau from Maryland with her female, BJ. Joyce and Jim were the first place winners. The overall title for the two days went to Joyce Geier and Jim.

Ranch was won by Anne Devine with Annie and Eileen Williams with Robbie took the second place. Anne Devine with Annie was over all ranch champion.

USBCHA Nursery qualified two dogs: Mary Brighoff from Montrose, Pa. and Lance and Annie Palmer and Dot. Annie Palmer and Dot were the overall nursery champions for the weekend.

A special award for the most promising young handler and most promising young dog is given every year by Denise Maui in loving memory of her brother Williams Radzwich. This year the most promising young handler was Vickie VanderVere and the most promising young dog was Cynthia Schmitt's Jill.

The prizes of dog food (provided by Dad's Pet Care Products), cash (enhanced by Dad's Pet Care Products), ribbons, and trophies were well received by all.

Consistency was the name of the game as throughout all of the weather, good and bad runs, reruns, etc. Dawn Boyce and her assistant J.P. Lalonde from Ontario set out sheep for all four days.

Two eye clinics were held on Sunday, June 15, 2008. Dr. Thomas Kern, ophthalmologist from Cornell University examined 71 dogs for all eye diseases. An Antigen clinic was held for blood drawing for CEA, a genetic disease of the eye. 28 dogs were seen in this clinic. We must take the time to thank all who helped with these clinics. Fay Williams and Annie Palmer were in charge of the clinics and they and their capable staff ran them like clockwork. Thanks to all who helped.

Several vendors were available to all: A professional photographer, Mr. Joe Mirenzi was on hand all four day. Check out his website at www.mirenziphotos.com

The First Universalist Church prepared their famous chicken barbeque as well as breakfast and other great food-stuffs. The Historical Society was on hand for Monday and Tuesday with food for all. T-shirts commemorating the special day of memorial for Walt Jagger sold like hotcakes.

The alpacas from Sunshine Farm were on hand with their beautiful alpaca products as well as Thunder Valley Pet Foods with lots of dog items. A professional artist was also available along with Border Collies anonymous with all of their special Border collie items.

There is always one person who holds up the trial managers in their efforts. That very special person is Ms. Annie Palmer. The trial would not have happened without her.

A very special thanks to all who were involved in the running of this trial. I would miss someone if I tried to mention them all.

Also, special thanks to Fay Williams, and Clara Barrho for their incredible efforts behind the scenes.

Thank all of the participants, the spec-

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tators, the friends, and all who came just to say how much they cared for Walt Jagger. This 27th annual trial was dedicated to his memory and will be forever more. Thank you Walt for giving us all of these memories and all of these magnificent friends.

Cheryl Jagger Williams
Dick Williams
Eleanor Jagger

Complete results beginning below.

Saturday Open: 69 dogs

1.	Williams, Dick	Lass	102
2.	Levinson, Barb	Ryn	97
3.	Boyce, Dawn	Tink	94
4.	Savage, Lorna	Trace	92
5.	Brothers, Michelle	Snap	91
6.	Mick, Warren	Glen	89
7.	Levinson, Barbara	Ginnie	89
8.	Geier, Joyce	Clue	89
9.	Clark, David	Danny Boy	87
10.	Fossetta, Linda	Jean	85
11.	Billadeau, Mark	Peg	85
12.	Williams, Cheryl	Spot	85
13.	Clark, David	Roy	85
14.	Billadeau, Renee	Bette	83
15.	Obernier, Nancy	Nick	82

Sunday Open: 73 dogs

1.	Levinson, Barbara	Ryn	93
2.	Boyce, Dawn	Tink	91
3.	Billadeau, Mark	Peg	91
4.	Obernier, Nancy	Nick	89
5.	Brothers, Michelle	Snap	89
6.	Geier, Joyce	Clue	87
7.	Millen, Heather	Spy	85
8.	Williams, Cheryl	Spot	84
9.	Mick, Warren	Glen	83
10.	Billadeau, Mark	Jody	83
11.	Sheninger, Gene	Jen	82
12.	Clark, David	Clair	82
13.	Marschark, Eve	Doll	81
14.	Matzinger, Polly	Lilly	80
15.	Boyce, Dawn	Juno	80

Monday Novice: 33 dogs

1.	Wright, Kenny	Kate	74
2.	Schmitt, Cynthia	Jil	73
3.	Vander Vere, Vickie	Pudge	72

4.	Dunning, Helen	Jack	71
5.	Devine, Anne	Fly	70
6.	Dunning, Helen	Jess	68
7.	Simmons, Nancy	Nickie	67
8.	Quigley, Megan	Dare	64
9.	Koons, Patricia	Kate	62
10.	Basial, Lisa	Ransom	61

Monday Pro-Novice: 33 dogs

1.	Palmer, Annie	Dot	85
2.	Geier, Joyce	Jim	84
3.	Matzinger, Polly	Gem	83
4.	Hoeber, Tom	Taz	80
5.	Williams, Dick	Gwen	79
6.	Cymerman, Jack	Gem	78
7.	Higgins, Michele	Dream	76
8.	Talbot, Shona	Floss	73
9.	Brighoff, Mary	Lance	73
10.	Boyce, Dawn	Jada	73

