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"A Devine wolf in sheep's clothing at CT Sheep Breeders SDT"

And they're off.....

The dogs are out. The sheep are out. And a strange lamb took on the dogs at the CT Sheep Breeders' trial.

Elsewhere, Long Shot Farm kicked off the new season with a great trial in Maryland over the first blustery weekend in April. Carol Campion and Floss took the top prize in Open.

Three short weeks later, the winter coats and gloves were swapped for shorts and bikinis as competitors at Old Chatham and CT Sheep Breeders

trials sizzled like kebabs in the 90° temperatures. At the latter, Roger Deschambeault was Open and Reserve Open Champion with Jet and Bob. At Old Chatham, Barb Levinson and Ryn beat out Beverly Lambert and Mirk on the first day. Ms Lambert came charging back with a vengeance on Sunday taking first place with Mirk and second with Hemp.

Next up, Beverly and Mirk topped the class at Borders on Paradise on the Friday/Saturday run, but Emma Court and Marshall took top

Open spot on Sunday for the first time in their 10 year partnership.

The popular pairing of Peter VandeCar and Russ won an exciting time trial at NH Sheep & Wool with solid performances on both days. However, few will forget the speed and precision of Maria Mick's Kit on the first round on Saturday. However, the sub two minute run with a perfect score passed in such a blur for Maria that she could not remember which dog had made it!

Other events covered in this issue: NEBCA News met Scottish legend, Bobby

Dalziel as he swept through the northeast for a clinic at Alix Cleveland's sheep farm in Pennsylvania.

We have an updated schedule of the coming trials and a must-read article by Maria Amodei for those of us who fail to pay heed to our dogs' long-standing, niggling injuries.

Maria also teams up with Kate Collins for a timely piece called "The Post."

As ever, thanks to the contributors and to the photographers who have captured the dynamics of sheepdog work here in the Northeast.

Joe Evans - Editor

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Sheep penning dogs in Holland

Submitted by Maria Mick



Unknown photographer, handler, sheep, & dogs . But nice work at the pen.

2009 NEBCA Trial Calendar - June Trials

June 5-7

Nearfield Farm Trial,
Center Conway, NH
One Novice, two Open, Nursery
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

June 6-7

Autumn Hill SDT
Montrose, PA
Two Novice Trials
Mary Brighoff
570-278-0999

June 13

Benefit Fun SDT
For Border Collie Rescue Miller's Field
Ephrata, PA
Novice/Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch and
Open classes will be offered. Lisa Basial
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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.
culleymont@epix.net

June 26-28

High Point Farm,
Knox, NY
Two Novice/Open
Peter VandeCar
Carrier pigeon post or call
518-482-2625

June 27-28

Shepherd's Crook Farm Trial,
Woodville, Ontario
Two Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Ian & Shona Talbot
705-359-1463

July Trials

July 2-3

Fetch Gate Farm
Cortland, NY
Two Novice/Nursery
July 4-5
Two Open
Roger & Heather Millen
millen@frontiernet.net

July 3-5

Cascade Farm SDT
370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH
Three Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA. Mary Ames

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
mandy@merckforest.org

July 18-19

Indian River SDT
Indian River, ON
Two Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Cynthia Palmer
705-295-3351

July 25-26?

Sherbrooke (formerly Lennoxville
International), Lennoxville, Quebec.
Two Open.
Dave & Mary Ellen Young
dyoung@ubishops.ca



*"Let me out again - I'm
ready for Fetch Gate."
Photo by Susan Henderson*

WHEN'S A NOVICE NO LONGER A NOVICE?

A lovable rascal called Cricket pointed out some confusion as to when a dog points out of Novice Novice. Prior to the NH Sheep & Wool Trial, Cricket (who has been around the block a bit) had won 25 points in Novice Novice with three different handlers. Her new owner, Jackie Evans had won ten of these when she started trialling last year. She took 5 more points this year at Hopkington. Time to move up? The question was put to the Novice committee. They came up with the following judgment of Solomon. "If the new handler has not run above the NN class and the dog has not been higher than PN with any other handler, then Jackie is able to run the dog in NN until they point out with 30 points. The nursery committee was unanimous on this interpretation of the rule."

August Trials

August 1-2

Lansdowne SDT

Lansdowne, Ontario
Two Open Only Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Viki Kidd
416-652-0892

August 2-3

80 Acre Novice SDT

Kingston, Ontario
Two Novice, ProNovice, Ranch &
Nurery Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Viki Kidd
416-652-0892

August 14-16

Leatherstocking SDT & NEBCA

MEETING (Sat eve), Cooperstown,
NY. 1 Novice, 2 Open
Barbara Armata
taffaway@aol.com

August 22

Vermont State Championship

Scottish Festival,
Queechee, Vt
One Open
Steve Wetmore
swwet@valley.net

August 23

Spring Valley Open

Strafford, Vt
One Open
Steve Wetmore
swwet@valley.net



Photo by Susan Henderson

August 29-30

William Evan Jones Farm
Bromont/Brome Mountain SDT 599
Chemin Racine (Racine Road),
Bromont, Quebec, Canada
Two Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Paul & Claire Garwood
450-539-5090

**PLEASE SEND ME PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOGS
COMPETING AT OUR TRIALS. THE CLOSER
THE SHOT, THE MORE MEMORABLE THE
RESULT.**

**EITHER ATTACH THE SHOT AS A JPEG. OR
MAIL ME A SELECTION ON DISC.**

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September Trials

September 3

Lancaster Fair SDT

Lancaster, NH.
One Open Points Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

September 5-6

Blue Hill Fair SDT

Blue Hill, ME
Two Open Points Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Jim Davidson
207-677-2224

September 12-13

Woolly Winds Novice Trial
Taravale Farm, Esperance, NY
Two Novice Trials. NEBCA
Melody Hanchett

September 12-14

New Jersey State SDT

Hunterdon County Fair Grounds
Two Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Gene Sheninger 973-299-9785

Sept 18

NH Highland Games SDT

Loon Mt, Lincoln, NH
One Open Points Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Lynn Deschambeault
207-452-2898

Sept 19-20

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS,

Cascade Farm SDT
370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH
03740. **MORE INFORMATION
FORTHCOMING.**

Sept 12 - 13

Long Shot Trial

Church Hill, MD
Two Open & USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith. 410-758-3363

Sept 28-29

Eastern States Trials

Springfield MA
Three Open Points Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Pat Canaday
518-861-6049

Oct/Nov Trials

Oct 3

NH State Championship SDT
East Conway, NH
One Open Trial USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

Oct 4

Fryeburg Fair SDT
Fryeburg, ME
One Open Trial. NEBCA
Gabrielle Merrill
207-935-2520

Oct 10-12

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE

Oct 17-18

NYS Sheep & Wool Festival
Rhinebeck NY
Two Open Points Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Pat Canaday 518-861-6049

Oct 23-25

Butternut Creek Fall SDT
Kingston, Ontario
Two Open Only Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Viki Kidd
416-652-0892

Nov 21-22

Long Shot Trial
Church Hill, MD
Two Day Open, Ranch,
& USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith 410-758-3363

Trial Information & Updates



High Points Farm, Knox, NY. June 26-28. Peter VandeCar has issued the following notice:

FRIDAY 26 JUNE: OPEN ONLY - NO RANCH DOGS

SATURDAY 27 JUNE: OPEN - RANCH DOGS MAY RUN IN OPEN PRO-NOVICE & NOVICE-NOVICE

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2009: NOVICE-NOVICE, PRO-NOVICE & RANCH.

