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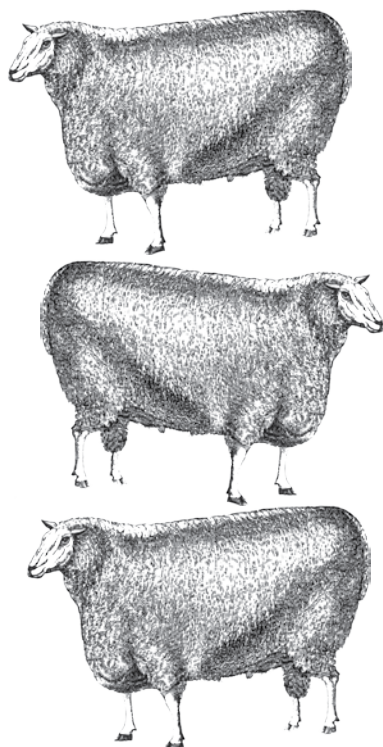


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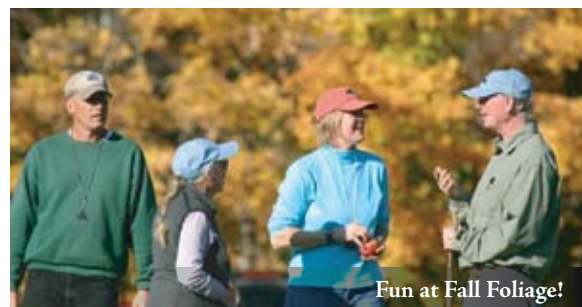


Farewell and Thanks Fiona Robertson:

Fiona Robertson has spent the last six years editing NEBCA News on her own. Fiona has done a brilliant job for the membership and for the Board and is thoroughly deserving of our thanks and praise. In fact, so demanding is the job that two people have had to step up to the Editor's post to collect and pen the articles and information that the association requires and – hopefully – enjoys.

Jenna Woginrich from Vermont brings her graphic design skills to bear in producing the design and lay-out of the publication. Joe Evans is collecting the materials - stories, reports and pictures - and putting them in some sort of shape so that Jenna can wield her magic mouse to produce the finished article.

Their contact details are overleaf. ❁



Looking Back, Going Forward:

We take a look at the highlights of the year-end culminating in the area's big end-of-season events – High Points, The Fall Foliage and the Novice Finals. We also remind you to renew your membership (the form is included). Remember - no membership, no qualification points!

We would also like every member to let us know whether you prefer a printed version of the newsletter or opt to download a pdf from the website. NEBCA News will continue to be posted on the website. ❁

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PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR RESULTS IN EXCEL!

Jenna and her sheep, taking a spin in her subaru



TOP 20 IN 2008



The final High Points placements are in.

Barbara Levinson and her young bitch, Ryn took the top position this year with 689 points from 12 trials. Beverly Lambert was a short rope behind with Hemp. They accumulated 657 points from 13 trials.



Ryn, High Pointer 2008

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>HANDLER & DOG</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>TRIALS</u>
1.	BARBARA LEVINSON, RYN	MORRISTOWN, NJ	689	12
2.	BEV LAMBERT, HEMP	ANDOVER, CT	657	13
3.	WARREN MICK, GLEN	ALTAMONT, NY	620	18
4.	BEV LAMBERT, BILL	ANDOVER, CT	620	11
5.	AMANDA MILLIKEN, CLIVE	KINGSTON, ON	605	14
6.	SUSAN SCHOEN, BROOK	FALMOUTH, MA	596	13
7.	JOYCE GEIER, CLUE	MENDON, NY	572	10
8.	AMANDA MILLIKEN, ETHEL	KINGSTON, ON	563	14
9.	GENE SHENINGER, JEN	BOONTON, NJ	551	9
10.	AMANDA MILLIKEN, BART	KINGSTON, ON	455	11
11.	CHERYL JAGGER-WILLIAMS, SPOT.	HOP BOTTOM, PA	446	7
12.	PETER VANDERCAR, RUSS	ALBANY, NY	439	14
13.	GENE SHENINGER, JESS	BOONTON, NJ	407	7
14.	BEV LAMBERT, MIRK	ANDOVER, CT	403	7
15.	FIONA ROBERTSON, TAP	CANTON-DE-HATLEY, QC	394	10
16.	NANCY OBERNIER, BEN	COATESVILLE, PA	380	9
17.	DICK WILLIAMS, LASS	HOP BOTTOM, PA	365	6
18.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT, BOB	CENTER CONWAY, NH	345	10
19.	DENISE LEONARD, JESSIE	GREENFIELD, MA	344	9
20.	NANCY OBERNIER, NICK	COATESVILLE, PA	329	8



Ryn with her sheep

Barb, Barb, Barb...Barb, Barb & Ryn

by Barb Levinson

Ryn is a four year old bitch, by Ken Arrendale's Mac out of David Henry's Meg. I purchased her aged fourteen months from Stephen Paxton-Hill who had started her.

Ryn and I spent our first year together working our way through the Pro Novice and Ranch classes. I spent that year giving Ryn different training and trialling opportunities. She moved into Open in August 2007 and ran in the 2007 Nursery Finals in Gettysburg where she finished 21 out of 60 dogs.

2008 was a year to grow her experiences and we headed to the Bluegrass to test our skills together – she handled the field but the lambs tested her a bit. She placed first and second at the Pennsylvania State Championships, and at Grass Creek, Kingston Ontario, she placed in both open trials and qualified for the double lift.

She has been an easy dog to train - she trusts me. I am fortunate it is part of her character and I work every day to live up to that trust.

Doug's Dog

by Beverly Lambert

My husband, Doug, got his first border collie from Edgar Gould over twenty years ago. He was a beautiful, rough coated tri-color puppy with a dark head and a very forthright personality. Tweed and Doug had a great relationship from the start and were quite devoted to each other. Tweed was a powerful, direct dog who did a lot of great work for Doug with perhaps more directness than finesse.

When Tweed got to be thirteen we bred him to a bitch I had at the time named Sage. Doug hoped to get another young, male version of Tweed to carry on working with. The birth of a single, female, short-coated, and as it turned out blue-eyed, female didn't seem very fortuitous at the time. But with the passing years Doug and Emmy formed a strong partnership. She didn't have Tweed's power or his direct friendly personality but she made up for this in her single-minded devotion to Doug. In a desire to get back to the qualities that Doug had so admired in Tweed, he bred Emmy to my dog, Bill, who had the same direct approach to stock and power that he had so admired in Tweed. After eight weeks of careful

study Doug selected the pup in the litter that was a near carbon copy of Tweed in appearance and named him Hemp.

As the heir of the now legendary Tweed, Hemp was from his first day expected by his doting owner to be a great dog. So it came as no surprise to me when Doug started Hemp in the spring of his first year to hear that he was a chip off the old Tweed and destined for great things. What did surprise me was that when I saw him work he was everything Doug had said and perhaps a bit more.

I was lucky that Doug was willing to let me continue on with Hemp's training and to trial him. There was never any doubt, however, as to whose dog Hemp was. When not working, Hemp had very little time for me. Our first few years together were sometimes difficult. Hemp would often ignore me when off sheep and I spent quite a bit of our first year on the road chasing him down as he visited other people's dogs and campers.

For all of our rough patches though Hemp was almost always the dog I wanted on the trial...
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field. He had all of Bill's directness and all of Tweed's power coupled with a strong drive and a level-headedness that over time has made him quite a nice dog to work in almost any situation.

I think that Hemp could have had a couple of very good trial years these past two years but he has been third dog in my team his whole career. He had to wait for Pippa to retire to get his turn only to have his spot taken by the new love of my life, Mirk. Poor Hemp - he has managed to excel in spite of me.

