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An Eye For The Future.....

A new(-ish?) look to the newsletter; a new trial season; a new editor - well, Jenna Woginrich, the previous co-editing publishing wizard found she had too many commitments to meet the demands of this publication, so I'm now flying solo.

Thanks to Jenna for her sterling efforts on the December publication.

This issue should have us yearning for the feel of crook and whistle. We take a look at

- The upcoming trials
- An interview with Derek Scrimgeour, the famous Scottish

handler and trainer

- Physical therapy for hard-working dogs.
- NEBCA Meeting minutes and Financials.

We also have some great photography: In particular, special thanks to Susan Hen-

derson and Katherine Mercier. Both have concentrated on capturing the grace, athleticism and ingrained character of Northeast Border Collie handlers - and they've taken a few stunning pictures of dogs too!

Joe Evans - Editor

.....and a reflective eye by Katherine Mercier

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Claire Cario

Look out. Coming to a trial near you..... soon

2009 NEBCA Trial Calendar - April/May Trials

April 3-5
Long Shot Trial
 Church Hill, MD
 One Novice
 Two Open
 Sherry Smith
longshotdmv.com

April 24-26?
Old Chatham
 Old Chatham, NY
 Two Open
 Warren Mick
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April 25-26
Connecticut Sheep-breeder's Association
 Tolland, CT
www.nebca.net

May 8-10
Borders On Paradise
 Turbotville, PA
 Two Open
 One Novice
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Let me out -I'm ready

May 9-10
NH Sheep & Wool Festival
 Two Novice/Open
 Cantoocook, NH
 Chris Bowen
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May 23-24
(NEBCA Meeting)
MA Sheep & Wool SDT
 Cummington, MA
 Two Open/One Novice, Nursery
 Kate Collins
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June Trials

June 5-7?
Nearfield Farm,
 Center Conway, NH
 One Novice, two Open, Nursery
 Gabe Merrill
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June 20-23
Pennsylvania State Championship, Hop Bottom, PA
June 20-21, Open

June 22-23 Novice/Nursery
 Cheryl & Dick Williams
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June 26-28
High Point Farm,
 Knox, NY
 Two Novice/Open
 Peter VandeCar
 Carrier pigeon post or call
 518-482-2625



Fiona Robertson & Tap shedding a three-legged ewe

July Trials

July 2-3
Fetch Gate Farm
 Cortland, NY
 Two Novice/Nursery
July 4-5
 Two Open
 Roger & Heather Millen
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July 10
Ossipee Valley Fair
 Open Points and Nursery,
 Ossipee, NH
 Lynn Deschambeault
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July 11-12
Merck Forest, Rupert, Vt
 Two Open.
 Mandy Smith
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July 18-19?
Mad River SDT
 Waitsfield, VT
 Two Novice/Open
 Nancy Phillips
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July 25-26?
Sherbrooke (formerly Lennoxville International), Lennoxville, Quebec.
 Two Open.
 Dave & Mary Ellen Young
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July/August Trials

July 31 - Aug 4

Ewesful Acres SDT

Portland, ONT

Two Novice/Open

Jim and Joanne Murphy

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August 5-9

Kingston SDT at Grass Creek Park

Kingston, ONT

Two Open

Amanda Milliken

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August 14-16?

Leatherstocking SDT, NEBCA

Meeting

Cooperstown, NY

1 Novice, 2 Open

Barbara Armata

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August 22

Vermont State Championship

Scottish Festival,

Queechee, Vt

One Open

Steve Wetmore

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August 23

Spring Valley Open

Strafford, Vt

One Open

Steve Wetmore

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Eileen Wilentz's Ray & wide-stepping black ewe

September Trials

September 3

Lancaster Fair

Lancaster, NH

Open Points

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September 5-6

Blue Hill Fair, Me

Two Open Points Trials

Jim Davidson

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Tentative trial/ date TBA

Nation Valley Fall SDT

Winchester, Ontario

Two Novice/Open

Werner Reitboeck

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September 12-13?

Woolly Winds Novice

Esperance, NY

Two Novice

Melody Hanchett

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September 22-27

USBCA National Sheepdog Finals

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Francis Raley

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September 26?

NH State Championship

East Conway, NH

Open

Roger Deschambeault

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September 27?

Fryeburg Fair

Fryeburg, Me

Open

Gabe Merrill

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Pat & Fiona tapping the shunting stick

September 18

New Hampshire Highl'nd Games

Loon Mt., Lincoln, NH

Open Points

Lynn Deshambeault

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September 19-20?

NEBCA Novice Finals

TBA

Three Novice trials

Steve Wetmore

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October Trials

Oct ?

Shepherd's Crook Farm

Woodville, Ont

Two Novice/Open

Ian and Shona Talbot

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Oct 3-4?

Renaissance Farm Trial

Sydenham, Ontario

Lorna Savage

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Columbus Day Weekend?

NEBCA Fall Foliage

Location TBA

Open Trials Committee Chair

October 24-26?

Butternut Creek Farm Trial

Kingston, Ontario

Amanda Milliken

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October 24-25?

