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*Photograph by Amanda Milliken*

## Fall Trials and tribulations

**Fall Foliage** - clear, crisp, cold. Peaks and valleys, color-splashed trees, verdant pasture - three big sheep, one brave dog showing how to make a ewe turn!

The picture of Maria Amodei's Cato might have caught our reporter's eye at the Fall Foliage, but Amanda Milliken took first and second prizes with Ethel and Clive respectively. Else-

where, Beverly Lambert and Mirk reclaimed the position of High Points earners with Cheryl Jagger-Williams and Spot coming second.

We report on the Novice Finals along with other late-season Trials.

The end of the year leaves us with much club business to cover - NEBCA Meeting minutes, details on the upcoming Annual

Meeting, proxy vote instructions, instructions on when and how to renew your membership (here and NOW) as well as Ballots for Board Nominees.

We take a moment to remember Darlene Hutchins and Warren Mick's Glen, both of whom made a big impact on NEBCA in their sadly abbreviated lives.

Dick Williams briefs us on preparations for the 2010 National Finals in Virginia.

We hear how Walt Zieser and Rose went west for the Finals; we learn about therapy dogs and we finish with an interesting account of a shepherdess herding a large flock of sheep through the streets of Stockholm.

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**Long Shot Farm  
Winter/Spring 2010 Trials**

**We will be having 2 one day trials at Long Shot Farm,  
Church Hill, MD this winter.**

**The first will be January 2, and the next one will be Feb-  
ruary 20. If we have bad weather we will try and re-  
schedule.**

**Our big 3 day trial this spring will be March 26 - 28,  
2010.**

**In the 2 one day trials we will run Open, USBCHA Nurs-  
ery, Ranch and then Pro-Novice.**

**Entry forms will soon be on my website  
[www.longshotfarm-md.com](http://www.longshotfarm-md.com) and on the NEBCA website.  
January trial entries will open on December 1st.**

**Sherry Smith  
Long Shot Farm  
Church Hill, MD**

## FINAL 2009 HIGH POINTS

<u>Handler/Dog</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u># of Trials</u>
1. BEVERLY LAMBERT/MIRK. ANDOVER, CT	713	14
2. CHERYL JAGGER-WILLIAMS/SPOT. HOP BOTTOM, PA	669	10
3. BEVERLY LAMBERT/HEMP. ANDOVER, CT	666	13
4. AMANDA MILLIKEN/CLIVE. KINGSTON, ON	639	14
5. GENE SHENINGER/JEN. BOONTON, NJ	602	10
6. MARY LOU CAMPBELL/DYNA. CLAREMONT, ON	595	11
7. BARBARA LEVINSON/GIN. MORRISTOWN, NJ	538	8
8. WARREN MICK/DALE. ALTAMONT, NY	530	8
9. CAROL CAMPION/FLOSS. HAMPTON, CT	484	10
10. SUSAN SCHOEN/BROOK. FALMOUTH, MA	475	10
11. SALLY MOLLOY/PAIGE, SKILLMAN, NJ	473	7
12. KATHY KEATS/MOSS. CLAREMONT, ON	471	10
13. FIONA ROBERTSON/TAP. CANTON-DE-HATLEY, QC	466	11
14. AMANDA MILLIKEN/ETHEL. KINGSTON, ON	459	10
15. JOAN WORTHINGTON/SAM. MENDHAM, NJ	418	7
16. ROBERT DRUMMOND/CASEY. HILLSBORO, NH	412	12
17. AMANDA MILLIKEN/ROZ. KINGSTON, ON	407	7
18. NANCY OBERNIER/BEN. COATESVILLE, PA	403	8
19. MARY THOMPSON/BEAUTY. DENFIELD, ON	381	7
20. DICK WILLIAMS/MIRK. HOP BOTTOM, PA	374	5
21. WARREN MICK/ROCKALTAMONT, NY	365	5
22. EMMA COURT/MAIA. GARWOOD, NJ	365	6
23. ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT/BOB. CENTER CONWAY, NH	360	11
24. STEVE WETMORE/PACE. STRAFFORD, VT	357	11
25. BARBARA ARMATA/JILL. ESPERANCE, NY	354	7
26. MICHELLE BROTHERS/XP SNAP. MIDDLETOWN, NJ	348	7
27. ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT/KEN. CENTER CONWAY, NH	341	7
28. BRUCE SMART/LINK. HUDSON, QC	338	5
29. RICHARD SEAMAN/KI. FORESTDALE, MA	338	8
30. DAVID SHARP/KIRK. PERKASIE, PA	333	8
31. EMMA COURT/MARSHALL. GARWOOD, NJ	323	7
32. CHERYL JAGGER-WILLIAMS/TOBY. HOP BOTTOM, PA	310	4
33. SUSAN SCHOEN/MAID. FALMOUTH, MA	308	6
34. MARIA MICK/KIT. ALTAMONT, NY	301	7
35. ROBERT DRUMMOND/CUB. HILLSBORO, NH	299	5
36. PETER VANDECAR/RUSS. ALBANY, NY	296	7
37. BEVERLY LAMBERT/BILL. ANDOVER, CT	296	5
38. STEVE WETMORE/DART. STRAFFORD, VT	295	9
39. RICHARD SEAMAN/BOO. FORESTDALE, MA	293	7
40. SALLY MOLLOY/BETT. SKILLMAN, NJ	292	5
41. BARBARA ARMATA/MEG. ESPERANCE, NY	269	6
42. CHRISTINE HENRY/TWEED. MEADOWVIEW, VA	248	2
43. MARY THOMPSON/COAL. DENFIELD, ON	247	6
44. DICK WILLIAMS/LASS. HOP BOTTOM, PA	245	4
45. FIONA ROBERTSON/PAT. CANTON-DE-HATLEY, QC	235	7
46. ROBERT DRUMMOND/BEN. HILLSBORO, NH	232	10
47. GENE SHENINGER/JESS. BOONTON, NJ	218	5
48. CHRIS BOWEN/BEN. SWANZEY, NH	214	7
49. JIM MURPHY/KIT. PORTLAND, ON	210	5
50. MARIA MICK/DOC. ALTAMONT, NY	210	5

### Membership Renewal

**2010 NEBCA dues are due by December 31, 2009.**

**Dues must be paid before a member can earn points towards any 2010 year-end event such as High Points, Fall Foliage or Novice Finals. Any points won prior to receipt of payment will not count towards qualification.**

**2010 NEBCA dues are still \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a farm family membership. See the loose-leaf enclosed sheet for Renewal Form and instructions.**

**FALL FOLIAGE RESULTS - Westfield, VT. October 10 - 12****Saturday, October 10****55 Dogs Ran. Scoring teams only recorded**

	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1	Barbara Armata	Jill	79
2	Amanda Milliken	Ethel	72
3	Gene Sheninger	Jen	71
4	Roger Deschambeault	Bob	70
5	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	68
6	Roger Deschambeault	Ken	66
7	Jim Murphy	Trim	61
8	Jim Perkins	Z	60
9	Dave Young	Patch	58
10	Denise Leonard	Maggie	56
11	Fiona Robertson	Tap	53
12	Warren Mick	Dale	52
13	Betty Levin	Kyle	51
14	Peter VandeCar	Russ	46
15	Barbara Armata	Meg	45
16	Steve Wetmore	Pace	44
17	Nancy Phillips	Susie	43
18	Maria Amodei	Jobe	43
19	Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	40
20	Sue Schoen	Maid	38
21	Ellen Rusconi-Black	Tyne	37
22	Dave Young	Bryn	36
23	Gene Sheninger	Mac	36
24	Fiona Robertson	Pat	35
25	Mike Nunan	Fly	27
26	Steve Wetmore	Dart	27
27	Lorna Savage	Zoe	20

**Sunday, October 11****54 Dogs Ran. Scoring teams only recorded**

	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1	Amanda Milliken	Clive	81
2	Barbara Armata	Jill	75
3	Gene Sheninger	Jen	73
4	Roger Deschambeault	Ken	66
5	Steve Wetmore	Pace	65
6	Lorna Savage	Zoe	65
7	Jim Murphy	Kit	63
8	Roger Deschambeault	Bob	63
9	Dave Young	Bryn	62
10	Dave Young	Patch	57
11	Jim Perkins	Z	57
12	Jim Allen	Zip	56
13	Mary Thompson	Beauty	55
14	Maria Amodei	Song	54
15	Peter VandeCar	Leif	54
16	Patricia Hammel	Fran	53
17	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	53
18	Ellen Rusconi-Black	Tyne	52
19	Rob Drummond	Cub	51
20	Mary Thompson	Coal	49
21	Chris Bowen	Jake	49
22	Sally Lacy	Eve	44
23	Fiona Robertson	Pat	43
24	Betty Levin	Kyle	42
25	Jim Murphy	Trim	37
26	Denise Leonard	Maggie	36
27	Kate Collins	Ela	28
28	Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	27

**Monday, October 12 - Double Lift Finals**

	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Score</b>
1	Amanda Milliken	Ethel	129
2	Amanda Milliken	Clive	126
3	Gene Sheninger	Jen	111
4	Roger Deschambeault	Ken	103
5	Dave Young	Patch	94
6	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	86
7	Barbara Armata	Jill	79
8	Steve Wetmore	Pace	70
9	Lorna Savage	Zoe	62
10	Roger Deschambeault	Bob	62
11	Jim Murphy	Kit	62
12	Jim Perkins	Z	49
13	Dave Young	Bryn	40
14	Denise Leonard	Maggie	R
15	Jim Allen	Zip	R

**FALL FOLIAGE WINNERS**

**Amanda Milliken and Ethel won the Long Road Award and the Edgar Gould Breeders' Award**

**Amanda Milliken and Clive were the Double Lift Reserve Champions**

**Barbara Armata and Jill had the high combined scores from the Saturday and Sunday runs,**

**These were USBCHA Open Trials**

## FALL FOLIAGE REPORT - by Fiona Robertson

**Shuttleworth Farm, Westfield, VT**

**Judge: Barbara Ray (Virginia)**

**Todd and Kelli Shuttleworth's farm** in Westfield, Vermont – the heart of the Green Mountains – was an ideal setting for the 2009 NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial. Beautiful foliage, spectacular views, blue skies... Well, the sun did shine in between the gales on Saturday and Sunday, and while the morning started off unseasonably cold, the bright sunlight contributed to the picturesque backdrop for Monday's running.

