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## One man and no dog....a Welsh farmer, Will “Cwm cynwal” moving his rams

The NEBCA Executive Committee changed its make-up in the new year.

After years of sterling service, Denise Leonard, Barb Armata and Maria Amodei left the posts of president, vice-president and treasurer (respectively). They have been replaced by Carol Campion (president), George Northrop (vice president) and Ellen Rusconi Black (treasurer).

Moreover, our long-serving Chairman, Warren Mick has hung up his ceremonial crook.

Dave Young takes his place with Dave Sharp joining him on the Board.

To complete the picture, this will be my last issue of NEBCA News. Jim Allen has graciously agreed to take on the position with copy and editorial content to be provided by committee heads and their fellow committee members.

So, to this issue. Firstly, Carol Campion gives her views on the club's past, present and future. Carol has been a member for over 25

years, so her words carry weight.

A slew of top handlers including Aled Owen (Wales), Scott Glen (Caada), Kathy Knox, (US) and Frank Cashen (Ireland) are coming to our area this year to give lessons and clinics.

The changing of the NEBCA guard took place at the annual meeting in Albany. Continuity is provided by Maria Mick who remains as Secretary. Her minutes are included along with the 2011 financials.

The 2011 trial schedule is laid out on the center pages.

For the issue's main feature, I couldn't resist describing two Welsh hill farms and their hundred year old sheepdog trial.

Regarding trial etiquette, Barb Armata gives some friendly advice on what to do and what not to do at trials.

So much to read. So much to absorb.

Thanks for your patience. ■

**Joe Evans, Editor (retired)**

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## An interview with Carol Campion, recently elected president of NEBCA by Joe Evans

**After her election as NEBCA president** in January, Carol agreed to sit down for an interview to discuss her views on Border collies, NEBCA and her aspirations for the future of the club and the breed.

*How long have you been a member of NEBCA?*

"Since the mid 80s."

*Who were the more memorable figures in your time with the club?*

"Most memorable was probably the late Edgar Gould. He was a colorful individual—a farmer as well as an importer and trainer of Border collies. He was importing Border collies from the UK for many years and it was at his farm I entered my first dog trial.

I took some time to look into the newsletter archive to remind myself of when I became a member. It's a very rewarding opportunity to see many of the individuals that have impacted NEBCA over the years—many of whom are still trialing and active within the organization. It's well worth reading them."

*Describe the jobs you've done for NEBCA over the years?*

"I've been on the Novice Trials committee. During my term we were responsible for changing the novice points system and setting up many of the guidelines that we still adhere to today. I've been Newsletter editor and Open trials Chair. The most difficult of these tasks, I'd say was Newsletter editor!"

*How many sheepdog trials have you managed over the years?*

"My first trial was at Bittersweet Farm long before Larry and I purchased it. That was in 1990. Roger Deschambeault won it and Bruce Fogt judged it. Until a few years ago, I've hosted or managed at least two or three dog trials per year including the last Purina Points trial and banquet. In recent years, we've dropped back on the number of sheep we keep on our farm, so trials

are no longer as easy to host here."

*When did you get your first Border collie? Who was it? What drew you to the breed?*

"Our first Border collie was from Edgar Gould in 1985. Her name was Ky. She was from imported stock. We kept a flock of wool sheep - Romneys - back in the early 80s. We would attend sheep & wool festivals. I'd market wool and Larry would watch the trials. I didn't know what the Border collies were in the beginning. But one year, my daughter and I decided to get Larry a pup for Christmas. That was it!"



*Can you give us a glimpse into your career as a graphic designer? For whom did you work and when? How did you get started and what was your training?*

"I was the Art Director for a company in CT that created and sold children's arts & crafts kits. It was a mail order company and I designed their catalogs. When I quit full time work, after we bought Bittersweet, I worked free-lance for a number of years. Once my sheep and dog work got busy enough, I stopped

doing the graphic work except for designing articles for the Border collie world—tee shirts for the Finals, etc."

*You're from the Hartford area, aren't you?*

"From the greater Hartford area. Grew up in Newington CT—a suburb of Hartford."