Rhinebeck Fair Trial

Rhinebeck, NY

Warren Mick

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There are more trials out there. Check the NEBCA & USBCHA Websites

Woolly Winds Novice Trial Results - September 13, 2008 (with apologies as omitted from the December '08 issue)

NOVICE-NOVICE

SATURDAY AM

1 Melody Hanchett, Canon 74 (Long Road)

2 Sara Reiter, Cash 64

3 Linda Hotchkiss, Gyp 59

4 Jackie Evans, Cricket 58

5 Joe Evans, Molly 49

6 Sandy Lockwood, Curly Sue 47

7 Tam Mrose, Kip 44

8 Julie Williams, Lucy 28

SATURDAY PM

1 Linda Hotchkiss, Gyp 67 (Long Road)

2 Gail VanWicklen, Mist 67

3 Jackie Evans, Cricket 66

4 Eileen Wilentz, Ray 64

5 Tam Mrose, Kip 64

6 Joe Evans, Molly 60

7 Sandy Lockwood, Curly Sue 57

8 Lisa Goodman, Scout 53

9 Julie Williams, Lucy 43

PRO-NOVICE

SATURDAY AM

1 Anne Devine, Doc 72

2 Heather Millen, Kate 60 (Long Road)

3 Emma Court, Maia 58

4 Clara Stites, Penn 57

5 Barb Armata, Meg 57

6 Denise Leonard, Maggie 56

7 Linda Hotchkiss, Moss 56

8 Walt Zeiser, Rose 54

9 Joe Evans, Peg 53

10 Eileen Wilentz, Jamie 50

PRO-NOVICE

SATURDAY PM

1 Denise Leonard, Maggie 68 (Long Road)

2 Denise Leonard, Floss 65

3 Emma Court, Maia 65

4 Barb Armata, Gar 65

5 Walt Zeiser, Rose 60

6 Joe Evans, Peg 54

7 Eileen Wilentz, Jamie 53

8 Clara Stites, Penn 48

9 Heather Millen, Kate 45

10 Anne Devine, Doc 44

RANCH

SATURDAY AM

1 Walt Zeiser, Trim 61

2 Walt Zeiser, Dave 54

3 Warren Mick, Nick 51

SATURDAY PM

1 Warren Mick, Nick 78

2 Walt Zeiser, Trim 41

OVERALL NOVICE: Linda Hotchkiss & Gyp

OVERALL PRO-NOVICE: Denise Leonard & Maggie

OVERALL RANCH: Warren Mick & Nick

KERALES FARM FUN TRIAL REPORT by Nancy Joyce Simmons

On Saturday, January 3rd, Leslie and Kevin Whitney held a fun trial at their beautiful farm in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. A brave group of handlers gathered on a day that turned out to be sunny and not too cold. The sheep were a challenging mix of Katahdin and Scottish Blackface ewes and lambs, very fresh and very feisty.

Nancy Simmons judged Novice-Novice and Pro-Novice (and on a personal note, may I add that it was an incredible learning experience to get the chance to judge!). Participants were given feedback after their runs, and encouraged to run again. Carol Campion judged the huge Ranch class, and offered invaluable advice on handling mistakes and how to be a more pro-active handler. Thanks, Carol!

Leslie and Kevin did a terrific job keeping the trial moving. All the participants helped with setting out, exhausting and scribing in-between runs. It was a great chance to learn more about trialing, to start a young dog, or to take the leap to a higher class. By mid-afternoon, it was like a shepherding Midway, with handler's finishing a run and immediately lining up for another go, to get it right this time, or just to have more fun. And the fun was guaranteed by the very upbeat, supportive handlers.

A great time was had by all, and we're hoping we can talk Leslie and Kevin into hosting another fun trial soon. Spring training, maybe?

Taking Time With Scrimgeour - An interview with Joe Evans

Derek Scrimgeour has a wonderful cadence to his voice and calm, hypnotic tone.

At a well-attended series of clinics at Carol Campion's Bittersweet Farm in Hampton, CT last autumn, he told one of the groups a story.

"I like to keep my dogs calm – especially at the areas where we all get excited – like the shed. I was at a trial trying to shed this difficult group of sheep. I gave my Laddie dog a lie-down off to the side behind me, just repeating softly 'Lie down, Laddie; Lie down, Laddie.'

He paused. "After a few minutes of working quietly on my sheep I could hear the crowd laughing," he said, incredulity in the repetition of the last word. "Laughing!"

Scrimgeour couldn't for the life of him figure out what was so funny, but he carried on working methodically, quietly – until the moment he asked his Laddie to come in.

"Here, Laddie, here", he called looking round at his dog. The crowd laughed a gale upon at Scrimgeour's look of astonishment in seeing Laddie lying down with one foreleg crossed over the other – fast asleep.

"I wasn't always calm like that," said Scrimgeour. "I was born and bred on a mixed arable/stock upland farm in Scotland. No sheep. But we took some in for the winter. I started working on these."

He found a young bitch called Jill – "useless; she had every problem in the book. Weak as water, clapped to the ground, frightened of her own shadow." He quickly bought Laddie, an unregistered pup. Having tried unsuccessfully to get help from the local shepherds, he trained his dog "after a fashion". He realised he needed help:

Silence of the lambers

"I was alone. Nobody to help. I learnt myself. I bought a book by Old Tim Longton – 'A Sheepdog and his Training', I think it was called. I read it and was amazed that these dogs could go right and left," he recalled. "I trained him with whistles, rather than voice. At my first trial, I was so nervous that I



Where's your dog, Jim?

couldn't whistle. I was screaming. The dog went faster. The more I screamed, the faster he went. We finished though. One old boy came up to me – 'Aye, lad, not the best run I've seen, certainly the fastest!'"

