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On the road again



Jean-Louis Bigourdan should be congratulated for his straight driving whilst taking the above picture.

But, you can't judge a book by its cover. We have plenty of delights in side. With trial season well underway, we meet a group of Canadian handlers who live and breathe for trialing - with marked success. We go inside the ropes to

discover what makes them tick.

In the meantime, Trial Results are pouring in. Make sure you keep up with this year's movers and shakers in the Reports & Results section.

Sadly, another faithful NEBCA legend passed away recently. But Maria Amodei's Cato lives on in memory as well as in a

couple of photographs that captured the essence of a special dog.

The future is being taken care of by a brand new Novice Trials Committee. Chaired by Joyce Westcott, they have already pulled off a remarkable coup in getting Derek Scrimgeour to judge the Novice Finals in October.

We also have an eye-

witness report of Carol Campion, ex-editor of early nineties NEBCA News narrowly surviving a vicious attack in Cummington.

The highlight of the year is always the release of the Cummington Meeting Minutes. These can be read on Page 18.

Joe Evans
Editor

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Canadian imports by Joe Evans

Canadians have long been deeply involved in NEBCA's affairs making it a thoroughly functional international organization.

But there is a new group of Canadian handlers moving quickly through the ranks with characteristic poise, purpose and ability. Mary Lou Campbell, Kathy Keats, Linda Comeau and Alastair Simpson train together in the outer suburbs of Toronto. They travel far and wide in search of competition and experience. They are all relatively new to the herding way of life; all have seemingly disparate backgrounds.

Mary Lou Campbell has been competing in trials for 13 years, the longest in the group. She competed in Open and instructed herding students for several years and then took a hiatus from sheepdog competition while still continuing to teach and hone her skills. She has made quite a comeback to competition, especially as she has travelled further afield in the last twelve months with several placements in large trials. Dyna, her new young home-bred bitch won 1st and 2nd place at Fetch Gate last year. They were ranked sixth in NEBCA's High Points.

But there was little in her background that would even faintly suggest a life in the down-to-earth world of soggy sheep meadows, pastures and sheepdog trial fields. She started her career as a beauty consultant before becoming a marketing executive for Clinique. But she appears to have made the transition from the rarefied atmosphere of polished glass counters and glamorous packaging to the musty smells of dank wool and sodden dogs with remarkable aplomb.

Kathy Keats is steeped in competition. She played basketball at international level, representing Canada and won a National Championship at the University of Victoria. She coached Women's basketball at

college before other interests caused her to reconsider her future. So, she took her sports motivational skills and eye for talent into Agility. Within a short time, she had won the 2004 IFCS 22" World Agility Championship with her Border Collie, Mojo. As a result of this victory and her coaching background, she is in great demand as an Agility trainer. Yet, she had long been fascinated by the challenges of herding. She now brings the same set of training principles and disciplines that won her such honours in the speedier arena to the field of sheepdog trialing. But speed still courses through her veins when timing the rate of her advancement in our sport. She ran her first Open in 2009, won two Open trials and placed 12th in NEBCA points in her first year as an Open handler.

Linda Comeau works in Pepsico's legal department. Once again, she brings a sense of purpose and a keen student's eye to the task. In her first year as an Open handler, she also won the NJ State Championship last year with Bet.

All three ladies work in a relaxed, yet focused style that is pleasing on the

eye and easy on the dog. But their dogs know just what is expected of them. Their results prove the case. Outside of the NEBCA area, they won three of the four Open trials held at the Chaffin Sheepdog Trials in Wisconsin. Mary Lou Campbell with Dyna, Linda Comeau with Bet and Kathy Keats with Moss all performed this admirable feat with scores of 90+.

Alastair Simpson, the fourth in the group is different. For a start, he is male. Then he is British, albeit uprooted and transplanted to Canada as a teenager. He only picked up his first whistle and dog two years ago. But, he already runs two dogs in Open with a hunger to learn, a keen eye and a determination to win. As an attorney who specializes in patent law for a large Toronto-based firm, he drives himself hard to find the time to train and trial.

These four Canadians have an abundance of talent, focus and discipline. As they go about their tasks, there is an enjoyment and an understanding that is a pleasure to watch.



Kathy Keats displaying her fingerless whistling style photographed at the Bluegrass by Maureen Robinson of Dog Works Digital

NEBCA 2010 Trial schedule

June 4-6

Nearfield Farm SDT, Center Conway, NH

1 Novice & 2 Open Trials & USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA

Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

June 11 - 13

Finality Farm SDT,

211 Hammond Hill Rd, Dover Plains, NY 12522

2 Open, 2 Novice, 2 Nursery

Mich Ferraro. 845-373-8714

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June 19-22

PA State Championship SDT

Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA

2 Novice, Open & USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA

Cheryl Jagger-Williams

570-289-4733

June 26-29

High Point Farm SDT

High Point Farm, Knox, NY

June 26-27 2 Open, 2 USBCHA Nursery

June 28-29 2 Nov, 2 USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA

Peter VandeCar

518-482-2625/518-895-2585

July 3-6

Fetch Gate Farm SDT

Cortland, NY

2 Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA

Roger & Heather Millen

607-835-6584

July 3-5

Cascade Farm SDT

370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH

3 Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA

Mary Ames

603-838-6341

July 8

Ossipee Valley Fair SDT, Hiram, ME

1 Open Points and 1 Nursery Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA

Lynn Deschambeault

207-452-2898

July 10-11

Merck Forest Open SDT

Rupert, VT

2 Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA

elaine@merckforest.org

July 16-18

Despairdale SDT

Blackstock, ON

2 Open & Novice Trials (all classes)

3 USBCHA Nursery

USBCHA/NEBCA

Andrea de Kenedy

416 481-3786

July 17-18

Mad River Valley SDT

Waitsfield, VT (near Montpelier)

2 Novice & Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA

Nancy Phillips

802 496-7625

July 24-25

Shuttleworth Farm SDT, Westfield, VT

One Novice & Two Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA

dyoung@ubishops.ca

819-889-3276

July 30-Aug 1

Butternut Creek Farm SDT

Kingston, Ontario

Two Open & USBCHA Nursery Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC

Beverly Lambert

860-742-5300

Sue Schoen

508-548-5347

Aug 4-8

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials

Grass Creek Park

Kingston, Ontario

Two Open Trials/Double Lift on 8 Aug
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC

Amanda Milliken

613-531-9405

NEBCA 2010 Trial schedule

August 13-15

Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trial,

Cooperstown, NY

1 day novice, 2 days Open

USBCHA/NEBCA

Barbara Armata

518-875-6471

August 21

Maine Highland Games SDT

Topsham Fairgrounds, Maine

1 Open & USBCHA Nursery

Points Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Lynn Deschambeault](#)