*At the Annual meeting you made a plea to bring back some forgotten guidelines and etiquette at sheepdog trials. What were these and why do you think they're important?*

"The club has grown and there are always many new members entering the trialing world. So many handlers have been in this club and know the guidelines and history that they get taken for granted. The newcomers don't know of many of these - they don't know they exist. I think it's always a valuable thing to have a refresher of those guidelines and ideals that NEBCA took years to develop and maintain



## An interview with Carol Campion (contd.)

and help bring the newer handlers up to date on some of these issues."

*Would you describe your current job as a dog trainer or a farmer, or both?*

"I'm dog trainer/shepherd - both. I couldn't be one without the other."

*What are the principal challenges facing NEBCA?*

"I think the principal challenge NEBCA has in promoting the Border collie as a working stock dog is the dwindling numbers of sheep to hold a decent trial with. The club itself is on good financial footing and aside from occasional tweaking of guidelines for clarification purposes, it can run along pretty well as it is. There are and have been great volunteers

who understand the workings of the organization and have kept it on course.

But the lower number of sheep in the northeast certainly affects our trials. NEBCA wants to remain an organization that promotes a working dog, so it's very important to find decent sized flocks of sheep for the NEBCA sponsored trials - the Fall Foliage and the Novice Finals."

*Do we need to expand our membership, or are we comfortable with our size as it stands?*

"I would think it's always valuable to expand the membership if possible - but we need to make sure we have something to offer newcomers if they are not trialists. That's where our newsletter and our lending library come into play."

*The four seasons at Carol's Bittersweet Farm in Hampton, CT*



*Carol making hay while the sun shines....*



*What aspirations do you have for Border collies and for our club?*

"My goals for the club are pretty much along the lines of what we have already spoken. Many years—generations—have gone into creating the club that we now have. NEBCA has been at the forefront of many national

Border collie issues. We were one of the first organizations to structure a novice class system. We were at the forefront of health and breeding issues. My goal is to help NEBCA stay true to its mission of promoting the Border collie as a working stock dog while encouraging new handlers and supporting the current handlers and breeders."

*Anything else you would like to add?*

"A big thank you needs to go out to all those who have helped create and maintain this organization. If you go into the archives and read the old newsletters, you'll see many names still active in the club today - Denise Leonard, Barbara Leverett, Steve Wetmore, Beverly Lambert, Betty Levin, Roger & Lynn Deschambeault, Becky Peterson and Cheryl Jagger Williams. I'm sure I'm missing some of the early members, but the point is these folks have all served time and again and offer a continuity to the club. They, along with all the others over the years - the committee members and the board members - are all volunteers. The jobs they do are filled by members that have been and still are committed to the Border collie as a working breed and to keeping the mission of NEBCA alive.

We owe them a great deal of gratitude. ■"

## Announcements - Clinics & lessons

### ALED OWEN

Bittersweet Farm, Hampton, CT

May 30 to June 7, 2011

Lessons: Tuesday, May 31

Advanced clinic: June 1 & 2

Lessons: June 3

Training clinic: June 4 & 5

Lessons: June 6

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### SCOTT GLEN

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Quakertown, PA

July 15-17, 2011

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If the clinic has not filled, then we will accept multiple spots per handler. If you want to hold a spot in case one opens up, send a separate check.

To reserve a spot, send in registration and check. First come, first served, no verbal reservations. Checks will not be cashed until April 1, at which time there are no refunds unless we can fill your spot.

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**NEBCA Annual Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2011, Albany, NY****Meeting Called to order at 10:12 AM****Members present 37 (including 8 proxies)**

Approval of past minutes: Motion Betty Levin, seconded by Ellen Black. Passed.

**Committee Reports:****Secretary's report – given by Maria Mick**

As of January 13, 2011, there were 212 members including 45 family memberships and 5 Life memberships. For comparison purposes there were 188 members at the last annual meeting and 268 members at the last summer meeting in Coopers-town.

Report accepted.

**Treasurer's report – given by Maria Amodei**

Financial summary for 2010 - no Fall Foliage, got back \$5K from the USBCHA finals, sales of online calendars picking up, bought Quicken software program, bought no new fund-raising items. Memberships are biggest source of income. Balance as of 12/31/10 is \$22,590.57. Maria suggests that the club end each year with \$20K in the treasury and consider worthwhile expenditures to support the mission of the club when the treasury grows beyond that amount.

Report accepted.

Budget for 2011 – approved as each committee reports.