**FALL FOLIAGE OPEN TRIAL-
LEATHERSTOCKING,
COOPERSTOWN, NY
October 10-12, 2008**

TRIAL MANAGER: Sue Schoen

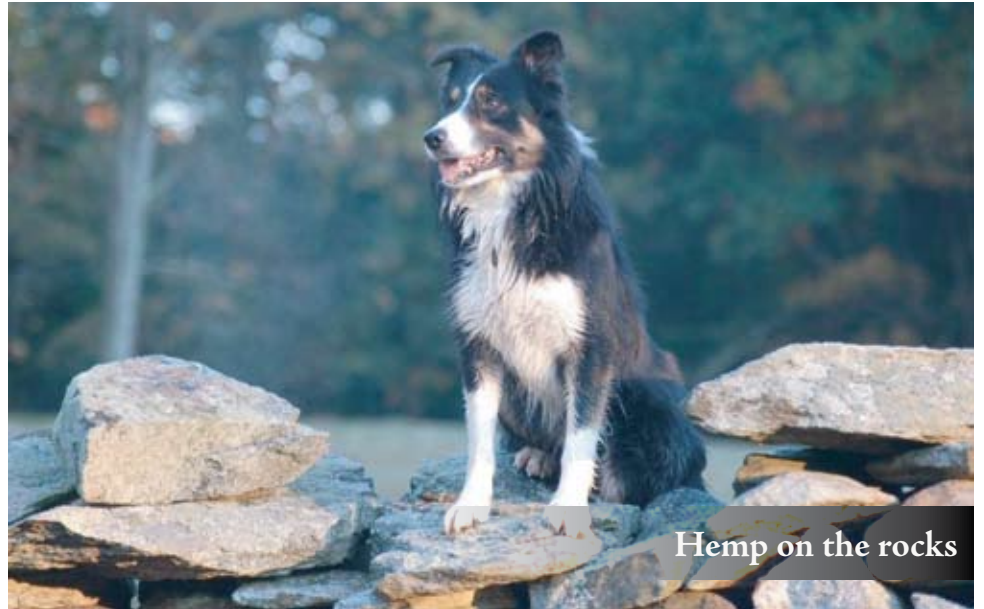
**JUDGE: Werner Reitboeck
of Winchester, Ontario**

Report by Sue Schoen

This year the Fall Foliage returned as a two and a half day event featuring two preliminary qualifying runs and a double lift final run on Sunday. The trial started Friday at noon and 48 dogs ran. Friday night featured a delicious dinner at the home of caterer Sherry Wyckoff who had also catered the dinner at the Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trial in August. Food was available all weekend provided by the Schuyler Lake United Methodist Church.

The two preliminary rounds ran smoothly, judged by the attentive Werner Reitboeck of Winchester, Ontario. The running was good and the course and sheep (Barb and Bernie Armata's Blackface flock mostly) difficult. On Sunday, 15 dogs ran back in a modified double lift round (4 sheep per gather and a collared shed). The weather was spectacular all weekend. Many spectators came to watch and enjoy the weekend. Their donations helped make this trial a financial success for the club.

Several people deserve mention for their hard



Hemp on the rocks

work. The Murphys (as usual) stepped up to handle the scores and results. Joanne cheerfully womanned her computer all weekend. Denise Leonard handled the entries. Linda Hotchkiss was INVALUABLE as an onsite organizer and resource. Martha Walke handled much of the scribe duty. Barb Leverett, Dave Gessert, Peter VanderCar, Chris Bowen and Liz Phillips generously donated their time. And the Armatas did more than their share to make this trial happen. Finally, thanks to all the handlers who helped set out and do other tasks during the trial. I hope I left no one out.



Beam Me Up, Scotty



The Secretary means business at Leatherstocking



Higgins and vandeCar - happy to be there

Fall Foliage shots by Amanda Milliken



FALL FOLIAGE RESULTS 2008



OPEN 1

PLACE / HANDLER	DOG	SCORE
1 Williams, Cheryl	Spot	92
2 Sheninger, Gene	Dot	92
3 Williams, Dick	Lass	92
4 Leonard, Denise	Jessie	89
5 Milliken, Amanda	Clive	86
6 Savage, Lorna	Trace	83
7 Mick, Warren	Rock	83
8 Amodei, Maria	Cato	79
9 Sheninger, Gene	Jess	78
10 Sheninger, Gene	Jen	76
11 Amodei, Maria	Rhyme	75
12 Higgins, Michelle	Deigh	74
13 Mick, Warren.	Jinty	74
14 Sharp, Dave	Kirk	73
15 Williams, Cheryl	Toby	72
16 Thompson, Mary	Holly	72
17 Milliken, Amanda	Bart	72
18 Williams, Dick	Mirk	71
19 Drummond, Rob	Casey	71
20 Thompson, Mary	Coal	70
21 Levin, Betty	Kyle	70
22 Drummond, Rob	Ben	70
23 Wetmore, Steve	Dart	69
24 Bowen, Chris	Jake	69
25 Thompson, Mary	Hawk	69
26 Armata, Bernie	Bobbie	67
27 Wetmore, Steve	Pace	66
28 Millen, Heather	Spy	65
29 Mick, Maria	Doc	64
30 Savage, Lorna	Zoe	64
31 Armata, Barbara	Jill	64
32 Deschambeault, Roger	Ken	62
33 Schoen, Sue	Brook	58
34 Higgins, Michelle	Bracken	56
35 Collins, Kate	Jan	46
36 Murphy, Jim	Kit	38
37 Murphy, Jim	Trim	38
38 vandeCar, Peter	Russ	35
39 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Alderbaran	DQ
40 Bowen, Chris	Ben	RET
41 vandeCar, Peter	Leif	RET
42 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Cassiopeia	RET
43 Mick, Warren	Glen	RET
44 Deschambeault, Roger	Bob	RET
45 Brothers, Michelle	XPSnap	No show
46 Nunan, Mike	Fly	No show
47 Mick, Maria	Kit	DQ
48 Milliken, Amanda.	Ethel	DQ
49 Schoen, Sue	Maid	DQ
50 VanderCar, Peter	Katie	DQ

OPEN 2

PLACE / HANDLER	DOG	SCORE
1 Mick, Warren	Glen	95
2 Williams, Dick	Mirk	94
3 Milliken, Amanda	Clive	91
4 Milliken, Amanda.	Ethel	91
5 Milliken, Amanda	Bart	90
6 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Alderbaran	90
7 Armata, Barbara	Jill	90
8 Sheninger, Gene.	Jess	88
9 Williams, Dick	Lass	88
10 Thompson, Mary	Hawk	88
11 Amodei, Maria	Cato	87
12 Armata, Bernie	Bobbie	85
13 Williams, Cheryl	Spot	85
14 Mick, Maria	Kit	84
15 Mick, Maria	Doc	83
16 Thompson, Mary	Coal	81
17 Leonard, Denise	Jessie	77
18 Sheninger, Gene	Jen	77
19 Williams, Cheryl	Toby	76
20 Mick, Warren	Jinty	76
21 Savage, Lorna	Zoe	75
22 Wetmore, Steve	Dart	74
23 Sheninger, Gene	Dot	73
24 Drummond, Rob	Casey	73
25 Thompson, Mary	Holly	72
26 Deschambeault, Roger	Ken	71
27 Murphy, Jim	Trim	69
28 vandeCar, Peter	Russ	67
29 Higgins, Michelle	Deigh	67
30 Millen, Heather	Spy	67
31 Wetmore, Steve	Pace	67
32 Mick, Warren	Rock	66
33 Sharp, Dave	Kirk	66
34 Deschambeault, Roger	Bob	63
35 Amodei, Maria	Rhyme	61
36 Bowen, Chris	Jake	61
37 Higgins, Michelle	Bracken	61
38 Schoen, Sue	Brook	46
39 vandeCar, Peter	Leif	36
40 Levin, Betty	Kyle	32
41 Collins, Kate	Jan	Ret
42 Drummond, Rob	Ben	Ret
43 Savage, Lorna	Trace	Ret
44 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Cassiopeia	Ret
45 Bowen, Chris	Ben	No show
46 Brothers, Michelle	XPSnap	No show
47 Nunan, Mike	Fly	No show
48 Schoen, Sue	Maid	DQ
49 Murphy, Jim	Kit	DQ
50 vandeCar, Peter	Katie	DQ



FALL FOLIAGE RESULTS 2008



Amanda Milliken

DOUBLE LIFT

PLACE / HANDLER	DOG	SCORE
1 Williams, Cheryl	Spot	144
2 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Alderbaran	135
3 Milliken, Amanda	Clive	129
4 Williams, Dick	Mirk	124
5 Milliken, Amanda	Ethel	122
6 Armata, Barbara	Jill	120
7 Sheninger, Gene	Jess	117
8 Mick, Warren	Glen	107
9 Williams, Dick	Lass	104
10 Leonard, Denise	Jessie	102
11 Thompson, Mary	Hawk	101
12 Sheninger, Gene	Dot	96
13 Amodei, Maria	Cato	Ret
14 Mick, Maria	Kit	DQ
15 Armata, Bernie	Bobbie	Ret

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".

All three above dogs are standing at Mick's Border Collies:

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2008 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS, September 20-21, 2008. Cheshire, MA

"IF EWES COULD FLY..."