This trial was a slightly different format than the traditional Fall Foliage event. Fears that handlers would be reluctant to travel so far north called for the decision to open the first two days up to all dogs, regardless of whether they were qualified for the Fall Foliage Championship (2 open placements during the season); with only the qualified dogs eligible to compete in Monday's Double Lift. With the Virginia Finals points race well on by October, the trial was filled only a couple of days after entries opened.

The field provided for a (roughly) 350 yard outrun, with the dog being out of sight at the top. It was easy to see which dogs were correct at the top by the way the sheep lifted. Most handlers sent to the left, although there were a handful of dogs that sent to the right, trusting their dogs during the almost blind outrun. Some dogs that were sent left ran too squarely at the top and got hung up at the set out, needing many redirects to get things started.

Todd and Kelli's sheep, a commercial Dorset flock, provided challenging running all three days, testing dogs and handlers right from the top. Dogs that pushed too hard at the lift and on the fetch were foiled on the drive, mostly before or right after the first drive gates. If these dogs made it past this first trouble spot, some were foiled at the second drive gate, where a stall out on the last leg overcame many hopes for a pen. There was a very definite "Fight/Flight" line, and if the dog crossed it, and locked onto the faces, they were in trouble and gripping seemed to only make the sheep plant themselves more firmly. Looser-eyed dogs that trucked right along with little tension were appreciated by the sheep, while the stronger eyed dogs needed absolute obedience to get the sheep around without stalling out. Grips were generally pointed unless they were overly aggressive. There were few sheds, but the most memorable one I watched was Maria Amodei's trusty Cato, who just stepped calmly in with a Clint Eastwood "Go Ahead, Make my Day" kind of stance. The sheep didn't dare try anything funny.

The first two days' running saw Barbara Armata and Jill as the overall champions, winning an imported engraved crook. Fifteen dogs and handlers made it to the Double Lift, with the best run out of two counting as the qualifying score. We saw several handlers running in a Double Lift for the very first time, making a good showing.

The Double Lift course ran on ten sheep and began with a left hand outrun, with the first 5 sheep being dropped off just after the fetch gates. Many dogs had trouble with the look back, and there were lots of crosses – some only 10 yards over the line, some all the way to the wrong-sided outrun. All were equally heartbreaking score wise. The modified international shed proved difficult but doable, although many handlers timed out here.

Amanda Milliken's extensive experience paid off, and she was crowned Fall Foliage Champion with her wonderful old girl Ethel, who was also this year's Champion at the famous Meeker (CO) trial. Amanda also took Reserve with Clive, and walked away with the Long Road Award and a year's worth of coupons for Blue Buffalo dog food.

The Open Trial Committee is very pleased with how this year's Fall Foliage Championship turned out. We would like to sincerely thank Dave Young, Roger Deschambeault along with Todd and Kelli Shuttleworth for

all the work they did to make this event possible. Thank you to Border Collics Anonymous and Rob Drummond for the very generous donation of two beautiful engraved whistles - one brass and one aluminum - for the Double Lift Champion and Reserve. Thank you to Blue Buffalo for providing the very generous gift basket and one year's worth of free dog food that was awarded to the Long Road winner. Many thanks to Bud Ames for the use of his sheep handling system, which made the set out so easy to handle. Thanks also to Mike Nunan for his (as always) expert handling of the sheep at the top. Marthe Walke organized the scribes and Betty Murray did her usual wonderful job with scores. And thank you to everyone that helped with set out, exhaust, scribing and more. Grace Smith, a young up and coming photographer was present to take photos on Monday. Those photos are available for purchase and proofs can be viewed at:

<http://www.photorelect.com/pr3/thumbpage.aspx?e=5411848>



***Denise Leonard and Maggie (Double Lift Finalists)***

***Photo by Grace Smith***

## NEBCA Novice Finals

This year's NEBCA Novice Finals were held Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Bud and Mary Ames's Cascade Farm in Bath, New Hampshire. Located not far from the Vermont border off Rt. 91, the trial field was part of a 40 acre parcel next to the beautiful, winding Ammonoosuc River. The flock of Katahdins on the farm proved to be extremely challenging as they continually looked for chances to take advantage of the young or inexperienced dogs by breaking back toward the exhaust or simply refusing to pen. Yet, if the dog stayed back and the handler was on his or her toes, many excellent runs were turned in. In all, 34 dogs took part in the three nursery classes, with the best two runs counting for combined score.

The early morning mists off the river brought the temperature into the 40's but both Saturday and Sunday afternoon broke clear and we discarded wool hats and jackets to enjoy weather in the 70's. Judge Roger Deschambeault patiently allowed handlers time to settle their dogs in, but made it clear that he would not allow the stock to be run or hassled. Also, Betty Murray was on hand to record and tabulate scores and awards such as the Long Road and the McKinven Trophy. We are grateful for her kind assistance at the finals.

The Novice Trials committee of Sue Allen, Joyce Westcott, Steve Wetmore and Bernie Armata wish to thank Mary and Bud Ames for the generous use of their farm and also their many efforts in support of this excellent event.

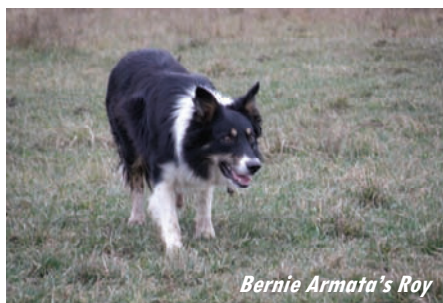
### Bernie Armata's Report on Roy

Roy is a home-bred dog out of Mel Hanchett's Dolly and Deb Kramer's Tal. Dolly came from our old bitch Taff's line and her sire was Cheryl Williams' Taff. My wife, Barb saw Tal work several times and liked his style and presence even though he was not well known in the trailing world.

Roy is an extremely biddable worker who was easy to train and is accurate in his movements. I was very proud of the 30 point drive he laid down at the Novice Finals. He is very kind to his sheep but is not afraid to mix it up in close quarters when he has to sort out stock or empty out pens full of reluctant ewes. In short, he is a handler's dream.

This coming year he will be stepping up to Open as he is picking up shedding fairly quickly.

Roy has sired a litter from Barb's Jill, and the pups are now started and doing well.



*Bernie Armata's Roy*

### Novice/Novice 9 dogs Combined Scores

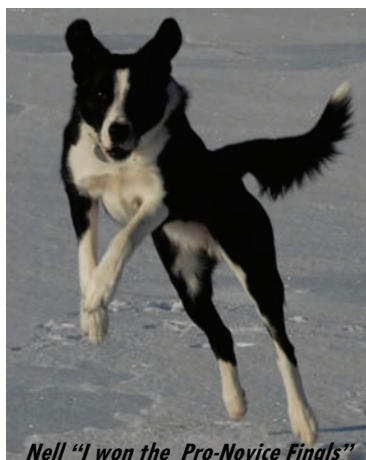
1. Eileen Wilentz	Ray	140
2. Ron Madison	Chelsea (Long Road)	124
3. Jackie Evans	Cricket	117
4. Ron Madison	Duke	117
5. Rose Redick	Kensa	109
6. Kerry Boisvert	Beckey	94
7. Gail Van Wicklen	Mist	66
8. Julie Williams	Lucy	30

### Pro-Novice 22 dogs

1. Dee Woessner	Nell	144
2. Dave Young	Bess (Long Road)	138
3. Lorna Savage	Kaylee	138
4. Joe Evans	Chip	138
5. Joe Evans	Peg	130
6. Lorna McMaster/Jem	(McKinven Trophy)	129
7. Kate Collins	Ela	126
8. John Palmer	Preacher	123
9. Mary Felegy	Rocket	117
10. Bud Ames	Cash	112

### Ranch 2 dogs

1. Bernie Armata	Roy (Long Road)
2. Joyce Westcott	Moli



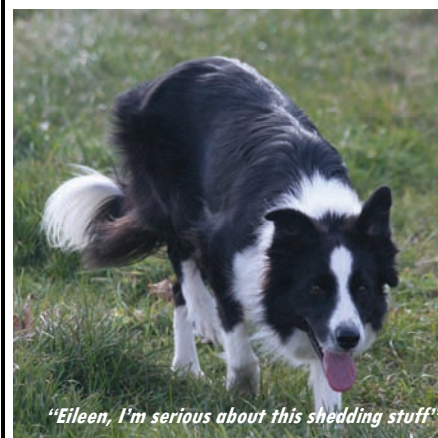
*Nell "I won the Pro-Novice Finals"*

### Eileen Wilentz on Ray

Born in 2005, out of Lacy's Imp. Jill, by Anne Devine's Eyespy Celt, Ray has proven to be a quick study. I started him as a pup with the help of Carol Campion. His education was interrupted by injuries, but he kept progressing. Carol took him in a couple of times to build his skills and accelerate his schooling.