**Election Committee – given by Rose Redick**

The results were as follows:

Executive: President. Carol Campion  
Vice President. George Northrop  
Treasurer. Ellen Rusconi-Black  
Secretary. Maria Mick

Board of Directors: Dave Sharp was elected and Dave Young was re-elected.

Rose motioned that a committee be formed to generate a written policy for the nominating and election process. The motion was made that the committee could be comprised of prior election/nominating committee members. Warren amended the motion to say the committee would be appointed by the executive committee.

Motion approved.

**Board of Directors – given by Warren Mick**

It was a quiet year with no major issues or initiatives. A guideline for trial managers is still planned but remains unfinished. It was suggested that Nancy Phillips has an existing document that could be utilized for this purpose. Barbara Leverett offered to help and gather input from others as well.

**Open Trials Committee– given by Barbara Leverett**

The question of how trial running orders should be drawn came up during the year. The committee recommends following USBCHA guidelines. The USBCHA will accept points from trials with running orders that did not necessarily follow their guidelines.

The committee is still looking into sites for Fall Foliage. Andrea DeKenedy offered a site in Ontario. Maria Amodei has a potential site outside of Morristown, NJ. The owner is open to shipping non-dog broke sheep to other locations, too. Another flock of sheep has been located by Barbara L that could be shipped to the Cooperstown field.

New business – USBHCA now allows people with 3 dogs to gain points for finals. Barbara mentioned that the suggestion has been made that 3 dogs be able to gain points in NEBCA trials, too. If we do it, it would be consistent with USBCHA. Against the idea – some top handlers would consistently have 3 dogs to run and to have their dogs earn points all the time. This issue concerns the points not the placing or prizes. Committee will be open to discussion.

Barbara suggested that NEBCA consider purchase of a portable handling system that could be transported to various NEBCA trials. She motioned that a small committee be formed to investigate and present options at the next meeting.

Motion approved.

Barbara asked whether the Fall Foliage budget should be increased. Emily Yazwinski motioned that the budget be increased by \$500 over the existing \$1600.

Motion passed.

Report accepted.

**Novice Trials Committee– given by Joyce Westcott**

The Novice Finals were a success with each dog having 3 runs.

The committee has 3 changes to rules. Refer to the NEBCA website for changes. However, a general discussion of the changes is included here:

A dog that has run in Open cannot run in PN at the novice finals.

The second change concerns one dog run by multiple handlers – The dog may be run by more than one handler in one class. If one handler moves the dog up then all handlers run the dog in the same class. If the dog earns a total of 30 points, then the dog must move up to the next class. The points are earned by the dog, not the handler(s).

All three novice classes need to be offered at a trial for it to be NEBCA sanctioned. This is part of trial guidelines and not a bylaw. A waiver currently exists to still sanction trials even though not all three classes are offered. The committee decided to continue the waiver.

These changes need to be published in the newsletter and on the website and be effective immediately.

Report accepted.

## NEBCA Annual Meeting Minutes (contd.)

### Fund-Raising Committee – given by Ellen Rusconi Black

Inventory: 12 visors, 7 hats, 16 short sleeve t-shirts, 39 long sleeve t-shirts and 28 sweatshirts. Need to advertise on website but to do that we need a way to keep the inventory current and get the PayPal payment method operable. Barb Armata motioned to allocate \$1600 for fund-raising to be used as needed.

Motion passed.

### Calendar Committee – given by George Northrop

The calendar made a profit. Four hundred 2011 calendars were ordered (430 were printed) about 340 have been sold, 30 awaiting payment. George motioned to allocate \$3,000 for the 2012 calendars. Motion passed. The committee will take picture submissions for calendar until early February.

### Newsletter Report – given by Joe Evans

Electronically viewed newsletters help save funds. About 27% of members opt to view the newsletters online.

A motion by Joe to allocate \$3,000 for newsletters for 2011 was passed.

Issue – Requests that trial managers send results to website so that newsletter editor could access easily for printing. Joe would also like to have results archived afterwards. Perhaps we could coordinate with Heather Millen who receives data from trial managers for High Points and novice points. Maria A. has volunteered to look into this issue and how to improve distribution and archiving of results. Joe motioned that we explore the idea of trial results be recorded and possibly archived on the website in some way.

Seconded and passed.

Also – any letters, etc. that go to the executive committee also include the newsletter editor since the editor is an executive committee member.