Report by Jim Allen

The 2008 NEBCA Novice Finals were notable for three things: The beautiful weather and scenery at Mark and Wendy Warner's farm in the Berkshires: Strong competitive performances by Helen Dunning in winning both Novice Classes and by Nancy Starkey in taking first and third prizes in Ranch: Not to mention, the aeronautical abilities of the sheep.

The early fall weather was perfect for a trial; the atmosphere and attitude among the handlers was excellent. Over 40 handlers ran 60 dogs on a hilly field with courses that were short but difficult. The flock of 70 wool sheep was made up of Dorsets, Border Leicesters and crosses. They tested both handlers and dogs and punished severely those who had a mental lapse. The first run-through of the sheep went fairly smoothly, but on the later runs those dogs that did not cover their sheep paid the price, with many runs ending with one or more sheep flying over the fence into the exhaust pen.

Each class ran twice and the placings were based on the total score for both runs. The Pro Novice class provided the greatest excitement, with a run-off between Helen Dunning & Jess and Walt Zieser & Rose for the championship.

The Long Road Award — presented to the highest placing teams in which the dog has been owned by the handler from the age of 6 months on, never trained by a professional, and trained primarily by the handler — went to Melody Hanchett & Canon (Novice Novice), Heather Millen & Kate (Pro Novice), and Pam Gardner & Rusty (Ranch).

The Alex McKinven Award -- awarded to the highest placing novice handler who has never



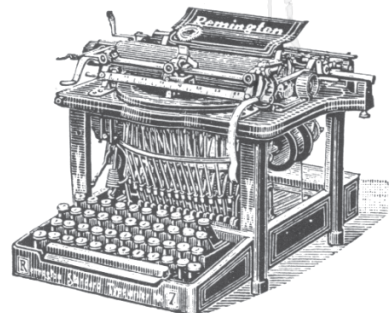
Jack & Jess done good for Dunning

run a dog in an open trial and is running a dog in the Pro Novice class that has never trained by anyone except the current owner — went to Joyce Westcott & Moli.

Special thanks should go to judge Maria Mick, who had some difficult decisions to make, and to Warren Mick, who had no dog to run but came and worked tirelessly throughout the trial, as well as to Steve Wetmore and the Novice Trial Committee (Susan Allen, Bernie Armata, Denise Leonard, Joyce Westcott) who organized the trial and were assisted by the local volunteers in ensuring that the trial ran smoothly. A job well done by all! Also, many thanks to Betsy Drummond and Fran Wheeler of BorderCollics Anonymous, for their generous donation of three specially-engraved brass whistles made by Rob Drummond., one for each class winner.

Editor's Note: Finally, what about those aerodynamic sheep? Here's Jim Allen's explanatory e-mail:

"I have only two pictures to send, those of the Ranch Champion and Reserve Champion. I would have had more, but decided to take a ride on one of the aeronautical sheep (see article) and ended up in hospital before I could take any more pictures. (All is well now save some bruises and bent glasses.)





2008 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS RESULTS



Novice Novice (Combined Scores for 2 Runs)

Champion: Helen Dunning & Jack	147
Reserve Champion: Eileen Wilentz & Ray	120
3. Malcolm Williams & Spin	114
4. Megan Quigley & Dare	108
5. Melody Hanchett & Canon	107
6. Alastair Simpson & Taz	76
7. Vickie Vander Vere & Pudge	73
8. Tracy Hinton & Boy	68
9. Mary Wasielewski & Zen	60
10. Cindy Schmitt & Jill	57
Long Road Award: Melody Hanchett & Canon	

Ranch

Champion: Nancy Starkey & B sweet Kep	150
Reserve Champion: Pam Gardner & Rusty	140
3. Nancy Starkey & Lark	129
4. Mich Ferraro & Nimbus	120
5. Eileen Williams & Robbie	112
6. Carolyn West & Jill	82
7. Roger Millen & Roy	79
8. Lori Cunningham & Dirk	60
9. Susan Rhoades & Rock-IT	47
10. Michelle Brothers & XP Roy	39
Long Road Award: Pam Gardner & Rusty	

Pro Novice

Champion: Helen Dunning & Jess	131
(Tie broken with a Run-Off)	
Reserve Champion: Walt Zieser & Rose	131
3. Heather Millen & Kate	125
4. Pam Gardner & Rom	123
5. Susan Rhoades & Cub	121
(higher outwork scores)	
6. Valerie Pietraszewska & Jess	121
7. Denise Leonard & Floss	117
8. Susan Rhoades & Shep	115
9. Emma Court & Maia	110
(higher outwork scores)	
10. Barb Armata & Meg	110
Long Road Award: Heather Millen & Kate	
Alex McKinven Award: Joyce Westcott & Moli	

NEBCA Classifieds (contd.)

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Nancy Starkey & B Sweet Kep - Ranch Champ



Pam Gardner & Rusty - Long Road Winner



EWESFUL ACRES RESULTS



Ewesful Acres Results

August 3, 2008

Round 1: Novice-Novice

Number of dogs: 11

1	Simpson, Alistair	Taz	65
2	Murphy, Ashtyn	Bess	61
3	Hinton, Tracy	Boy	58
4	Lawler, Helene	Hannah	54
5	Dunning, Helen	Jack	50
6	Costanzo, Kara	Sue	47
7	Murphy, Nicole	Tess	43
8	Murphy, Brittany	Lady	39
9	Hall, Peter	Joe	38
10	Francey, Victoria	Ryley	RET
11	Polites, Mike	Brice	RET

Round 2: Novice-Novice

Number of Dogs: 12

1	Hinton, Tracy	Boy	73
2	Lawler, Helene	Hannah	66
3	Costanzo, Kara	Sue	64
4	Dunning, Helen	Jack	61
5	Simpson, Alistair	Taz	57
6	Murphy, Nicole	Tess	37
7	Knowlton, Kelly	Jammer	31
8	Murphy, Brittany	Lady	27
9	Francey, Victoria	Ryley	15
10	Knowlton, Chris	Amber	13
11	Polites, Mike	Brice	DQ
12	Murphy, Ashtyn	Bess	DQ

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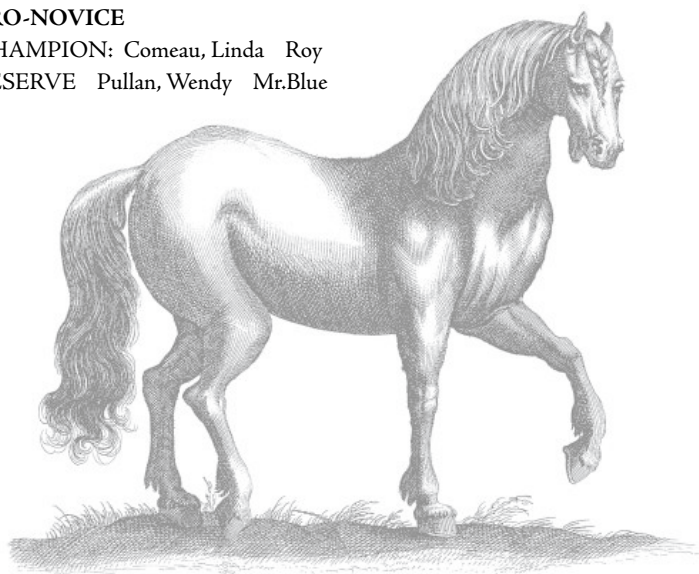
CHAMPION: Hinton, Tracy / Boy

RESERVE Simpson, Alistair / Taz

PRO-NOVICE

CHAMPION: Comeau, Linda Roy

RESERVE Pullan, Wendy Mr.Blue



Round 1: Pro-Novice

Number of dogs: 24

1	Comeau, Linda	Roy	70
2	Pullan, Wendy	Mr.Blue	59
3	Jewell, Sue	Breeze	58
4	Hoerber, Tom	Taz	52
5	Comeau, Linda	Nell	50
6	Fahey, Janet	Jock	50
7	Felegy, Mary	Rocket	45
8	Mycroft, Jay	Wisp	43
9	Fahey, Janet	Jim	43
10	Holbrook, Elayne	Quin	43
11	Keats, Kathy	Moss	40
12	Woesner, Dee	Dibs	38
13	Garwood, Paul	Guin	28
14	Hoerber, Tom	Nikki	28
15	Brown, Ann	Ash	27
16	Labelle, Nathalie	Kate	27
17	Kelly, Randy	Tazer	25
18	Dunning, Helen	Jess	24
19	Campbell, MaryLou	Bet	23
20	Garwood, Paul	Taff	RET
21	Palmer, Cynthia	Pam	RET
22	Talbot, Shona	Floss	RET
23	Williams, Cheryl	Tess	RET
24	Garwood, Claire	Sian	DQ