He entered two trials in 2008 and ended up Reserve Champion at the Novice Finals. This year's N/N Championship was a nice affirmation of his basic skills. Now on to bigger and better things - this year has been spent working on his driving and my whistling; shedding will come.

He is a determined dog, fun to run, very useful for work at home and a great dog to live with.



*"Eileen, I'm serious about this shedding stuff"*

### Nell by Dee Woessner

A friend in Scotland heard that Nell was going to be entered in a dog sale - an auction where people get five minutes or so to show what the dog can do before bidding.

Julie knew I was looking for a started dog; Nell is a granddaughter of her old Bob. I'd seen quite a few of his progeny and liked them a lot, so she went to look at Nell and bought her before the sale.

I picked her up in November last year. She had been on whistles, but Julie told me that to her they all sounded like "phfeet," so I put her on my whistles. That has been the hardest part - I'm not much of a whistler, and she still makes mistakes, or gives me looks like "Get the cotton out of your mouth!"

We ran at four trials before the finals, the first one in July. She came second at Fetchgate and first at Bromont. We are still working on whistles, and I am starting to teach her to shed.

She's a nice dog to have around, and probably the most athletic dog I've ever had, so I'm looking forward to working with her.

## Trial Reports & Results - Leatherstocking, Cooperstown, NY. August 13 - 15 (report by Ed & Tina Pabst)

### NOV/NOV. FRIDAY - 13 dogs

1. Mauran, Richard	Jessie	57
2. Hotchkiss, Linda	Gyp	56
3. Boisvert, Kerry	Becky	49
4. Van Wicklen, Gail	Mist	47
5. Mrose, Tam	Kip	40
6. Bigourdan, Jean-Louis/Kita		27
7. Bower, Lynn	Cael	22

**Long Road - Linda Hotchkiss/  
Gyp**

### PRO/NOV. FRIDAY - 28 dogs

1. Collins, Kate	Ela	70
2. Woesner, Dee	Nell	68
3. Savage, Lorna	Kaylee	67
4. Johnson, Eric	Rhos	64
5. Lockwood, Sandy/CurleySue		62
6. Northrup, George/Annie		62
7. Falk, Emily.	Rae	60
8. Whitney, Leslie	Kite	60
9. Goodman, Lisa	Scout	58
10. Cymerman, Jack/Gem		58

**Long Road - Lorna Savage/  
Kaylee**

### RANCH FRIDAY 24 dogs

1. Mick, Warren	Nick	71
2. Ferraro, Mich/	Nimbus	64
3. Overly, Edie	Drew	60
4. Higgins, Michelle	Spirit	59
5. Palmer, Annie.	Dot	52
6. Higgins, Michelle	Dream	42
7. Sharp, Dave	Sagitta	37
8. Evans, Joe	Peg	37
9. Williams, Malcolm/Jock		34
10. Falk, Emily	Rae	32

**Long Road - Warren Mick/Nick**

### OPEN. SATURDAY 74 dogs

1. Thompson, Mary	Coal	88
2. Mick, Warren	Dale	86
3. Williams, Dick	Mirk	82
4. Matzinger, Polly	James	81
5. Sheninger, Gene	Jen	77
6. Drummond, Rob	Cub	76
7. Court, Emma	Maia	75
8. Savage, Lorna	Trace	75
9. Matzinger, Polly	Lily	74
10. Campion, Carol	Floss	72
11. Drummond, Rob	Casey	71
12. Court, Emma	Marshall	70
13. Robertson, Fiona	Tap	70
14. Brothers, Michelle		
	XP Snap	70
15. Keats, Kathy	Moss	70

### OPEN. SUNDAY 69 dogs

1. Mick, Warren	Nick	90
2. Thompson, Mary	Coal	85
3. Williams, Cheryl	J.Spot	84
4. Thompson, Mary	Beauty	83
5. Court, Emma	Maia	79
6. Molloy, Sally	Paige	79
7. Campbell, Mary	Lou/Dyna	79
8. Williams, Dick	Mirk	78
9. Armata, Barb	Jill	77
10. Matzinger, Polly	Lily	76
11. Millen, Heather	Spy	75
12. Brothers, Michelle		
	XP Snap	75
13. Armata, Barb	Meg	74
14. Murphy, Jim	Trim	74

**Overall Champion - Mary  
Thompson/Coal**

**Reserve - Dick Williams/Mirk**

**Long Road - Mary Thompson/  
Coal**

**The 14th annual Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trial** was held on Clark Field, Cooperstown, NY on August 14 - 16, 2009.

After weeks of cool, rainy weather, summer finally arrived and all 3 days were hot and sunny once the early morning fog and clouds had lifted. The sheep were a mix of Scottish Blackface, Montadales, and Scottie/ Montadale crosses from the Armatas' flock as well as selected additions from Peter VandeCar, Denise Leonard, and Barb Leverett.

Due to severe wet conditions, the turn around the post occurred at a post 100 yards ahead of the handler, abbreviating the fetch for the Ranch and Open runs. This proved to be quite a challenge. Close to 70 dogs participated in the novice classes on Friday, and over 70 open dogs ran on the weekend. It was interesting to see "James" a Bearded/Border Collie place in Open; an Aussie and a Kelpie also ran on Friday in the Novice classes.

Kate Collins and "Ela" from Royalston, Mass. ably won the large Pro-Novice class, and Warren Mick and "Nick" had a beautiful run in Ranch. Newcomer Richard Mauran and "Jessie" placed first in Nov-ice/Novice. That class was highlighted by the non-compete run of Carol Campion's 4 year old granddaughter, Daly. Dressed in pink she marched to the post with a tiny crook and with Carol's help shouted out directions to her dog "Tam."

New this year were spinning demonstrations and fiber items for sale by Butternut Valley Spinners which spectators enjoyed. Pat Decoux donated her profits from the sale of walking sticks back to the trial. She works all winter on making them and sold 40. One vendor, Greetings By GOSH sold Christmas ornaments and customized cards, and Home to Home Pet Adoption had information available on the pet adoption alternative.

Our sponsors, Ray and Dana Rice from Dog Wild Canine Supply of Cooperstown went above and beyond with dog goody bags for the handlers and donations of nice prizes. They also had a display of quality dog items from their store. Other shopping options were books, T shirts, and NEBCA calendars. Something Wonderful Catering provided a delicious meal to handlers on Saturday night, and the Fly Creek Methodist Church was on hand for lunches and snacks each day.

Thanks are due to so many people. We appreciated our hard working judge Linda Tesdahl for sorting out the many runs. Bennetts, a local motorcycle and snowmobile dealer provided a "Rhino" which was greatly appreciated by the committee! The set out and pen crew did an excellent job. We want to thank Mel Hanchett, Wayne Griffith, and Maggie O'Neil for all their hard work in the pen, as well as Liz Phillips, Warren Mick and Joe Evans, who helped with push out. Manning the gate were Randi Griffith and Zach Meehan. Scribes Jean Louis, Celia, Mitch, Jackie, Dee, Molly, Maria, Fiona, Nancy, and Martha, and scorekeepers Heather, Annie, Barb, and Tina all helped out. Heather Millen took care of all the details of our entries, and without Mike Mulhair, our hauler we would not have had sheep to work! All contributed to this trial's success.

The overall 2 day high point winner Mary Thompson will receive a custom painting of her dog by Barb Armata, and the reserve champion Dick Williams was given the book The World of Sheepdogs- A Photographic Tribute by Angie Driscoll. Long road awards were donated by Brier Creek Pottery of East Meredith, N.Y.

A local couple said they "come each year to be amazed," and a first time competitor to Leatherstocking described the field as "stunning." Some spectators come specifically to see their favorite dogs run and have developed a friendship over the years with the handlers.

The trial committee of Barb and Bernie Armata, Linda Hotchkiss, Liz Phillips, Barb Leverett, and Ed and Tina Pabst look forward to seeing you back next year!