"But I won a prize for the best Young Farmer. Mind you, I was the only young farmer there!"

One expert, Willie Jardine, did take time to help Scrimgeour though by giving him advice that he uses to this day: "Slow the dog down. Your super-fast flanks are upsetting the sheep. Make him walk," he told him.

When Laddie was four, tragedy struck. He was accidentally poisoned by a gamekeeper's bait. Scrimgeour bought more young farm dogs and learned from watching other handlers: "I always enjoyed watching Raymond McPherson," he said. "Very choreographed, stylish, exceptionally competitive. And always with good dogs."

From such humble beginnings, Scrimgeour has since worked with two hundred dogs. His best?

"Lyn. I bought her from Con McGarry in Ireland. I let her down. She was more capable than I. Laddie, my current dog is my next favourite. He has stamina,

good temperament; he controls his sheep without stressing them. He has an unlimited supply of power – you know, the ability to move sheep without being rough. Never has to bite."

Scrimgeour had that far away look and an enthusiasm in his eye as he continued:

"He has a big outrun. He's a little big, looks a bit clumsy, but he does nice stuff with his eye. He has a good way of moving his sheep."

Scrimgeour said of Laddie "He's the best one I've ever bred" – the only one with whom he's totally happy.

Apparently, Laddie has a lot of competition both inside and outside. Scrimgeour keeps between fifteen and twenty-five dogs in his kennel. A firm believer in the maxim of working dogs belonging outside, he seems to have softened in his middle years:

Domestic democracy

"I didn't want dogs in the house, but my daughter said: 'This is a democracy and you're out-voted'. So, we now have three West Highland Terriers and my fourteen year old, Ben inside."

I wondered whether this new, softer Scrimgeour had changed the dogs he likes and the way he handles dogs? He

used to like dogs that were quick to take their flanks. Now he prefers "a nice pace, a dog that walks into its sheep taking control with no fuss." He arrives at this through a methodical form of training that concentrates on instilling the strict discipline of rounded flanks at every time of asking.

Dangerous ground

These he obtains by not yielding an inch to a dog with tight flanks. He doesn't believe in pushing at the dog itself; he defines the space into which he doesn't want the dog to go (i.e. too tight to the sheep) and he attacks that ground as soon as the dog makes an incorrect move into what he terms and shows as "that dangerous ground" for the dog. He gives an instantaneous, very firm "LIE DOWN!". He follows that with a calm flanking command to persuade the dog to take the correct rounded flank he wanted in the first place. The procedure is repeated until the dog learns the correct move itself.

He only trains with dog-broke sheep. He wants his dogs to be totally prepared to keep off the sheep but still have the power to move them with the calm, quiet authority he looks for. Once they're well-trained, he believes they can adapt to different sheep, different terrain, different courses.

They just need the right moves.

Trying times for British trials

Regarding the future of sheepdog trials, Scrimgeour reckons the poor sheep market in Britain has depressed sheepdog trialing over there.

"There used to be ninety dogs at trials; now we're down to fifty. The standards are better, but there are less handlers."

I asked him if he saw differences in the way each nation or region works with sheepdogs.

His answer was surprising.

"The sheep are different in each country, the dogs aren't too different, though - and there's little difference in the quality of handlers. The only differences I see are that Ireland is getting so much better - lots of young handlers in Ireland and the quality of dogs has got much better over there in the last three years. And the Continental Europeans are becoming very competitive. They're keen on sports and it shows. They're really, really eager to learn." Scrimgeour believes Serge van der Sweep and Jonas Gustafson are two handlers that are at the top of the class.

Diversification

Scrimgeour's a man who thinks deeply about every move he makes - both with and without dogs. Long ago he recognized one cannot survive on sheep farm-

ing and trialing alone in Britain. In fact, he has always limited the amount of trials he attends to ensure they do not interfere with his ability to earn a living.

Now he's diversifying. His wife, Helen and he recently bought a 16th century Jacobean farmhouse with 12 acres on the border of England and Scotland. The Scrimgeours are letting out the four bedroom house and adjoining fields complete with training sheep.

On a self-catering basis, one can go alone, or in a group.

For £600 (\$400) per week, up to six people can house themselves and work their dogs at the farmhouse. On weekdays, they can travel to Lonscale, his 1,500 acre upland farm to work in his large training fields. There is also an opportunity to take part in gathering sheep off the mountain.

The thought of watching Scrimgeour and Laddie working calmly, quietly on the hills of Border Collie country is an attractive proposition for any keen student of these working dogs.

Derek Scrimgeour has worked with sheepdogs for over thirty years. He won the English National in 2008 with his new Laddie. He also threw in a 6th place with Geri Byrne's former dog, Fleece. However, it's his training and communication skills that have captured the eye. He has put on training clinics all over Europe and the United States, and runs a training center in England. His book and DVDs have helped many a handler familiarize themselves with the scientific art of sheepdog handling.

I met with him last October on a cold and blustery weekend at a Carol Campion's Bittersweet Farm in Connecticut.