Round 2: Pro-Novice

Number of dogs: 24

1	Dunning, Helen	Jess	68
2	Gamble, Leslie	Hugh	64
3	Knowlton, Chris	Keane	62
4	Williams, Cheryl	Tess	60
5	Comeau, Linda	Roy	59
6	Fahey, Janet	Jim	54
7	Keats, Kathy	Moss	53
8	Hoerber, Tom	Nikki	51
9	Pullan, Wendy	Mr.Blue	49
10	Felegy, Mary	Rocket	46
11	Comeau, Linda	Nell	43
12	Brown, Ann	Ash	42
13	Campbell, MaryLou	Bet	41
14	Woesner, Dee	Dibs	39
15	Knowlton, Kelly	Ben	38
16	Holbrook, Elayne	Quin	30
17	Fahey, Janet	Jock	25
18	Labelle, Nathalie	Kate	23
19	Garwood, Paul	Taff	17
20	Kelly, Randy	Tazer	12
21	Jewell, Sue	Breeze	RET
22	Garwood, Paul	Guin	RET
23	Mycroft, Jay	Wisp	RET
24	Garwood, Claire	Sian	DQ



EWESFUL ACRES RESULTS



Ewesful Acres Results

August 3, 2008

Round 1: Open Ranch

Number of dogs: 17

1	Boyce, Dawn	Tristan	73
2	Palmer, Cynthia	Libby	63
3	Thompson, Mary	Rio	62
4	Stephens, Bob	RMSTim	61
5	Williams, Dick	Gwen	56
6	Cunningham, Lori	Dirk	46
7	Stephens, Nancy	RMSTweed	46
8	Lash, Carolyn	Dell	38
9	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	37
10	Hall, Peter	Cap	RET
11	Jewell, Sue	Kat	RET
12	Labelle, Nathalie	Tyke	RET
13	Holbrook, Elayne	Zak	RET
14	Lalonde, JP	Nell	RET
15	Cunningham, Lori	William	RET
16	Obernier, Nancy	Gunner	RET
17	Hall, Peter	Doc	RET

Round 2: Open Ranch

Number of dogs: 17

1	Thompson, Mary	Rio	82
2	Thompson, Mary	Beauty	81
3	Stephens, Nancy	RMSTweed	78
4	Cunningham, Lori	William	72
5	Lalonde, JP	Nell	72
6	Jewell, Sue	Kat	66
7	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	65
8	Boyce, Dawn	Tristan	65
9	Hoeber, Tom	Taz	51
10	Lash, Carolyn	Dell	42
11	Cunningham, Lori	Dirk	42
12	Williams, Dick	Gwen	32
13	Holbrook, Elayne	Quin	21
14	Stephens, Bob	RMSTim	RET
15	Holbrook, Elayne	Zak	RET
16	Obernier, Nancy	Gunner	RET
17	Labelle, Nathalie	Tyke	DQ

CHAMPION: Thompson, Mary Rio

RESERVE Boyce, Dawn Tristan

Ewesful Acres Results

August 4, 2008

Round 2: Open\Possible Points 100

Number of dogs: 61

1	Lambert, Bev	Mirk	98
2	Williams, Dick.	Lass	95
3	Amodei, Maria	Cato	92
4	Murphy, Jim	Kit	90
5	Obernier, Nancy	Ben	90
6	Boyce, Dawn	Tink	89
7	Obernier, Nancy	Nick	87
8	Mick, Warren	Jinty	87
9	Boyce, Dawn	Juno	86
10	Mick, Maria	Kit	85
11	Mick, Warren	Glen	85
12	Thompson, Mary.	Hawk	84
13	Thompson, Mary	Holly	84
14	Williams, Cheryl	Toby	83
15	OrtizSharp, Nancy	Alderbaron	83
16	OrtizSharp, Nancy	Cassiopeia	83
17	Stephens, Bob	RMSPat	82
18	Boyce, Dawn.	Giordi	81
19	Matwiy, Peter	Maddie	81
20	Stephens, Bob.	Pete	80
21	vandeCar, Peter.	Bud	79
22	Worthington, Joan	Sam	79
23	Lambert, Bev.	Bill	79
24	Pullan, Wendy	Sara	78
25	Bailey, Lena	Hemp	78
26	Stephens, Nancy	Jenn	77
27	Thompson, Mary	Coal	76
28	Robertson, Fiona	Tap	75
29	vandeCar, Peter	Russ	75
30	Williams, Cheryl	Spot	74
31	Robertson, Fiona	Pat	74
32	Amodei, Maria	Rhyme	72
33	Savage, Lorna	Zoe	71
34	vandeCar, Peter	Katie	71
35	Stephens, Bob	Jess	71
36	Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	69
37	Sharp, Dave	Ki k	68
38	Bailey, Lena	Spot	67
39	Pullan, Wendy.	Amber	64
40	Williams, Dick	Don	62
41	Williams, Dick	Mirk	61
42	Pullan, Wendy	Heidi	60
43	Jewell, Sue	Winn	58
44	Kelly, Randy	Buff	44
45	Jewell, Sue	Kat	42
46	Worthington, Joan	Hope	37
47	Stephens, Nancy	RMSike	19



EWESFUL ACRES RESULTS



Ewesful Acres Results

August 4, 2008

Round 2: Open\Possible Points 100

Number of dogs: 61 (continued)

48	Murphy, Joanne	Maude	RET
49	Cunningham, Lori	Dirk	RET
50	Lambert, Bev	Hemp	RET
51	Savage, Lorna	Trace	RET
52	Labelle, Nathalie	Jim	RET
53	Kelly, Randy	Jimmy	RET
54	Murphy, Jim	Trim	RET
55	Mick, Maria	Doc	RET
56	Woesner, Dee	Spot	RET
57	Cunningham, Lori.	Ethan	RET
58	Sharp, Dave	Sagitta	RET
59	Cunningham, Lori	Riff	DQ
60	Garwood, Claire	Rhos	DQ
61	Lash, Carolyn	Dell	DQ

CHAMPION: Obernier, Nancy Ben

RESERVE: Obernier, Nancy Nick

Spring Valley Farm SDT

Aug 24, 2008

Judge- Michael Dathe

Number of dogs: 40 dogs to the post

1- Fiona Robertson & Tap	89
2- Rob Drummond & Ben	85
3- Maria Amodei & Rhyme	85
4- Steve Wetmore & Pace	85
5- Chris Bowen & Jake	83
6- Warren Mick & Glen	82
7- Ed Hobart & Bonnie	81
8- Fiona Robertson & Pat	76
9- Denise Leonard & Jessie	75
10- Maria Amodei & Cato	73

LONG ROAD AWARD- Maria Amodei & Rhyme

OVERALL COMBINED CHAMPION: Fiona Robertson & Tap

OVERALL COMBINED RESERVE CHAMPION: Steve Wetmore & Pace

Quechee, Vt Open Trial

Aug 23rd, 2008

Judge- Sue Schoen

Number of dogs: 50 dogs to the post

1- Fiona Robertson & Tap	90
2- Roger Deschambeault & Ken	88
3- Roger Deschambeault & Bob	83
4- Barbara Armata & Vic	80
5- Steve Wetmore & Dart	78
6- Warren Mick & Jinty	77
7- Maria Amodei & Cato	77
8- Barbara Leverett & Cap	75
9- Peter vandeCar & Leif	73
10- Jim Allen & Zip	72

LONG ROAD AWARD- Roger Deschembeault & Ken

Lancaster Fair Trial

August 28 ,2008 Points trial

Trial Manager: Roger Deschambeault

Judge: Carroll Goodwin

Number of dogs: 40 dogs to the post

1. Chris Bowen	Ben	52
2. Chris Bowen	Jake	49
3. Rich Seaman	Ki	48
4. Rich Seaman	Zoe	47
5. Maurice McGregor	Rob	44
6. Maria Mick	Doc	41*
7. Roger Deschambeault	Bob	41
8. Roger Deschambeault	Ken	41
9. Rob Drummond	Casey	41
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Druid	41

*Ties were broken by time





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August 28 ,2008 Points trial
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8. Roger Deschambeault	Ken	41
9. Rob Drummond	Casey	41
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Druid	41