## Trial Reports & Results

### Fetch Gate Farm Novice Trial, Cortland, NY

**August, 22-23, 2009**

#### **Novice Novice**

**Rounds 1&2 combined**

**Number of Dogs: 27**

#### **Ranch Round 1**

**Number of dogs: 29**

1. Madison, Ron/Duke	75
2. Karkow, Karen/Keen	70
3. Madison, Ron/Chelsea	65
4. Sharon, Fran/Liz	64
5. Cameron, Pat/Mollee	64
6. Boisvert, Kerry/Becky	63
7. Basial, Lisa/Cian	55
8. Thompson, Diane/Riot	55
9. Van Wicklen, Gail/Mist	55
10. Sharon, Fran/Slick	40
11. Murphy, MacKenzie/Bess	23

#### **Pro-Novice Round 1**

**Number of dogs: 25**

**Handler / Dog**

**SCORE**

1. Hoeber, Tom/Nikki	71
2. Pover, Carolyn/Jan	65
3. Millen, Heather/Chip	64
4. Cymerman, Jack/Dee	64
5. Cymerman, Jack /Gem	52
6. Lockwood, S./Curley Sue	50
7. Gambill, Judy/Tweed	45
8. Basial, Lisa/Gem	40
9. Millen, Roger/Rock	39

#### **Pro-Novice Round 2**

**Number of dogs: 24**

**Handler/Dog**

**SCORE**

1. Gambill, Judy/Tweed	67
2. Cymerman, Jack/Gem	64
3. Lockwood, S./Curley Sue	63
4. Hoeber, Tom/Nikki	59
5. Williams, Malcom/Spin	58
6. Zieser, Walt/Anne	53
7. Cymerman, Jack/Dee	47
8. Basial, Lisa/Gem	45
9. Warne, Patricia/Scout	45
10. Pover, Carolyn/Jan	41
11. Millen, Roger/Rock	38

#### **Handler/Dog**

#### **SCORE**

1. Higgins, Michele /Dream	79
2. Williams, Eileen /Robbie	77
3. Zieser, Walt/Rose	72
4. Simmons, Nancy/Nickie	72
5. Lockhart, Carol/Gwen	71
6. Falk, Emily/Rae	68
7. Hoeber, Tom/Tazz	67
8. Simmons, Nancy/Moss	59
9. Higgins, Michele/Spirit	59
10. Palmer, Annie/Dot	54
11. Lockhart, Carol/Edge	48
12. Karkow, Karen/Jade	48
13. Williams, Malcom/Jock	46
14. Zieser, Walt/Trim	39

#### **Ranch Round 2**

**Number of dogs: 28**

**Possible Points 90**

#### **Handler / Dog**

#### **SCORE**

1. Hoeber, Tom/Tazz	74
2. Lockhart, Carol/Gwen	70
3. Williams, Eileen/Robbie	68
4. Zieser, Walt/Rose	62
5. Simmons, Nancy/Nickie	57
6. Falk, Emily/Rae	56
7. Lockhart, Carol/Edge	52
8. Palmer, Annie/Dot	48
9. Phillips, Elizabeth/Merle	47
10. Higgins, Michele/Dream	46
11. Zieser, Walt /Trim	44
12. Higgins, Michele/Spirit	43
13. Williams, Malcom /Jock	40

### **Vermont State Championship**

#### **Quechee, Open**

**August 22, 2009**

**Judge: Maria Amodei  
58 dogs**

1. Warren Mick & Dale
2. Warren Mick & Nick
3. Roger Deschambeault & Ken
4. Fiona Robertson & Tap
5. Barb Armata & Jill
6. Carol Campion & Floss
7. Chris Bowen & Ben
8. Rob Drummond & Casey
9. Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
10. Linda Comeau & Roy
11. Bernie Armata & Bobbie
12. Barb Armata & Meg

### **Spring Valley Open Strafford, Vt**

**August 23, 2009**

**Judge: Peter VanDeCar  
44 dogs**

1. Fiona Robertson & Tap
2. Maria Mick & Kit
3. Steve Wetmore & Dart
4. Barb Armata & Jill
5. Dave Young & Patch
6. Warren Mick & Dale
7. Steve Wetmore & Pace
8. Jim Allen & Zip
9. Chris Bowen & Ben
10. Chris Bowen & Jake

*Fiona looking hard*



### **Bromont Sheepdog Trial Quebec, Canada**

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

#### **Novice-Novice**

1. John Palmer & Spec	47
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#### **Pro-Novice**

1. Lorna Savage & Kaylee	61
2. Nancy Phillips & Dot	60
3. John Palmer & Preacher	57
4. Fiona Robertson & Fen	50
5. Paul Garwood & RMS Taff	50

#### **Ranch**

1. Susan Allen & Ash	47
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#### **Open**

1. Peter VandeCar & Leif	75
2. Mary Thompson & Beauty	73
3. Warren Mick & Nick	71
4. Lorna Savage & Zoe	69
5. Steve Wetmore & Pace	59
6. Mary Thompson & Coal	58
7. Rob Drummond & Ben	55
8. Rob Drummond & Casey	53
9. Werner Reitboeck & Tara	47
10. Steve Wetmore & Dart	44

**Sunday, August 30, 2009**

#### **Novice-Novice**

1. John Palmer & Spec	59
2. Mackenzie Murphy & Bess	4

#### **Pro-Novice**

1. Dee Woessner & Nell	62
2. Paul Garwood & Del'Mar Guin	60
3. John Palmer & Preacher	56
4. Lorna Savage & Kaylee	46
5. Nancy Phillips & Dot	41

#### **Ranch**

1. Mary Thompson & Rio	71
2. Susan Allen & Ash	62
3. Nathalie Labelle & Kate	40

#### **Open**

1. Peter VandeCar & Katie	86
2. Mary Thompson & Beauty	79
3. Warren Mick & Dale	78
4. Mary Thompson & Coal	77
5. Maria Mick & Doc	68
6. Jim Murphy & Kit	66
7. Fiona Robertson & Pat	64
8. Jim Allen & Zip	64
9. Rob Drummond & Cub	64
10. Rob Drummond & Casey	61

## Trial Reports & Results

### Lancaster Fair, NH

**September 3, 2009**

**Open (33 dogs)**

1. Rob Drummond & Ben
2. Maurice MacGregor & Flash
3. Rich Seaman & Boo
4. Rob Drummond & Casey
5. Roger Deschambeault & Trim
6. Rich Seaman & Ki
7. Gabe Merrill & Roy
8. Carlene Eitapence & Kodi
9. Lynn Deschambeault & Di
10. Dave Young & Bryn

### Blue Hill Fair, ME

**Open Trials**

**September 5-6, 2009**

**Saturday (34 dogs)**

1. Roger Deschambeault & Ken
2. Rich Seaman & Boo
3. Rob Drummond & Ben
4. Rich Seaman & Rem
5. Fiona Robertson & Pat
6. Maurice MacGregor & Jan
7. Lynn Deschambeault & Di
9. Jim Allen & Zip
10. Maurice Macgregor & Flash
11. Steve Wetmore & Pace

**Sunday (30 Dogs)**

1. Maurice MacGregor & Jan
2. Betty Levin & Kyle
3. Steve Wetmore & Dart
4. Fiona Robertson & Pat
5. Roger Deschambeault & Bob
6. Fiona Robertson & Tap
7. Maurice MacGregor & Flash
8. Lynn Deschambeault & Druid
9. Steve Wetmore & Pace
10. Jean Farry & Bud

### Loon Mountain - NH

### Highland Games

**September 18, 2009**

**Open (30 dogs)**

1. Betty Levin & Kyle
2. Roger Deschambeault & Ken
3. Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
4. Roger Deschambeault & Trim
5. Richard Seaman & Boo
6. Rob Drummond & Ben
7. Richard Seaman & Ki
8. Sue Schoen & Maid
9. Clara Stites & Penn
10. Denise Leonard & Maggie

### Long Shot Farm, Church Hill, MD

**Trial Host: Sherry Smith**

**Judge: Ron McGettigan**

**September 26-27, 2009**

**Open 1**

1st Linda Tesdahl, Suede	94.5
2nd Dave Sharp, Kirk	93
3rd Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe	86
4th Sue Asten, Brook	83
5th Polly Matzinger, James	82
6th Emma Court, Marshall	81
7th Nancy Starkey, Kep	80
8th Nancy Obernier, Ben	79
9th Michelle Brothers, Snap	78
10th Janet Harvery, Jess	76

**Ranch 1**

1st Lori Cunningham, Matt	81.5
2nd Pam Gardner, Rom	75
3rd Nancy Starkey, Maid	75
4th Pam Gardner, Meg	74
5th Nancy Obernier, Jill	64
6th Nancy Simmons, Nickie	54
7th Polly Matzinger, Gem	50
8th Carol Calhoun, Tweed	48

**USBCA Nursery 1**

1st Lori Cunningham, Matt,	66
2nd Sherry Smith, Queen	54
3rd Suzanne Gansky, Cap	39

**Open 2**

1st Linda Tesdahl, Ryan	87
2nd Linda Tesdahl, Suede,	86
3rd Polly Matzinger, Lilly	81
4th Nancy Obernier, Nick	79.5
5th Emma Court, Maia	75
6th Linda Tesdahl, Jaffe	73
7th Nancy Starkey, Kep	73
8th Deb Mickey, Annie	70
9th Dave Sharp, Krik	68
10th Michelle Brothers, Snap,	66

**Overall Winner: Linda Tesdahl/Suede**

**Ranch 2**

1st Pam Gardner, Meg	70.5
2nd Nancy Starkey, Drift	69
3rd Polly Matzinger, Gem	59
4th Michele Ferraro, Nimbus	54
5th Nancy Obernier, Jill	58
6th Pam Gardner, Rom	51
7th Nancy Simmons, Nickie	39
8th Nancy Simmons, Moss	35

**Overall Winner Pam Gardner, Meg**

**USBCA Nursery**

1st Pam Gardner, Meg
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### NH Championship

**Report by Gabe Merrill**

The New Hampshire weather was not great at Roger Deschambeault's farm! Cold and rain all day. Coffee and donuts were available all morning, Betsy Drummond brought the great donuts. We had hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill at lunch time. After lunch there was a memorial service for Darlene Hutchins; a beautiful hymn was sung by Chickie and Jahn Deschambeault. There were many photos and a nice cd put together by Betsy. We do miss Darlene's smile and sense of humor.