Mad River Valley SDT (tentatively scheduled for July 18-19) has been cancelled for this year. Those dogs and handlers who like to escape the heat and folly in the world by jumping fully-clothed into the Mad River will have to wait till next year!

Cascade Farm SDT. Alternatively, those wishing to avoid the heat could take the plunge in Bath, NH by entering Mary and Bud Ames's trial at their new farm by a shady river bank. Date, July 3-5.

The Sherbrooke Trial, Bishop's University is July 25th26th. Manager Dave Young. Judge, Denise Leonard.

Contact info: 819 889 3276

Eastern States Trial, 3 Open Trials

The Big E, Springfield, MA

Monday, September 28 - 11:30am

Monday, September 28 - 4:30pm

Tuesday, September 29 - 9:00am

DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON



William Evan Jones Farm

Bromont/Brome Mountain SDT is a new trial run by a transplanted Englishman on a transplanted Welshman's farm just east of Montreal. Date: Aug 29-30.

See website for details

New Jersey State SDT is back, but on different dates (Sept 12-14) to its historic position on the Labor day weekend. This has caused some consternation in the Shener household as to how to accommodate the non-holiday Monday runs. See NEBCA website for details.

Green Lane, PA. Because of the economy the county park that supported the Green Lane Sheepdog Trial has cut its budget and the trial has been cancelled. We had a great time for the past seven years, made some terrific new friends, created some great memories and even better stories, heard some wonderful music and saw many, many marvelous runs. Hopefully we can do it again in the future. The cost of trialing is large but the price of NOT trialing is even larger. See you down the road, Maggie Chambers and Jim and Aislinn Strohecker

Long Shot Farm will have the following trials this fall. Entry forms will be sent out this summer. Any questions please email me. USBCHA and NEBCA sanctioned. It will be a good chance to get a jump start on points for 2010 Finals. FALL TRIAL- September 12-13 (earlier than originally published)
Open and USBCHA Nursery Class
November 21-22
Open, USBCHA Nursery and Ranch Class
Sherry Smith
Long Shot Farm
Church Hill MD

NEW NEBCA T-SHIRTS

We thank Carol Campion for designing the new 2009 NEBCA T-shirts.

They may be purchased at the many NEBCA trials that Betty Murray attends.

They will also be available online shortly from the soon-to-be revamped NEBCA website.

A DAY WITH DALZIEL - An interview with Joe Evans

Bobby Dalziel of Scotland is one of the most sought-after trainers in the world. He's a keen observer of the dynamic between handlers and their dogs – a man who can put his finger on the problem with vision, purpose and exactitude. A case in point came at Alix Cleveland's farm in Nicholson, Pennsylvania where Dalziel was running a clinic in late April. I stood in the center of the field where a knot of good-humored fellow pupils was gathered around the master. He listened intently to my introduction of my new dog and the problems we were seeking to address. His first words were articulate, insightful, to the point:

"Your dog's pissing on your leg, Joe."

I didn't think I'd heard correctly, so I carried on with my monologue. At the second time of asking, I looked down. My dog was indeed doing the unspeakable! Nobody else had noticed. They were all looking at me; Dalziel was watching me and my dog.

This was the canny Scottish shepherd we had come to learn from. And learn we did. As Tom Hoeber, one of the fellow clinic attendees said: "Bobby fixes both handler and dog." His method is somewhat different in that he encourages the handlers who attend his clinics to spend four or five days with him in a small group that stays together through the week. That way he can help the handler and dog learn and develop together.



Bobby Dalziel at work. Photo by Tom Hoeber

He's tough in a kind-hearted way. One of his favorite expressions is "let the dog be a dog." He prefers we treat our dogs as canine (as opposed to human) partners. He likes them to grow into being dogs at their own pace—with help and guidance from us as trainers. We actually saw one young dog "go from being a pup to a dog in the space of a week."

Dalziel's interest in sheepdogs began early. Growing up in a small Scottish town, he would spend his summers on his grandfather's farm in Ayrshire.

"My grandfather gave me a dog called Midge. He was not very good—that's why he gave him to me. I trained him as best I could, but my mother was good with dogs. So, with her help I got into better dogs."

The young Dalziel was smitten.

"I left school and became a fifteen year old single shepherd. In

those days I did more running than the dogs. So I got this good dog. Glyn was his name. I trained him very well, but nobody told me about vaccinations. He died of distemper at one year old. All the dogs died in the place I worked. So, I had to do even more running then, chasing four hundred sheep up and down the hill by myself."

Dalziel was not shy about asking for help. A couple of old shepherds, Bertie McWhirter and Jimmy Gilchrist (brother of the more famous Jock Gilchrist) helped him learn the ropes, but in the early days there was little time to attend trials.

"Shepherding was all consuming – up and down the hill twice a day."

However, in 1976 he quickly made a name for himself. He entered three trials with his dog, Dave. Dalziel described him: "Quite a boy - tough to handle,

but a good herding dog.” He won the third trial.

Little did he know then, but in the very next year he was about to make even more of a mark on the sheepdog community around the world. He bought an 8 week old pup called Dryden Joe. The next year they won The Borders together. In 1979, when Joe was just one and a half he came third in the National.

This set the tone for Dalziel’s career. Dryden Joe was followed by Little Nell (who won the International Shepherds’ “three or four times”. Then came Wisp. Many a handler who combs through the pedigrees of his finest dogs will find a lot of Wisp in their dogs.

Even at that early stage, Dalziel’s strategy was very different to most. He only keeps and works

three dogs at any given time.

“I like to get them all out. I train at night – everything’s around real work. And it’s hard work getting them right”

What’s right for Dalziel lies in another oft-used observation: “It’s the natural way.”

By this he means he prefers to train stronger dogs that can do real work “on the hill” to the softer dogs that he sees now. He describes these as being “more trial-oriented.”

