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The NEBCA executive committee is about to leap into pastures new.

After sterling service, Denise Leonard (President), Barbara Armata (Vice President) and Maria Amodei (Treasurer) are about to complete their tours of duty. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the years of service they've given us. The nominating

committee, consisting of Chris Bowen, Rob Drummond and George Northrup has lined up replacements who are introduced on Pages 10-11.

On the subject of change, it's membership renewal time. Members are asked to do the following:

1. Complete the enclosed 2011 Membership Renewal Form, write a

check and mail them to the Secretary.

2. Complete the enclosed 2011 Ballot. You can either mail it to the Secretary (address on the form), or deliver your completed ballot at the NEBCA Annual meeting in Albany, NY on January 15, 2011.

The rest of this issue ad-

dresses the High Points Top 50, some late trial results and an article on one of New England's first professional shepherds. We conclude with two different insights into our Treasurers (current and nominated) as well as details on the upcoming annual meeting.

Finally, an advertisement can be found for the position of NEBCA News editor. See Page 2 for details.

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.....IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BORDER COLLIE AS A WORKING STOCK DOG THROUGH THE SANCTIONING AND REGULATION OF COMPETITIVE HERDING TRIALS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON TRAINING, HEALTH AND BREEDING.

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NEBCA News seeks new editor!!

NEBCA News is the North East Border Collie Association's quarterly newsletter. You're reading it!

The editor's job is to collect and publish stories (some tall, some short), reports, results and to interview any world-famous handlers who pass through our area.

This is an exciting opportunity involving lots of travel, shouting and whistling. One gets to meet all the movers and shakers in the world of sheepdog trials.

Candidates need only a passing command of English (a whisper of Welsh and a passable Scottish accent are advantages, but not absolutely necessary). It definitely would help to be able to talk dog though. Finger-whistlers should not apply - they're bad for business (keeping advertisers happy is an important part of the job).

A sense of humor, a passing knowledge of Publisher, Adobe and a thick skin help.

Feel free to call the incumbent who is hanging up his keyboard after the March issue.

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Highest of the High Points: 2010 Season High Points are in

Experience, miles and talent...that's what delivered the goods over the past points season.

For the second year in a row, long-distance travelers, Beverly Lambert and Mirk topped the list with a healthy 779 points from 17 trials. Competition in the Milliken household is now keener than ever with Roz and Clive taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Last year Roz came 17th. This year, she gathered her 734 points from 13 trials.

Cheryl Jagger Williams's Spot took 4th spot with Nancy Obernier's two dogs, Nick and Ben performing strongly to come in 5th and 6th. Last year, Ben was 18th and Nick didn't feature in the Top 50.

Another dog on the move, Dick Williams's Lass, jumped from 44th in 2009 to 8th this year. Carol Campion and Floss stayed at 9th but Chris Bowen's Jake made another agile leap from nowhere in 2009 to 10th place this year.



*Beverly Lambert & Mirk - 2010 High Points Winners.
Photographed by Amanda Milliken*