Many thanks to all who helped including Scribing Sharon, Mary Ellen, Susan. Special thanks to Rob and Carroll for all that they did too.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**E. Conway, NH**

**October 3, 2009. 48 DOGS**

**JUDGE: BARBARA RAY**

1. RICH SEAMAN/BOO
2. ROGER DSCHAMBEAULT/TRIM
3. CAROL CAMPION/FLOSS
4. ROB DRUMMOND/CUB
5. ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT/KEN
6. PETER VANDECAR/RUSS
7. RICH SEAMAN/KI
8. MARIA MICK/KIT
9. PETER VANDECAR/KATIE
10. CHRIS BOWEN/JAKE

### FRYEBURG FAIR

**Fryeburg, ME**

**October 4, 2009. 53 DOGS**

**JUDGE BARBARA RAY**

1. SUE SCHOEN/BROOK/89
2. CHRIS BOWEN/JAKE/88
3. RICH SEAMAN/BOO/88
4. RICH SEAMAN/KI/88
5. STEVE WETMORE/PACE/83
6. PATRICIA KALLEN/JET/82
7. MARIA AMODEI/JOBE/82
8. DAVE YOUNG/BRYN/82
9. ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT/BOB82
10. STEVE WETMORE/DART/82
11. ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT/KEN/80
12. CAROL CAMPION/FLOSS
13. JIM ALLEN/ZIP78
14. SUSAN ALLEN/ASHE/77
15. PETER VANDECAR/KATIE/75

### Fryeburg Fair Report by Gabe Merrill

After the rain the day before, it really was a real nice day for us at the fair and great for our spectators as well.

This fair trial follows the New Hampshire Championship trial that is held in nearby East Conway on Saturday. So the handlers can go to two trials while in the area.

Each year we get many that come by and tell us that they are here at the Fair just to see the sheepdog trials.

Lynn kept the spectators informed about the handlers and their dogs. Rob Drummond helped out at times, as did Betty Levin and Maria Mick.

A lovely crook was donated by Betsy and Rob Drummond to become a trophy to be handed down each year at FRYEBURG FAIR to the high scoring dog of the two days of trials at the New Hampshire Championship and Fryeburg Fair. This was donated in memory of Darlene Hutchins, our dear friend who passed away in September. This year it was presented to Rich seaman and Boo. The trophy will be back next year to be passed on to the next winner.

Thank you to all that helped out. Looking forward to seeing you all next year, that is if you make it back to Maine after the National Finals being held in Virginia the latter part of September.

**Trial Reports & Results - THE "BIG E" OPEN TIME TRIAL, Springfield, MA, Sept 28-29, 2009****Trial #2 45 dogs****Trial #3 39 dogs****Trial Manager: Pat****Canaday****USBCA****Trial #1 - 46 dogs**

<u>Handler/Dog</u>		<u>Point Time</u>	
1 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Jed	24	1.52
2 Warren Mick	Dale	24	2.02
3 Warren Mick	Kess	24	2.49
4 Peter VanDeCar	Russ	24	2.55
5 Rob Drummond	Casey	24	3.44
6 Lynn Deschambeault	Di	23	1.35
7 Gene Sheninger	Jen	23	3.26
8 Maria Mick	Doc	22	2.02
9 Joan Worthington	Sam	22	3.2
10 Jim Murphy	Kit	21	2.24
11 Anne Devine	Tip	21	2.32
12 Roger Deschambeault	Bob	21	2.32
13 Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	21	2.49
14 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Toby	21	3.06
15 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Spot	21	3.09
16 Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	21	3.45
17 Jim Murphy	Trim	21	3.58
18 Rob Drummond	Cub	21	time
19 Maria Mick	Kit	20	1.55
20 Jim Allen	Sunny	20	2.52
21 Gene Sheninger	Cap	20	3.35
22 Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	19	2.56
23 Richard Williams	Mirk	19	3.05
24 Warren Mick	Nick	19	3.41
25 Roger Deschambeault	Trim	18	2.33
26 Gene Sheninger	Mac	18	2.47
27 Peter VanDeCar	Bud	18	3.45
28 Anne Devine	Annie	18	DQ
29 Patricia Kallen	Trim	17	3.25
30 Peter VanDeCar	Leif	16	2.54
31 Patricia Hammel	Peg	15	3.36
32 Jim Allen	Zip	15	3.45
33 Dee Woesner	Nell	15	time
34 Peter VanDeCar	Katie	15	time
35 Lynn Deschambeault	Dru	14	2.55
36 Ellen Rusconi-Black	Tyne	12	3.56
37 Joanne Murphy	Maude	12	time
38 Rob Drummond	Ben	11	3
39 Roger Deschambeault	Ken	10	3.15
40 Dee Woesner	Spot	9	1.51
41 Patricia Hammel	Li	9	2.15
42 Richard Williams	Lass	9	3.1
43 Patricia Hammel	Fran	9	time
44 Gabrielle Merrill	Roy	8	Ret
45 Patricia Kallen	Jet	6	Ret
46 Joan Worthington	Hope		time

1 Warren Mick	Dale	24	2.01
2 Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	24	2.03
3 Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	24	2.06
4 Warren Mick	Kess	24	2.08
5 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Toby	24	2.16
6 Anne Devine	Annie	24	2.22
7 Joan Worthington	Sam	24	2.28
8 Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	24	2.29
9 Gene Sheninger	Jen	24	2.35
10 Ellen Rusconi-Black	Tyne	24	2.39
11 Rob Drummond	Cub	24	2.44
12 Dee Woesner	Nell	24	2.59
13 Joan Worthington	Hope	24	2.59
14 Rob Drummond	Ben	24	3.03
15 Peter VanDeCar	Katie	24	3.11
16 Richard Williams	Mirk	24	3.11
17 Warren Mick	Nick	24	3.12
18 Richard Williams	Lass	24	3.34
19 Lynn Deschambeault	Dru	24	3.35
20 Rob Drummond	Casey	24	3.35
21 Roger Deschambeault	Bob	23	2.1
22 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Jed	23	2.38
23 Gene Sheninger	Cap	23	2.51
24 Roger Deschambeault	Ken	22	2.29
25 Lynn Deschambeault	Di	22	2.31
26 Dee Woesner	Spot	22	2.54
27 Anne Devine	Tip	22	3.14
28 Roger Deschambeault	Trim	21	1.59
29 Cheryl Jagger Williams	Spot	21	3.09
30 Maria Mick	Kit	20	1.46
31 Jim Murphy	Kit	20	3.26
32 Gene Sheninger	Mac	19	2.06
33 Peter VanDeCar	Russ	19	2.39
34 Jim Allen	Zip	18	2.48
35 Jim Murphy	Trim	18	2.57
36 Peter VanDeCar	Leif	18	3.08
37 Joanne Murphy	Maude	18	3.5
38 Jim Allen	Sunny	15	2.1
39 Patricia Hammel	Fran	15	3.02
40 Patricia Hammel	Peg	12	3.24
41 Maria Mick	Doc	12	dq
42 Patricia Kallen	Jet	12	t
43 Patricia Hammel	Li	10	3.11
44 Patricia Kallen	Trim	9	T
45 Gabrielle Merrill	Roy	3	dq

1 Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	24	2.14
2 Richard Williams	Lass	24	2.18
3 Roger Deschambeault	Ken	24	2.27
4 Cheryl J. Williams	Spot	24	2.5
5 Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	24	2.52
6 Warren Mick	Rock	24	2.54
7 Warren Mick	Dale	24	3
8 Peter VanDeCar	Katie	24	3.12
9 Gene Sheninger	Jen	23	2.07
10 Gene Sheninger	Mac	23	2.14
11 Gene Sheninger	Cap	23	2.23
12 Peter VanDeCar	Leif	23	3.29
13 Roger Deschambeault	Bob	22	2.57
14 Peter VanDeCar	Russ	22	3.04
15 Richard Williams	Mirk	21	2.45
16 Cheryl J. Williams	Jed	21	3
17 Joan Worthington	Hope	21	3.02
18 Cheryl J. Williams	Toby	21	3.07
19 Joan Worthington	Sam	21	3.1
20 Rob Drummond	Cub	21	3.16
21 Maria Mick	Doc	20	2.01
22 Warren Mick	Kess	20	2.14
23 Roger Deschambeault	Trim	20	3.06
24 Rob Drummond	Ben	19	2.13
25 Dee Woesner	Spot	19	2.21
26 Anne Devine	Annie	19	2.4
27 Patricia Kallen	Trim	18	3.26
28 Jim Murphy	Kit	18	3.35
29 Lynn Deschambeault	Dru	18	T
30 Patricia Kallen	Jet	17	2.14
31 Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	16	2.21
32 Rob Drummond	Casey	16	t
33 Lynn Deschambeault	Di	15	2.26
34 Anne Devine	Shep	14	T
35 Ellen Rusconi-Black	Tyne	13	3.33
36 Jim Murphy	Trim	12	3.13
37 Dee Woesner	Nell	12	t
38 Joanne Murphy	Maude	12	t
39 Maria Mick	Kit	11	2.03

*Michelle Brothers's XP Snap, Fall Sunday Winner  
at the 'Big E' Time trial. Photographed at Fall  
Foliage by Grace Smith*