207-452-2898

August 21-22

Fetch Gate Farm Benefit Trial

Cortland, NY

2 Novice Trials

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Roger & Heather Millen](#)

607-835-6584

August 21-22

Bromont SDT

599 Chemin Racine (Racine Road),
Bromont, Quebec Canada

2 Novice & Open Trials

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Paul & Claire Garwood](#)

450-539-5090

Aug 26-29

2010 Canadian Border Collie Association Championships

Shepherd's Crook Farm, Woodville,
Ontario

Open & USBCHA NURSERY

[Cynthia Palmer](#)

705-295-3351

Aug 28

Vermont State Championship SDT

Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT

1 Open Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Steve Wetmore](#)

802-765-4466

Aug 29

Spring Valley Open SDT

Strafford, VT

1 Open Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Steve Wetmore](#)

802-765-4466

Sept 2

Lancaster Fair SDT

Lancaster, NH

One Open Points Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Roger Deschambeault](#)

603-939-2255

Sept 4-5

Blue Hill Fair SDT

Blue Hill, ME

Two Open Points Trials

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Jim Davidson](#)

207-677-2224

Sept 4-6 (CANCELLED)

Endless Mountains Classic

Harford, PA

Open & Double Lift

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Cheryl Jagger-Williams](#)

570-289-4733

Sept 18-26

USBCHA National Finals

Middletown, VA

Oct 2

NH State Championship SDT

East Conway, NH

One Open Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Roger Deschambeault](#)

603-939-2255

Oct 3

Fryeburg Fair SDT

Fryeburg, ME

One Open Trial

USBCHA/NEBCA

[Gabrielle Merrill](#)

207-935-2520

Oct 9-10

NEBCA Novice Finals

Sand Creek Farm

Mendon, NY

Hostess: Joyce Geier

Judge: Derek Scrimgeour

Joyce Westcott

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Trial Reports & Results: Long Shot, MD, March 26-28 submitted by Sherry Smith

We had our 13th Annual trial here at our farm this past weekend and ran a total of 222 dogs. The weather was a little nasty with wind and rain on our first day but then Saturday and Sunday were perfect dog working weather - 50's and sunny. I was worried how the sheep were going to run since our weather was so bad beforehand, but they offered a nice challenge for the dogs. The dogs that kept just a little pressure on and were in control had great runs. Bev Lambert laid down 2 great runs with her Mirk dog, scores of 94 and 93. So she won the overall. Her prize was a hand-made crook by John Butler from Tenn. There were lots more great runs, too many to mention.

Thank you to Lisa Basial and Pat Koons for helping with the finals silent auction. We are happy to say we raised \$879.50 so thank you all for your generous donations of things and money.

I have to say thank you to our judge, Vergil Holland from Kentucky, who did a great job over the three days. I know I repeat this every trial but without the help of Deb Crowder, sheep sorter at the top, Julie Poudrier, sheep setter and Sandy Hornung, my right hand who tends to all the scores, Angie Herscher and Suzanne Gansky who also helps Sandy, also Sherry Sheldon who always is ready to help with the top pushing sheep out or setting, we would not have such a well run trial. Thanks again for being such good friends!

Open Class Friday (67 dogs)

Bev Lambert, Mirk 93
Gene Sheninger, Jen 90
Jim Murphy, Kit 89
Nancy Obernier, Nick 89
Barbara Ray, Job 89
Walt Zeiser, Rose 88
Lori Cunningham, Matt 87
Barbara Ray, Britt 86
Pam Gardner, Rusty 83
Nancy Obernier, Ben 81
Lori Cunningham, William 80
Julie Poudrier, Pip 80

USBCHA Nursery 1 (8 dogs)

Sherry Smith, Queen 67
Nancy Starkey, Soot 61

Open 2 (66 dogs)

Bev Lambert, Mirk 94
Mark Billadeau, Peg 89
Polly Matzinger, James 88
Barbara Ray, Britt 87
Gene Sheninger, Jen 86
Lori Cunningham, Matt 85
Joan Worthington, Sam 82
Rob Drummond, Cub 79
Barbara Ray, Job 78
Renee Billadeau, BJ 77
Linda Tesdahl, Ryan 77
Peggy Stein, Kit 76

Open Overall Winner Bev Lambert/Mirk

USBCHA Nursery (8 dogs)

Sherry Smith Queen
Maria Amodei, Dunstable

Ranch 1 (14 dogs)

Mark Billadeau, Nell 68
Sherry Smith, Hannah 66
Sandy Meilahn, Troy 60
Nancy Starkey, Drift 59
Barb Klein, McKenna 58
Doug Brewer, Tess 2 57
Dave Sharp, Sagitta 55
Gwen LeFever, Mirk 48
Mark Sheldon, Jaff 38

USBCHA Nursery 3 (5 dogs)

Sherry Smith, Queen 72
Pam Gardner, Meg 72

Ranch 2 (12 dogs)

Barb Klein McKenna 74
Sandy Meilahn Troy 72
Mark Billadeau Nell 65
Doug Brewer Tess 2 62
Karen Karkow Jade 58
Mark Sheldon Taff 48

Ranch Overall Winner Mark Billadeau & Nell

Pro Novice 1 (23 dogs)

Sally Gleib, Sid 74
Alice Urguhart, Chip 72
Angie Herscher, Rhyme 62
Linda Tesdahl, Juno 61
Liz Sharp, Gift 61
Sylvia Broderick, Danica 61
Pam Helton, Bonnie 60
Liz Sharp, Joss 58
Joanne Murphy, Speed 55
Suzanne Gansky, Lil Cap 53
Lisa Basial, Gem 52

Pro Novice 2 (20 dogs)

Karen Karkow, Gunner 74
Pam Helton, Bonnie 69
Sally Gleib, Sid 65
Fran Sharon, Maid 62
Suzanne Gansky, Lil Cap 62
Angie Herscher, Rhyme 60
Liz Sharpe, Joss 58
Fran Sharon, Liz 58
Sylvia Broderick, Danica 52
Alice Urguhart, Chip 49

Overall Pro Novice Winner Sally Gleib & Sid

Sherry Smith
Long Shot Farm
Church Hill MD



Photo by Eric Muhlhausen - "the Corgi Guy"

Trial Reports & Results: CT Sheep & Wool Festival, April 24-25 submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black

The 101st CT Sheep & Wool Festival sponsored by the CT Sheepbreeder's Association hosted our trial on April 24 & 25th.

This is one of the oldest trials in New England. The Festival is on the grounds of the University of Connecticut Tolland Agricultural Center. The Trial takes place on a private 20 acre field adjacent to the Agricultural Center. This is the third year the Trial has been co-chaired by Sylvia Murray, who is on the board of directors of the CT Sheepbreeder's Association, Carolyn West, who has moved (becoming a Hoosier this year) and myself.