Good point, Derek

Minimizing Injury by Debbie Gross Saunders

Herding dogs present us with an array of mental and physical qualities that differ from other working breeds of dogs. Whether a sheep, cow or duck, their instinctual need to herd and the physical demands on their bodies places herding and stock dogs in a different class of their own. The physical demands of herding demands precision in the movements and actions to control the stock but could potentially place them at risk for injury that differs from the average dog. Of course, there is always the danger of being injured by the animal they are herding and that is inherent within the sport. Precautions may be taken to aid in the prevention of a traumatic injury. And just like we take precautions to teach the dogs to avoid certain areas of the stock, we can also take precautions to prevent breakdown and non traumatic injuries. The actions of most stock dogs place their forelimbs (front legs), thoracic spine (mid back) and hindlimbs (back legs) at risk for breakdown. Movement of stock dogs require frequent turns on different surfaces (grass, mud, rocky terrain), periods of silence to a powerful explosion of activity, and unyielding patience. Some dogs do it much better than others and some are more successful at it than others. Their physical and psychological drives play a role in their success, as does their training.

The first thing I do when evaluating a dog involved in any live stock activity is to determine if they are structurally able to perform the activities in which they are asked to perform. For example, a Border Collie was developed to gather and fetch the stock with large sweeping outruns, and then control the stock with an intense gaze and their stalking style of movement. We all know that some Border Collies are more suited for herding than others. However, just because they were born to the breed of Border Collies does not mean they will be a wonderful herder. Every six foot four person is not suited to play collegiate or professional basketball. So, if you have obtained a Border Collie, or another type of stock dog, do not assume that they are perfectly suited for herding.

An initial 'screen' or check should be performed on

the dog, and then once a month, the below steps should be performed on your stock dog to assess for any changes in structure or possible injuries. Get in the habit of routinely checking your dog – the sooner a problem is found, the sooner it can be addressed and the dog may be returned to its complete activity. Below are a series of steps to assess the dog.

1. Stand the dog up squarely, or stack the dog, and count slowly to five. The dog should easily maintain the position. (See Fig. 1). If they move their legs or adjust their stance to shift their body weight, they may not be comfortable with their body or the distribution of its body weight. Many people are not comfortable with their bodies and cannot stand squarely for longer than five seconds. *Note – with this breed, I would ask the dog to stand for at least ten seconds

Fig 1



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2. While the dog is standing, start at the base of their neck and run your hands down their spine with a moderate amount of pressure. The pressure should feel comfortable to the dog and the dog should not 'buckle' or give way in any area. Nor should the dog object to any area of their back being touched. Typical sore areas in stock dogs are the thoracolumbar region, where the ribs end, and the lower back, or where the pelvis begins.

3. Keep the dog in a standing position and run your hands down both forelimbs simultaneously and then both hind limbs simultaneously. The dog should not object to any part of the limb being touched. While you are feeling for sensitivity, also feel for any heat or inflammation in the areas. If the dog sits, you will still be able to run your hands down their forelimbs, but obviously not their hind limbs.

4. Check each foot carefully – including the dewclaw, nails, pads, web spaces and each individual digit. Spread the paw out and examine between the web spaces, the pads and then bend and straighten each individual digit. Stock dogs can easily rip or jam toes depending upon the terrain they are on and what can seem like a minor injury can cause a significant lameness.

5. Bend and straighten each joint. Begin with the shoulder – straighten the shoulder straight out – almost as if the dog were giving you a 'high five'. Compare it to the other side and if there is any resistance.

Also compare the amount of motion.

Remember to compare this from side to side. If you do encounter resistance, try a few times. The dog may be nervous with the handling. And lastly, bend and straighten the dog's hock.

The purpose of this



Fig 2

Fig 3



Now bend the shoulder or bring it back and do the same – compare the motion and the quality of movement. Bend and straighten the elbow and the wrist and check for resistance and movement. The wrist should bend all the way back and the stopper pad should touch the other portion of the wrist. Dogs with arthritis or stock dogs that have been hard on their wrists will not be able to do this. Then move to the hind limb and bring the hip out in to extension or straight back.

Fig 4



Take care not to extend the dog's back or arch it while doing this. Now bend the hip and knee up towards the dog's head.

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Fig 5



baseline for your dog and to assess if there is a problem. Try to perform this once to twice a month. Keep a diary of your findings so you can compare. Of course, if you notice a problem, address it immediately with veterinarian care.

What are some signs that your dog may have a problem? Probably one of the most important signs is the dog's unwillingness or lack of desire to work the stock. Stock dogs live to herd and work. If your dog all of sudden does not want to perform certain activities, do not assume that is a training issue. The dog that normally greets the task of herding each day, and all of sudden has no desire to go near the stock; it is probably safe to assume that something is wrong. Dogs cannot verbalize their pain, but will always attempt to 'tell' us in other ways.

I had recently worked with a six year old Australian



What are you trying to tell us, Casey?

By Katherine Mercier

'screen' is to obtain a Some signs of pain or a problem:

Reluctance to work

Avoidance of certain activities or working areas. For example, is the dog avoiding the rocky terrain because it has a problem with the uneven terrain that is bothering an arthritic condition in it's elbow or a problem with the dog's foot

Yawns while working – this is most likely not boredom but a stress behavior. The dog does not want to perform the job they are involved in

Avoids commands fairly consistently – this may not be a training or behavioral issue and the dog should be checked for any physical problem

Performance is reduced. Whether the dog is competing or earning it's living, if there is a physical problem, their performance will be 'off' or reduced

Becomes aggressive with other dogs – especially if another dog attempts to mount them or demonstrate dominance. A dog with a sore back will become overly aggressive if another dog approaches their rear. In pack behavior, other dogs may notice a weakness in a dog and attempt to mount them to exert their dominance.