# **Trial Reports & Results, 2009 NYS Sheep and Wool Festival , Rhinebeck, NY, Oct 17-18, 2009**

## **Saturday**

### **USBCA**

1	Gene Sheninger	Jen	18	2:18
2	Gene Sheninger	Mac	18	2:31
3	Emma Court	Marshall	18	2:51
4	Barb Armata	Meg	18	3:13
5	Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	18	3:13
6	Joan Worthington	Hope	18	3:19
7	Barb Armata	Jill	18	3:41
8	Peter VandeCar	Russ	18	3:57
9	Emma Court	Maia	18	4:19
10	Maria Mick	Kit	18	4:23
11	Joan Worthington	Sam	18	4:49
12	Peter VandeCar	Katie	18	5:18
13	Gene Sheninger	Jess	17	3:12
14	Warren Mick	Rock	17	3:15
15	Warren Mick	Kess	15	5:09
16	Gene Sheninger	Cap	15	5:16
17	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	15	TIME
18	Warren Mick	Dale	13	4:03
19	Maria Mick	Doc	12	DQ
20	Clara Stites	Penn	12	TIME
21	Peter Vandecar	Leif	12	TIME
22	Ellen Black	Tyne	9	TIME
23	Carol Lockhart	Edge	6	TIME
24	Carol Lockhart	Gwen	3	DQ



**Gene Sheninger shed-  
ding at Fall Foliage.**

**Photograph by  
Amanda Milliken from  
NEBCA Website**

## **Sunday**

### **USBCA**

1	Warren Mick	Dale	18	2:37
2	Barb Armata	Jill	18	2:56
3	Gene Sheninger	Jen	18	2:57
4	Warren Mick	Kess	18	3:13
5	Barb Armata	Meg	18	3:14
6	Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	18	3:30
7	Joan Worthington	Hope	18	3:36
8	Gene Sheninger	Mac	18	3:49
9	Gene Sheninger	Jess	18	4:05
10	Peter VandeCar	Katie	18	4:18
11	Peter VandeCar	Russ	18	4:34
12	Carol Lockhart	Gwen	18	4:51
13	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	17	3:24
14	Joan Worthington	Sam	17	3:42
15	Emma Court	Marshall	15	2:55
16	Barb Leverett	Tot	15	2:59
17	Gene Sheninger	Cap	15	3:40
18	Maria Mick	Doc	15	3:41
19	Michelle Ferraro	Nimbus	15	4:09
20	Warren Mick	Jinty	12	2:45
21	Carol Lockhart	Edge	12	3:30
22	Michelle Ferraro	Moss	12	3:44
23	Emma Court	Maia	12	4:49
24	Ellen Black	Tyne	12	Time
25	Peter Vandecar	Leif	10	3:38
26	Maria Mick	Kit		DQ
27	Clara Stites	Penn		Retired

## **Sunday**

### **NEBCA**

1	Warren Mick	Dale	18	2:37
2	Barb Armata	Jill	18	2:56
3	Gene Sheninger	Jen	18	2:57
4	Warren Mick	Kess	18	3:13
5	Barb Armata	Meg	18	3:14
6	Michelle Brothers	XP Roy	18	3:30
7	Joan Worthington	Hope	18	3:36
8	Gene Sheninger	Mac	18	3:49
9	Peter VandeCar	Katie	18	4:18
10	Peter VandeCar	Russ	18	4:34
11	Carol Lockhart	Gwen	18	4:51
12	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	17	3:24
13	Joan Worthington	Sam	17	3:42
14	Emma Court	Marshall	15	2:55
15	Barb Leverett	Tot	15	2:59
16	Gene Sheninger	Cap	15	3:40
17	Maria Mick	Doc	15	3:41
18	Michelle Ferraro	Nimbus	15	4:09
19	Warren Mick	Jinty	12	2:45
20	Carol Lockhart	Edge	12	3:30
21	Michelle Ferraro	Moss	12	3:44
22	Emma Court	Maia	12	4:49
23	Ellen Black	Tyne	12	Time
24	Peter Vandecar	Leif	10	3:38
25	Maria Mick	Kit		DQ
26	Clara Stites	Penn		Retired
(9	Gene Sheninger	Jess	18	4:05)
		/3rd Dog		

**Mike Nunan - there's always next year?**

## **NEBCA Meeting Minutes, Cummington, MA. May 23, 2009**

**The meeting was held** at the end of the day at the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft SDT. There was a quorum in attendance.

Denise Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held January 19, 2009, at Chicopee, MA.

### **Treasurer's report: Maria Amodei**

The account balance is good.

### **Board report: Barbara Leverett**

The Board is working on an outline of information to assist trial hosts in giving a trial.

Fiona Robertson did a similar set of guidelines for the CBCA and will submit a copy to our Board.

Regarding the NEBCA insurance policy: the USBCHA policy is good only for trials that include Open and Nursery competition. The coverage for novice trials is inadequate. The Fall Foliage and Novice Finals are paid for because NEBCA runs them. Maria Amodei will look into prices for including novice trials in the NEBCA coverage.

### **Open Committee report: Barbara Leverett**

The committee held a meeting at Chatham regarding the Fall Foliage trial. It will be held at Shuttleworth Farms in Westfield, Vermont. To look at the facility, the web site is shuttleworthfarms.com.

To qualify for the Fall Foliage, a team must place twice in 2 runs and a double lift.

Dave Young wrote the committee to suggest that publicity for the trial include a press release to area newspapers/media sources, and that posters and road signs be distributed in the area.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to organize the trial. Volunteers for the committee are Dave Young, Steve Wetmore, Fiona Robertson, and Peter VandeCar.

The committee decided that there will be no Supreme Champion rollover points from 2010 to 2011.

### **Novice committee report: Barb Armata**

The NEBCA Novice Finals will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September (19-20) at Cascade Farm, Bath, New Hampshire. Judge will be Roger Deschambeault, sheep will Bud Ames's.

### **Library report: Martha Walke**

A coffee table book of World Trials has been donated by Maria Amodei. The library is waiting for 2 DVDs to be converted from British to USA friendly machines.

### **Newsletter: Joe Evans**

The summer issue of NEBCA News is finished and will be out around June 1.

### **Fundraising: Ellen Rusconi-Black**

Prices are being researched for visors, long-sleeved T-shirts, and turtleneck shirts.

T-shirts with the new design are now for sale.

### **Breeding guidelines:**

New breeding guidelines are completed and will be uploaded to the NEBCA website when it is ready. Advice for buyers will possibly be added to the guidelines.

### **Website: Maria Amodei**

The new website is being redone and should be ready soon. Carol Campion is designing the site.

### **Calendar: George Northrup**

The 2010 calendars have been printed and are ready sell.

### **Old business: None**

### **New business: None.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Molly King, Acting Secretary*

## NEBCA Meeting Minutes— Cooperstown, NY. August 15, 2009

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Called to order by Denise Leonard at 7:43 PM

The minutes from the meeting on May 23 could not be approved since they have not yet been printed in the newsletter or placed on the website.

### **Secretary's Report** – given by Maria Mick

The membership now stands at a total of 279 memberships including 215 individual, 58 family, 5 LIFE and 1 Honorary.

### **Treasurer's Report** – given by Maria Amodei

The current balance in the treasury as of 8-12-09 is \$18,501.18. Maria stated that the website classifieds are proving to be a good source of income and the option for members to view the newsletter electronically rather than receiving hard copies is saving money on printing and postage.

### **Novice Trial Committee Report** – given by Bernie Armata

Entries are now open for the Novice Finals to be held at Cascade farm owned by Bud and Mary Ames in Bath, NH on September 19-20, 2009. Roger Deschambeault has been asked to judge the event. The number of rounds to be run will be dependent upon the number of entries received. The committee is hoping for good attendance.

### **Open Trial Committee Report** – given by Barbara Leverett

Entries will open soon for the Fall Foliage Finals to be held at Shuttleworth Farm in Westfield, VT on Columbus Day weekend (October 10-12, 2009). The event will be judged by Barbara Ray. The sheep will be provided by the farm. The format will include two runs and the top 15 dogs will run in a double lift final round. Finalists will be determined by the better of the two scores obtained.

The Fall Foliage will be held in conjunction with a USBCHA-sanctioned Open trial but only those 15 handlers qualified to participate in the Fall Foliage will progress to the final round.

### **Newsletter Editor's Report** – given by Joe Evans

The newsletter is available now for those electing for hard copies. It will be available soon on the

website for the electronic, color version. Maria Amodei motioned that the newsletter be available for public viewing on the website, without the need for User ID or password. The motion was seconded by Bruce Smart and then passed by the members present. The comment was made that it is important, however, to continue the print version for members that prefer to receive hard copies.

### **Calendar Report** – given by George Northrup

Calendars have been distributed for selling. A summary will be given at the end of the year.

### **New Business**

Dick Williams stated that the 2010 USBCHA Finals will be in Middlegrove, VA. Barbara Ray has become chair of the finals committee. He also stated that there is a possible site for the 2012 finals to be held in Western NY. The 2011 finals will be held in Colorado.

Maria Amodei motioned that NEBCA give \$5000 to the fundraising effort for the 2010 USBCHA finals and that if the finals makes a profit the \$5000 be returned to NEBCA. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

*Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.*

*Secretary*



*"Back seat driving" by Kate Collins*

## Darlene Hutchins - by Maria Amodei



**On Monday, September 14th 2009**, our friend and fellow handler Darlene Hutchins was finally released from her two year battle with pancreatic cancer. She will be missed by many. On the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend two months before she was running her home-bred dog, Fina in Open at the Cascade Farm Trial.