We welcomed Bill Pimentel to his first trial as a novice handler. Bill did well taking a first place. This was the first time we hosted the 4 ladies of Mary-

land; Sherry, Sandy, Pamela and Barara. Thanks to all who joined us. We had 67 sheep with 69 runs on Saturday and 65 on Sunday. Sheep and handlers were happy with the change in the setout to the far back of the field relieving much of the pressure to the exhaust.

Saturday was one of those gorgeous warm spring days with a vivid blue sky. Handlers and guests were pleased to enjoy the sun while sitting up on a knoll with great visibility. Sunday's 30% percent of showers began a day of cold drizzle that changed to rain. Fortunately, we had only a half inch of rain on a very dry field so footing stayed firm.

Our local man, Doug McDonough, judged the trial providing novice handlers with an education on handling the rope at the pen. I was pleased we had 5 dogs to run the Nursery class for those handlers with a

goal to run in the Nationals Nursery Trial this year in Virginia. Maria Amodei and Levi placed first in Nursery both days. Beverly Lambert and Mirk lead the Open handlers. On both days obtaining the shed was especially difficult with sheep that tightly stayed together in the ring.

I so appreciated all the handlers and friends who helped before the trial, set up on Friday, and were ready, willing and able to cover all the tasks that help the trial flow. Take down on Sunday was completed in record time. It sure does take a community to put on a trial!

Ellen Rusconi-Black

Trial Co-Manager

Novice: Saturday

1. Bill Pimental/Gem	77
2. Rose Redick/Kensa	74
3. Valerie Pietraszewska/ Rose	71
4. Eileen Wilentz/Hattie	67
5. Valerie Pietraszewska/ Kep	59
6. Mary Wasielewski/Fizz	37

Novice: Sunday

1. Jan Berger/Ivy	75
2. Mary Wasielewski/Fizz	70
3. Valerie Pietraszewska/ Rose	70
4. Rose Redick/Kensa	69
5. Valerie Pietraszewska/ Kep	68
6. Lorna McMaster/Sadie	67
7. Pat Bacskey/Vic	63
8. Eileen Wilentz/Hattie	59
9. Bill Pimentel/Gem	55

Overall Champion: Rose Redick & Kensa:

Overall Reserve: Valerie Pietraszewska & Rose

ProNovice: Saturday

1. Molly King/Meg	65
2. Nancy Phillips/Dot	63
3. Eileen Wilentz/Ray	61
4. Sandy Hornung/Meg	58
5. Jim Perkins/Jake	57
6. Molly King/Allie	52
7. George Northrup/Annie	51
8. P. Hammel-Murphy/Bob	48

ProNovice: Sunday

1. Eileen Wilentz/Ray	60
2. P. Hammel-Murphy/Bob	56
3. Molly King/Allie	54
4. Molly King/Meg	47
5. Eileen Wilentz/Jamie	45
6. Jim Perkins/Jake	44
7. Nancy Phillips/Dot	43
Sandy Hornung/Meg	41

Overall Champion: Eileen Wilentz & Ray: Overall Reserve: Molly King & Meg

Ranch: Saturday

1. V. Pietraszewska/Jess	82
2. Beverly Lambert/Awel	77
3. Pam Gardner/Meg	71
4. Anne Devine/Shep	52

Sherry Smith/Hannah	46
<u>Ranch: Sunday</u>	
1. Pam Gardner/Meg	78
2. Beverly Lambert/Awel	78
3. V. Pietraszewska/Jess	67
4. Sharon Perkins/Roy	57
5. Jan Berger/Moss	51

Overall Champion: Beverly Lambert & Awel: Overall Reserve: Valerie Pietraszewska & Jess

Nursery: Saturday

1. Maria Amodei/Levi	75
2. R. Deschambeault/ Maddie	61
3. Sherry Smith/Queen	61
4. Sue Schoen/Peat	45
Chris Bowen/Sam	DQ

Nursery: Sunday

1. Maria Amodei/Levi	61
2. Sherry Smith/Queen	58
3. Sue Schoen/Peat	43
Roger Deschambeault/ Maddie	Ret
Chris Bowen/Sam	Ret

Open: Saturday

1. Beverly Lambert/Mirk	92
2. Carol Campion/Flossb	88
3. Pam Gardner/Rusty	85
4. Sue Schoen/Brook	84
5. Steve Wetmore/Pace	84
6. J. Worthington/Sam	81
7. J Worthington/Hope	77
8. Sandy Hornung/Ozzie	74

Open: Sunday

1. Beverly Lambert/Mirk	93
2. J. Worthington/Sam	89
3. Beverly Lambert/Fly	89
4. Rob Drummond/Cub	88
5. R Deschambeault/Bob	86
6. Steve Wetmore/Pace	85
7. Chris Bowen/Jake	85
8. R Deschambeault/Ken	78
9. Emma Court/Maia	71

Overall Champion:

Beverly Lambert & Mirk

Overall Reserve:

Joan Worthington & Sam

Trial Reports & Results: CT Sheep & Wool Festival, April 24-25 submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black



Come Bye Photographs (clockwise left to right): 1. The war room with all the tools of the trade (including chocolate raisin cookies!)
2. Bill Pimental, a very proud new Novice handler wins his fist trial - and is now in search of a camper
3. Management meaning business!
All photographs by Nancy Phillips