Avoids turning to one side and does not take turns evenly. They may take tighter turns on one side more than the other. For example, a muscular problem in their left shoulder may prevent them from taking tight turns to the left and they may prefer to always turn right

Avoids jumping in and out of the truck or car. Dogs with hind limb and back problems generally avoid or hesitate when jumping up in the car. Dogs with forelimb or neck problems avoid jumping down.

Resistant to lie down in the field, or a slow reaction to lying down. Dogs with back or shoulder issues will have a tough time rising from a lying down position.

cattle dog that works on a three hundred acre cattle ranch here in Connecticut. She is one of the best dogs the rancher has but all of sudden started to avoid the stock and avoid jumping in to the truck bed. She was avoiding contact with the other dogs and the workers on the ranch. This concerned the rancher because she had always been very friendly with everyone. This went on for a few weeks and the owner picked her up to rub her head and she screamed out in pain. This is unusual for most dogs – most dogs will not verbalize pain unless it is severe because it is considered a weakness, especially in a pack environment. The rancher took the dog in to the veterinarian and a problem with the thoracolumbar area was diagnosed. The dog was placed on anti-inflammatories and then sent to me. The dog was very painful in its mid back and was having problems extending or arching its back. So, jumping on to objects, and working the stock was very painful for her. She was treated with a course of laser therapy, mobilization and strengthening exercises. She was fully returned to her job after three weeks.

It is extremely important to mention the importance of checking for any tick borne illnesses in your dog as well. There are many strains of tick borne illnesses and some are more prevalent in certain areas of the country. The diseases may cause lameness issues that may be overlooked. In addition, tick borne illnesses may cause other serious issues and need to be addressed medically as soon as possible.

The stock or herding dog performs passionate and intense physical movements during its day. The low

head carriage and the position of its forelimbs while stalking the stock place the dog at risk for problems that other dogs normally do not experience.

Accidents and injuries will occur in any dog, but stock dogs are prone to their own set of problems. The earlier an injury or problem is recognized, the more quickly it may be addressed and the dog can be returned to its level of work.

Source: Yanoff SR, Hulse DA, Hoga, HA, Slater, MR, Longnecker MT: Measurements of vertical ground reaction force in jumping dogs. Vet Comp Ortho Trauma 5:44-50, 1992.

Debbie Gross Saunders, MSPT, OCS, CCRP has been working with animals for over fifteen years. She is a human physical therapist that has transferred over to the 'dog side' and is considered one of the pioneers in the world on the physical treatment of small animals. She specializes in the treatment of performance dogs and the recognition of movement disorders. She lives with her husband and family on a gentleman's farm in Connecticut and has a complete facility on their farm offering short and long term rehab, movement analysis, training, and boarding. Her website is www.wizardofpaws.net and she may be reached at wizofpaws@aol.com.

With thanks to Darlene Hutchinson for submitting the article.

"Look out, Mildred, - she's been to the physical therapist!"



Claire Cario

NEBCA 2009 Annual Meeting - January 17, 2009, Chicopee MA

Meeting called to order at 10:20am by
Denise Leonard: 31 members present

Old Business

Last Meeting Minutes –The minutes from the last meeting in Cooperstown, as printed in the Fall newsletter, were approved.

Secretary's Report –Maria Mick – There are currently 191 memberships including 39 family memberships and 5 Life memberships (Eleanor Jagger, Betty Levin, Betty & Dave Murray, Roger Deschambeault, and Gabe Merrill) and one honorary membership (Dave & May Davis). This compares to 153 members at the time of the 2008 annual meeting. The increase in renewals over last year may have been due to the special mailing that was sent out in late December.

Treasurer –Maria Amodei – The club had a net income of \$419.33 in 2008. The CD was rolled over into a business savings account for more liquid funds. There is a \$5000 minimum balance in the checking account to avoid fees. Paypal is now available on the website and has been used for memberships and calendars. Martha Walke motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded and approved.

Election Committee – Rose Redick. A total of 80 ballots were received. There were no write-in votes and the candidates on the ballot were unopposed. Thus all were elected.

Board of Directors: Dave Young - 79 votes & Warren Mick - 78 votes

President: Denise Leonard - 80 votes

Vice President: Barbara Armata - 79 votes

Secretary: Maria Mick - 78 votes

Treasurer: Maria Amodei - 80 votes

Two comments were received suggesting the need for a choice of candidates on the ballot. Several suggestions from the floor were made in this regard: Expand the nominating committee: Put a solicitation in the fall newsletter for nominations: Rob Drummond and Emily Yazwinski volunteered to be on the 2010 nominating committee. Denise asked them to find one more person to be on the committee. Rose, Maggie O'Neil and Mary Wasielewski will be on the 2010 election committee.

Board of Directors - Warren Mick – Warren said the year was uneventful with no problems requiring the Board's attention. The Board will be working on a guidebook for trial managers over the next year and may ask for help from the trial committees.