*Ties were broken by time

Blue Hill Fair Trial
Trial Managers: Jim and May Davidson
Submitted by Gabe Merrill
Saturday, August 30 2008

Number of dogs: 41 dogs to the post - points trial

1. Roger Deschambeault	Ken	32
2. Sue Schoen	Brook	32
3. Rob Drummond	Casey	32
4. Jim Allen	Zip	31
5. Rich Seaman	Ki	31
6. Maria Mick	Kit	30
7. Jim Allen	Sonny	30
8. Rich Seaman	Boo	30
9. Lynn Deschambeault	Di	30
10. Darlene Hutchins	Lil	30

Sunday, August 31 2008

Number of dogs: 39 dogs to the post

1. Rich Seaman	Zoe	28
2. Maurice Mc Gregor	Flash	28
3. Sue Schoen	Brook	28
4. Rish Seaman	Ki	27
5. Lynn Deschambeault	Di	27
6. Maurice McGregor	Sam	26
7. Betty Levin	Kyle	26
8. Tom Leigh	Jo	26
9. Steve Wetmore	Pace	24
10. Roger Deschambeault	Ken	24

The Woolly Winds Novice Sheep Dog Trial
(Results posted next issue)
Taravale, Esperance, NY
September 13, 2008

or
"I Can't Believe We Really Did It"
- by Heidi Fuge

Trial Committee:
Melody Hanchett, Manager
Laura Astorita
Maggie O'Neil
Heidi Fuge

The Woolly Winds Trial on Saturday, September 13th was a long time in the planning but was well worth the wait. The idea of the Trial was sparked by a challenging comment that Barb Armata made one day last winter to Melody Hanchett vis-a-vis our complaints that there were not enough Novice Trials in this area and that the Novice handlers were often considered second-class citizens. Melody and Maggie O'Neil were worming sheep at the time... which we all know gives rise to such meaningful conversations (!) and so began to talk about the possibility of putting on our own Novice Trial. Laura Astorita was brought in as the caterer and, somehow, I was roped into the group. All four Committee members could certainly be classified as Novice: two have never competed in a NEBCA Trial and the other two have limited experience at the Novice/Novice level. One-half of the group considers themselves to be "border collie" people, the other half "aussie" people. All of us, however, have attended and worked at many NEBCA trials - helping with the setup and take down, in the holdout and exhaust pens, as scribes, and as general "go-fers," as well as absolutely riveted spectators.

Pat Decoux gave us the boost that we needed to begin the planning, when she sent us a check to cover any of the initial expenses and thereby became our official Trial Sponsor. The four of us on the Committee then had several long discussions about the philosophy behind this Trial and eventually came up with a list of goals:

- it would be welcoming to all Novice Handlers
- it would provide a stress-free atmosphere for running young dogs and to this end, each competitor would be given their full amount of time on the field for training their dogs, to the extent possible
- it would provide a challenging venue for the dogs and handlers, but be well within the capabilities of most Novice dogs (i.e. not too easy, but not too hard)
- the weather must cooperate (there were times during this whole thing when that seemed like it might be the easiest of all of our goals!)

The next step was to find a field and some sheep. Barb and Bernie Armata offered the use of their fields and stock at Taravale in Esperance, NY. Since all of the Committee members train dogs with Barb and since Melody, our Trial Manager, lived within shouting distance of the farm, it was a natural location.



The course layout took a great deal of consideration in order to meet our goals. Since the sheep would be running on their home field and were very familiar with every section of it, we needed to consider their normal patterns when setting the course. Remember... these were Novice people planning this, with only a minimal amount of assistance from experienced handlers..... and we did a pretty darn good job. Several layouts were proposed, discussed and rejected so that the final one was the absolute best. The Taravale flock consists of Scottish Blackface, Montedale, Katahdin and some crosses. They are not easy and when the group is mixed for a Trial it gets to be even more..... well, fun.

Okay, we had a place, sheep, and a date. Couldn't be easier, right? Wrong. The Trial planning slowed to a crawl when we learned that insurance was going to be a HUGE problem. We were holding our Trial on someone else's farm, with their stock. What about liability insurance? In the beginning, we assumed that since the Trial was NEBCA-sanctioned we would be able to obtain insurance through NEBCA. This was not so, as we discovered to our dismay. NEBCA and USBCHA would only provide insurance coverage if the Trial included Nursery and Open classes. Once again, it seemed that Novice Trials were getting the short end of the stick. Here, Maggie stepped up to the plate and took on the chore of sorting out the insurance problem. To make a VERY LONG saga shorter.... NEBCA took our problem to heart, listened to Maggie's suggestions, changed its insurance carrier, and now any sanctioned Trials (no matter what level) can purchase an insurance rider. We were ready to rock and roll.... sort of.

Now it was up to our Trial Manager, Melody, to find the Judge that would suit our qualifications, and the handlers that we needed for the holdout and pushout. Bernie Armata agreed to Judge;



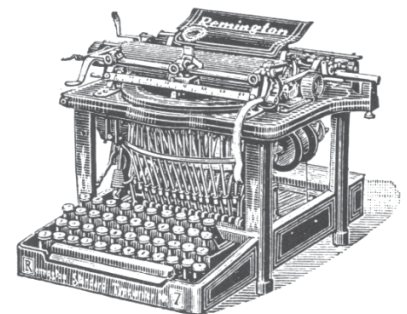
Gracie, after her Novice Run

he understood what we were trying to achieve, and his reputation for fairness suited us perfectly. The pushout and holdout positions, we had discovered through our varied Trial experiences, are extremely important in maintaining the stress-free (relatively!) atmosphere that we wanted. Calm, quiet sheep at the holdout give the running dog a better chance for success. Several experienced handlers volunteered to take on these tasks. Melody expertly organized all of the rest of the endless details that go into producing a Trial. We were brought up short just a week or so before everything was supposed to happen by the low number of registrations. What to do? Cancel? How could we back out now? Especially since this was the first trial for several of the competitors. Melody decided to combine the Saturday and Sunday runs and do everything in one day. It would be a stretch, we knew, and all of the competitors would have to be on their toes to keep things moving so that we would not end up with people and dogs running in the dark.

So, we overcame the possible difficulties of Novice handlers putting on their first Trial with minimal assistance from experienced trialers, we overcame the insurance problems, we overcame the situation with a Trial that didn't fill.....by now, you are on the edge of

wondering how it all worked out... right? Well, it was great. Everyone - dogs, handlers, sheep, volunteers and THE WEATHER cooperated to help us put on our first Trial in the way that we wanted. Added to all of that, was the wonderful, relaxed dinner that Laura served up in the dining room at Woolly Winds. It was the perfect ending to a very satisfying day.

A postscript - to make the whole experience EVEN BETTER, Barb and Bernie opened their farm to a herding Fun Day on Sunday for any competitors who stayed over or wanted to come back and practice some more. People had a chance to work on whatever situations they felt needed improvement and several of us also had the opportunity to hone our dogs' skills (and our own) as holdout. Our thanks to the Armatas for being so supportive of our Trial!





MORE TRIAL RESULTS



Loon Mt. Open Trial, Lincoln, NH

September 19, 2008.

Trial Manager: Lynn Deschambeault

Judge: Carroll Goodwin

Number of dogs: 33

1. Sue Schoen & Brook
2. Rob Drummond & Ben
3. Roger Deschambeault & Ken
4. Rob Drummond & Casey
5. Patricia Hammel-Murphy & Peg
6. Rich Seaman & Zoey
7. Chris Bowen & Jake
8. Chris Bowen & Dot
9. Lynn Deschambeault & Druid
10. Roger Deschambeault & Bob

New Hampshire Championship

September 27, 2008

Trial Manager: Roger Deschambeault

Number of dogs: 45

Beverly Lambert	Mirk	92
Denie Leonard	Jessie	87
Roger Deschambeault	Bob	86
Sue Schoen	Brook	84
Rich Seaman	Ki	81
Jim Allen	Zip	81
Roger Deschambeault	Trim	81
Beverly Lambert	Bill	81
Rich Seaman	Zoe	80
Craig Rogers	Luke	79