	HANDLER	DOG	HOME TOWN	POINTS	TRIALS
1.	BEVERLY LAMBERT	MIRK	ANDOVER, CT	779	17
2.	AMANDA MILLIKEN	ROZ	KINGSTON, ON	734	13
3.	AMANDA MILLIKEN	CLIVE	KINGSTON, ON	672	15
4.	CHERYL JAGGER WILLIAMS	SPOT	HOP BOTTOM, PA	650	9
5.	NANCY OBERNIER	NICK	COATESVILLE, PA	634	12
6.	NANCY OBERNIER	BEN	COATESVILLE, PA	624	14
7.	AMANDA MILLIKEN	MONTY	KINGSTON, ON	597	12
8.	DICK WILLIAMS	LESS	HOP BOTTOM, PA	584	11
9.	CAROL CAMPION	FLOSS	HAMPTON, CT	531	17
10.	CHRIS BOWEN	JAKE	SWANZEY, NH	531	14
11.	LORI CUNNINGHAM	WILLIAM	MILTON, PA	494	10
12.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT	KEN	CENTER CONWAY, NH	462	16
13.	SUSAN SCHOEN	BROOK	FALMOUTH, MA	460	11
14.	BARBARA ARMATA	JILL	ESPERANCE, NY	460	11
15.	MARY THOMPSON	BEAUTY	DENFIELD, ON	453	10
16.	MARY THOMPSON	COAL	DENFIELD, ON	449	10
17.	GENE SHENINGER	JEN	BOONTON, NJ	441	10
18.	CAROL CAMPION	TAM	HAMPTON, CT	436	12
19.	MARIA MICK	KIT	ALTAMONT, NY	423	10
20.	PETER VANDECAR	KATIE	ALBANY, NY	422	11
21.	STEVE WETMORE	PACE	STRAFFORD, VT	404	15
22.	LORI CUNNINGHAM	MATT	MILTON, PA	403	7
23.	WARREN MICK	DALE	ALTAMONT, NY	401	8
24.	WERNER REITBOECK	TARA	WINCHESTER, ON	393	10
25.	BEVERLY LAMBERT	HEMP	ANDOVER, CT	380	7
26.	STEVE WETMORE	GILE	STRAFFORD, VT	373	13
27.	MARIA AMODEI	SONG	DUNSTABLE, MA	372	11
28.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT	BOB	CENTER CONWAY, NH	369	12
29.	PETER VANDECAR	RUSS	ALBANY, NY	356	10
30.	BARBARA ARMATA	MEG	ESPERANCE, NY	346	12
31.	DAVID YOUNG	BRYN	SAWYERVILLE, QC	326	6
32.	ROBERT DRUMMOND	CUB	HILLSBORO, NH	326	10
33.	MICHELLE BROTHERS	XPSNAP	MIDDLETOWN, NJ	319	7
34.	DAVID SHARP	TOT	PERKASIE, PA	315	5
35.	JOYCE GEIER	JIM	MENDON, NY	293	5
36.	MICHELE FERRARO	MOSS	WASSAIC, NY	283	5
37.	PAM GARDNER	RUSTY	TRAPPE, MD	276	6
38.	MARY THOMPSON	HOLLY	DENFIELD, ON	274	6
39.	JOAN WORTHINGTON	HOPE	MENDHAM, NJ	268	7
40.	BEV LAMBERT	AWEL	ANDOVER, CT	267	5
41.	JOAN WORTHINGTON	SAM	MENDHAM, NJ	264	6
42.	LINDA COMEAU	BET	TORONTO, ON	264	4
43.	LYNN DESCHAMBEAULT	CHIP	DENMARK, ME	261	9
44.	FIONA ROBERTSON	TAP	CANTON-DE-HATLEY, QC	256	8
45.	CHERYL JAGGER-WILLIAMS	TOBY	HOP BOTTOM, PA	255	5
46.	MICHELE FERRARO	NIMBUS	WASSAIC, NY	247	5
47.	SALLY LACY	EVE	FITZWILLIAM, NH	233	5
48.	DAVID SHARP	DOL	PERKASIE, PA	229	4
49.	POLLY MATZINGER	JAMES	BETHESDA, MD	227	5
50.	WARREN MICK	KESS	ALTAMONT, NY	205	4

Trial Reports & Results: Vermont August trials - presented by Steve Wetmore

Vermont Championship SDT, Aug 28 & 29, 2010

Beautiful Vermont summer weather greeted the handlers and dogs for the Vermont Championship. Bernie Armata did an excellent job of judging both days. Many thanks to all the great folks who help each year with setting up the courses, and all the countless logistical jobs that need to be attended to in order to have smooth-running trials. A huge thank you to Bud Ames for once again providing us with his Katahdin sheep for both days, and to Betty Murray who again took on the task of trials secretary.

Quechee, Vt. Aug 28th

This is a fair trial, not a large field, held at the Quechee Scottish Games. Many hundreds of very appreciative spectators come to see the trial every year. This year the shape of the trial field was changed, doing away with the dog leg fetch.

43 dogs to the post

- 1 Barb Armata/Meg
- 2 Carol Campion/Floss
- 3 Peter VandeCar/Katie
- 4 Lynn Deschambeault/Chip
- 5 Maria Amodei/Song
- 6 Stephen Wetmore/Gile
- 7 Roger Deschambeault/Ken
- 8 Roger deschambeault /Bob
- 9 Carol Campion/Tam
- 10 Maria Amodei/Fina

Strafford, Vt. Aug 29th

This trial uses the natural terrain of Stephen Wetmore's farm to give the dogs a real challenge. The sheep are spotted in the sugar-bush, up a hill and across a brook. The dogs must fetch their group across the brook (no bridge!), then drive them across in a different spot (again, no bridge) before driving them up a steep hillside, finishing with a chute & pen.