Learning Trial Committee – Bernie Armata. Bernie said there were two events in 2008, which used \$173 of the \$500 that was budgeted. One 2008 event, held at the Armata's farm, was well received by the participants. The other event was in PA. Bernie recommended the program be continued for another year. Barb Leverett suggested that the person organizing the learning trial should be a member. Rob Drummond suggested that letting non-members participate would help to bring in new members and new

people at trials. Bev Lambert thought the program should clearly define designated uses for the money. Warren Mick motioned to continue the Learning Trials Program with a budget of \$500, and seconded by Barb Armata. Bev amended the motion that the program be called "Educational Events" instead of "Learning Trials". The amended motion was approved. Warren suggested that a reminder be placed in the Spring newsletter that the program still exists. The learning trial committee will remain the same: Bernie Armata, Jill Horton-Lyons, Emily Yazwinski, Val Pietraszewska, Ellen Rosconi Black, Deb Donohue, and Barb Leverett.

Open Trials Committee – Sue Schoen - The 2008 Fall Foliage was held in Cooperstown, NY at the Leatherstocking trial site. The Leatherstocking trial committee was very helpful in organizing and running the trial. Sue said a site for the 2009 Fall Foliage has not been found yet. Rob Drummond noted that there may be a possible location in Northern VT. Barb Leverett said another potential site is near her in central NY. The sheep would be from dairy nearby. A budget of \$1600 for the 2009 Fall Foliage was approved. Trial managers need to give info to Sue for this year's trial schedule. Sue said her term on the committee has expired and that a replacement would be needed. Other existing committee members are Peter VandeCar., Chris Bowen, Bud Ames and Barb Leverett.

Novice Committee - Steve Wetmore. The 2008 Novice Finals was held at Wendy Warner's farm in MA. The trial went very well with about 60 dogs competing. Steve said Wendy did a great job in preparing the site and helping throughout.

Steve said several PN trials last year ran to a 90 point course, even though the rules call for an 80 point total. Steve said the committee may de-sanction novice trials that continue to do this. The committee will notify trials that offended last year to remind them of the 80 point requirement.

There was some confusion as to membership status and yearly novice points earned because novice points are tracked for both members and non-members. It was suggested that a notice be added to the web site saying this and also reminding people that a person must be a member when the points were earned in order to qualify for the Novice Finals.

Steve said Dave Fetterman asked the committee about changing the requirement that NEBCA-sanctioned novice trials include all three novice classes. After a lengthy discussion, Bev Lambert motioned that for a year beginning on January 20, trial managers be allowed to offer any novice classes that they wish and that the trial still be NEBCA sanctioned. Seconded by Maria Amodei. The motion was amended by Warren Mick to read "The current rule requiring all 3 novice classes will be waived until the next annual meeting whence the committee will report on the results of this change". The amended motion was passed.

The novice committee will stay the same in 2009 but Bernie Armata will become chair. A budget of \$1200 was approved for the 2009 Novice Finals.

Fund Raising Committee— Joanne Krause said there were pins and sweatshirts left over but all the caps and t-shirts were sold. Warren Mick noted that without an accurate inventory of unsold fund-raising items no money should be budgeted at this time. Warren then motioned that no funds be budgeted at this time for fund raising. The motion did not pass. Maria Amodei motioned that \$1000 be budgeted now for T-shirts. Seconded by Barb Armata. and passed. Ellen Rosconi Black volunteered to assist in the production. Anne Devine volunteered to be the distributor of items sold on the web site.

Calendar Committee – George Northrup – The 2009 NEBCA calendars have nearly sold out. A limited survey asking members what they thought of the current calendar was done. The survey response was very favorable. People liked the current format and would like to see the calendar continue. George suggested that the 2009 calendar format stay the same with a cover color photograph and black & white photos for each month with no advertising. He further recommended that the price stay the same and that we print 400 copies. Denise obtained a quote of \$2040 for 400 copies. Denise recommended that that printing be done in March so that the calendar is available for April trials. Martha Walke and Ellen Rusconi-Black volunteered to help Kate with the preparation of photos for

inclusion in the calendars. Fran Wheeler volunteered to assist with online sales and mailing. Carol Campion volunteered to assist with advertisement. Warren Mick motioned to print 400 calendars with a budget of \$3000 and that the committee explores new ways to market the calendars. Seconded by Doug McDonough and passed.

Newsletter – Warren Mick - The newsletter came in slightly under budget for 2008. Joe Evans will be taking over the newsletter from Jenna Woginrich. Maria Amodei motioned a budget of \$3500 for the newsletter, which would include purchase of a copy of Microsoft Publisher for Joe to use. Motion seconded by Emily Yazwinski and passed.

Library – Martha Walke – A total of 104 items were borrowed and there was a steady increase in number of borrowers. Three items were donated and one item was purchased. Total rental fees were \$387 and net income was \$166.53. Martha noted that many videos are now on DVD and suggested we replace some of the current tapes with DVDs. Bev Lambert motioned that the library budget be \$360. Motion seconded by Debbie and passed.

Breeding Policy – Sue Schoen. Policy was re-written but is not finished. The committee consists of Michael Dathe, Sally Lacy and Sue. It was suggested that the draft policy be placed on the Members Only page on website for comment and that the committee report on the policy at the next meeting.