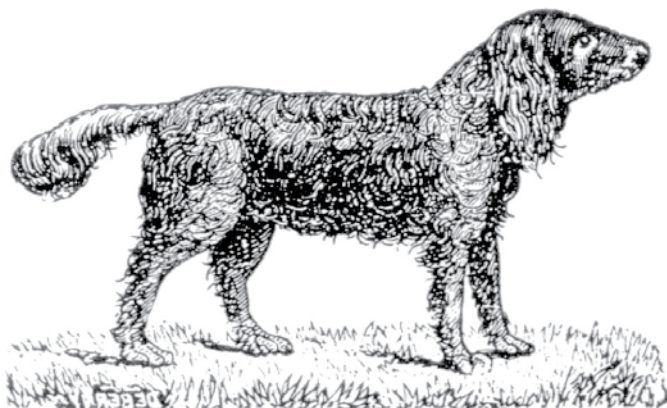
Fryeburg Fair Trial

September 28, 2008

Trial Manager: Gabrielle Merrill

Number of dogs: 58

Craig Rogers	Brit	96
Maria Amodei	Cato	94
Rich Seaman	Ki	90
Fiona Robertson	Pat	90
Sue Schoen	Brook	90
Steve Wetmore	Pace	89
Rob Drummond	Andy	89
Rich Seaman	Boo	88
Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	88
Roger Deschambeault	Ken	88
Craig Rogers	Celt	88
Maria Amodei	Rhyme	88
Chris Bowen	Jake	86
Chris Bowen	Ben	86
Nancy Phillips	Susie	85
Carlene Eitapence	Kodi	83
Rich Seaman	Zoe	82
Jim Allen	Zip	81
Betty Levin	Folly	81
Bruce Smart	Dolly	81
Steve Wetmore	Dart	79
Roger Deschambeault	Trim	79
Jim Perkins	Z	78
Rob Drummond	Ben	77
Fiona Robertson	Tap	76
Lynn Deschambeault	Di	75
Jim Allen	Sunny	74
Sue Allen	Corrie	71
Susan Allen	Ash	68
Darlene Hutchin	Fina	58
Patrica H. Murphy	Peg	56





**Renaissance Farm SDT,
Sydenham, Ontario, Canada
& (Fine Dining Establishment)
October 4 - 5, 2008
Trial Managers: JP Lalonde & Lorna Savage
Judge: Warren Mick**

The food was outstanding.....ummmmm!
Joanne and Barry Slater (the chocolate lady, as she is affectionately known by most of us) started us off with the every popular assortment of "melt in your mouth" sweets. Then there was the tasty hamburger barley homemade soup compliments of Joanne Slater and corn bread by Angela for lunch,....and then there was the fabulous Italian dinner at the house on Saturday night prepared by Chef Julianne and her capable assistant, accompanied by JP's and Angela's palate pleasing home made wine!! Oh,.....and then there was the stock dog trial itself; beautiful field, fantastic fall colours , challenging sheep, great judging by Warren Mick, and all organized by the very capable team of JP Lalonde and Lorna Savage, with help from Alex, LeRoy, and Cory McNutt in the pen.

I don't know what we would do without the donations of the Slaters; not only did they supply the food described above but also beautiful throws and pillows embroidered with sheep and border collies. Such generous people!!!!!!!

As most of you trial managers know,.....there is a lot of work that goes into putting on a spectacular trial, but I must say that JP and team make it look easy, and there is no other manager that puts so much effort into pleasing his guests,....KUDOS goes to you JP, Lorna, and family,....I really appreciate the effort and the care that you take to ensure a good time. Did I mention how much fun the "party" was!!!!....good company, great wine, amazing food, and a warm atmosphere,....what could be better than that?

JP's sheep are well known for their challenging ways, very maternal and protective (JP's words), they dare to stand and contemplate the dogs



Crouching Drummond: Hidden Tiger

strength and ability and generally test the dogs to their limit,....sometimes barreling on through and over unsuspecting collies, making them work for every point and completed run. This year was no different,most of the open dogs met the challenge, but many of the Novice dogs were caught off guard and their runs ended in defeat as early as the turn at the post. And so went the running. All those who completed runs were very happy with their dogs performance,...those that didn't, now know what they need to work on. All in all,.....a trial to be entered knowing that it won't be a "walk in the park". So, if you're up to the challenge, and you want to trial on tough sheep,....attend the Renaissance SDT next season,.....it's well worth the trip to Canada. Thanks to Amanda for some spectacular action shots,....she managed to capture the essence of this trial.

Report by our Food & Wine Critic - Mary Thompson, London, Ontario, Canada

Saturday Open 33 Dogs

1. Amanda Milliken	Clive	91
2. Kate Broadbent	Salt	90
3. Amanda Milliken	Ethel	89
4. Viki Kidd	Merle	80
5. Lorna Savage	Zoe	78
6. Randy Kelly	Buff	75
7. Mary Thompson	Hawk	74
8. Amanda Milliken	Bart	73
9. JP Lalonde	Fly	69
10. Rob Drummond	Ben	68
11. Wendy Pullen	Sara	66

Saturday Pro-Novice 23 Dogs

1. Kim Purich	Spark	69
2. Heather Millen	Kate	69
3. Amanda Milliken	Roz	68
4. Kate Broadbent	Liz	62
5. Helen Dunning	Jess	60
6. Chris Knowlton	Keane	61
7. Wendy Pullen	Mr Blue	58
8. Janet Burton	Data	48
9. Kelly Knowlton	Ben	35
10. L. D'entremont	Ex	32

Saturday Novice

1. Helen Lawler	Hannah	61
2. Chris Knowlton	Amber	29
Kelly Knowlton	Jammer	Ret
Alistair Simpson	Bet	DQ

Gracie after her Novice Run

Sunday Open 32 dogs

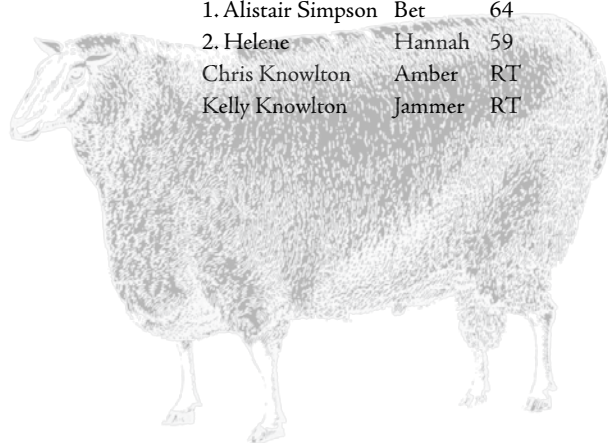
1. Heather Millen	Spy	95
2. Mary Thompson	Hawk	85
3. Amanda Milliken	Ethel	81
4. Randy Kelly	Buff	80
5. Amanda Milliken	Clive	80
6. JP Lalonde	Brass	75
7. Lorna Savage	Trace	74
8. Mary Thompson	Holly	73
9. Carol Guy	Roy	69
10. Rob Drummond	Ben	68

Sunday Pro-Novice 23 dogs

1. Kelly Knowlton	Ben	71
2. Chris Knowlton	Keane	66
3. Heather Millen	Kate	62
4. Viki Kidd	Rob	60
5. Kim Purich	Spark	57
6. Janet Fahey	Jim	49
7. Leslie Gamble	Hugh	55
8. Leroy D'entremont	Ex	41

Sunday Novice

1. Alistair Simpson	Bet	64
2. Helene	Hannah	59
Chris Knowlton	Amber	RT
Kelly Knowlton	Jammer	RT





NYS Sheep & Wool Festival,
Rhinebeck, NY
October 18-19, 2008
Trial Manager: Pat Canaday
Report by Pat Canaday

Thanks to all who attended the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival at Rhinebeck, NY. We had a new location this year that worked out extremely well. The Handlers' area had easy access, tons of room for spectators it and was close to the restrooms with showers. We were even closer to the food and vendors, which made it much easier for us to shop after the trial!

Thanks to the trial crew who made it all possible: Warren and Maria Mick, Dave Gessert, Maggie O'Neil, Rose Redick and Ken VanDeWal. The weather was cool and sunny with some wind - a great fall weekend to be out working dogs.

Congratulations to the top ten finishers!