31 dogs to the post

- 1 Stephen Wetmore/Gile
- 2 Carol Campion/Tam
- 3 Sue Schoen/Peat
- 4 Jan Berger/Moss
- 5 Peter VandeCar/Russ
- 6 Peter VandeCar/Lief
- 7 Stephen Wetmore/Pace
- 8 Maria Amodei/Fina
- 9 Chris Bowen/Jake
- 10 Sally Lacy/Eve

The two-day combined Vermont Champion was Stephen Wetmore's GILE. Gile also won the combined Long Road Award. Barb Armata's MEG was the two-day combined Reserve Champion.

This weekend of trials is also the last leg of the VERMONT TRIPLE CROWN.

This year's champion is Carol Campion's TAM. Stephen Wetmore's GILE is the Reserve Champion.



Betty Murray working hard in the shadow of Steve Wetmore's shirt

Trial Reports & Results: Butternut Farm, October 23-24, 2010

<u>Sat Oct 23</u>			<u>45 DOGS</u>	<u>Sun Oct 24</u>			<u>46 DOGS</u>
1	Mary Thompson	Beauty	96	1	Amanda Milliken	Clive	97
2	Amanda Milliken	Roz	95	2	Bev Lambert	Mirk	96
3	Bev Lambert	Mirk	95	3	Bev Lambert	Nel	96
4	Mary Thompson	Coal	93	4	Sue Schoen	Pete	95
5	Bev Lambert	Nel	92	5	Sally Molloy	Paige	92
6	Amanda Milliken	Monty	89	6	Mary Thompson	Beauty	91
7	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	88	7	Don Whittington	Fionn	91
8	Mary Thompson	Rio	88	8	Werner Reitboeck	Roy	90
9	Sally Molloy	Bett	87	9	Dave Young	Bryn	90
10	Werner Reitboeck	Roy	86	10	Mary Thompson	Coal	89
11	Kim Purich	Jack	85	11	Werner Reitboeck	Tara	88
12	Sally Molloy	Paige	80	12	Kim Purich	Jack	88
13	Cynthia Palmer	Libby	79	13	Viki Kidd	Macy	87
14	Lorna Savage	Tyler	79	14	Amanda Milliken	Monty	86
15	Dave Young	Patch	78	15	John Palmer	Preacher	86
16	Viki Kidd	Merle	76	16	Lorna Savage	Kaylee	85
17	Bruce Smart	Link	74	17	Amanda Milliken	Roz	84
18	Viki Kidd	Macy	74	18	Mich Ferraro	Wink	84
19	Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	72	19	Sally Molloy	Bett	84
20	Sue Schoen	Pete	71	20	Sue Schoen	Esther	84
21	Mich Ferraro	Moss	71	21	Mich Ferraro	Moss	82
22	Mary Thompson	Holly	71	22	Mary Thompson	Holly	82
23	Don Whittington	Fionn	70	23	Maria Amodei	Levi	81
24	Mich Ferraro	Wink	69	24	Sharon Perkins	Roy	80
25	Sue Schoen	Ester	68	25	Don Whittington	Hector	77
26	Heather Nadelman	Kim	68	26	Jim Perkins	Ben	77
27	Don Whittington	Hector	67	27	Dave Young	Patch	77
28	Werner Reitboeck	Tara	65	28	Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	75
29	Jim Perkins	Ben	64	29	Dave Young	Bess	75
30	Kelly Knowlton	Ben	61	30	Cynthia Palmer	Libby	75
31	Carol Guy	Will	61	31	Kelly Knowlton	Ben	72
32	Tara Dier	Spot	59	32	Mary Thompson	Rio	70
33	Dave Young	Bryn	58	33	Lorna Savage	Tyler	69
34	Maria Amodei	Levi	55	34	Heather Nadelman	Kim	61
35	Sharon Perkins	Cash	50	35	Sharon Perkins	Cash	57
36	Janet Fahey	Jock	43	36	Alistair Simpson	Taff	53
37	Maria Amodei	Vesta	RT	37	Tara Dier	Spot	50
38	John Palmer	Preacher	RT	38	Chris Knowlton	Keane	39
39	Chris Knowlton	Keane	RT	39	Bruce Smart	Lucy	RT
40	Alistair Simpson	Tazz	RT	40	Carol Guy	Will	RT
41	Dave Young	Bess	RT	41	Viki Kidd	Merle	RT
42	Bruce Smart	Lucy	DQ	42	Alistair Simpson	Tazz	RT
43	Jim Perkins	Z	DQ	43	Jim Perkins	Z	RT
44	Amanda Milliken	Clive	DQ	44	Janet Fahey	Jock	DQ
45	Sharon Perkins	Roy	DQ	45	Bruce Smart	Link	DQ