Monday Ranch: 23 dogs

1.	Boyce, Dawn	Tristan	79
2.	Cunningham, Lori	Dirk	79
3.	Williams, Eileen	Robbie	75
4.	Higgins, Michele	Spirit	74
5.	Lash, Carolyn	Dell	72
6.	Kroemmelbein, Chris	Nip	71
7.	Devine, Anne	Annie	71
8.	Williams, Dick	Gwen	69
9.	Cunningham, Lori	William	67
10.	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	66

Monday USBCHA Nursery: 8 dogs

1.	Cunningham, Lori	William	74
2.	Palmer, Annie	Dot	49

Tuesday Novice: 31 dogs

1.	Vander Vere, Vickie	Pudge	74
2.	Hotchkiss, Linda	Gyp	74

3.	Schmitt, Cynthia	Jill	73
4.	Simmons, Nancy	Nickie	69
5.	Lockwood, Sandy	Curley Sue	69
6.	Dunning, Helen	Jess	69
7.	Devine, Anne	Doc	64
8.	Bohlman, Harry	Cole	63
9.	Basial, Lisa	Gem	62
10.	Williams, Malcolm	Spin	61

Tuesday Pro-Novice: 31 dogs

1.	Geier, Joyce	Jim	82
2.	Billadeau, Renee	B.J.	82
3.	Palmer, Annie	Dot	78
4.	Boyce, Dawn	Jada	76
5.	Matzinger, Polly	Gem	75
6.	Comeau, Linda	Roy	75
7.	Higgins, Michele	Dream	75
8.	Brighoff, Mary	Lance	73
9.	Drummond, Rob	Maggie	72
10.	Cymerman, Jack	Gem	70

Tuesday Ranch: 18 dogs

1.	Devine, Anne	Annie	87
2.	Williams, Eileen	Robbie	80
3.	Boyce, Dawn	Tristan	78
4.	Williams, Dick	Gwen	77
5.	Hotchkiss, Linda	Mae	74
6.	Higgins, Michele	Spirit	73
7.	Talbot, Ian	Maeve	73
8.	Shelden, Sherry	Maddie	68
9.	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	66
10.	Soden, Myra	Dan	65

Tuesday USBCHA Nursery: 8 dogs

1.	Brighoff, Mary	Lance	79
2.	Palmer, Annie	Dot	74



The Beginner....Continued

By Gail Van Wicklen

Now that my first steps into Stock Dog Competition have been taken and I am still here to write this, things are going pretty well. I am learning some pretty important lessons, or perhaps those bits of information others have told me have much more meaning now. Experience is a great teacher.

First lesson, NEVER let your dog watch the sheep being exhausted from the trial field.

I did, and my dog would not set up and focus down the field toward the set-out sheep. She insisted on turning around to

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Taravale Farm Novice Handlers Clinic sponsored by NEBCA

By Gail Van Wicklen

In keeping with the new NEBCA Initiative to assist new sheepdog handlers in learning the various aspects of herding trial protocol, sheep behavior and handling, evaluating courses and runs and developing strategies for running their own dogs, Barbara and Bernie Armata hosted a Novice handlers clinic May 17 & 18, 2008 at their farm, Taravale located in Esperance, NY..

Clinicians for this clinic were Barbara Armata, Bernie Armata, Denise Leonard and Barbara Leverett.

On Saturday, the first objective was learning about sheep behavior and handling. Each person attempted to move sheep about in a pen and determine which was the leader.

After learning about the sheep the art of Holding Out was covered and practiced by those handlers who had dogs that were capable. Handlers paired up and took turns holding out for each other with the assistance of the clinicians.

Handlers with younger dogs that needed help with different training scenarios were given opportunities to work in smaller areas with a clinician during the day.

In the evening Bernie gave a talk on judging. What judges are looking for and where the points come off. This was very informative, giving handlers many opportunities to ask questions about specific aspects of judging a course.

After the Bernie's talk we all participated in a pot-luck dinner with much more great food than could be eaten.

Sunday morning, with the weather better than expected, we set out to practice what we had learned on Saturday, holding out for handlers to practice running a trial course with help from the clinicians, which continued again in the afternoon.

This entire clinic was wonderful, as were the clinicians. It was well attended and, I am sure, appreciated by all who were there. It gave us (novice handlers) a chance to practice with our dogs in something that was close to a trial setting with help when we needed it.



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Taravale Farm Novice Handlers Clinic sponsored by NEBCA



Congratulations Dick Williams and Lass

2007 NEBCA High Point Champions

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look back at the exhaust. Instantly I knew WHY that point had been made.

After many tries, I finally convinced her she should look up the field and not behind her.

My goal at each trial has been to complete the course without retiring or a DQ. I have competed in three Stock Dog Trials thus far this season and had a score each time. We were not perfect but we did it and walked away with a little more experience.

Setting realistic goals for yourself and your dog each time you

go out to the post is very important. If you expect perfection from the start you will be constantly disappointed. Way too many things can go wrong, bad sheep, bad weather, who knows. I dream of the perfect out-runs, lifts, fetches, drives and pens, hope it happens, but also don't beat myself up when it doesn't. I just have a better idea of what I need to fix when it is all over. So far most of the mistakes are mine to claim.