Results NYS Sheep and Wool Festival - Open

October 18, 2008

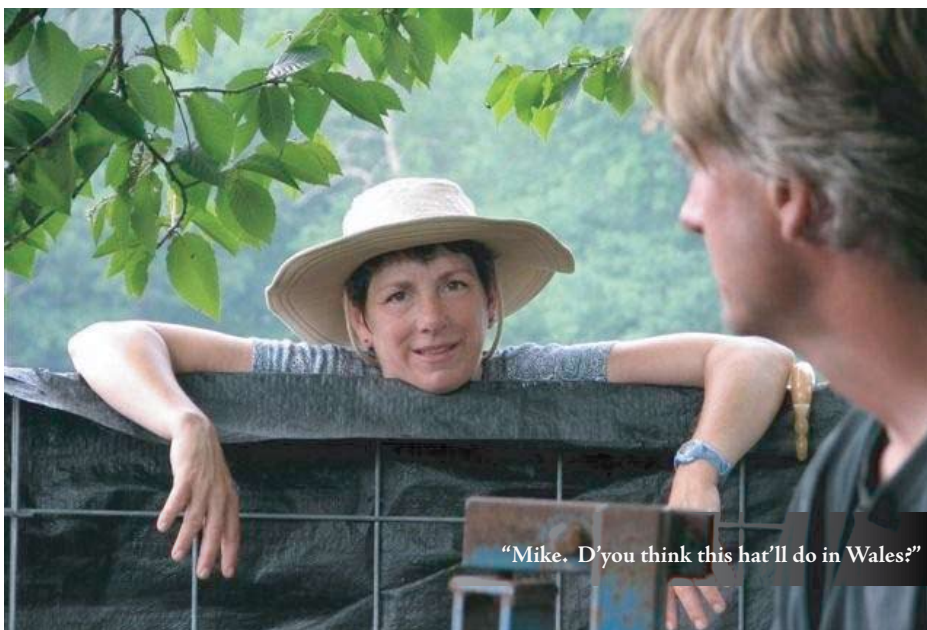
Number of dogs: 23

1. Peter vandeCar	Russ
2. Chris Bowen	Ben
3. Gene Sheninger	Mac
4. Gene Sheninger	Dot
5. Warren Mick	Kess
6. Joan Worthington	Hope
7. Peter vandecar	Bud
8. Joan Worthington	Sam
9. Rob Drummond	Casey
10. Chris Bowen	Jake

October 19, 2008

Number of dogs: 18

1. Warren Mick	Glen
2. Gene Sheninger	Mac
3. Gene Sheninger	Dot
4. Rob Drummond	Ben
5. Peter vandeCar	Russ
6. Maria Mick	Doc
7. Rob Drummond	Casey
8. Warren Mick	Kess
9. Maria Mick	Kit
10. Peter vandeCar	Bud



AMODEI'S RUN IN WALES

Outrun – A Roundabout “Way” to the World Trial

I'd do it again in a heartbeat. The expense, the time off from work, the piles of paperwork for the dogs, the packing of 3 week's worth of clothes and gear, hours of making travel reservations and preparationsit was all worth it.

I purchased a round trip ticket from Boston to Paris, return flight from London to Boston. I did the Paris route to avoid the extremely high air cargo rates I would have needed to pay to bring the dogs into the UK by air. It would have cost \$4,000 round trip for both dogs going direct to the UK; instead, I paid \$600 round trip as excess baggage. There were additional expenses for the Paris to UK leg, but going via Paris saved me close to \$3,000. The trip over was long. I must have looked like a gypsy, with two big aluminum dog crates stacked on a dolly, my giant duffle bag on the top, with my carry-on backpack on my back. I rented a car in Paris and drove 2 hours to the ferry. As one of my many cost savings measures I had rented a standard transmission. Though I drove standards for years, it had been a good 15 years since I'd used a clutch and stick shift. I can only hope the rental car folks were not watching at the Paris airport as I folded my crates, stuffed them in the trunk, popped the dogs in the back seat, hopped in the front and turned the key in the ignition. Oops, forgot about the clutch! I did pretty well the rest of the way in France since it was almost all highway.

I dropped the rental car in Calais and boarded the ferry with my dogs. They had to ride in their crates on the vehicle deck. When making my ferry reservations I was talked into the “club cabin” for an additional fee. I was grumpy about falling for the sales pitch but in hindsight the club cabin is certainly worth the extra cost. The ferry is a cross between a mall food court and a city bus terminal. In the midst of this mob the club cabin is a lovely large quiet area with sofas and waitresses and huge plate-glass windows looking ahead to the white cliffs of Dover.



AMODEI'S RUN IN WALES (cont.)

I collected the dogs at the other end, rented another car and drove six hours to North Wales where the International was being held. Cato took all this travelling in stride. He reclined serenely in his crate throughout, happy to get up and greet anyone that came to see him, but otherwise relaxed. Rhyme was THRILLED to see me again in the Paris airport and swore her undying love and affection. I asked that she remember that sentiment at the top on trial day.

Now let's talk driving in the UK. Again I rented a standard. It was a little thing – I could barely fit my folded crates in the trunk. The stick shift was on the left. After over two weeks of driving this car I still had trouble finding first and second gear. I had borrowed a GPS from my dad for the trip. Although I highly recommend a GPS for anyone driving over there, I must admit to fighting with this one. She would come up with something like: "In .3 miles enter roundabout, then take fourth exit". I'd count the exits carefully, take the one specified, drive about 100 feet and hear "Recalculating" in that despicably neutral voice. "Well you would not have to recalculate if you did not take me off the wrong exit in the first place!" There are a whole lot of roundabouts in the UK. Some of them look like asphalt spiders. I'd cringe every time I heard "Drive .2 miles then enter roundabout." When I heard any exit past the first or second I knew I was doomed to failure. I also learned to put my left hand on the stick shift BEFORE we got to the roundabout. This was all happening in the dark, in the rain, and with no shoulders to pull over.

An International lift

I spent three days watching the International. Despite the excellent work by dogs and handlers my most entrenched memory of the International is the mud. The grassy passageways between the vendor tents and grandstands were reduced to several inches of slick sucking mud by the second day. The surface was so treacherous you said a little prayer that you could keep your feet on the way to the port-a-pots. The field itself was a fabulous trial field, flat for a couple hundred yards then up a hill so you could see all the action. It was extremely wide as well, allowing for a tremendous double lift. The first gather on the double lift was 800 yards, the second 900 yards, all work fully visible to spectators thanks to the hill.

I was determined to find a place to work my dogs while I was in North Wales. It turned out to be rather easy. I spent some time watching along the fence line with local farmers and handlers, mentioned that I was looking for a place to work my dogs, and was quickly set up with a local farmer. Each day after the trial we'd meet by the grandstand and he would lead me to his farm. Not being as clever as Skinner's rats, I tailgated desperately as we navigated the verdant maze that is North Wales. Many of the roads are barely one car wide and bordered by stone walls, houses, or earth banks. I was constantly afraid I'd rip the mirrors off my tiny rental. The saving grace was that my guide, Tudor was in front of me so if someone was coming from the other direction he would hit them first. After working dogs I would sit with Tudor and his wife for dinner and talk dogs. The first night at dinner he showed me photos of one of his prize winning Welsh Mountain sheep, covered in ribbons as the grand champion. Just a little pressure to make sure my dogs worked well! He assured me with a grin that the creature in question had not been in the field I had worked in. I had to chuckle on Friday night when he was counting how many of his Welsh countrymen had made the final round, compared to the Irish, Scots and English. He was quite discouraged that only four Welshmen had made it to the finals. Poor England had only one spot. His mood brightened considerably when the Welsh took first, second and fifth on Saturday!

The end of the drive

Sunday after the International was my day to make the 5 hour drive to Llandeilo in South Wales. It was a beautiful clear day which made for a lovely drive. There are sheep EVERYWHERE in Wales. I arrived and settled in my accommodations for the next week, a lovely annex to a charming family's home, with full amenities and the open moors just 50 feet from my door. And yes, there were sheep all over the moors, along with some cows and ponies.

Monday and Tuesday of that week I ran both dogs in two trials each day. Indeed you can run in one trial in the morning, then scoot over to the next and still get in. Mind you they do run to extremely tight standards. My first run in Wales was with Cato. It was shed, pen. I brought the sheep into the ring, made my split, held them for a bit to be conservative since the judge was not calling the split. I then sent Cato to gather the other two sheep, which had slipped down the hill and now decided to run for the exhaust. Guess what? They don't close the exhaust gates there. Cato made a herculean effort at catching them in time, was not able to get there, and I retired. I won't forget that lesson. Harmon trial and stood



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there in wonder trying to figure out what was happening on the field. Finally I asked and the "South Wales" course was explained to me. Basically it is outrun, lift, fetch straight to a Maltese cross, then the pen. Perfect, I needed penning practice and this was effectively three pens in one run. Scoring and priorities are a bit different, but easy to figure out and seem more sensible. Runs have plenty of time to finish. You can walk your sheep around the course and still have time to work the pen and shed without rushing. Most everything but the World Trial itself ran to a standard so they keep their time that way. Don't like your draw, which could be halfway across the field by the time your dog gets there? Too bad. You'll be judged on how you handled the situation. Don't be looking for a re-run.