Trial Reports & Results: Sand Creek Farm, Mendon, NY, May 1-2

OPEN 1 MAY 2010			Dave Fetterman/Elle	RT	13	Maria Amodei/Song	63	
Number of dogs: 35			Rob Drummond/Casey	RT	14	Jim Murphy/Kit	62	
Place	Handler/Dog	SCORE	Katy Ratliff/Lance	RT	15	Tom Hoeber/Tazz	62	
			Andrea de Kennedy/Glen	RT	16	Gene Sheninger/Mac	60	
1	C Jagger-Williams/Toby	81	Andrea deKennedy/Nap	RT	17	Bruce Smart/Link	59	
2	Mary Thompson/Holly	72	Katy Ratliff /Spring	RT	18	Gene Sheninger/Dot	58	
3	Dick Williams/ Lass	69	Jim Murphy/Kit	RT	19	Rob Drummond/Casey	56	
4	Rob Drummond/Cub	66	Tara Dier/Spot	RT	20	Gwenn LeFever/Mirk	51	
5	Barb Armata /Meg	66	Lori Cunningham/Riff	RT	21	Barbara Leverett/Tot	50	
6	Maria Amodei /Song	66	Gwenn LeFever/Mirk	RT	22	Elizabeth Phillips/Vicky	34	
7	Barb Armata/Jill	63	Maria Amodei/Fina	RT	23	Rob Drummond/Cub	RT	
8	Lori Cunningham/William	62	Heather Nadelman/Kim	DQ	24	Tara Dier/Spot	RT	
9	Joyce Geier /Jim	62			25	Lori Cunningham/Riff	RT	
10	Gene Sheninger/Mac	61	OPEN 2 MAY 2010		26	Jim Murphy/Jed	RT	
11	Lorna Savage/Kaylee	61	Number of dogs: 32		27	Maria Amodei/Fina	RT	
12	C. Jagger Williams /Spot	60	1	Dick Williams/Lass	88	28	Katy Ratliff/Spring	RT
13	Barbara Leverett/Tot	57	2	Lorna Savage/Kaylee	85	29	Heather Nadelman/Kim	RT
14	Jim Murphy/Jed	56	3	Joyce Geier/Jim	84	30	Andrea de Kennedy/Glen	RT
15	Dick Williams/Mirk	56	4	C. Jagger Williams/Toby	84	31	Katy Ratliff/Lance	RT
16	Tom Hoeber/Taz	55	5	Mary Thompson/Coal	83	32	Walt Zieser/Dave	RT
17	Bruce Smart/Link	42	6	Barb Armata/Meg	81			
18	Nancy Obernier/Nick	41	7	Mary Thompson/Holly	76			
19	Elizabeth Phillips/Vicky	39	8	Lori Cunningham/William	75			
20	Walt Zieser/Dave	38	9	Barb Armata/Jill	73			
21	Dave Fetterman/Jared	31	10	Dick Williams /Mirk	71			
Mary Thompson/Coal		RT	11	C. Jagger Williams/Spot	71			
Gee Sheninger/Dot		RT	12	Andrea deKennedy/Nap	63			

Trial Reports & Results: Borders on Paradise, Turbotville, PA. May 7-9 by Donald McCaig

I'd heard the Fetterman trial was a goodun and it was. Beautiful rolling Amish/Mennonite countryside and Friday had painterly light and mild temps. The field rose for a 400? yard outrun. Outrun either side. The eighty sheep were sound, mixed age, Dorset and Dorset crosses from a commercial flock. Even, sensible, easy penning, fairly easy shedding sheep. Freethinkers were few. Early Friday Dick Williams and Lass set a blistering pace which was only improved upon by Barbara Armata's Jill.

Saturday was rainy early, very windy later on and the handsome tent collapsed. The sheep memorized the exhaust at the bottom of the field and the turn around the post

became perilous. Only two dogs managed to get into the 80's: Bev Lambert's Mirk and Fly.

At Sunday's nursery, the sheep tested the young dogs but novice dogs had a much easier time on a smaller course.

Trial management was hospitable and calm of heart. Spotting was uniformly good and Judge Wendy Cole got the rankings right. A lovely trial.

Donald McCaig

May 7 Open 1 (80 dogs).

Place Handler/Dog SCORE

1. Armata, Barb/Jill	92.5
2. Williams, Dick/Lass	92
3. Lambert, Bev/Mirk	92
4. Milliken, Amanda/Clive	90
5. Williams, Cheryl/Toby	87.5
6. Haithcox, Anet/Dod	82
7. Williams, Cheryl/Spot	81.5
8. Billadeau, Mark/Peg	81
9. Gardner, Pam/Rusty	79
10. Comeau, Linda/Bet	79
11. Court, Emma/Maia	79
12. Obernier, Nancy/Nick	77
13. Cunningham, Lori/Matt	77
14. Ferraro, Mich/Moss	77
15. Milliken, Amanda/Roz	77
16. Sharp, David/Dol	76
17. King, Carla/Emma	75
18. Urquhart, Alice/Dirk	74
19. Kroemmelbein, C./Jaff	74
20. Armata, Barb/Meg	74
21. Ferraro, Mich/Nimbus	73
22. Leverett, Barbara/Tot	72
23. Campbell, ML/Dyna	72
24. Harvey, Janet/Jesse	72
25. Billadeau, Renee/Bette	72
26. Wilson, Tom/Sly	72
27. Higgins, Michele/Spirit	71
28. Conn, Thomas/Jim	71
29. Geier, Joyce/Jim	69
30. Kidd, Viki/Macy	69

31. Matzinger, P/James	69
32. Molloy, Sally/Bett	67
33. Drummond, Rob/Cub	66.5
34. Amodei, Maria/Song	66
35. Worthington, J/Sam	66
36. Brewer, Doug/Tess1	66
37. Farster, Sherry/Scott	66
38. Hoeber, Thomas/Tazz	65
39. Worthington, J/Hope	64
40. Asten, Sue/Brook	64
41. Farster, Sherry/Vic	63
42. Haithcox, Anet/Gin	63
43. Brewer, Doug/Taff	61
44. Sharp, David/Tot	60
45. Comeau, Linda/Roy	59
46. Klein, B/McKenna	53
47. Stein, Eileen/Mac	53
48. Higgins, M/Bracken	52
49. Nadelman, H/Kim	50
50. Palmer, Annie/Dot	48
51. Lambert, Bev/Fly	41
52. Zieser, Walter/Dave	25
53. McCaig, Donald/Luke	RT
54. Drummond, Rob/Casey	RT
55. Murphy, Jim/Kit	RT
56. OrtizSharp, Nancy/Alderbaran	RT
57. Schoen, Susan/Brook	RT
58. Billadeau, Mark/Jody	RT
59. Schoen, Susan/Ester	RT
60. Billadeau, Renee/BJ	RT
61. Molloy, Sally/Paige	RT
62. Cunningham, L/William	RT

63. Obernier, Nancy/Jill	RT
64. Keats, Kathy/Moss	RT
65. Clark, David/Clair	RT
66. King, Molly/Storm	RT
67. Lefever, Gwenn/Mirk	RT
68. Ortiz Sharp, Nancy/Cassiopeia	RT
69. Murphy, Jim/Jed	RT
70. Amodei, Maria/Fina	RT
71. Kroemmelbein, C/Nip	RT
72. Harvey, Janet/Scott	RT
73. McCaig, Donald/June	RT
74. Kidd, Viki/Merle	RT
75. Fossetta, Linda/Jean	RT
76. Williams, Dick/Mirk	DQ
77. Mickey, Deb/Annie	DQ
78. Clark, David/Roy	DQ
79. Matzinger, P/Lily	DQ
80. Brothers, Michelle/XPRoy	DQ

USBCHA Nursery. May 9, 2010 (13 Dogs)

Place Handler/Dog SCORE

1. Hoeber, Thomas/Mia	70
2. Milliken, Amanda/Purdy	66
3. Cunningham, Lori/Matt	66
4. Schoen, Susan/Peat	63
5. Milliken, Amanda/Monty	62
6. Amodei, Maria/Levi	52
7. Gardner, Pam/Meg	42
8. Williams, Dick/Mick	34
9. King, Molly/Allie	RET
10. Kidd, Viki/Macy	RET
11. Harvey, Janet/Tony	RET
12. Farster, Sherry/Bee	RET
13. Lambert, B/Meg	DQ