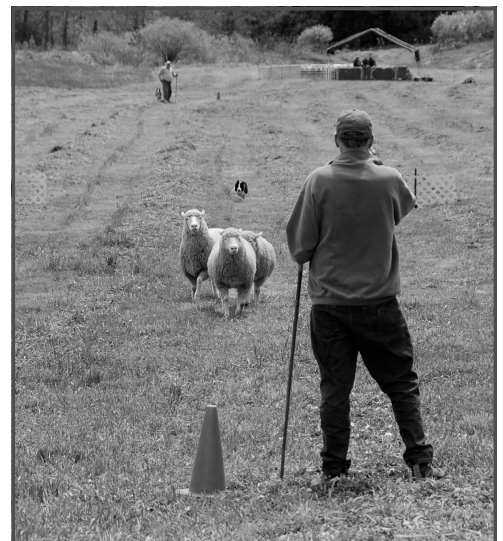
Each trial has been a wonderful experience, with great people giving me pointers and suggestions on how to improve my training and handling.

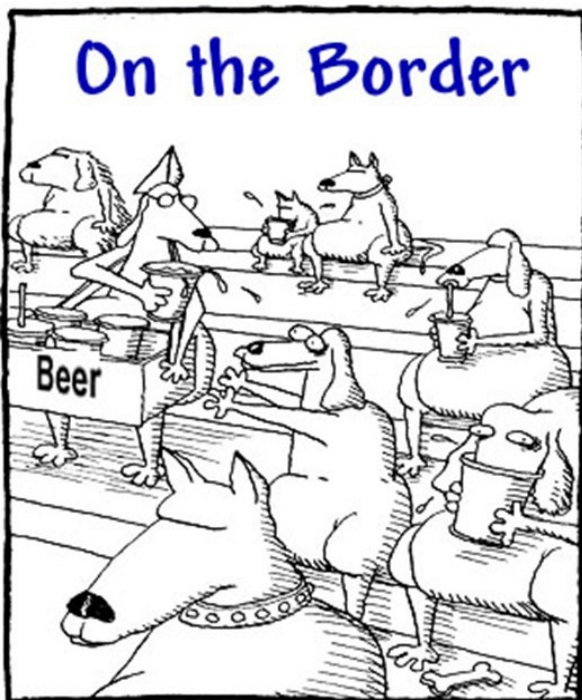
See you all at the Novice Finals, if not before.

Gail Van Wicklen

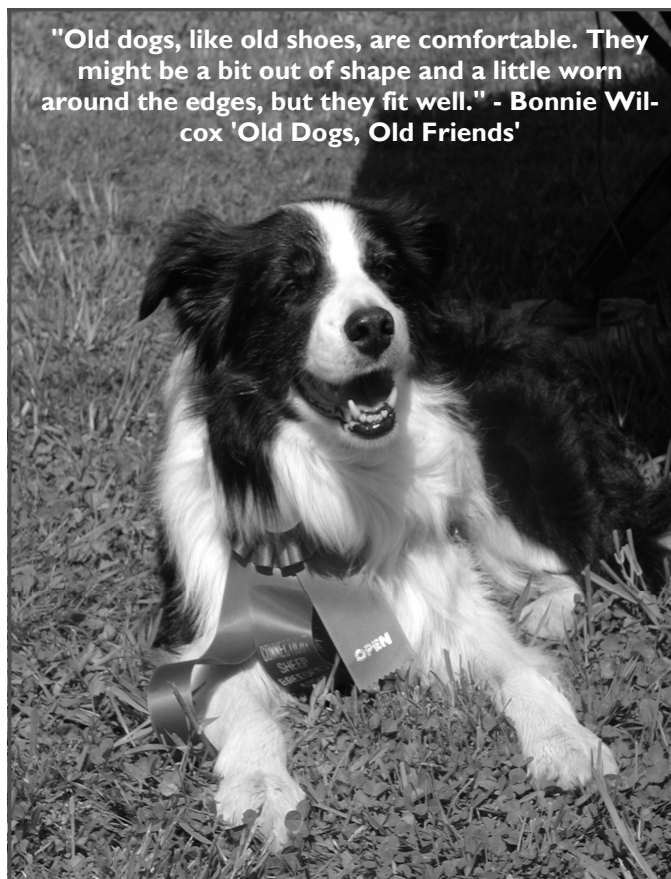


Photos from MA Sheep & Wool
(Cummington) taken by Tom Leigh





Well past his glory days, all Bandit could do was watch the National Sheepdog Finals from the stands and work on his beer-gut, along with the rest of his retired Border Collie buddies.



"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." - Bonnie Wilcox 'Old Dogs, Old Friends'



Above: Sue Schoen's Nap pictured at age 12. (Photo submitted by Sue Schoen)

The following photos were taken by Tom Leigh at Cummington.

Left: The set out crew

Below left: Steve and Dart in the shedding ring

Below Right: Barb Armata getting a successful shed!



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