Still, one gets the impression that, as much wisdom as he imparts to hundreds of handlers each year, he’s never stopped learning. He confided that his biggest lesson did not come from Jock Gilchrist or Raymond MacPherson. It came from a ten year old girl with an incurable disease who

turned up at one of his clinics with her mother. Dalziel took up the story.

“There was another lady there who had this really annoying little dog – I think it was a Pekinese? The dog kept yapping and biting everybody with the owner doing nothing to stop it; but the little girl was begging to say hello to it.”

“I was watching this out of the corner of my eye. The mother eventually gave in. The wee dog’s owner was delighted and let the dog go to the girl. Of course, the dog went straight to bite her. But this girl, ten years old, pulled it up into the air by its leash with the one hand and, at the same time grabbed it by the throat with the other to stop it biting her. In the same movement, she used the leash hand to stroke it on the back of the head repeating calmly: ‘Good dog, good dog.’

“The dog that nobody else could do anything with was bettered by a ten year old girl. And that dog behaved itself impeccably for the rest of the week.”

With a faraway look in his eyes, Dalziel finished his story quietly: “I’ll never forget that. That wee girl taught me more about handling dogs than anybody.”

Bobby Dalziel has won the Scottish National four times with four different dogs, the International Supreme three times and been runner-up twice.



Dalziel relaxing after a hard day in the field. Photo by Tom Hoeber

The Post by Maria Amodei & Kate Collins

You stand at the post, dog by your side, sheep at the set out, and a clear vision of quiet handling perfection in your mind. You quietly send your dog, seeing the sweep of the perfect outrun as you speak. You are ready, but for what?

You have had the great misfortune to become addicted to a sport where your plans can easily fall victim to contrary sheep, your dog's abilities and state of mind, the wind, the heat, or anything else Mother Nature feels like tossing in your path that day. Worse still, since we are dealing with living beings from three species, as things go wrong at least one if not all species will begin to escalate and take the scene from bad to worse. It is these very challenges that make handling sheepdogs so complex and rewarding.

How did things get started wrong in the first place? It could be as simple as a late command on your part or not stopping on your dog's part, allowing the sheep to get headed to somewhere they really want to go. Suddenly the concept of speed has thrust its ugly head into your perfect vision. Suddenly the job of managing the stock is much harder. Your dog is feeling this and may be worried about controlling the stock. You are feeling this and get worried about controlling your dog and the stock, which only creates more worry on the part of your dog as your commands escalate. The stock feels the edge seeping in and they decide that it is NOT a good time to settle and instead pick up the pace or fight or split. If by some miracle you have not been in this situation, you surely have seen it on the trial field.

So what do you do when things start going wrong? First you need to remember your responsibilities. When you walk out to the post you are responsible for the welfare of the stock and the welfare of your dog. This is first and foremost. If your dog has already lost its cool this is probably not the time to be trying some fast flanks to catch escaping sheep. Look at your dog. Is it calm, listening and working or frantic and slicing. Listen to your own voice. Are you still able to give calm commands? If your stop and flank commands are escalating they sound like a cry of "FIRE" to your dog and will heat things up even more. Be honest with yourself about the chances of you and your

dog resolving the situation and settling the stock in your current respective states of mind.

You paid for the chance to show what you and your dog can do, to test yourselves. With that entry form you also agreed to be responsible for the welfare of the stock and your dog. When your control of your dog and stock begins to dissolve, then it is not your day to win. However you are still responsible for the dog and the stock no matter how frustrated or determined you are to get the job done. When the stock is splitting and/or running and your dog is not stopping and slicing flanks or repeatedly unable to perform the commands as given, then it is time to retire. Take a deep breath, leave the post and go help the dog get the stock off the field. This will teach you how to be calm under pressure, teach your dog that you can be counted on to step in as a good partner when the going gets tough, and teach your dog that it can regain control of the stock quietly as you will have helped the dog do so. If your dog has truly lost its cool you need to collect him then ask the exhaust person to retrieve the sheep since it may take a few minutes for your dog to settle. Retiring will spare the sheep unnecessary stress and risk. Retiring will earn the respect of fellow handlers as you will have shown the stockmanship and sportsmanship to leave the post and help quietly resolve the situation. Retiring will allow you to go back to that vision of quiet control that you came to the post with, allowing you and your dog to finish with good work.



"At or near a cold post" by Carol Campion

Something is wrong, but what? By Maria Amodei

Recently Cato has not been moving well.

It started with him going out a bit slower on his outruns. It was the summer of 2007 before Gettysburg that I first noticed. He had been affected with Anaplasmosis and had not handled the doxycycline treatment well that previous spring, so I wondered if he was not in good enough condition. He'd always been a dog that could do multiple large outruns, each as fast as the first. Knowing that should have given me a warning bell. But there was nothing specific, no lameness that anyone could see.

Winter came and he seemed fine running around the back yard, which was all we could do that snowy winter. Come spring we had another round of tick borne disease and doxycycline, so any tendency to look off was attributed to that. By last summer I was sure that something was bothering him physically, but what? I took him to a local physical therapist and he was given treatment and exercises for his back. The back seemed a likely source of the problem, particularly with no clear lameness. That treatment was not helping so we stopped those sessions.

This past fall it became painfully obvious that something was very wrong. Cato would slow to a trot on an outrun if he came to rough ground, still galloping on a smooth field. I worked him at a friend's field where we routinely drive the sheep across a small ravine. As the sheep crossed Cato was trapped on his side, frantically going back and forth trying to find a better way across this dip that he had crossed easily many times before. As he galloped now he moved both his hind legs together like a rabbit, again not normal for him. This was not my imagination. This dog was dealing with pain somewhere.

I took him to my vet and had his back x-rayed. Nothing showed on the x-ray. It looked like a healthy spine. Mind you there are lots of spine problems that don't show on x-ray. Next I took him to a good massage person. At least I could find out where his muscles were supple and where they were knotted, giving some indication of where the problem might be. She found his left hind leg to be a knotted mess. Several sessions during the late winter and it freed up nicely and stayed that way. Winter had given us a long rest and now I just needed the snow and ice to melt to see if he would run well. I was still worried about his back as back problems can create problems in the hind legs.

Spring arrived ever so slowly and ever so late. I finally was able to get the dogs out into a big level field to work. I watched him move closely. He was definitely better than he was in the fall, but I was pretty sure he was not okay. So I took him to Denise Leonard's to run on some steep ground. He was not okay. I was so unhappy. Here we were near the trial season, with my best dog still hurting and we did not even know the cause. I could not keep running him. He was not getting better and with no idea of the source of the problem I had no idea of the physical risks of running him.