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Trial Reports & Results: Borders on Paradise, Turbotville, PA. May 7-9**May 8. Open 2 (80 Dogs)****Place Handler/Dog SCORE**

1. Lambert, Bev/Mirk	85
2. Lambert, Bev/Fly	83
3. Williams, Cheryl/Toby	77
4. Obernier, Nancy/Nick	77
5. Geier, Joyce/Jim	76
6. Milliken, Amanda/Roz	76
7. Wilson, Tom/Sly	75
8. Ortiz Sharp, Nancy/ Alderbaran	74
9. Schoen, Susan/Brook	72
10. Williams, Dick/Lass	71
11. Matzinger, P./James	70
12. Worthington, J/Hope	69
13. Murphy, Jim/Jed	69
14. Matzinger, Poly/Lily	69
15. Ferraro, Mich/Moss	68
16. Ferraro, Mich/Nimbus	68
17. Clark, David/Roy	67
18. Molloy, Sally/Bett	67
19. Court, Emma/Maia	66
20. Cunningham, L/Matt	66
21. Schoen, Susan/Ester	65
22. Billadeau, Mark/Jody	65
23. Comeau, Linda/Roy	65
24. Billadeau, R/Bette	62
25. Amodei, Maria/Song	61
26. Brewer, Doug/Tessl	60
27. Williams, Cheryl/Spot	60
28. Williams, Dick/Mirk	59
29. McCaig, Donald/Luke	57
30. Murphy, Jim/Kit	56
31. Comeau, Linda/Bet	56
32. Armata, Barb/Jill	54
33. Billadeau, Mark/Peg	53
34. Billadeau, Renee/BJ	53
35. Cunningham/William	53
36. Hoeber, Thomas/Tazz	50
37. Harvey, Janet/Scott	50
38. King, Molly/Storm	47
39. Campbell, M.L./Dyna	47
40. Lefever, Gwenn/Mirk	46
41. Higgins, M/Bracken	45

42. McCaig, Donald/June 42

43. Nadelman, H/Kim 41

44. Worthington, J/Sam 40

45. Stein, Eileen/Mac 28

46. Drummond, Rob/Cub RET

47. Conn, Thomas/Jim RET

48. Klein, B/McKenna RET

49. Asten, Sue/Brook RET

50. Brothers, M/XPRoy RET

51. Kroemmelbein, C/Nip RET

52. Obernier, Nancy/Ben RET

53. Leverett, B/Tot RET

54. Armata, Barb/Meg RET

55. Harvey, Janet/Jesse RET

56. Amodei, Maria/Fina RET

57. King, Carla/Emma RET

58. Palmer, Annie/Dot RET

59. Drummond, R/Casey RET

60. Sharp, David/Tot RET

61. Kidd, Viki/Merle RET

62. Molloy, Sally/Paige RET

63. Farster, Sherry/Vic RET

64. Kidd, Viki/Macy RET

65. OrtizSharp, Nancy/
Cassiopeia RET

66. Clark, David/Clair RET

67. Fossetta, Linda/Jean RET

68. Urquhart, Alice/Dirk RET

69. Kroemmelbein, C/Jaff RET

70. Farster, Sherry/Scott RET

71. Higgins, M/Dream RET

72. Brewer, Doug/Taff DQ

73. Milliken, A/Clive DQ

74. Haithcox, Anet/Gin DQ

75. Sharp, David/Dol DQ

76. Haithcox, Anet/Dod DQ

77. Gardner, Pam/Rusty DQ

78. Mickey, Deb/Annie DQ

79. Keats, Kathy/Moss DQ

80. Zieser, Walter/Dave DQ

Ranch. May 9 (25 Dogs)**Place Handler/Dog SCORE**

1. Lambert, Beverly/Awel 68

2. King, Carla/Ben 55

3. Sheldon, Mark/Jaff 52

4. Hoeber, Thomas/Tazz 51

5. Sheldon, Mark/Tess 50

6. Karkow, Karen/Jade 50

7. Zieser, Walter/Trim 49

8. Sharp, David/Sagitta 47

9. Armata, Bernie/Roy 44

10. Milliken, A/Monty 44

11. Simmons, Nancy/Nickie 41

12. Gardner, Pam/Meg 34

13. Whitney, Leslie/Kite 33

14. Simmons, Nancy/Moss 19

15. Schoen, Sue/Augie RET

16. Broderick, Sylvia/Fly RET

17. Karkow, Karen/Gunner RET

18. LeFever, Gwenn/Mirk RET

19. Fetterman, David/Elle RET

20. Gansky, Suzanne/Roy RET

21. Billadeau, Mark/Nell RET

22. Caroom, Ilene/Moss RET

23. Meilahin, S/Troy RET

24. Gambill, Judy/Tweed RET

25. Brighoff, Mary/Lance RET

15/ Sharon, Fran/Liz 48

16. Hoeber, Thomas/Nikki 48

17. Schoen, Susan/Peat 46

18. Milliken, A/Purdy 44

19. Madison, Ron/Greta 44

20. Murphy, Joanne/Tess 43

21. Meilahin, S/Hannah 43

22. Sharpe, Elizabeth/Gift 42

23. Helton, Pam/Bonnie 39

24. Herscher, A/Rhyme 37

25. Costanzo, Kyra/Sue RET

26. Urquhart, Alice/Chip RET

27. Sheldon, Sherry/Tom RET

28. Murphy, Joanne/SpeedRET

29. OrtizSharp, N/Mercury RET

30. Zieser, Walter/Anne RET

31. Koons, Patricia/Kate RET

32. Ferraro, Michele/Wink RET

33. Asten, Sue/Jed RET

34. Kidd, Viki/Clint RET

35. Sheldon, Sherry/Chick RET

36. Trewitt, Irene/Boston DQ

37. Lambert, Bev/Meg DQ

38. Harvey, Janet/Tony DQ

39. Lash, Carolyn/Huck DQ

Novice-Novice. May 9**(12 Dogs - Max Points: 80)****Pro-Novice. May 9****(39 Dogs)****Place Handler/Dog SCORE**

1. Hoeber, Thomas/Mia 69

2. Williams, Dick/Mick 64

3. Gansky, Suzanne/Cap 63

4. Madison, Ron/Duke 62

5. Sharon, Fran/Maid 60

6. King, Molly/Allie 56

7. Sharpe, Elizabeth/Joss 54

8. Basil, Lisa/Gem 53

9. Broderick, Sylvia/Danica 52

10. Whitney, Leslie/Cap 51

11. King, Molly/Meg 51

12. McCaig, Donald/Dan 51

13. Simmons, Nancy/Biggs 50

14. Farster, Sherry/Bee 49

Place Handler/Dog SCORE

1. Chute, Peggy/KC 45

2. Dobbs, Michelle/Bill 41

3. Trewitt, Irene/Gwen 40

4. Costanzo, Kyra/Tess 40

5. Karkow, Karen/Keen 39

6. Basil, Lisa/Cian 37

7. Bower, Lynn/Cael 28

Dury, Wally/Max RET

Bigourdan, JeanLouis/Lad RET

Place, Laurie/Mattie RET

Bigourdan, JeanLouis/Zac RET

Bigourdan, JeanLouis/Kita RET

Trial Reports & Results: Borders on Paradise Photographs by Eric Muhlhausen - "the Corgi Guy"



Bordering on paradise indeed!