Discussion came up about providing stipends or compensation for officers and committee members for time spent performing duties. Discussion followed as to compensation for purchases made to per-

form jobs (postage, software, etc.). More discussion followed as to how to decrease the work required, especially for the newsletter editor. A possible solution would be to keep all trial results published on the website and limit the newsletter to only news. By-laws state that newsletter comes out 4 times/year. More discussion needs to follow especially since we are recruiting a new editor.

Editor's report approved.

### Library Report – given by Martha Walke

Numbers of borrowers decreased in 2010. The club purchased several DVDs and some books. We would like to have some of the videos put on DVD. Martha motioned to allocate \$300 to be budgeted for 2011. Motion passed. The list of holdings on the website needs to be updated.

### Presentation of Awards

The Vermont Triple Crown was won by Carol Campion and Tam. A jacket was presented to Carol.

The outgoing executive and board members Denise Leonard, Barb Armata, Maria Amodei, Chris Bowen, Bud Ames, Joyce Westcott, Warren Mick and Joe Evans were all thanked for their service and presented with key chains.

### New Business

The Open Trials committee members are Barbara Leverett (co-chair), Maria Amodei (co-chair), Michelle Brothers, Rob Drummond and Fiona Robertson.

The Novice Trials committee members are Kate Collins (chair), Jackie Evans, Annie Palmer, and Eileen Wilentz.

Wally Dury and Warren Mick have been named to be on committee to look into the possibility of purchasing club-owned handling equipment to be used at trials.

The suggestion was made that there be judging clinics this year to help both handlers and judges.

Thanks to Rose Redick for her efforts in promoting the learning trials in 2010. The mentoring approach that was used at the High Point Trial was very well received. There is money provided for learning trials that is underutilized.

A motion to allocate \$500 for learning trials program for 2011 was made and passed.

Several items related to etiquette and good practices at trials were discussed (dogs on the field before they compete, judges need to be protected from distractions while working etc.). It was suggested that an article covering these issues be included in the newsletter.

A suggestion was made that the purchase of T-shirts and hats be included on the membership and renewal form.

The club needs someone to take over the fund-raising committee. Anne Devine will continue to be in charge of mailing items. Ellen Rusconi-Black will pursue new artwork for this year.

The question as to whether paid life memberships should be offered was brought up. The sentiment was that NEBCA was too small and it would not be financially beneficial to the club.

### Announcements

Kate Collins has new NEBCA brochures.

Peter VandeCar said the High Points Farm trial is on this year but will offer only novice classes. ■

### Meeting Dates for 2011 – Cumington, MA and Cooperstown, NY

### Adjournment at 3:45PM



## NEBCA 2011 Financials

### NEBCA Operating Budget for 2011/Actuals 2010

Item	2011 Plan			2010 Actual			2010 Plan			2009 Actual		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Membership	\$5,500		\$5,500	\$5,890		\$5,890	\$5,500		\$5,500	\$6,030		\$6,030
Advertising (brdrs list, ads)	\$400		\$400	\$416	\$295	\$121	\$500		\$500	\$595	\$460	\$135
Library	\$100	\$300	(\$200)	\$199	\$434	(\$235)	\$100	\$360	(\$260)	\$217	\$183	\$34
Fence Rental	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$0		\$0	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$30		\$30
Bank Charges/Interest/PayPal	\$100	\$200	(\$100)	\$74	\$153	(\$79)	\$100	\$150	(\$50)	\$134	\$116	\$18
Office Exp/Admin/Postage		\$350	(\$350)		\$605	(\$605)			\$350	(\$350)		(\$350)
Awards		\$250	(\$250)		\$128	(\$128)		\$250	(\$250)		\$29	(\$29)
Insurance		\$750	(\$750)		\$705	(\$705)		\$700	(\$700)		\$605	(\$605)
Misc		\$200	(\$200)		\$50	(\$50)		\$200	(\$200)		\$0	\$0
Newsletter		\$3,000	(\$3,000)		\$2,371	(\$2,371)		\$3,000	(\$3,000)		\$3,450	(\$3,450)
Fall Foliage Trial	\$1,400	\$3,500	(\$2,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	\$2,800	(\$1,600)	\$3,016	\$4,385	(\$1,369)
Novice Trial	\$1,400	\$3,000	(\$1,600)	\$2,560	\$2,393	\$167	\$1,400	\$3,000	(\$1,600)	\$1,320	\$2,161	(\$841)
Novice Trial/Training Days		\$500	(\$500)		\$102	(\$102)		\$500	(\$500)		\$123	(\$123)
National Finals			\$0		(\$5,000)	\$5,000			\$0		\$5,000	(\$5,000)
Calendar	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$4,150	\$2,741	\$1,409	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,577	\$2,722	\$855
Fund Raising	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$400	\$2,103	(\$520)	\$2,123	\$3,000	\$800	\$2,200	\$3,286	\$3,660	(\$374)
Total:	\$14,000	\$16,700	(\$2,700)	\$15,392	\$4,956	\$10,436	\$14,900	\$15,160	(\$260)	\$18,205	\$23,245	(\$5,040)