My choices were to retire him now or try to get to the root of the problem. I didn't figure a 9 year old dog needed to retire, neither could I see leaving him as sore as he was for the rest of his life. I did not have enough information to make a good decision. I needed to bite the bullet and get an MRI. I mentioned to Joyce Geier that he was still sore and we still did not know the source of the problem. She recommended a rehabilitation center in NC with a vet who is very good at diagnosing the source of movement problems, often without needing an expensive MRI.



Cato. Photo by Carol Campion

Several days later Cato and I hopped a plane to Raleigh, NC. By lunch time I was walking and trotting him in various patterns on a leash and calling him to run to me on flat ground and angled ground. After a complete hands-on exam the conclusion was that it was likely his back, but nothing that could be seen without an MRI. The hind leg was the second likely suspect. We would need that MRI after all. I left for the airport and Cato stayed behind to get an MRI in a couple

days. They would do physical therapy with him until those results came in.

At this point I was sure that we were looking at back surgery and/or retirement. I was becoming more miserable by the minute.

Finally the call came. Cato's back is not the problem, no compression or issues there that would cause him lameness or pain. What he does have is a deep torn muscle in his left hind leg. There is lots of fibrous tissue from repeated attempts to heal and a fluid pocket also interfering. The fluid pocket makes them think there may have been impact involved in the original injury, causing cell death and necrosis in the muscle. But there is nothing that can't be healed with rest and physical therapy. This tear has been there for at least 18 months. The torn muscle is the one that supports the knee along with the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). Every time I sent Cato for stock for the past year and a half he has been at high risk for an ACL tear.

I spent those early months thinking maybe he was just aging, wondering if I was creating these subtle movement issues in my often over-active imagination. Later I was quite sure there was a problem, but I followed all the assumptions that it was his back, and there was probably nothing that could be done. Finally, over a year later, I decided I needed to know for sure the source of the problem to make any reasonable decisions. All this time Cato ran countless miles and many trials for me. He was still my main dog for farm work. He never quit on me, never lost his sheep, and never stopped getting where he needed to be. There was never a head bob, no hobbling behind, he was just a bit slow on good ground, and finally could barely traverse rough ground. He used his hind legs differently at a gallop, but still galloped. The exercises I had been given for his back could only have aggravated the muscle tear in his leg.

As I write this Cato is still in daily physical therapy. He'll come home in another week with instructions for 6 more weeks of therapy and rest. Since I don't have an underwater treadmill I suspect I'll be donning neoprene so I can trot back and forth with him in the shallow areas of the pond. Look for a fitter Maria this summer, handling a very sound Cato.

I'm writing this for those of you that are thinking something is off with one of your dogs. You know the dog better than anyone. If you think the dog is hurting, you are probably right. Get the dog checked out with your vet. Maybe give them a long rest to start. But if that doesn't work think about getting to a good orthopedic or rehab vet to find the source of the problem. These dogs are going to work until they are physically incapable of working, and then work some more. Trust yourself when you think something is wrong.

Thanks from NEBCA by Maria Amodei

There is a certain amount of work that goes into running this club. When you sit down to a nice dinner after working dogs on a lovely evening, remember that one or more of your fellow club members may be sitting at a computer or on the phone taking care of club business. Most of the routine work is done by the folks you see listed on our web site, such as maintenance of the web site itself, producing the newsletter, keeping the records, keeping the books, keeping the trial points, etc. Occasionally we have one time needs that require a significant amount of effort. In these situations we are ever so thankful for club members that step up and volunteer their time and expertise. Realizing that these unofficial efforts don't tend to be recognized, we would like to credit the folks who have stepped up to the plate for the club this past quarter.

Richard Williams – Most of you are lucky enough not to have been affected by what happened with the insurance situation this winter. NEBCA uses Sportsmen's Insurance, the same company the USBCHA uses. The reason for using Sportsmen's was that we could extend our coverage to trials that were sanctioned by NEBCA, but NEBCA was not the organizing body. The objective was to make insurance available to the trials not offering Nursery or Open. The Nursery and Open trials already had insurance available through USBCHA. Sometime this winter Sportsmen's was processing an application for the USBCHA, and realized that sanctioning a trial meant that completely different organization could be putting the trial on. This had not been their understanding. The coverage cannot be extended to trials that are not actually run by the insured organization (NEBCA or the USBCHA needed to run the trial entirely). Richard Williams, an experienced insurance person, spent many hours on the phone with Sportsmen's on behalf of the USBCHA and NEBCA. He also notified us so we could remove the insurance option from our website until this was resolved. A resolution is in place for the USBCHA, negotiated by Richard. He also secured assurances that any trials that had obtained riders prior to a certain date would have those riders honored. This was a big relief as we had a scheduled trial already using the insurance. Since the new insurance policy to allow us to cover trials not run by NEBCA is more costly, NEBCA will need to make some decisions this spring about whether we will continue to offer insurance independently of the USBCHA.

Carol Campion – Boy does it help to have a set of members with such a wide range of professional skills. Carol is a talented graphic designer when she's not running dogs. At our annual meeting we decided to give the NEBCA website a face lift. Carol spent hours creating a stunning design for our landing page, home page, and model pages for our other information. We are now working to get her design into a format that Joanne Murphy can maintain so we can go forward with the new look. Keep an eye out for the new site. In addition to the web site, Carol created a design for our 2009 NEBCA T-shirts and helped out with our 2010 calendar. Outside of trials, the website, shirts and calendars are the face of NEBCA. These new designs capture the beauty and essence of our dogs and present it to the public.

Sheep driven straight to pen at CT Sheep Breeders' Trial.

See Report on P. 13

"Hurry up, I'm late!"



"OK. OK. I'm coming."



"I'm so outta here!"



Trial Reports & Results

Long Shot Farm by Sandy Hornung

The Long Shot Farm Spring Trial was held on April 3-5, in Church Hill, MD. The farm was in tip-top shape, as usual. The trial field was green and dry, the sheep healthy, challenging and consistent, and hosts Sherry and Dave Smith were displaying their typical southern hospitality. Conscientious judging and positive comments were provided by judge Lyle Lad. Friday's changeable weather conditions and challenging sheep were no deterrence to Anet Haithcox and her dog Dod, as they won the open trial. Gusty winds on Saturday provided an additional obstacle, but another North Carolinian, Dean Holcomb and his dog Star proved equal to the task, as they won the open class with a beautiful run. The overall prize of a gorgeous crook, made by John Butler, was awarded to Carol Campion and her dog Floss.

Nursery classes were run on Sunday. Sheep had to be handled correctly to complete the course. The patience and responsiveness of the promising young dogs was a pleasure to observe. Good weather, great people, and a beautiful setting; what a wonderful beginning to the trial season in the Northeast.