Life gave Darlene lemons. Darlene made gallons of lemonade and shared it with all of us. She blessed us with her kindness, welcoming smile and dry humor. She forgave weaknesses in others and saw them as a whole, focusing on their strengths. Darlene did not dwell in the past. She went forward in life, always opening doors for herself and for others.

She had a wicked grin and a splendid sense of humor. Time with Darlene was about shared laughter. Two days before Darlene died she was barely able to speak. Her mother left the room to run some errands, leaving with a classic motherly admonition about staying put and being careful. Darlene's eyes opened, eyebrows raised, as she quipped "And where am I going to go?"

I know that if there is a heaven that Darlene is there, with her Auntie Betty, waiting for the rest of us to show up. And if I hear a voice whisper the wrong flank into my ear, I'll know that she is with us.



*Photo by Carol Campion*

## Warren Mick's Glen 1998 – 2009 by Fiona Robertson



*Photo by Grace Smith*

Warren Mick's Glen - the name is a bit of a legend here in the Northeast. And I can say, "I knew him when...."

I met him when he was an 8 week old puppy dragging a leash, when he came visiting where I was sitting at the old Hawkridge Farm Sheepdog Trial in Kingston, Ontario. I don't even think he had a name yet! I watched him run in his first Pro Novice trial about a year later and soon after that, watched him win his first Open trial. At age 3, he earned himself National recognition at the 2001 USBCHA Nursery Finals (helping Warren win the title "Rookie of the Year") and then in 2003 he earned the title NEBCA Supreme Champion (winning both the NEBCA High Points and the NEBCA Fall Foliage in the same year). By retirement, Glen and Warren had placed in over 150 Open trials, winning a good percentage of them including the prestigious Kingston Double Lift.

Glen's great way with sheep, combined with his stunning good looks and super temperament quickly earned his spot as one of my favorite dogs to watch at trials. The sense of partnership, the quiet communication between Warren and that very special dog was what sheepdog trialing is all about. Glen is sadly missed, especially by Warren and Maria Mick. I feel lucky to have known him, and remember him whenever I run my own dog, Tap, who is a Glen daughter.

Rest in Peace, Glen.

## The Northeast's First Family



*Photo of Glen & progeny by Grace Smith*

## 2010 National Finals, Middletown, VA. Report by Dick Williams

**2010 brings the National Sheepdog Finals** back to the East. 1999 was the first time the Finals were held on this side of the country. The site was the beautiful Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown, Virginia. Thanks to Barbara Levinson and her committee, we were fortunate enough in 2007 to have the event held at the Redding Farm in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Redding Farm is a civil war re-enactment site just outside of Gettysburg. What a great place for the finals!

### An Online Event

Next item on the agenda was the 2010 website. Thanks to our webmaster, Heather Nadelman, this is now up and running at <http://www.nationalsheepdogfinals.com>. It's exciting to see it live and functioning. In order to be completely current, it is intended to enable us to interact with the site and the event with real-time tweeting and blogging. Now I have never twittered, tweeted or blogged, but I guess it's time I started.

Other exciting changes will be in Dog Sponsorships and in the promotional posters for the Belle Grove event. Please peruse the site for details.

### Help Wanted

In the meantime, volunteers are being recruited and managed by Barbara Klein and Linda Tesdahl. If you haven't thought about what you can do, check with them - we still need lots more people to help.

We already have some items for sale such as tee-shirts for the Holidays. Deb Mickey is running that department. Items will be available through the

website, payable via Paypal. Carol Campion and Betsy Drummond (Rob Drummond's better half) have done a great deal of work in this area. They are both very talented.

### It's all about the sheep

It was difficult finding the requisite amount of uniform, healthy sheep in the East but, I'm pleased to report that find them we did. We are about to sign a contract with a commercial sheep farmer. We will have about 650 North Country Cheviots shipped in for the week-long event. They will be drawn from a flock of about 2,500 North Country Cheviots,

### Big catchment area

In early November, the Organizing Committee met with the Belle Grove staff. There is a tremendous amount of history in the Middletown area. Washington and Baltimore's population of over one million people is just a short distance away. The staff of Belle Grove is very excited about having



*The West side of the 2010 National Trial field*

Once more, the Finals will be back at the Belle Grove from September 18 - 26, 2010. The Organizing Committee was re-organized this past summer. Barbara Ray is heading the new committee, with Don McCaig, Dean Holcomb, and myself working with her.

### Organization

Some of our plans and actions are designed to make it easier for committees to put on future National Finals. To this end, we first formed and incorporated an official organization, The National Sheepdog Finals, Inc. It has been established as a non-profit amateur athletics organization. We have our own non-profit status with a checking account and employer identification number. Our accountant then filed the application with the IRS for recognition of exemption under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code. What does all this mean? Simply put, future committees will not have to worry about setting up or finding a non-profit, charitable organization to work with. This was a major hurdle for both the 1999 and the 2007 committees.

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the Finals return to the farm. Since we were last there, they have acquired an additional 183 acres of adjoining land. There might even be room for a beer tent!

In conclusion, we are very pleased to be hosting the next National Finals back here in the East again. The Committee's over-riding desire is to provide an event that meets the high standards set here by the both the 1999 and the 2007 Finals.

But, looking even further ahead, NEBCA has an abundance of talent, energy, and ability within its ranks. I believe it would behoove us to form a fact-finding committee to study the feasibility of hosting the 2012 Finals right here in our own region.



*Belle Grove Mansion & East Side of Trial Field*

## Another Job By Rose Redick

**Therapy dogs** have provided a source of great pleasure to many people. Not only do they visit hospitals but they go to nursing homes, libraries and schools. Reading to dogs has become a very popular program for children with reading problems. Dogs don't judge or correct them.

I've been had therapy dogs for ten years and have tested many throughout those years. I've had the opportunity to take a dog into the Heart Transplant Unit in a hospital because a gentleman recovering from a transplant missed his dog. When he heard we were in the hospital, he requested that our group visit him. His doctor approved the visit. He thought it would certainly help in the recovery process.

For the past few years I have been going to my local library each week with one of my dogs. It was a new experience for both the library and for those who used its services. The librarian was a dog lover who wanted to add some more activities to the branch. It's a very small branch but it has lots of people who come in every day. Unfortunately, many of the children who come in either were afraid of dogs or did not how it interact with a dog. Some even had been bitten by a dog and were hesitant to go near one. Even some adults initially steered clear of the dog for fear of being attacked. So, after lots of exposure and education about dog breeds, their jobs and visits from many dogs, puppies and guest speakers, we are now known as the library dogs. People ask when we are coming in and can they come visit us.

There are many organizations who offer therapy dog certification; Therapy Dog International is one - it is the organization for which I certify dogs. If you have a dog that may have retired from herding who still needs a job, doing therapy work may well fill that void. Any dog, old or young (but at least more than 1 year old), can be a therapy dog provided it passes the certification process. For information regarding the requirements on becoming a therapy dog go to [www.dti-dog.org](http://www.dti-dog.org).



*Mary Gessert, therapy dog and student*

## Walt heads west for the National Finals. Walt Zieser and Rose interviewed by Joe Evans

**Walt Zieser** is well known in NEBCA circles for his uncanny ability to split rock at twenty paces. He does this with his "no mechanical, no finger, all mouth" whistle. But not many know that Walt drove right across the country last September with his young dog, Rose to participate in the National Nursery Finals in Oregon.

And what a trip it was for a man with "no farm back-

and with his passion as an avid trainer of sheepdogs. Assessing his needs just to get to the Finals, Walt recognized that he faced a problem familiar to many: Access to sheep.

Walt explained his dilemma: "I have no farm or sheep. I have to depend and thank people like Chris Kroemmelbein who offered their sheep for us to train on. Prior to this year, if my dogs worked on sheep a couple of times a month, that was a lot. But to prepare for the Finals I worked almost daily from May to September of this year."

### Do I stay, or do I go now?

Having sorted the sheep problem, he then had to persuade himself that this was a trip he could make. He sought advice and support from three sources:

"The person in the beginning who offered the most encouragement was the person who trained Rose for me, Barb Leverett from St. Johnsville, NY." Walt continued, "My wife, Kathy was also supportive. She said: 'Sure, go - at least we'll get a vacation out of it if you qualify'." The third person was Chris Kroemmelbein with his offer to use his sheep.



*Rose & Walt on the Finals Field. "The sheep are that way, big fellah"*

ground who was born and raised in the cities of New Jersey."

### In the beginning with Eve....

Walt began trialing fourteen years ago. His first mentor was Eve Marshalk. Walt recalls:

"She sold me my first Border Collie and warned me that if I started trialing I would become addicted to it; she was right."

He now has five dogs, his star performer being a 2 year old bitch named Rose. She is bred from Walt's Dave (out of Roy Brown's Dot from Tennessee and Angus MacLeod's Craig from Scotland and Walt's Trim from Kay Stephens's Star and Vic).

Since hearing Eve Marshalk's warning, he has juggled the demands of his job as Facilities Manager for Rutgers University, with his part ownership of a goose control company

Walt's first goal was to ensure Rose met the qualification requirements: "We had to place in the top 20% of the dogs that run - twice." Rose's career got off to a good start in her first Pro-Novice trial at High Point Farm in June, 2008. She was Reserve Champion. Regular Top Five places followed in both Pro-Novice and Ranch.