New Business

Publishing the Membership List –

Rose Redick brought up the issue of whether the membership should be made available to members. Carol Campion motioned that the name, address and phone number be listed on members only page on the website and to have a check off list for those who did not want the information posted. Warren Mick motioned to table the motion until next meeting so that the details could be worked out.

Web site update - It was noted that the NEBCA web site could use an appearance update, as it hasn't changed in several years. Several present thought updating the look and adding a current events page would increase traffic and make people come back to it more often. Denise noted that Jim and Joann Murphy have been very responsive and thorough in maintaining the web site and she would like them to continue. Carol Campion volunteered to help in updating the website appearance.

Learning Trial Proposal - Lori Cunningham submitted an idea to help novice handlers improve their handling and trial skills. The proposal involves enlisting open handlers to critique the runs of novice handlers that ask for such help. The novice trial committee will consider how to implement this idea and communicate it to trial managers.

Announcements – Peter Vandecar announced that the High Point Trial in Knox, NY will be offering all classes and a 3 day trial. Rob Drummond announced that Norman Close will be available for

lessons in April. Bev Lambert is holding a one-day judging clinic on Feb 15.

Meeting dates 2009 – MA Sheep and Wool Festival Trial in Cummington, MA (Saturday), and Leatherstocking Trial in Cooperstown, NY (Saturday).

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Minutes by Maria Mick, NEBCA Secretary

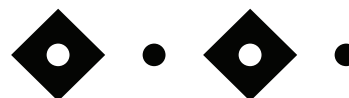


Maria Mick's Doc



The Board would like to remind all members that the "Learning Trials Program" is still in position for 2009. It's now to be called "Educational Events".

See Spring '08 issue of NEBCA News for details.



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NEBCA FINANCIALS. Prepared & Submitted by Maria Amodei**NEBCA Operating Budget for 2009/Actuals 2008**

Item	2009 Plan			2008 Actual			2008 Plan			2007 Actual		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Membership	\$5,500		\$5,500	\$6,549		\$6,549	\$5,500		\$5,500	\$5,170		\$5,170
Advertising (brdrs list, ads)	\$500		\$500	\$586	\$20	\$566	\$500		\$500	\$469		\$469
Library	\$100	\$380	(\$280)	\$354	\$223	\$131	\$100	\$200	(\$100)	\$216	\$23	\$193
Fence Rental	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$20		\$20	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$158		\$158
Bank Charges/Interest/PayPal	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$199	\$46	\$153	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$96	\$41	\$55
Office Exp/Admin/Postage		\$250	(\$250)		\$341	(\$341)		\$250	(\$250)		\$199	(\$199)
Awards		\$150	(\$150)		\$815	(\$815)		\$150	(\$150)			\$0
Insurance		\$700	(\$700)		\$561	(\$561)		\$1,000	(\$1,000)		\$742	(\$742)
Misc		\$200	(\$200)		\$275	(\$275)		\$200	(\$200)		\$354	(\$354)
Newsletter		\$3,500	(\$3,500)		\$2,926	(\$2,926)		\$3,200	(\$3,200)		\$2,176	(\$2,176)
Fall Foliage Trial	\$1,200	\$2,800	(\$1,600)	\$3,436	\$4,363	(\$927)	\$1,200	\$2,800	(\$1,600)			\$0
Novice Trial	\$1,200	\$2,400	(\$1,200)	\$2,480	\$3,143	(\$663)	\$1,200	\$2,400	(\$1,200)	\$2,080	\$2,964	(\$884)
Novice Trial/Training Days		\$500	(\$500)		\$173	(\$173)		\$500	(\$500)		\$22	(\$22)
National Finals			\$0			\$0			\$0	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Calendar	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,911	\$2,250	\$661	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$2,345	\$3,214	(\$869)
Fund Raising	\$3,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,856	\$3,835	(\$979)	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,961	\$2,229	\$733
Total:	\$14,800	\$15,210	(\$410)	\$19,390	\$18,971	\$420	\$14,700	\$15,750	(\$1,050)	\$18,495	\$14,463	\$4,032

2008 Treasurer's Report

Account balances on 12/31/2007 totalled \$16,497.73

We rolled our CD back into the checking account in September. Then we opened a business savings account in November. The savings account interest is a bit lower than the CD, but we can freely move funds back and forth so we can keep a higher balance in the savings account. We need to keep \$5,000 at all times in the checking account to avoid fees.

Balance History (All Accounts)

12/31/05	3/31/06	6/30/06	9/30/06	12/31/06	3/31/07	6/30/07	9/30/07	12/31/07	3/31/08	6/30/08	9/30/08	12/31/08	1/15/2009
11,331	12,913	9,203	9,672	12,046	13,493	9,691	9,810	16,078	18,982	17,330	14,808	16,498	17,237

Annual Meeting Headlines (pages 12-14)

Open Trial Committee now chaired by Chris Bowen and Barbara Leverett. Former Editor, Fiona Robertson joins this committee

Novice Trial Committee now chaired by Bernie Armata

Calendar given overwhelming vote of support by membership.

Website: Carol Campion to help Jim & Joann Murphy in re-designing website

Notice to Novice Trial Managers: The existing rule requiring Novice trials to offer all three classes has been temporary suspended (see the annual meeting minutes in this issue). The rule suspension is for the calendar year 2009. This means novice trials may run one, two or all three classes and still be sanctioned by NEBCA. The hope is that this change will result in some new novice trials put on by people that don't have the facilities or sheep numbers to run all three classes. Please contact the Novice Trial Committee if you have questions or concerns about this change.