Long Shot. Gwen LeFever's Mirk. Photo by Barbara Klein



Winter's over: Handlers' meeting over - let the games begin at Long Shot. Photo by Barbara Klein

Long Shot Farm Trial Placings April 3-5, 2009

Open (60 dogs)

- 1st Anet Haithcox. Dod 85
- 2nd Janet Harvey. Jess 80
- 3rd Pam Gardner. Rusty 79
- 4th Michelle Brothers. Snap 78
- 5th Gene Sheninger. Jen 78
- 6th Nancy Starkey. Kep 77
- 7th Carol Campion. Floss 76
- 8th Gene Sheninger. Jess 75
- 9th Jeanine van der Merwe. Jade 73
- 10th Polly Matzinger. Lily 71

Open 2 (57 dogs)

- 1st Dean Holcomb. Star 87
- 2nd Jeanine van der Merwe. Jade 79
- 3rd Carol Campion. Floss 78
- 4th Mark Billadeau. Peg 78
- 5th Linda Tesdahl. Peg 78
- 6th Claudia Frank. Jaydee 76
- 7th Dave Sharp. Kirk 72
- 8th Eileen Stein. Mac 70
- 9th Maria Amodei. Rhyme 70
- 10th Michelle Higgins. Bracken 70

Ranch (22 dogs)

- 1st. Walt Zeiser. Rose 73
- 2nd Maria Amodei. Jobe 70
- 3rd Renee Billadeau. BJ 69
- 4th Michelle Higgins. Dream 68
- 5th Doug Brewer. Tess#2 64
- 6th Nancy Obernier. Jill 63
- 7th Suzanne Gansky. Cap 61
- 8th Nancy Starkey. Drift 58
- 9th Robin Mongold. Tanner 58
- 10th Lori Cunningham. William 57
- 11th Emma Court. Maia 56

Pro Novice (33 dogs)

- 1st Maria Amodei. Song 76
- 2nd Anne DeVine. Doc 70
- 3rd Andrea de Kennedy. Glen 69

- 4th Anet Haithcox. Flow 67
- 5th Amanda Winecoff. Scott 63
- 6th Sylvia Broderick. Pandora 62
- 7th Sandy Meilahn. Troy 58
- 8th Sylvia Broderick. Damca 57
- 9th Mark Billadeau. Nell 53
- 10th Gwen LeFever. Mirk 52

Novice (9 dogs)

- 1st Caroline Reichard. Roy 75
- 2nd Fran Sharon. Liz 72
- 3rd Karen Karkow. Bear 68
- 4th Amy Yoho. Mick 63
- 5th Eileen Wilentz. Ray 58
- 6th Lisa Basial. Gem 54
- 7th Emily Adham. Manse 49
- 8th Fran Sharon. Storm 42

USBCA Nursery 1 (14 dogs)

- 1st Claudia Frank. Wyn 70
- 2nd Linda Tesdahl. Suede 68
- 3rd Nancy Starkey. Drift 66

USBCA Nursery 2 (14 dogs)

- 1st Claudia Frank. Wyn 81
- 2nd Claudia Frank. Buddy 74
- 3rd Barb Klein. McKenna 73

Trial Reports & Results

The Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company SDT – A Class Act By Kathy Keats

The Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company SDT has been a staple of the NEBCA scene for over a decade. Originally the NEBCA Fall Foliage from 1997 to 2000, then a regular spring trial since 2001, this 9th running of the Old Chatham Sheep Herding Company SDT brought the NEBCA season into full swing. Fantastic weather, challenging sheep, a spectacular field, wonderful trial management by Warren and Maria Mick, and great camaraderie were evident everywhere. The atmosphere was full of enthusiasm for the new NEBCA season.

There were two Open trials, run over three days, April 24-26th, 2009. The sheep were East Friesians, one moment bolting across the field and the next turning to size up a dog's courage.

The field was also a challenge, as the dogs had to cross an old fence line with a sharp drop-off. Even experienced dogs needed assistance to prevent a cross. There were strong draws back to the set-out and to the grazing, which made lifting tricky and holding the fetch line an exercise in off-balance flanks.

The first trial ran with ewes and lambs. The older ewes demanded respect and many a dog and handler succumbed to the defiant, wily ladies. The scores reflected the tough going, with "RET" being a common result. Any disrespect shown by the dog on the lift would cost the team dearly elsewhere on the field. Occasionally the sheep would find a weakness in the fence line and join the spectators; probably with the notion they preferred watching to participating. It was not an easy trial to mark, but judge Norm Close did a great job of separating out the 71 runs.

The second trial ran with lambs only. There were fewer head-to-head clashes between sheep and dog, but the liveliness of the runs increased exponentially. One knowledgeable handler was heard to say "the big hats will score in the 90's on these sheep" and so it was. Straight lines were difficult but good scores could be had.

It is hard to imagine a more idyllic setting for a sheep dog trial. Thanks to Warren, Maria and all who assisted to make the trial the class act it is known for.



You will go where I tell you to go.....even if it means...

Trial 1: April 24-25, 71 Dogs

1	Barbara Levinson/Ryn	78
2	Beverly Lambert/Mirk	77
3	Cheryl Williams/Spot	77
4	Rich Seaman/Ki	76
5	Amanda Milliken/Ethel	74
6	Sally Molloy /Bet	72
7	J. Worthington/Hope	68
8	Sally Molloy/Paige	67
9	Dave Sharp/Kirk	67
10	Barbara Levinson/Gin	66
11	Fiona Robertson/Tap	64
12	J. Worthington/Sam	62
13	Jim Murphy/Kit	59
14	Dick Williams/Lass	59
15	H. Nadelman/Phyl	58

Trial 2: April 25-26, 70 Dogs

1	Beverly Lambert/Mirk	92
2	Beverly Lambert/Hemp	90
3	Amanda Milliken/Ethel	90
4	Sally Molloy/Paige	82
5	Rich Seaman/Ki	80
6	Rich Seaman/Boo	80
7	Joan Worthington/Hope	79
8	Bruce Smart/Link	78
9	Dick Williams/Lass	77
10	Lori Cunningham/Riff	76
11	Barbara Levinson/Ryn	76
12	Heather Nadelman/Phyl	75
13	Barbara Levinson /Gin	72
14	Kathy Keats/Moss	71



....crossing rivers.....and climbing mountains



Photos by Fiona Robertson

Trial Reports & Results

CT Sheep Breeders' SDT by Carolyn West

The CT Sheep Breeders' SDT was held on April 25th and 26th in Vernon, CT at the Tolland Agricultural Center. The trial is held in conjunction with the CT Sheep Breeders Association's Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival. 2009 was the 100th year that the Festival has been held and, as usual, it drew large crowds and many spectators for the sheepdog trial held on an adjacent hay field. The weather for the weekend was typical New England spring weather, when it can be either miserably cold or unbearably hot. We got unbearably hot with temperatures in the 90's on Saturday and high 80's on Sunday. Given the sudden high temperatures, the dogs, sheep and humans handled it surprisingly well.