### Then the expense

So, the dog part was moving along nicely; but what about the logistics? Facilities Managers tend to be good planners, good organizers, good buyers. How did they intend to make such a long journey?

The concise answer that hides the drama of such a long journey came in Walt's brief words: "We purchased a motor home to travel in and we stayed in camp grounds along the way on our 30 day journey."

That's the easy part, right? What happened once he had arrived? Walt was sanguine.

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### Rose's First Run

"Rose was drawn to run 54th out of 83 dogs."

He calculated: "That meant we were to run the second day of the qualifying round, giving us a look at the sheep and how others were handling different situations."

He described that run in meticulous detail:

"I sent her off to the right feeling that she would have a better look at the set-out. Her outrun, lift and fetch were right. She was a little off line at the fetch panels, but we straightened things out and she brought them right to my feet."

Rose was again a little off line on the left-hand drive due to pressure from the exhaust. But, she made the drive panel and started on the cross drive.

"This is where we encountered the most trouble. Our line was both high and low, but she put them through the cross drive panels and brought them straight to the pen. But, we ran out of time trying to complete the pen."

However, Walt was very pleased. And on leaving the field, Beverly Lambert called him over and offered him some advice on their work around the pen. "Keep yourself still and let the dog do the work," she told him.

There followed a nerve-racking wait to see who had made it through to the following round.

### Last in, first out

"At the end of the day, they took the top 33 dogs out of those 83. Rose was the 33rd dog to qualify."

The final day dawned. Tension was in the air. But, it wasn't just the tension you could cut with a knife; it was smoke—thick acrid smoke from forest fires in northern Oregon that made it difficult to see the set-out 400 yards away. Walt's view of this?

"No matter. We ran first. I gave Rose one command and never said another word until she was about

70 yards from me on the fetch - her outrun, lift and fetch looked that good to me." Rose followed that with a tight turn at the post, a "straight and true" drive through the drive panels.

"She was looking real good at this point. And then the fun began again with the high line, the low line and a sheep stare down. But she made the drive panels and brought the sheep to the pen. "

Walt described the confusion we all face when trying to absorb fresh advice while sweating the details of a tough part of the run. "Now what did Beverly tell me to do? Jump up and down and yell at the sheep to get in the damned pen?"

No. Remembering her words of wisdom, he concentrated on keeping still. "I gave Rose two short flanks, a walk-up and the sheep were in the pen."

Once all the scores had been tallied, Rose had moved up ten places to finish 23rd.

Two months after the competition, Walt Zieser is still on cloud nine. The man from the cities of New Jersey and his young, home-bred bitch had acquitted themselves with honor in one of the world's toughest sheepdog competitions.

**Interview by Joe Evans**  
**NEBCA News Editor**



*Rose, tired of studying Walt's course notes takes a coffee and cigarette break*

## A Shepherdess in Stockholm Interview by Joe Evans

Karin Soderberg's dog, Lotus is eleven years old, He's still working - gently easing a flock of 80 ewes and their lambs through the center of Stockholm, Sweden's capital city.

It's an early Scandinavian morning. Summer. Commuters stare in disbelief at this strange procession. Police on horseback ride point ahead of a large flock of sheep. Bundled tightly, nervous, the sheep grab tufts of grass from the wide central verge of Vallhallavagen - a major thoroughfare. Then the sheepdogs - wired, panting, purposeful, constantly on the move. At the rear, Karin Soderberg, a blond lady with trendy square-framed glasses, skinny jeans and a calm concentration. She orchestrates the whole ovine caravan.

Karin has been working this beat in Sweden's capital since 2003.

"The sheep arrive the first weekend in May - a little dependent on the weather," she states. "The sheep are grazing two parts of Stockholm in the Kungliga Djurgården. It's an

ecopark—more than 300 hectares owned by the King of Sweden. They walk in the beginning of July to a very central part of Stockholm and, after four weeks we walk them back again"

"Sheep have been grazing in Stockholm since 1920, so it's a nice tradition."



*An agrarian tourist attraction in the middle of Stockholm*

In describing the unique aspects of the work, Karin gives pride of place to her dogs:

"All my dogs work here in the summer. For the moment I have Lotus. He will be twelve in February. He won the Continental Championship with me in 2007"



*Karin*



*& Lotus*

She sounds stoic, but she can't hide the emotion in the description of her faithful partner:

"Last summer Lotus worked, but next summer I think he will just stay by me because he likes to see the sheep.

He gets pain in his back if he works a lot. But he hates to not work, so he will be by me to stop the sheep on my side."

Loyal to the end, it's clear that Karin doesn't want to see such a valuable friend and partner left at home.

She brightens quickly. "I have three trialing dogs – Zap

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who's five, Nix and Please, both three years old and two younger dogs, Key and Tyne, soon to be two years old. I also have two pups."

Karin lives on a small farm near Granna in the south of Sweden. When not wood-carving for a living, she trains sheepdogs.

"The last four years, I held over 100 clinics EVERY year," she says. She also finds time to compete at the highest level. For many years she and Lotus have run in the Continental Championships (all Europe except for the British Isles and Eire), the high point being that famous victory in 2007.

But, the shepherding job in Stockholm draws her back each year to

meet the King's bidding that sheep should graze his park in the summer. The routine is familiar: "We let them out at 6 in the morning. They graze until 11. From 11am to 3pm we rest, then graze them again till 8 in the evening."

The job would be impossible without the dogs. Karin explains: "The sheep are grazing free. There is no fence. Our dogs are like the fence. They stop the sheep going too far. "

Karin uses all her dogs in several sessions. "I work there a lot in May, then at least one week every month until they go home in September." She continues, "We have a little timber house near the sheep where we sleep and spend some time in the middle of the day."

The highlight is the move through the streets of Stockholm.

It's difficult to imagine this pastoral scene in the fast-moving urban setting that Brigid describes. Brigid's charming modesty shines through her words:

"We walk the sheep and dogs early in the morning. The police escort is on horses. They stop the traffic when it's necessary."

However, Brigid cannot hide the magnitude and complexity of the two hour walk in her response to my request for photographs.

"I don't have any pictures; you have to have all focus on the dogs. Perhaps next year."



## The NEBCA Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 10am.** (Snow date Saturday, January 23rd ). Meeting location is:

### Upper Hudson Library System

**28 Essex St, Albany, NY 12206**

<http://www.uhls.org/new/about.asp> for Google Map Directions

(Note: The building is closed on the weekends, people should enter at the left-side door which will be the only one unlocked)

- **Anyone who cannot make the meeting who wants to give their proxy vote to someone else who can attend, must do so ahead of time by notifying the Secretary. A signed e-mail notification to both the proxy and the Secretary, Maria Mick is adequate. Type or write your signed proxy vote as follows:**

NEBCA member [name here] appoints NEBCA member [name here] as their proxy for all votes cast at the NEBCA 2010 annual meeting.

- **All committee chairs should prepare a year-end report to present at the meeting. If unable to attend, committee chairs should e-mail their report to the president.**
- **Members are encouraged to e-mail the president - [dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu](mailto:dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu) with items they wish placed on the agenda.**

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### FROM THE NORTH:

Take the Northway (87) south to exit 2 east  
 Turn onto Rt. 90 east  
 Get off at Exit 5 (Everett Road)  
 Turn right at the top of the exit ramp and then get into the left lane  
 Turn left at the traffic light, onto Watervliet Ave. Ext.  
 Pass the Clarion Hotel and Motel 6  
 Turn right at the next light  
 Make an immediate left onto Essex Street  
 28 Essex is the fourth building on the left.

### FROM THE SOUTH:

Take the Thruway north to exit 24 (Albany)  
 Get onto Rt. 90 east  
 Get off at Exit 5 (Everett Road).  
 From here follow same directions as "From the North" from 4th line down

### FROM THE EAST:

Take the MassPike to the exit for Albany and 90 West  
 Take 90 West to Exit 5 (Everett Road)  
 Get off at Exit 5 (Everett Road)  
 From here follow same directions as "From the North" from 4th line down

### FROM THE WEST:

Take the Thruway east to exit 24 (Albany)  
 Get onto Rt. 90 east  
 Get off at Exit 5 (Everett Road)  
 From here follow same directions as "From the North" from 4th line down

**You can park on the left side and across the front of the building. Enter at the left-side door that will be marked with a sign. Walk straight ahead into large meeting room.**

*There will be a pot luck lunch. There is no oven, but there is a microwave and outlets so people should bring either cold dishes or dishes in crock pots.*

## NEBCA Classified Advertising - Annual rate: \$10 or \$3 per issue for up to 10 lines. \$1 per line for extra copy.

### Litter born Nov 14. 5 girls, 3 boys

Dam: Song. Several Open placements at 2 years old. Forward dog on stock. Cheerful, friendly and stable. Sire: Nip (Imp. Sweep), 2006 Irish Nursery 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Good way with his stock and throwing good pups.

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**Litter announcement:** Lori Cunningham's Matt (Tom Forrester's Pete x Norma Stewart's Lena) to Sally Molloy's Bett (daughter of Amanda Milliken's

##Star). Bett, lovely bitch with an outstanding outrun and very direct with her sheep. Won Open trials and placed in top fifteen in 2009 Bluegrass Classic. Not yet two, Matt has won multiple nursery trials and impressed many with his cool head and stock sense. Both parents CEA DNA clear, and both have clear hip x-rays. Pups due in early January. For reservations, contact Sally Molloy at 609-279-9728.

### 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".

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