Trial Reports & Results: Indian River, ONT, November 6-7, 2010**NN Sat**

1. Kevan Gretton	Jade	66
2. Emanuel Neto	Flex	58
3. John Milloy	Pam	56
4. Kathryn Acres	Swift	55
5. Emanuel Naeto	Roy	52
6. John Milloy	Mabs	49
7. Victoria Lamont	Dizzy	30
8. Chad Marquis	Apex	DQ

PN Sat

Anne Wheatley	Rob	Ret
Kelly Knowlton	Lucas	Ret
Teresa Castonguay	Ros	Ret
1. Amanda Milliken	Dorey	76
2. Tara Dier	Meg	71
3. Dee Woessner	Dibs	64
4. Mary Thompson	Frost	59
5. Cynthia Palmer	Nickie	54
6. Chris Knowlton	Pepper	56
7. Dee Woessner	Ben	54
8. Dee Woessner	Meg	55
9. Janet Fahey	Dod	37

Nursery/Ranch

Lorna Savage	Tyler	Ret
Janet Fahey	Dod	Ret
Dee Woessner	Meg	DQ
1. Amanda Milliken	Dorey	58
2. Mich Ferraro	Wink	49

Open Sat

1. Werner Reitboeck	Tara	89
2. Mary Thompson	Beauty	87
3. Amanda Milliken	Roz	83
4. Amanda Milliken	Monty	82
5. Werner Reitboeck	Roy	82
6. Viki Kidd	Merle	80
7. Dee Woessner	Nel	78
8. Mary Thompson	Coal	77
9. Mary Thompson	Holly	75
10. Kim Purich	Jack	69
11. Amanda Milliken	Clive	69
12. Mary Thompson	Rio	68.5
13. Andrea deKenedy	Nap	64
14. Andrea deKenedy	Glen	63
15. Mike Churcher	Daniel	51
16. Cynthia Palmer	Libby	49
17. Chris Knowlton	Keane	49
18. Kelly Knowlton 1	Ben	40
19. Jim Murphy	Jed	26
Mich Ferraro	Wink	DQ
Bruce Smart	Link	DQ
Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	DQ
Janet Fahey	Jock	DQ
Carol Guy	Will	DQ
Bruce Smart	Lucy	Ret
John Palmer	Preacher	Ret
Tara Dier	Spot	Ret
Viki Kidd	Macy	Ret
Mich Ferraro	Moss	Ret

**"BEHAVE"***By Amanda Milliken*

Trial Reports & Results: Indian River, ONT, November 6-7, 2010 (contd.)**NN Sun**

Kathryn Acres	Swift	DQ
Chad Marquis	Apex	DQ
1. Emanuel Neto	Roy	61
2. John Milloy	Pam	53
3. Emanuel Neto	Flex	48
4. Kevan Gretton	Jade	48
5. Victoria Lamont	Dizzy	41
6. John Milloy	Mabs	3

PN Sun

Teresa Castonguay	Ross	RT
Kevan Gretton	Jade	RT
Anne Wheatley	Rob	RT
Viki Kidd	Clint	RT
Janet Fahey	Dod	DQ
1. Amanda Milliken	Dory	74
2. Mary Thompson	Frost	69
3. Dee Woessner	Dibbs	61
4. Dee Woessner	Meg	61
5. Tara Dier	Meg	57
6. Cynthia Palmer	Nickie	56
7. Chris Knowlton	Pepper	45
8. Kelly Knowlton	Lucas	38