The trial doesn't draw a huge entry due to other events on the same weekend, but we do get a great mix of experienced handlers and enthusiastic novices and all in all, it's a great way to start out the 2009 trialing season and sharpen up handling skills. All of the handlers stepped up to assist with any task that needed to be done and the trial ran very smoothly thanks to their help. It was very hot in the holding pens and doing set out and we're especially thankful to everyone who spent time at the top of the field.

The combination of the strong draws on the trial field and the sheep are always challenging, but this year it was especially so with the addition of yearling lambs to the mix. Each group comprised of two ewes and one lamb and the lambs quickly figured out the strong draws on the field back to the set-out and to the exhaust though many times they were just as likely to strike out on their own, away from the two other ewes in the group. These tactics got the best of many dog and handler teams on Saturday but by Sunday everyone had shaken off the winter rustiness and the scores were mostly made of numbers instead of letters!

We had some excitement on Saturday when one of the sheep jumped over the field fencing and

led a furious chase around the Festival grounds until she eventually made her way through some brush and woods to a nearby industrial park. Some good Samaritans rounded her up and somehow managed to get her into their car and they brought her back to the trial field...in the back of their car where she looked very content! Spectators and handlers alike were greatly amused by the car driven onto the field with the sheep that jumped out of the backseat and immediately headed to the exhaust pen to join her friends. Helpful spectators even managed to photograph the whole thing.

We hope to be back again next year but with the trial field for sale, this may have been the last year for this trial. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this year another success!

Trial Managers,
Carolyn West, Sylvia Murray, Ellen Rusconi-Black

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Open: 16 dogs ran

1. R. Deschambeault - Jet - 92
2. R. Deschambeault - Bob -81
3. Jim Perkins - Z - 76
4. Darlene Hutchins - Rufina - 46
5. Anne Devine - Annie - 44
6. Claire Garwood - Rhos - 43
7. Walt Zeiser - Dave - 37

Nursery - 5 dogs ran

1. Walt Zeiser - Rose - 36
2. Walt Zeiser - Anne - 21

Ranch - 14 dogs ran

1. Emma Court - Maia - 71
2. Maria Amodei - Jobe - 63
3. N. Joyce Simmons - Nickie - 58
4. Walt Zeiser - Rose - 47

Pro-Novice - 14 dogs ran

1. Ellen Rusconi-Black - Tyne - 57
2. Maria Amodei - Song - 54
3. Lorna McMaster - Jem - 52
4. Nancy Phillips - Dot - 49
5. Carolyn West - Dash - 49
6. V. Pietrazewska - Jess - 47
7. Kate Collins - Ela - 40
8. Anne Devine - Doc - 37
9. Anne Devine - Tip - 37
10. Eileen Wilentz - Jamie

Novice-Novice - 5 dogs ran

1. Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 72
2. Shelley Wurst - Blush - 68
3. Judy Hooper - Dan - 43
4. Donna Dickinson - Dot - 41

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Open: 15 dogs ran

1. Maria Amodei - Rhyme - 93
2. Emma Court - Marshall - 82
3. R. Deschambeault - Jet - 68
4. Jim Perkins - Z - 62
5. R. Deschambeault - Bob - 61
6. Kate Collins - Jan - 51
7. Anne Devine - Annie - 48
8. Pat Hammel-Murphy - Li - 42
9. Nancy Phillips - Susie - 42
10. Claire Garwood - Rhos - 23

Nursery - 5 dogs ran

1. Walt Zeiser - Rose - 62
2. Walt Zeiser - Anne - 11

Ranch - 12 dogs ran

1. Maria Amodei - Jobe - 67
2. Walt Zeiser - Rose - 65
3. Carolyn West - Jill - 62
4. P. Hammel-Murphy - Fran - 61
5. Sharon Perkins - Jack - 56
6. Emma Court - Maia - 52
7. Clara Stites - Penn - 31
8. Walt Zeiser - Trim - 28
9. N. Joyce Simmons - Nickie - 22

Pro-Novice - 12 dogs ran

1. Ellen Rusconi-Black - Tyne - 73
2. Kate Collins - Ela - 66
3. Anne Devine - Tip - 65
4. Nancy Phillips - Dot - 61
5. Maria Amodei - Song - 61
6. Valerie Pietrazewska - Jess - 59
7. Carolyn West - Dash - 58
8. Lorna McMaster - Jem - 42
9. Walt Zeiser - Anne - 19

Novice-Novice - 5 dogs ran

1. Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 76
2. Donna Dickinson - Dot - 66
3. Shelley Wurst - Blush - 53
4. Judy Hooper - Dan - 48
5. Wally Dury - Max - 38

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Open Champion:

Roger Deschambeault & Jet

Open Reserve Champion:

Roger Deschambeault & Bob

Nursery Champion:

Walt Zeiser & Rose

Nursery Reserve Champion:

Walt Zeiser & Anne

Ranch Champion:

Maria Amodei & Jobe

Ranch Reserve Champion:

Emma Court & Maia

Pro-Novice Champion:

Ellen Rusconi-Black & Tyne

Pro-Novice Reserve Champion:

Maria Amodei & Song

Novice-Novice Champion:

Eileen Wilentz & Ray

Novice-Novice Reserve Champion:

Shelley Wurst & Blush

Trial Reports & Results

Borders on Paradise, Turbotville, PA. May 8-10

Open-1. May 8

Number of dogs: 62

1. Lambert, Beverly. Mirk	91
2. Schoen, Susan. Brook	86
3. Milliken, Amanda.Clive	86
4. Sheninger, Gene. Jess	84
5. Wilson, Tom. Sly	83
6. Murphy, Jim. Kit	82
7. King, Carla. Emma	82
8. Sharp, David. Kirk	80
9. Sheninger, Gene. Jen	76
10. Wilson, Florence.Midge	76
11. Lambert, Beverly. Hemp	76
12. Harvey, Janet. Jess	75
13. Seaman, Richard. Boo	75
14. Williams, Dick. Mirk	74
15. Levinson, Barbara. Gin	73
16. Smart, Bruce. Link	73
17. Williams, Dick. Lass	72
18. Gardner, Pamela. Rusty	72
19. Levinson, Barbara. Ryn	72
20. Williams, Cheryl. Toby	70
21. Williams, Cheryl. Spot	69
22. Comeau, Linda. Bet	69
23. Wilson, Florence. Jen	68
24. Comeau, Linda. Roy	68
25. Asten, Sue. Brook	67
26. Milliken, Amanda. Ethel	66
27. Campbell, MaryLou.Dyna	66
28. Mickey, Debra. Annie	65
29. Close, Norman. Lass	65
30. Clark, David. Roy	64
31. Court, Emma. Marshall	64
32. Shelden, Sherry.Maddie	61
33. Higgins, Michele. Spirit	60
34. Brothers,Michelle. XPSnap	58
35. Close, Norman. Gwen	57
36. Ortiz-Sharp N.Cassiopeia	57
37. Court, Emma. Maia	56
38. Close, Vickie. Gale	54
39. Smith, Sherry. Jill	51
40. Sharp, David. Dol	49
41. Brothers, M. XPRoy	49
42. Lalonde, J.P. Brass	48