Dave Fetterman, Trial Manager chugging cranberry juice . Dogs unimpressed !

Trial Reports & Results: NH Sheep & Wool Festival, Hopkinton, NH, April 24-25

The New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival SDT was held on Mothers Day Weekend at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds in Contoocook, NH.

Novice classes were capably sorted out by Maria Mick of Altamont, NY. In each of these classes, the best dog for the weekend was clear as we had the same winner on both Saturday and Sunday. Bill Pimental and Jem were the Novice Novice Champions. Eileen Wilentz and Hattie gave them a run for their money, placing 2nd both days. But, Eileen was not to be denied in the Pro Novice class where she and her dog, Ray, took top honors each day. In the Ranch class, it was Kate Collins and Ela who took home the blue ribbons. USBCHA Nursery was won both days by Rich Seaman and Rem.

The Open Class was run as a Points Trial with a perfect score of 27 and ties broken by time. Score keeping was done by Valerie Pietraszewska and Rose Redick. They saw 8 perfect scores each day.

When Patty Kallen stepped to the post with Jet for the last go of the day on Saturday, Roger Deschambeault and Trim were sitting on what appeared to be an unbeatable run with a time more than half a minute faster than the next best full point run. But, Patty surprised her friend and mentor by laying down a perfect run herself in a time that topped his by 13 seconds. The crowd roared!

Sunday was a day for the old hands to show their stuff. Roger Deschambeault and Steve Wetmore shared the top four spots. Roger and Ken took top honors with a perfect run in a blazing fast time of 2 minutes, 24 seconds.

The weather was not too kind to this year's festival. Saturday was a rainy day and Sunday brought high winds and cold temperatures. While it probably kept many of the spectators home, it did little to dampen the spirits of the handlers. Most all of us had trialed in much worse. Veterans of the Hopkinton trial reminisced about the Sunday several years ago when 6 inches of rain fell during the course of the trial, creating a pond in front of the pen that made completing the course nearly impossible.

Bud and Mary Ames provided the sheep. Their flock of Katahdins provided more than enough challenges for all handlers. As with most NEBCA events, the trial would not have functioned without the tremendous volunteer efforts of the handlers. My thanks to all who contributed.

Chris Bowen

Trial Manager

Novice Novice Saturday - 12 dogs

- 1 Bill Pimental - Jem - 69
- 2 Eileen Wilentz - Hattie - 59
- 3 Danielle Eriksen - Quinn - 56
- 4 Valerie Pietraszewska - Blush - 52
- 5 Lorna McMaster - Sadie - 52
- 6 Valerie Pietraszewska - Rose - 50
- 7 Sally Butler - Sky - 47

Novice Novice Sunday - 11 dogs

- 1 Bill Pimental - Jem - 73
- 2 Eileen Wilentz - Hattie - 72
- 3 Valerie Pietraszewska - Kep - 55
- 4 Rosemary Redick - Kensa - 55
- 5 Valerie Pietraszewska - Blush - 54
- 6 Sallie Butler - Sky - 51
- 7 Lorna McMaster - Sadie - 48
- 8 Danielle Eriksen - Quinn - 29
- 9 Eileen Wilentz - Celt - 26

Two Day Champion - Bill Pimental - Jem

Pro Novice Saturday - 12 dogs

- 1 Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 75
- 2 Nathalie Labelle - Nan - 71
- 3 Patricia Hammel - Bob - 60
- 4 Eileen Wilentz - Jamie - 59
- 5 Jim Perkins - Jake - 56
- 6 Nancy Phillips - Dot - 55
- 7 Bruce Smart - Lucy - 51

Pro Novice Sunday - 11 dogs

- 1 Eileen Wilentz - Ray - 69
- 2 Denise Leonard - Emmie - 57
- 3 Elizabeth Phillips - Moss - 55
- 4 Eileen Wilentz - Jamie - 55
- 5 Bruce Smart - Lucy
- 6 Jim Perkins - Jake - 51
- 7 Nancy Phillips - Dot - 51
- 8 Patricia Hammel - Bob - 43
- 9 Betty Levin - Tyne - 35

Two Day Champion - Eileen Wilentz - Ray

Ranch Saturday - 6 dogs

- 1 Kate Collins - Ela - 71
- 2 Anne Devine - Doc - 69
- 3 Sharon Perkins - Roy - 68
- 4 Valerie Pietraszewska - Jess - 63
- 5 Bud Ames - Cash - 45

Ranch Sunday - 6 dogs

- 1 Kate Collins - Ela - 80
- 2 Valerie Pietraszewska - Jess - 65
- 3 Sharon Perkins - Roy - 58
- 4 Bud Ames - Cash - 51
- 5 Deborah Donahue - Dart - 40

Two Day Champion - Kate Collins - Ela

Trial Reports & Results: NH Sheep & Wool Festival

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NH Sheep & Wool (contd.)

April 24-25

USBCA Nursery, Saturday - 5 dogs

- 1 Rich Seaman - Rem - 73
- 2 Denise Leonard - Emmie - 67
- 3 Jim Perkins - Jake - 57

USBCA Nursery, Sunday - 5 dogs

- 1 Rich Seaman - Rem - 73
- 2 Jim Perkins - 57

Open, Saturday - 38 dogs (Points & Time Trial)

- 1 Patricia Kallen - Jet - 27 points - 3:16
- 2 Roger Deschambeault - Trim - 27 points - 3:29
- 3 Bruce Smart - Link - 27 points - 4:00
- 4 Denise Leonard - 27 points - 4:26
- 5 Anne Devine - Annie - 27 points - 5:05
- 6 Maria Mick - Doc - 27 points - 5:12
- 7 Roger Deschambeault - Ken - 27 points - 5:27
- 8 Peter VandeCar - Katie - 27 points - 5:35
- 9 Lynn Deschambeault - Chip - 24 points - 2:55
- 10 Maria Mick - Kit - 24 points - 3:08

Open, Sunday - 37 dogs

- 1 Roger Deschambeault - Ken - 27 points - 2:24
- 2 Steve Wetmore - Pace - 27 points - 2:47
- 3 Roger Deschambeault - Trim - 27 points - 2:54
- 4 Steve Wetmore - Gile - 27 points - 3:01
- 5 Carol Campion - Floss - 27 points - 3:57
- 6 Anne Devine - Tip - 27 points - 4:04
- 7 Rich Seaman - Ki - 27 points - 4:07
- 8 Nancy Phillips - Susie - 27 points - 5:10
- 9 Peter VandeCar - Russ - 25 points - 2:18
- 10 Chris Bowen - Jake - 25 points - 3:10

Two Day Champion -

Roger Deschambeault - Trim



Sharon Perkins's Roy going about the business of being Top Dog before his run. Photographed by Carol Campion



Kate Collins & Ela.