Nursery/Ranch

Dee Woessner	Meg	RT
Lorna Savage	Tyler	DQ
1. Amanda Milliken	Dory	78
2. Janet Fahey	Dod	40
3. Mich Ferraro	Wink	36
4. Mary Thompson	Frost (RANCH)	46

Open Sunday

1. Mary Thompson	Holly	89
2. Mich Ferraro	Moss	82
3. W. Reitboeck	Roy	80
4. Mary Thompson	Coal	77
5. Amanda Milliken	Monty	77
6. W. Reitboeck	Tara	75
7. A. de Kenedy	Nap	74
8. Dee Woessner	Nel	68
9. Mary Thompson	Beauty	63
10. John Palmer	Preacher	63
11. Carol Guy	Will	59
12. A. de Kenedy	Glen	58
13. Cynthia Palmer	Libby	46
14. Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	46
Amanda Milliken	Roz	
Tara Dier	Spot	DQ
Mich Ferraro	Wink	DQ
Kelly Knowlton	Ben	DQ
Jim Murphy	Jed	DQ
Mary Thompson	Rio	DQ
Bruce Smart	Link	DQ
Kim Purich	Jack	DQ
Janet Fahey	Jock	DQ
Chris Knowlton	Keane	RT
Viki Kidd	Merle	RT
Bruce Smart	Lucy	RT
Viki Kidd	Macy	RT
Amanda Milliken	Clive	

Trial Reports & Results: Long Shot Farm, MD, Nov 6-7, 2010 & Shuttleworth Fashion Show

Pro Novice 1 (14 dogs)

1. Chris Bowen / Sam	76
2. Sally Gleib / Lena	75
3. Janet Harvey / Tony	67
4. Fran Sharon / Liz	61
5. Anne Devine / Rob	60

Pro Novice 2 (11 dogs)

1. Nancy O. Sharp/Mercury	76
2. Sally Gleib / Lena	73
3. Molly King / Allie	67
4. Anne Devine / Rob	65
5. Fran Sharon / Maid	59

Ranch 1 (19 dogs)

1. Jeanine van der Merwe/Sam	81
2. Pam Gardner / Meg	70
3. Sherry Sheldon / Chick	73
4. Sherry Smith / Queen	70
5. Gwen LeFever / Mirk	70

Ranch 2 (23 dogs)

1. Pam Gardner / Meg	77
2. Chris Bowen / Sam	77
3. Sally Gleib / Sid	75
4. Gene Sheninger / Nick	75
5. Gene Sheninger / Cap	70

Open 1 (47 dogs)

1. Polly Matzinger / Lily	91
2. Chris Bowen / Jake	89
3. Pam Gardner / Rusty	84
4. Jeanine van der Merwe/Jade	84
5. Michelle Brothers / Snap	83
6. Doug Brewer / Taff	83
7. Barb Levinson / Ryn	81
8. Nancy Obernier / Jill	80
9. Linda Tesdahl / Ryan	79
10. Lori Cunningham / Matt	78

Open 2 (40 dogs)

1. Polly Matzinger / Lily	93
2. Jeanine van der Merwe/Pete	86
3. Doug Brewer / Taff	84
4. Dave Sharp / Tot	83
5. Barb Levinson / Gin	83
6. Nancy Obernier / Nick	80
7. Pam Gardner / Rusty	78
8. Dave Fetterman / Jared	78
9. Polly Matzinger / James	77
10. Jeanine van der Merwe/Jade	76



Superman wasn't the only one to wear his underwear on the outside of his tights. Soil & Sediments expert and NEBCA President for a few more weeks, Denise Leonard, went to the post in this natty shepherding attire at Shuttleworth last summer.



All photographs by NEBCA fashion photographer, Amanda Milliken

Pioneering Scottish shepherd in New England by Joe Evans

At the turn of the last century, The New England Farm Stock Company established itself in Greenfield, Mass - seemingly a cooperative of investors and farmers.

Organized by the Greenfield Board of Trade, the company owned 7,000 sheep, mostly Rambouillets. The ewes were shipped from the West as were some of the rams that were crossed with others imported from Scotland. These sheep *"were placed on shares with farmers in western Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire."* The company made the initial capital investment, the farmers received *"their share of the wool and increase for caring for the flocks."*

The American sheep industry watched this experiment with interest. One of the principle challenges was to prevent losses to packs of uncontrolled dogs that terrorized the sheep-farming communities in New England at the time.