43. Kroemmelbein, C. Jaffe	44
44. Murphy, Jim. Trim	40
45. Higgins, Michele. Dream	36
46. Simpson, Alistair. Taz	33
47. Hoeber, Thomas. Taz	RET
48. Wilson, Tom. Ben	RET
49. Harvey, Janet. Scott	RET
50. Smart, Bruce. Missy	RET
51. Seaman, Richard. Ki	RET
52. Allen, Susan. Corrie	RET
53. Drummond, Robert.Cub	RET
54. Allen, Jim. Zip	RET
55. Kroemmelbein, Chris. Nip	RET
56. Hornung, Sandy. Jenny	RET
57. Drummond, Robert. Ben	RET
58. Keats, Kathy. Moss	RET
59. Fetterman, David. Jared	RET
60. Clark, David. Danny Boy	DQ
61. Ortiz-Sharp, N. Ald'brn	DQ
62. Hornung, Sandy. Ozzie	DQ

Open-2. May 9

Number of dogs: 65

1. Court, Emma. Marshall	92
2. Williams, Cheryl. Toby	88
3. Lambert, Beverly. Hemp	87
4. Milliken, Amanda. Clive	85
5. Close, Vickie. Gale	84
6. Wilson, Tom. Sly	84
7. Wilson, Tom. Ben	83
8. Kidd, Viki. Merle	83
9. Schoen, Susan. Brook	82
10. Lalonde, J.P. Brass	81
11. Milliken, Amanda. Ethel	79
12. Levinson, Barbara. Gin	78
13. Williams, Cheryl. Spot	78
14. King, Carla. Emma	76
15. Williams, Dick. Mirk	76
16. Seaman, Richard. Boo	75
17. Williams, Dick. Lass	74
18. Mickey, Debra. Annie	73
19. Levinson, Barbara. Ryn	73
20. Allen, Jim. Zip	70
21. Asten, Sue. Brook	70

22. Smart, Bruce. Missy	70
23. Gardner, Pamela. Rusty	69
24. Higgins, Michele. Dream	67
25. Campbell, MaryLou. Dyna	64
26. Close, Norman. Lass	63
27. Wilson, Florence. Jen	62
28. Murphy, Jim. Kit	59
29. Comeau, Linda. Bet	57
30. Comeau, Linda. Roy	57
31. Harvey, Janet. Jess	54
32. Drummond, Robert. Cub	54
33. Sheninger, Gene. Cap	53
34. Sharp, David. Dol	53
35. Smart, Bruce. Link	51
36. Smith, Sherry. Jill	50
37. Shelden, Sherry. Maddie	49
38. Clark, David. Danny Boy	48
39. Brothers, Michelle. XPRoy	47
40. Murphy, Jim. Trim	46
41. Clark, David. Roy	46
42. Drummond, Robert. Ben	46
43. Hornung, Sandy. Ozzie	41
44. Keats, Kathy. Moss	41
45. Ferraro, Michele. Nimbus	39
46. Harvey, Janet. Scott	36
47. Higgins, Michele. Spirit	36
48. Hoeber, Thomas. Taz	29
49. Simpson, Alistair. Taz	20
50. Court, Emma. Maia	RET
51. Wilson, Florence. Midge	RET
52. Cunningham, Lori. Dirk	RET
53. Kroemmelbein, Chris. Jaffe	RET
54. Sharp, David. Kirk	RET
55. Fetterman, David. Jared	RET
56. Allen, Susan. Corrie	RET
57. Hornung, Sandy. Jenny	RET
58. Seaman, Richard. Ki	RET
59. Kroemmelbein, Chris. Nip	RET
60. Sheninger, Gene. Mac	RET
61. Ortiz-Sharp, N. Ald'b'ran	RET
62. Close, Norman. Gwen	DQ
63. Brothers, Michelle. XPSnap	DQ
64. Lambert, Beverly. Mirk	DQ
65. Ortiz-Sharp, N. Cassiop'a	DQ

Nursery. May 10

Number of dogs: 9

1. Milliken, Amanda. Roz	81
2. Lalonde, J.P. Nell	80
3. Conn, Tom. Jim	71
4. Zieier, Walter. Rose	69
5. Klein, Barbara McKenna	60
6. Brighoff, Mary. Lance	43
7. Zeiser, Walter. Anne	Ret
8. Kidd, Viki. Macy	Ret
9. Close, Norman. Lucy	DQ

Ranch. May 10

Number of dogs: 31

1. Milliken, Amanda. Roz	82
2. Zeiser, Walter. Rose	69
3. Cunningham, Lori. William	62
4. Sharp, David. Sagitta	59
5. Higgins, Michele. Dream	59
6. Baker, Kim. Tater	56
7. Hoeber, Thomas. Taz	54
8. Brothers, Michelle. XPRoy	54
9. Comeau, Linda. Roy	54
10. Court, Emma. Maia	52
11. Lash, Carolyn. Dell	49
12. Comeau, Linda. Bet	49
13. Ferraro, Michele. Nimbus	49
14. Knowlton, Kelly. Ben	44
15. Palmer, Ann. Dot	40
16. Close, Norman. Jake	36
17. Simmons, Nancy. Moss	36
18. Mongold, Robin. Tanner	31
19. Knowlton, Chris. Keane	30
20. Simpson, Alistair. Taz	26
21. Shelden, Mark. Jaff	RET
22. Lalonde, J.P. Nell	RET
23. Conn, Tom. Jim	RET
24. Baker, Kim. Kris	RET
25. Smith, Sherry. Hannah	RET
26. Gardner, Pamela. Rom	RET
27. Close, Vickie. Hanna	RET
28. Heasley, Michael. Tait	RET
29. Brighoff, Mary. Lance	RET
30. Higgins, Michele. Spirit	RET
31. Zeiser, Walter. Trim	DQ

Trial Reports & Results

Borders on Paradise, Turbotville, PA. May 8-10 (contd.)