Pro-Novice Trial managers reminded that Pro Novice must run to 80 point course (not 90)

Open Handlers: Please contact the Novice Trial Committee to discuss Lori Cunningham's idea (See 'Learning Trial Proposal' on Page 14) to help novice handlers improve their handling and trial skills.

NEBCA Cash Flow 1/1/2008- 12/31/2008**INFLOWS**

Advertisements	208.00	1.13%
Breeders Directory		
Listing	280.00	1.53%
Web Link	100.00	0.55%
TOTAL Breeders Directory	380.00	2.08%
Calendar Sales		
2008 Calendar	1,297.50	7.09%
2009 Calendar	902.00	4.24%
Other Calendar Sales	711.10	3.89%
TOTAL Calendar Sales	2,910.60	15.23%
Fence Rental	20.00	0.11%
Interest Inc	198.85	0.94%
Library Income		
Donation	20.00	0.11%
Fees	154.00	
Other Library Income	180.00	0.98%
TOTAL Library Income	354.00	1.09%
Membership Dues		
Family		
2008	1,525.00	8.34%
2009	300.00	0.68%
TOTAL Family	1,825.00	9.02%
Individual		
2008	3,840.00	21.00%
2009	884.00	1.44%
TOTAL Individual	4,724.00	22.44%
TOTAL Membership Dues	6,549.00	31.46%
Novelty Sales		
Pins	120.00	0.66%
Other Novelty Sales	2,736.00	14.98%
TOTAL Novelty Sales	2,856.00	15.62%
Trial Income		
2007 Novice Finals	200.00	1.09%
2008 Fall Foliage	2,450.00	13.40%
2008 Fall Foliage Gate	986.00	5.39%
2008 Novice Finals	2,280.00	12.47%
TOTAL Trial Income	5,916.00	32.35%
TOTAL INFLOWS	19,390.45	100%

OUTFLOWS

Administrative	264.28	1.41%
Ads	20.00	0.11%
Awards		
High Points	564.50	3.01%
Other Awards	250.00	1.33%
TOTAL Awards	814.50	4.34%
Bank Charge	4.72	0.04%
Calendar Expense		
2008 Calendar	107.88	0.57%
2009 Calendar	2,142.00	11.41%
TOTAL Calendar Expense	2,249.88	11.98%

OUTFLOWS continued

Charity	100.00	0.53%
Clinic Expense	172.50	0.92%
Insurance		
Other Insurance	561.00	2.99%
TOTAL Insurance	561.00	2.99%
Library		
Books And Videos Purchase	109.87	0.59%
Library Administration	113.46	0.60%
TOTAL Library	223.33	1.19%
Misc	175.00	0.93%
Newsletter		
Postage	1,214.87	6.47%
Printing	1,711.06	9.11%
TOTAL Newsletter	2,925.93	15.58%
Novelties - Cost of Goods Sold	3,834.95	20.42%
PayPal Transaction Fee	41.19	-0.82%
Postage and Delivery	77.14	0.41%
Trial Expense		
2007 Novice Finals		
Dinner	-30.00	-0.16%
TOTAL 2007 Novice Finals	-30.00	-0.16%
2008 Fall Foliage		
Awards	464.05	2.47%
Dinner	20.00	0.11%
Facilities	1,289.13	6.87%
Food	63.47	0.34%
Judge	500.00	2.66%
Misc	325.03	1.67%
Setout	460.00	2.45%
Sheep	575.00	3.06%
Sheep Transport	666.67	3.55%
TOTAL 2008 Fall Foliage	4,363.35	23.17%
2008 Novice Finals		
Awards	376.37	2.00%
Dinner	795.93	4.24%
Equipment	150.00	0.80%
Facilities	310.50	1.65%
Food	183.99	0.98%
Judge	400.00	2.13%
Misc	106.36	0.57%
Pen	250.00	1.33%
Sheep	600.00	3.20%
TOTAL 2008 Novice Finals	3,173.15	16.90%
TOTAL Trial Expense	7,506.50	39.98%
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	18,971.12	100%
OVERALL TOTAL	419.33	

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-Anonymous

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A Tribute to Jessie – 2/10,/01 to 2/5/09

Jessie was born at my farm, one of five pups in a litter out of my Kate and Amanda Milliken's Craig. She was the only tri-colored pup in the litter and if that is not a good enough reason to keep a puppy, then my son's Morgan's opinion confirmed that reason.

I called her my three legged dog. When she was younger she cracked the head of her femur and it was removed when she was just under a year to prevent continuing arthritic changes. She underwent physical therapy to regain the use of the leg, but at certain gaits she always carried that leg.

She was an easy dog to train, although pushy on her stock, and not always having the greatest finesse. However, she had the confidence that she could move anything even if she didn't have the power. She had a great attitude and was a very happy dog.

She worked her heart out for me, qualifying and running in the 2007 National Finals and running and placing at the NEBCA Fall Foliage.

Just before Christmas this year, she was diagnosed with cancer. It had spread into her lungs and she was given weeks to live. Her great attitude continued all through her illness.

She will be very much missed.

Denise Leonard



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