Massachusetts law determined that farmers should be compensated by the counties for sheep killed by roving dogs out of funds generated from the dog license fees. The problem lay in the farmers' lack of success in collecting their compensation as claims were subject to investigation that were mostly inconclusive.

The New England Farm Stock company believed they could solve this problem by importing a professional shepherd and his highly trained sheepdogs. (It was a commonly held misconception that Border collies could act as guard dogs as well as herders.)

The man they chose was William Millar from the village of Eagle in Renfrewshire just south of Glasgow in Scotland. In 1906, Bill Millar with two of his Border collies and a beardie emigrated to the Leyden hills of Western Massachusetts between Bernardston and Greenfield.

Like his father and grand-father before him, Mr. Millar was born a shepherd. Whistling and commanding collie dogs was integral to the Millars work. Millar's brother, Alexander was the International Supreme Champion in 1925 as well as the Scottish National a number of times.

Millar's arrival was keenly anticipated. His expertise was to support the effort to bring prosperity to the blighted hill town sections of the region.

Whether he succeeded in that is not clear. However, Bill Millar became something of a local celebrity in the agricultural community. His leading sheepdog was Pate (renamed Pete over here), a talented two year old dog worth \$60. His bitch Fleet was valued at \$50. He also worked with his bearded collie, Bruce.

Millar was dismissive of local sheepdogs. He felt they were *"practically good for nothing for caring for sheep."* In his opinion, some were only good *"as pets. You have to have the right breed and the right training in order get the right kind of shepherd dog."*

His ability to work with his dogs, Pete in particular, attracted much attention. He was featured in a lengthy article in The Boston Globe in 1906.

It didn't take Millar long to establish himself on the nascent sheepdog trialing circuit either. At the 1907 Vermont State Fair he beat Walter Burns, a stockyard worker who had dominated trials and exhibitions in both eastern Canada and New England. Millar's arrival heralded a greater concentration on breeding and training Border collies for the tasks of shepherding and trialing.

Millar stayed in New England for seven years before moving to Idaho as a shepherd and a "fitter." In those days, fitters were the superstars of the sheep world, their primary task being to prepare rams for shows and auctions. Their activities often set high prices for their charges - a Rambouillet ram fitted by Millar fetched a record \$6,200 at a Salt Lake City auction in 1918.

Millar lived a long life training, working and selling sheepdogs right up to the 1950s. No doubt his legacy can still be felt here in the northeast.

Acknowledgments: Penny Tose, Mr. & Mrs. Bert William "Bill" Sorensen family papers, *The Boston Daily Globe*, July 8, 1906 (quotations in italics).

NEBCA 2011 Election ballot

The following candidates have been nominated for the vacant positions on the NEBCA executive committee.

President: Carol Campion

Vice President: George Northrup

Secretary: Maria Mick

Treasurer: Ellen R. Black

In addition, two of the four Board positions are to be filled. Board positions are for two-year terms with two directors' terms expiring every other year. See www.nebca.net members only area for candidates' submissions.

All members are encouraged to vote for the candidates of their choice. See pictures of candidates opposite.

Voting Information

Complete and mail or deliver the enclosed loose-leaf sheet entitled **NEBCA 2011 Election Ballot**.

Mailed ballots must be received by January 5, 2011 at address below.

Ballots may also be given to the Secretary at the NEBCA Annual Meeting up to the start of the meeting scheduled for January 15, 2011. The meeting will take place at: Upper Hudson Library System, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206 (see Page 14 for directions)

No blank ballots will be available at the annual meeting. Anyone wanting to deliver their ballot by hand must bring the original included with this newsletter

Write-ins must be NEBCA members and have agreed to be candidates

Farm/Family memberships are allowed to submit two ballots (one per family member to a maximum of two)

Mail ballots to the **NEBCA Secretary, Maria Mick, 750 Meadowdale Rd, Altamont NY, 12009**. You can send the ballot either together with your membership renewal or separately.