Pro-Novice May 10

Number of dogs: 27

1. King, Carla. Chic	70
2. Cunningham, Lori. Matt	63
3. Broderick, Sylvia. Fly	59
4. Klein, Barbara. McKenna	55
5. Meilahn, Sandra. Troy	55
6. Kidd, Viki. Macy	53
7. Hoeber, Thomas. Nikki	50
8. Smith, Sherry. Gordie	44
9. LeFever, Gwenn. Mirk	42
10. Broderick, Sylvia. Danica	40
11. Broderick, Sylvia. Pandora	32
12. Reichard, Caroline. Jim	31
13. Knowlton, Chris. Amber	24
14. Lash, Carolyn. Huck	22
15. Harvey, Janet. Bonnie	RET
16. Heasley, Michael. Taj	RET
17. Gambill, Judy. Tweed	RET
18. Simmons, Nancy. Biggs	RET
19. Kelly, Diane. Star	RET
20. Warne, Patricia. Scout	RET
21. Koons, Patricia. Kate	RET
22. Fetterman, David. Elle	DQ

23. Schmitt, Cynthia. Jill DQ

24. Caroom, Ilene. Moss DQ

25. Warne, Patricia. Kate DQ

26. Schoen, Susan. Augie DQ

27. Zeiser, Walter. Annie DQ

Novice-Novice. May 10

Number of dogs: 19

1. Costanzo, Kyra. Sue	63
2. Dobbs, Michelle. Bill	62
3. Madison, Ron. Duke	60
4. Basial, Lisa. Gem	57
5. Sharon, Fran. Liz	55
6. Sharon, Fran. Slick	53
7. Barret, Jean. Huca	52
8. Reichard, Caroline. Roy	52
9. Wheatley, Anne. Rob	50
10. Basial, Lisa. Cain	45
11. Trewitt, Irene. Boston	44
12. Madison, Ron. Chelsea	34
13. Trewitt, Irene. Gwen	33
14. Dury, Wally. Max	RET
15. Politis, Mike. Brice	RET
16. Kelly, Diane. Kaene	RET



Emma Court's "Special Boy," Marshall

Emma Court and ten year old Marshall won the Sunday Open Class at Borders on Paradise. They were up against a large and strong field.

Leaping 30 places and gathering 30 more points between Saturday and Sunday, their score of 92 was 4 points ahead of the runners-up, Cheryl Williams and Spot.

This was their first 1st place ribbon in Open over 7 years of trials.

NH Sheep & Wool Results. May 9-10

Novice/Novice

Saturday – 6 dogs

1 – Eileen Wilentz – Ray – 72

2 – Jackie Evans – Cricket – 63

3 – Donna Dickenson – Dot – 53

4 – Kim Kathan – Kadee – 28

Sunday – 3 dogs

1 – Jackie Evans – Cricket – 76

2 Day Champion

Jackie Evans – Cricket

Pro Novice

Saturday – 17 dogs

1 – Sharon Perkins – Roy – 72

2 – Anne Devine – Doc – 70

3 – Eileen Wilentz – Jamie – 70

4 – Kate Collins – Ela – 69

5 – V. Pietraszewska – Jess – 66

6 – Bud Ames – Cash – 65

7 – Joe Evans – Molly – 65

8 – Joe Evans – Peg – 65

9 – E. Rusconi Black – Tyne – 62

10 – P. Hammel Murphy. Bob 57

Sunday – 13 dogs

1 – Kate Collins – Ela – 72

2 – Anne Devine – Tip – 67

3 – Joe Evans – Peg – 66

4 – Nancy Phillips – Dot – 65

5 – Bud Ames – Cash – 64

6 – Eileen Wilentz – Jamie – 58

7 – Joe Evans – Molly – 57

8 – Lorna McMaster – Jem – 57

9 – Martha Walke – Moss – 56

10 – Anne Devine – Doc – 55

2 Day Champion

Kate Collins – Ela

Ranch

Saturday – 7 dogs

1 – Maria Amodei – Jobe – 81

2 – Sharon Perkins – Jack – 65

3 – P. Hammel Murphy – Fran 62

4 – Ginny Prince – Martha – 61

5 – Michael Nunan – Moss – 61

6 – Kate Collins – Rex – 56

7 – E. Rusconi Black – Tyne – 51

Sunday – 4 dogs

1 – P HammelMurphy – Fran 75

2 – Michael Nunan – Moss – 66

3 – Kate Collins – Rex – 60

4 – E. Rusconi Black – Tyne – 50

2 Day Champion

Patricia Hammel Murphy – Fran

Open (Points Trial – 54 points possible, ties broken by time)

Saturday – 26 dogs

1 – R. Deschambeault – Jet – 54

2 – Anne Devine – Annie – 54

3 – Peter VandeCar – Russ – 53

4 – Maria Mick – Kit – 50

5 – Chris Bowen – Jake – 50

6 – Peter VandeCar – Leif – 49

7 – Maria Amodei – Rhyme – 48

8 – R. Deschambeault – Bob – 45

9 – Denise Leonard – Maggie 44

10 – Ginny Prince – Martha – 34

Sunday – 22 dogs

1 – Maria Mick – Doc – 53

2 – Peter VandeCar – Russ – 53

3 – Michael Nunan – Fly – 49

4 – Maria Mick – Kit – 48

5 – R. Deschambeault – Bob – 48

6 – Chris Bowen – Ben – 48

7 – R. Deschambeault – Jet – 47

8 – Peter Van de Car – Leif – 45

9 – Chris Bowen – Dot – 44

10 – Bud Ames – Dirk – 44

2 Day Champion

Peter VandeCar – Russ

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Border Collie Training Services: In-house training specializing in giving young dogs a great start. Handling Border Collies for over 20 years. References available. Lessons also. Barbara Leverett, St. Johnsville, NY. 518-568-2833. rleverett@frontier.net

Pups due Mid May. Bracken: Has run and placed well in the Opens. Forward stylish worker, biddable, good read of stock, has scope but comfortable in close areas. Is DNA Normal for CEA and hips rated excellent by

Cornell. Has noted lines going to David Henry's Holly and Zoie as well as Karen Thomason's Imp. Lad, Tempelton's Roy and Alf Kyme's Moss. She is bred to Amanda Miliken's Clive. Deigh1999@msn.com (570) 937-9308

Border Collie Stud Services:

Doc: (ABCA 214103, CBCA 3846) - 2005 Canadian National Nursery Champion, son of Ian Zoerb's 2008 USBCHA National Champion Peg, descendant of Julie Simpson's ##Moss and #Glen 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".

Both dogs are standing at Mick's Border Collies: Warren & Maria Mick, Altamont, NY. 518-861-5854 or mickwa@logical.net

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*Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

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