### 2010 Treasurer's Report

Account balances on 12/31/2010 totaled \$22,590.57

We received \$5,000 from the 2010 National Sheepdog Finals in VA and did not hold the Fall Foliage this year. High Administrative included reprinting brochures for \$340, and \$110 for Quicken for the new treasurer. High calendar sales, many online. Not very high novelty sales but we purchased no inventory this year so quite profitable on a calendar basis.

### NEBCA Cash Flow 1/1/2010- 12/31/2010

#### INFLOWS

Advertisements	156.00	1.01%
Breeders Directory	280.00	1.89%
Calendar Sales		
2010 Calendar	1,336.00	8.68%
2011 Calendar	2,814.00	18.28%
TOTAL Calendar Sales	4,150.00	26.96%
Fence Rental	0.00	0.00%
Interest Inc	73.84	0.48%
Library Income		
Fees	88.00	0.57%
Other Library Income	111.00	0.72%
TOTAL Library Income	199.00	1.29%
Membership Dues		
Family		
2010	1,175.00	7.63%
2011	500.00	3.25%
TOTAL Family	1,675.00	10.88%
Individual		
2010	3,125.00	20.30%
2011	1,090.00	7.08%
TOTAL Individual	4,215.00	27.38%
TOTAL Membership Dues	5,890.00	38.27%
Novelty Sales	2,103.00	13.68%
Trial Income		
2010 Fall Foliage	0.00	0.00%
2010 Novice Finals	2,560.00	16.63%
TOTAL Trial Income	2,560.00	16.63%
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>15,391.84</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### OUTFLOWS

Administrative	593.39	11.97%
Ads	295.00	5.95%
Awards	127.75	2.58%
Bank Charge	17.00	0.34%
Calendar Expense		
2010 Calendar	111.80	2.25%
2011 Calendar	2,629.89	53.08%
TOTAL Calendar Expense	2,741.29	55.31%
Insurance	705.00	14.23%
Library		
Books And Videos Purchase	361.00	7.28%
Library Administration	72.58	72.58%
TOTAL Library	433.58	8.75%
Misc	50.00	1.01%
Newsletter		
Postage	1,158.57	23.38%
Printing	1,119.83	22.60%
Supplies	92.17	1.86%
TOTAL Newsletter	2,370.57	47.83%
Novelties - Cost of Goods	-20.00	-0.40%
PayPal Transaction Fee	135.66	2.74%
Postage and Delivery	11.96	0.24%
Trial Expense		
2010 Novice Finals		
Awards	252.26	5.09%
Dinner	244.88	4.94%
Facilities	0.00	0.00%
Food	95.11	1.92%
Judge	600.00	12.11%
Misc	200.36	4.04%
Pen	400.00	8.07%
Sheep	600.00	12.11%
TOTAL 2010 Novice Finals	2,392.61	48.28%
Learning Trials	102.00	2.06%
2010 National Finals	-5,000.00	-100.89%
TOTAL Trial Expense	-2,505.39	50.55%
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>4,955.81</b>	<b>100%</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 10,436.03**

### NEBCA FASHION ITEMS

Check the "sale" items page of our website, <http://www.nebca.net/merchandise.html> to see our new 2011 hats and shirts available for order online and at select upcoming trials. New hat colors are Grape, Light Royal and Avocado.



## Changes to Guidelines for NEBCA Novice Trials

The **NEBCA Novice Trial Committee** has made the following changes to the North East Border Collie Association's Guidelines for NEBCA Novice Trials. These changes can be found under the subsection, "General Novice Trial Guidelines."