NEBCA 2011 Election ballot facebook

Dave Sharp



Ellen R. Black



Maria Mick



George Northrup



Betty Levin



Carol Campion



Jim Allen



Sherry Smith



Patricia Kallen



Dave Young (incumbent)



Photographs by Amanda Milliken except Ellen R. Black (Wendy Warner), Betty Levin, Dave Sharp & Sherry Smith (Carol Campion)

Everything under control here.....by Maria Amodei

Last summer my sheep were grazing on the Dunstable town field surrounding the "little red schoolhouse." On the edge of this land is the town pound, a small pen with 5 foot high stone walls and a narrow gate. This is where loose animals were put in colonial times to await retrieval by their owners. The pound fills with brush and poison ivy, so each year I put my sheep in for a day to clean it out.

On the designated day I got up there at 7AM, made a small pen with temporary net fence so I could catch Boogaloo, the llama. This llama is not very trusting of people and quite difficult to catch. It takes patience and a small pen. Once I had caught him I put him in my trailer, then took the sheep out of the fencing and called the police to stop traffic.

The gate to the pound is two feet from Route 113 - a very busy road - so I need traffic stopped to move the animals in and out. Once the police had brought traffic to a halt, I moved the sheep into the pound, then brought the llama in as well. It all went as smooth as silk.

After a couple hours mowing, moving the temporary fence, and setting up the next grazing area for the sheep, I checked the progress of the sheep in the pound. Not good.

They really were not eating down the brush quickly. I decided to add my yearlings, who were pastured a couple miles away. I picked them up by trailer and brought them to the pound around noon. My dog, Song moved them in neatly despite three new sheep being a bit wild and not sticking with the flock. Again, the police stopped traffic so I could move the stock on the road safely.

I went to get the sheep out in the evening. My plan was to wait till the police arrived, then catch the llama and lead him out while Song brought the sheep. I had left Boogaloo's halter on which makes him easier to catch. Hah! At moments like this you realize that this is not simply a llama, he's a f#\$%*ing llama! I was not going to spend 20 minutes trying to clip a rope on the llama while the policeman was waiting. I decided the brute would follow the sheep anyway, so I gave up on catching him and sent Song in to bring the sheep out. I backed into the road, ready to lead the sheep to their next graze. There were quite a few animals in the pound, and the gate is very narrow with a drop to the road. It took a bit for Song to get them all out. While she was pushing them out, the front sheep were

through the gate and turning up the road in the wrong direction. There was not much I could do with the dog still behind twenty or so sheep in the high walled pen. By the time Song emerged from the pen after the last sheep, the front sheep were high-tailing it up the middle of the road for the next town. The llama was running with them. They veered into a retail yard for a business that sells stone, weaving in and out of the pallets and piles of rocks. They were putting on quite a show for the line of stopped traffic.

As soon as Song got out of the pound I sent her fast for the breaking sheep. The ewes and lambs had spread about in the stone yard, and it took some work to get them back out. The sheep were darting this way and that and Song was rather enjoying herself working too close and too fast, which was not helping. I got her settled

and she quickly had the group back together marching in my direction. The f#\$%*ing llama was nowhere to be seen. I calmly commanded my dog as she brought the sheep back along Route 113 towards the opening to the school house, pretending I had a plan. My mind was racing. No llama, no llama, no llama... This is a llama I can barely catch in a small pen - no way could I catch him loose. If he didn't show up I'd need

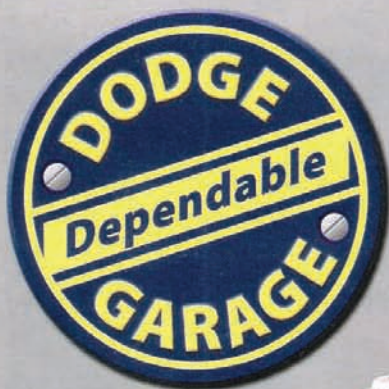


*Boogaloo, the f#\$%*ing llama*

to bring the sheep back up the road to try to get him to join his flock. Cars were already backed up quite a ways in the short time since the policeman stopped traffic.

Just as the last couple sheep turned into the school house drive, the llama came racing out from behind the wall of the stone yard. He was looking about wildly for his sheep, whimpering and humming as upset llamas do. Fortunately, he saw the last couple woolly butts disappear into the school house drive. He galloped down Route 113 after his sheep, skidding on the pavement as he turned into the drive right in front of the cruiser. If my llama runs into a police cruiser do I have to pay for the damage, I wondered?