No need for ribbons & bows when Carol Campion is there to capture the moment for Ranch winners, Kate Collins & Ela

Trial Reports & Results: Nearfield Farm & MA Sheep & Wool Fair, Cummington, MA

Nearfield Farm, NH

May 14-16

Friday Open - 40 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault/Ken	83
2. Sue Schoen/Brook	83
3. Roger Deschambeault/Trim	82
4. Amanda Milliken/Clive	79
5. Amanda Milliken/Roz	79
6. Carol Campion/Floss	75
7. Maria Amodei/Song	74
8. Steve Wetmore & Pace	74
9. Werner Reitbock/Tara	72
10. Vicki Wilcox/Pat	71

Friday Nursery - 8 dogs

1. R. Deschambeault/Maddie	72
2. Sue Schoen/Peat	58

Saturday Open - 41 dogs

1. Maria Mick/Kit	92
2. Roger Deschambeault/Ken	92
3. Amanda Milliken/Roz	89
4. Amanda Milliken/Monty	86
5. Maria Mick/Doc	84
6. Carol Campion/Floss	82
7. Carol Campion/Tam	80
8. Steve Wetmore/Pace	78
9. Roger Deschambeault/Trim	76
10. Rich Seaman/Ki	76

Saturday Nursery - 9 dogs

1. Sue Schoen/Peat	51
2. Amanda Milliken/Purdy	20

Sunday Open - 38 dogs

1. Maria Amodei/Song	86
2. Roger Deschambeault/Ken	85
3. Amanda Milliken/Roz	85
4. Werner Reitbock/Tara	81
5. Roger Deschambeault/Bob	
6. Carol Campion/Floss	75
7. Steve Wetmore & Pace	75
8. Amanda Milliken/Monty	75
9. Carol Campion/Tam	74
10. Sue Schoen/Brook	71

Sunday Nursery 6 - dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault/Maddie	
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Reported by Lynn Deschambeault

Cummington, MA

May 29 - 30

Saturday

Open

1. Barb Armata/Jill	94
2. Carol Campion/Floss	93
3. Warren Mick/Nick	86
4. Peter VandeCar/Katie	86
5. Chris Bowen/Jake	85
6. Carol Campion/Tam	84
7. Warren Mick/Dale	80
8. Rob Drummond/Casey	80
9. Peter VandeCar/Russ	80
10. Sue Schoen/Brook	78

Ranch

1. Val Pietraszewska/Jess	81
2. Jan Berger/Moss	74
3. Joe Evans/Peg	73
4. Sue Schoen/Peat	72
5. Joe Evans/Chip	72
6. Kate Collins/Ela	63
7. Mel Hanchett/Vic	61
8. Bernie Armata/Roy	61
9. Edie Overly/Drew	56
10. Martha Walke/Moss	52

Pro-Novice

1. Carol Campion/Beca	75
2. Barb Leverett/Kit	74
3. Carolyn West/Abe	73
4. Maria Amodei/Levi	68
5. Joyce Westcott/Mibs	64
6. Jim Perkins/Jake	62
7. Becky Peterson/Peg	59
8. Mary Ann Fallon/Toss	59
9. Bruce Smart/Lucy	57
10. Edie Overly/Zacarena	55

Novice Novice

1. Jan Berger/Ivy	72
2. Val Pietraszewska/Kep	70
3. Joanne Krause/Gert	70
4. Val Pietraszewska/Rose	69
5. Carolyn West/Blush	67
6. Rose Redick/Kensa	62
7. Danielle Erickson/Quinn	62
8. Martha Walke/Cal	61
9. Celia Morgan/Nash	58
10. Bill Pimentel/Jem	45

Cummington, MA

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Sunday

Open

1. Steve Wetmore/Pace	91
2. Chris Bowen/Jake	88
3. Maria Mick/Kit	88
4. Barb Armata/Meg	87
5. Barb Armata/Jill	86
6. Pat Kallen/Jet	86
7. Sue Schoen/Augie	83
8. Carol Campion/Tam	83
9. Warren Mick/Nick	81
10. Carol Campion/Floss	81

Ranch

1. Carolyn West /Abe	79
2. Joe Evans/Peg	63
3. Jan Berger/Moss	62
4. Sue Schoen/Peat	61
5. Emily Yazwinski/Teal	60
6. Kate Collins/Ela	60
7. Mel Hanchett/Vic	60
8. Joyce Westcott/Moli	54
9. Susan Allen/Ash	53
10. Martha Walke/Moss	51

Pro-Novice

1. Maria Amodei/Levi	75
2. Carolyn West/Abe	74
3. Bruce Smart/Lucy	74
4. Barb Leverett/Kit	66
5. Becky Peterson/Peg	65
6. Liz Phillips/Moss	63
7. Jim Perkins/Jake	61
8. Carol Weigand/McDuff	59
9. Edie Overly/Zacarena	59
10. Denise Leonard/Emmie	58

Novice Novice

1. Carol Weigand/Simon	74
2. Val Pietraszewska/Kep	73
3. Bill Pimentel/Jem	72
4. Carolyn West/Blush	72
5. Danielle Erickson/Quinn	71
6. Val Pietraszewska/Rose	67
7. Rose Redick/Kensa	65
8. Celia Morgan/Nash	61
9. Joanne Krause/Gert	60
10. Karen Gorman/Ticket	59

Cummington, MA

Trial report

The bar was set on Saturday's Open by Barb Armata and Jill with Carol Campion's Floss giving them a close run for their money.

Val Pietraszewska and Jess stormed away with 81 points in ranch - fully seven points clear of the rest of the pack.

Denise Leonard judged a tight race at the top of a talented Pro-Novice class with Beca, Carol Campion's stylish little black import edging ahead of Barb Leverett and Kit.

Jan Berger won Novice with a sizzling 72.

Sunday was a different day altogether. Bernie Armata took the judge's chair quietly in the two junior Novice classes where youth and experience prevailed.