The sheep were fun, often cagey and clever, read dogs well, not broke to the pen, and enjoyable to shed. None of the trial sheep I had were extremely light which was a relief. The sheep I'd worked at the farm in North Wales were incredibly light, quite sure Cato was the devil himself despite his efforts to slip quietly along the fence lines. He could not get far enough off them.

Wednesday we registered for the World Trial, and the parade through town was that night. The parade was led by a color guard on horseback, with drums. Each country's captain was provided their nation's flag. We walked together with our dogs down the main street of Llandeilo. The sidewalks were crammed with cheering people, with others hanging out the building windows. The local school kids had made international flags and were waving them. It was really neat. The countries were in alphabetical order, which put us right in front of Wales. The crowd would roar as we came into view as the Welsh flag was right behind us. Made us feel special.

Trial and...error?

Finally the first trial morning arrived. The event that had been a part of my consciousness for the past nine months was beginning. First round runs were held on Thursday and Friday. There were three qualifying fields. Forty dogs ran on each field each day, the top seven of which would proceed to the semi final round. Fields 1 and 2 were quite near one another and similar in size if not in geography. Field 1 had longer grass, was flatter, and invited the sheep to stop and graze. Field 2 had steep hills on which the sheep wanted to run and lean hard. Field 3 was smaller, probably the easiest excepting the bog that you could not really see from the post until the sheep got to it and refused to cross. Field 3 was also some distance from the other fields. It took quite a bit of walking in the pouring rain and mud to try to keep track of your team mates. While you were walking you had to circumvent large tractors dragging vehicles into the parking area, which was quickly becoming a swamp despite the high location. Amazing what two months of rain will do.

The sheep used for the event were wonderful. It was Nigel Watkins' flock for all three fields. These sheep were in tremendous condition and extremely consistent. They were not particularly light, had opinions about where they wanted to go, and required a dog to step up to them. I was fortunate enough to have seen both Nancy Obernier's run with Nick, and Joyce Geier's run with Jim. Both were excellent runs, a credit to the handlers and dogs. My run with Rhyme was the best I could have expected from us as a team. I made a couple foolish errors with Cato that lost a lot of points in the outwork. I regret those errors, but even without them we would not have made the semi-finals. Our drive was excellent, but the quality of my work on the finish (split, pen, single) needs to improve quite a bit to get the kind of scores we needed. I am more determined than ever to build these skills. I finished both runs with respectable work.

I spent the next two days in the grandstand with team mates, watching spectacular work on the semi finals and finals while checking my Blackberry for news on the finals back home. The consistently high standard of the World Trial runs was impressive and inspiring. The sun had come out, the colors were bright, the estate where the trial was held was beautiful and the dogs, handlers and sheep gave us a great show.

Shedding a tear at the end of the World

It was a remarkable event to be a part of. As I left the grounds at the end of the four days I looked over the fields to the empty grandstands and felt a sadness that it was over. Joyce Geier and I met at a local pub for dinner and contemplated our experience, already planning for our next chance.

The following morning I wandered back to North Wales by way of the Builth Ram Sale. I figured I'd never seen anything like these ram sales so I may as well stop by. I mentioned to the parking attendant that I'd never been to a ram sale, and wanted to check one out. He said "You need to get



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get out more.” He was completely straight faced. He must have been joking. From there I went to a new friend’s house, worked dogs, talked dogs, had tea, then finally I got back on the road to Aled Owen’s place where I was to train for three days. I arrived there in the evening, and was invited into his living room with his family. I sat down next to his wife on the sofa and she handed me the solid gold whistle he had won, a portion of the first place winnings from the World Trial. The crystal globe trophy was on the shelf.

I really enjoyed working with Aled. He and his family are delightful people. I came away from there with a new stop whistle (which Cato adopted quickly and Rhyme tried her best to ignore), new rules for Rhyme, a new way to call in for the shed, some advice when working on the stop, a neat new pen exercise, and a great appreciation for his depth of knowledge of both sheep and dogs. Cato and I got to gather a hillside with Roy, the World Champ down through interconnected pastures for him to collect to vaccinate the flock.

Back to the Pen

Getting home was easier. It was a long drive from North Wales to Heathrow. I did divert to tour a couple castles on the way. At Heathrow I turned in my little mud bucket car, knowing full well I’d be getting a valet bill from the rental company. I left from Heathrow and landed in Boston some 6 hours later, where my brother and niece met me in my big white van. By the time we got home we’d been travelling for 20 hours. Mind you the dogs slept through much of it.

Yes, it was all worth it. I arrived home with three weeks of dirty laundry, and three weeks of tremendous memories. I had the chance to join a world where sheepdogs are a part of life, admired, understood and respected. I was immersed in the sights and sounds and feel of tremendous run after tremendous run, forever changing my perceptions of how this work is done. The people there gave us a warm welcome to their country and their homes. I hope for the opportunity to begin the journey again.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING

The NEBCA Annual meeting will be held on January 17, 2009, with a snow date of January 31, 2009, at Exercise Finished Training Center in Chicopee, MA. The meeting will start at 10:00am and go to approximately 2:00pm. There will be a pot luck lunch so bring a dish to share. There is no oven at the facility, but there is a microwave and a number of outlets for crock pots.

In the interests of getting a quorum at the meeting, if you cannot attend, but want to designate someone as a proxy for you, please do so. An email notification to the proxy and the secretary, Maria Mick is adequate.

All committee chairs should prepare a year end report to present at the meeting. If you cannot attend, please email the report to the president, Denise Leonard at dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu. Also please email any items that you wish to have placed on the agenda.

Exercise Finished Training Center is located near Springfield, MA. Directions can be found at <http://www.exercisefinished.net/directions.html> and are printed below:

Directions

FROM THE MASS PIKE: Exit 5, bear left on the ramp after the toll booth, turn right off of the ramp. Proceed straight through the first set of lights. At the third set of lights, Unique Motors is on the opposite left corner, go straight through the intersection, take the first left into the driveway directly behind Unique Motors. The training center is located in the tall, brick building that is set back off the road.

FROM THE NORTH: I-91 south to Exit 16 (Route 202), turn left off the ramp. Turn right at the fifth set of lights (ball field on right corner), this road turns into I-391. Proceed on I-391 to exit 4-B, turn right off the ramp. See I-391 continued.

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Do you wish to be included in the Breeders' Directory? If so, please enter your listing here and include payment for \$10 for inclusion in the newsletter and calendar, or \$20 for inclusion in the newsletter, calendar and website. The appropriate sum should be added to your membership dues and mailed to The Secretary (address above).

Listing in 2009 Breeders' Directory:

2009 NEBCA Border Collie calendar is for sale. Cost is \$10.00 plus shipping. Get yours now! Contact George Northrop: email george01368@yahoo.com, phone 978 249 4407 or POB 119, Royalston, MA 01368 or pay for a calendar with your membership renewal and there will be no shipping charge.

2010

The calendar committee will accept photo submissions for consideration in the 2010 calendar until February 1 2009. Send submissions to Kate Collins, POB 119, Royalston, MA 01368 or email george01368@yahoo.com or in person at the annual meeting or elsewhere.

Sales of the calendar have declined over the last few years. The Board is interested in members' opinions as to whether to proceed with the calendar for 2010 along with suggestions for getting more copies distributed and sold.

Please contact Denise Leonard at dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu with your suggestions by the date of the annual meeting, January 17, 2008, or complete



QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE FUTURE OF NEBCA NEWS

How do you want to receive NEBCA News?

One of NEBCA's largest controllable expenses is postage for NEBCA News. The world has moved further and further online over the last few years, so it doesn't take a genius in a ten gallon hat to recognize that the newsletter could be delivered to many members through the members' only section of the website. And far more efficiently and cost effectively to boot. An online newsletter would enable us to concentrate more on the pictorial beauty and style of our dogs, sheep and handlers (i.e. more photographs of hard-working dogs and their hard-working handlers as well as the usual reports, results and interesting articles).

So, we figured it was time to seek the membership's views on the matter.

However, in compiling this brief, but important questionnaire, we respect the fact that many of our most loyal members live in remote areas of such outstanding beauty that the brave wide world of Al Gore's interwebs for all is still a few weeks away. In such cases, we could continue to send black and white hard copies of the online color newsletter to those with slow modem dial-up connections or with no internet service at all.

We look forward to your feedback on the questionnaire overleaf.

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Should NEBCA continue to publish a Calendar

 Yes

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