Fortunately the llama decided that the minute or so his sheep were out of sight was more than enough separation. He stuck right with the flock as I moved them into their waiting paddock. Once everything was under control I did admit to the officer that the process had been a bit more exciting than I had planned!



Factory Fresh

by Bill Black

1946
PICKUP



Ellen sits behind the wheel of her restored 1946 Dodge.

THIS 1946 DODGE half-ton pickup belongs to my wife Ellen Rusconi-Black. It's similar to Pat's 1947 Dodge WD, except that we spent 7½ years on the restoration.

Every nut and bolt was taken off and restored or replaced. Although our Dodge has completely new wiring, I kept the 6-volt system. I even run it on Firestone bias-ply tires. It took me five years to locate

a rear bumper with correct brackets (rear bumpers were options back then).

The pickup looks just like it did when it came from the factory, even the wood bed of the truck is painted black. It has only two modern upgrades. One is the driver's side windshield wiper that is now electric instead of vacuum. Although it rained off and on at the first show we took it to, we don't intend to drive it in the

rain anymore. I got sick of wiping it down after each shower.

The other upgrade was to install lap belts for the driver and passenger. I know most people like to keep trucks original, but I wouldn't drive a vehicle without first fastening my seat belt. After I park at a show, I can tuck the belts behind the bench seat so they don't detract from the restored view of the inside of the truck. 🚚



Resplendent under a flowering tree, the vintage Dodge truck seems not so old.

Tyne, a happy border collie seems to enjoy the old-fashioned front and side air conditioning.



The NEBCA 2011 Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 10am. (Snow date Saturday, January 22nd).

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 attend and wants to give their proxy vote to someone else who can, must do so ahead of time by notifying the Secretary, Maria Mick. A signed e-mail notification to both the proxy and the Secretary 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 2011 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 or call 413-773-5232 with items they wish placed on the agenda

Directions

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).

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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)

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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 italicized in "From the North" from 4th line down

You can park on the left side and in front of the building. Enter through the left side-door. It will be marked with a NEBCA sign. Walk straight ahead into the 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.

Announcements

Membership Renewal

2011 NEBCA dues are due by December 31, 2010

Dues must be paid before a member can earn points towards any 2011 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.

2011 NEBCA dues are still \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a farm family membership. See the loose-leaf sheet enclosed for renewal form and instructions.

Shuttleworth Farm Trial

I am in search of a trial manager to run the 2011 trial at Todd and Kelly's farm in Vermont. The several 160 mile round trips to their place took its toll on us, not to mention dealing with border guards. The Shuttleworths have agreed to this search and are eager to have us all back. Please contact me for more info.

Thanks,

Dave Young

819-889-3276

dyoung@ubishops.ca

The CT Sheep & Wool Festival will be held on April 30, 2011.

The CT Sheepdog Trial runs that Saturday and Sunday. We need a trial chair person for the event to take place. This year my step-daughter's wedding is April 30 in Rochester, NY so I am not able to chair the trial. I can advise/coach but will not be able to attend. If anyone is willing to step up to the task please let me know and we can start the process as there are significant dates on the timeline that need to occur, i.e. sheep arrangements, purchasing insurance well in advance, etc. Lots of folks, wonderful volunteers help the trial come together and run. Ellen Black, dragonflyfarm@att.net

Preston Davenport was a NEBCA member. He died in the early 1980s, and there is a tribute to him in one of the early newsletters. If you know anything about surviving family members, please, email or call Penny Tose. pwtose@hughes.net or 601-795-2080.

2010 National Finals Souvenir Programs

This collector's item includes historic research into sheep-dog trialing in North America, pedigrees of all the competing dogs, a pictorial essay by Maureen Robinson and a record of all past winners of the competition (both Open and Nursery)

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Call Joe Evans on 845-278-0472

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Announcement To All Trial Managers

**From Herbert Holmes,
Chairman, USBCHA**

Be aware of a new USBCHA rule for trial hosts. Your trial with contact info must be listed on the USBCHA website 30 days before entries OPEN. That means get your stuff to Francis asap.

Thanks,

Herbert



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Border Collie Stud Services:

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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.

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