However, as the Ranch handlers took to the field he announced that the course would be toughened for Ranch and Open with a longer cross drive, the second drive panel being set cunningly on a rise with the turn home facing into the woods. However, he set the sysophean task of turning round the handlers post into the giant sucking pressure of the exhaust.

To add to the fun, a devilish wind decided to blow the cobwebs out of the sheep's ears.

Canada's newly invigorated sheep made the most of this with many a foot-race towards, into, through and over the exhaust gate which suffered more than a right ear in the ring with Mike Tyson.

In Ranch, Carolyn West's Abe was the only dog to execute that turn as smoothly and tightly as a nun on a traffic circle. Hence, she won by a country mile with a run of astonishing beauty.

Many an Open dog crashed and burned at this the handler's post, but Steve Wetmore set the pace by being the only one to break ninety.

All in all this was a thoroughly entertaining trial with a studious crowd all managed with quiet authority by Kate Collins and George Northrop.

Campion attacked by Cummington Canopy



The judge's canopy took off in strong winds at the Massachusetts Sheep & Woolcraft Fair Trial in Cummington, MA.

Stumbling head-over-heels like giant robotic tumbleweed, it bore straight for the back of Carol Campion's splendid cowboy hat. She was standing at the post gazing in oblivion at her new bitch Beca's re-run (courtesy of some wind-affected sheep in the previous packet).

Luckily, Carol heard the cries of alarm from the crowd as Bernie Armata and his astonished scribe watched the canopy's ungainly, but purposeful scuttle towards her.

Carol deserted her post with the speed and agility of a skilled shedder. Upfield, Beca stopped in her tracks to stare back in horror at the unfolding drama. Like all good Border Collies, she looked perplexed and guilty, somehow responsible for this massive, spindly-legged sheep that had tried to ram her partner.

The errant tent jumped straight over the handlers' post before Bernie Armata and Steve Wetmore lassoed it to prevent it running down the fetch line towards Mike Nunan in the set-out pens.

Judge Armata generously offered Carol a third re-run. Both Carol and Beca decided they had seen enough drama for the day.

Cato - gone but not forgotten by Joe Evans

We all have a dog that belongs to someone else that steals a little bit of our hearts. Maria Amodei's Cato was just such a dog.

I first met him through a photograph in NEBCA News. He was tied to a fence at a small trial in Wales in preparation for the 2008 World trial in Llandeilo. He appeared to be taking it all in his stride.

Seeing him at trials back home, I could tell why. Yes, he was very focused on his work; yes, he was very capable. But so are plenty of other dogs. What set him apart was his "dude, I'm cool, relax and take a pill" attitude. Other dogs tug, pull, bark and whine in an effort to get to work; Cato would lounge in the chair until his turn came along.

My favourite memory of this wonderful little big dog was at a monstrous training field the size of Nebraska to which Maria had invited me. Cato's job was simple, he just had to hold the sheep - unassisted - whilst six other dogs were put through their paces. Maria didn't have to say a word. Cato just did what was expected of him with an air of dutiful resignation. "Go ahead, you guys have your fun with the other dogs; I'll just sit here and hold sheep - all day long!" As we were leaving after the fiftieth lift and fetch, there he was, way out in the distance on his own still waiting his turn. This sort of dog doesn't come along too often. He is missed - deservedly so.



Cato at work



Cato at rest.

Two pictures that captured the essence of Maria Amodei's Cato.

A study in concentration above. The image of relaxation to the leftCato sleeping in Maria and Cato's famous double lift chair next to Darlene Hutchins's empty chair .

Both pictures by Sharon Perkins

Members' Meeting Minutes: Cummington. May 29, 2010

Called to order by Denise Leonard at 6:12 PM. There were 27 members in attendance.

The minutes from the January Annual Meeting as published in the March newsletter were approved.

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

The membership now stands at a total of 252 memberships including 54 family, 5 Life and 1 Honorary. This is up from the 188 at the Annual Meeting. Approximately 31% of the membership opted to view the newsletter electronically rather than receive a paper copy.

Treasurer's Report – given by Maria Amodei

The current balance in the treasury as of 5-28-10 is \$14,074.36.

Board of Directors Report – given by Warren Mick

Warren reported that the Board is currently working on (3) projects: i) Guidelines for trial managers

ii) procedures for elections and nominations

iii) procedure for requesting funds from the club.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Joyce Wescott

The members of the committee include Eileen Wilentz, Annie Palmer, Kate Collins, and Joyce Wescott as chair. Joyce reported that the Novice Finals will be judged by Derek Scrimgeour on Columbus Day weekend at the farm of Joyce Geier in Mendon, NY.

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett

The Open Trial Committee welcomes suggestions for the location of the 2011 Fall Foliage Finals.

A question has arisen as to the manner in which trial running orders are drawn. It was noted that NEBCA does not currently have a procedure/recommendation for the process nor does it require one to follow the USBCHA guidelines. The committee will discuss this issue more and decide whether they will recommend the club follow the USBCHA guidelines.

Newsletter Editor's Report – given by Joe Evans

The June newsletter will be issued after the Cummington meeting. Joe has requested assistance in putting together the September issue since he will be working on a project for the USBCHA finals then.

Fund Raising Report – general discussion

The club discussed ways to transport the fund-raising items from trial to trial.

Calendar Report – given by George Northrup

2011 calendars are available for sale. There are approximately 25-30 of the 2010 calendars left.

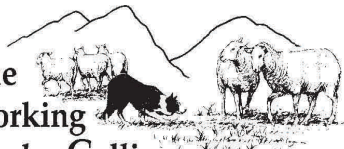
New Business

The group discussed the possibility of having a booth at the USBCHA finals in Virginia. More discussion is needed to resolve issues such as how to man the booth, when the booth will be open, and if the club will sell USBCHA merchandise, too.

The club will be placing a 1/2 page ad in the brochure for the USBCHA Finals. Carol Campion volunteered to prepare the ad.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.



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Announcements

Novice News.....

.....**The Novice Trial Committee**
has a new chair and new members:

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The committee has established a date, a venue and booked a world-class judge for the Novice Finals. They are:

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS

October 9-10

Sand Creek Farm

Mendon, NY

Hostess: Joyce Geier

Judge: Derek Scrimgeour

Joyce Westcott

jwestcott@gmavt.net

Open Trials Committee

Peter VandeCar has been replaced by Michelle Brothers. Contact details:

michellebrothers@mac.com

732-670-4252

Butternut Creek Farm Trial will take place.

Entry forms and trial information are up on the NEBCA and OBCC websites.

Two desperado Nursery trials: July 30-31.

Two Open trials: July 31-August 1.

Entries open June 10th.

Pro-Novice trial on Monday is pending.

See Trial Schedule, Page 4.



Photograph of Maria Amodei and Song by Judy Jo Drake

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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