**11- If a dog is run by multiple handlers then the following apply:**

- 1- The dog may be run by more than one person in one novice class.**
- 2- If one handler moves the dog up a class, the other handlers have to run the dog in the higher class.**
- 3- All points earned by the dog in any one class stay with the dog. Points will be assigned to either the owner of the dog or the primary handler of the dog.**
- 4- Upon accumulating 30 points, the dog will point out of that class.**
- 5- Only one qualifying handler/dog team may compete at the Novice Finals.**
- 6- A dog may be run competitively by only one handler per trial.**

The following is added to the end of the section titled "Novice Finals."

***A dog that has run in Open competitively may not run in the Pro-Novice class in the Novice Finals.***

These changes to the guidelines go into affect immediately. The guidelines can be read in full on the NEBCA website.

The Novice Trials Committee also voted to continue the waiver for the 2011 trialing season of the requirement to have all three Novice classes run at a trial in order for it to be sanctioned by NEBCA.

The waiver notice is part of #1-1 of the GENERAL NOVICE TRIAL GUIDELINES section. ■



***HOT OFF THE PRESS: New artwork for the 2011 NEBCA t-shirts penned by Valerie Pietraszewska***

## NEBCA 2011 Trial Schedule

March 5

### Long Shot Farm

Church Hill, MD

One Day Open, Ranch, Pro Novice & USBCHA Nursery

(USBCHA/NEBCA Sanctioned)

Sherry Smith

410-758-3363

April 1-3

### Long Shot Farm

Church Hill, MD

Novice, Open & USBCHA Nursery  
(USBCHA/NEBCA Sanctioned)

Sherry Smith

410-758-3363

April 30 - May 1

### CT Sheep & Wool Festival SDT

Vernon, CT

Two Novice, Open & USBCHA  
Nursery trials

(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Anne Devine/Sarah Stewart

Anne Devine (Entries)

info@eyespybordercollies.com

May 6-8

### Borders on Paradise SDT

Turbotville, PA

Two Open & One Novice  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Dave Fetterman

570-742-3527

May 14-15

### NH Sheep & Wool Festival SDT

Hopkington Fairgrounds

Contoocook, NH

Two Novice, Open & USBCHA  
Nursery

(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Chris Bowen

603-358-0147

May 20-22

### Finality Farm

211 Hammond Hill Rd

Dover Plains, NY 12522

Two Open, USBCHA Nursery &  
Novice Trials

(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Sheep: Un-dogged commercial  
flock

Judge: Frank Cashen, Ireland

Joe Evans: 845-278-0472

Mich Ferraro: 845-373-8714

May 28-29

### MA Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT

Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA

Two Novice & Open, One USBCHA  
Nursery

(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Kate Collins/George Northrop

978-249-4407

Denise Leonard/Martha Walke

June 3-5

### Nearfield Farm

Center Conway, NH

One Novice & Two Open trials  
& USBCHA Nursery

(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)

Roger Deschambeault

603-939-2255

June 12-13

### Fetch Gate Farm Spring Nursery Trials, Cortland, NY

Two USBCHA Nursery trials

(USBCHA sanctioned)

Roger & Heather Millen

607-835-6584

## Announcement

The gallery page on the NEBCA website is for NEBCA members to post pictures of trials, etc. Any links that go to a professional photographer's site will be declined. Professional photographers need to contact Ellen Rusconi Black to place an ad on the classified page of the NEBCA site. If the photos are uploaded to a web-based photo storage site and then added, they will be accepted. No advertising will be allowed on the gallery page. Any galleries that were from such sites have been removed and the owner of the site has been contacted and offered classified advertising space.

**NEBCA 2011 Trial Schedule (contd.)**

June 17-21

**PA State Championships SDT**

Sheepy Hollow Farm,  
Hop Bottom, PA  
Two Novice, Open & three  
USBCHA Nursery trials  
(USBCHA /NEBCA sanctioned)  
Cheryl Jagger Williams  
570-289-4733

June 25-26

**High Point Farm SDT, Knox, NY**

2 Novice & USBCHA Nursery trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Peter VandeCar  
518-482-2625 / 518-895-2585

July 2-4

**Cascade Farm SDT**

370 Pettyboro Rd., Bath, NH  
3 Novice & Open trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Mary Ames - 603-838-6341

July 2-5

**Fetch Gate Farm SDT**

Cortland, NY  
2 Open, Novice & USBCHA Nurs-  
ery trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Roger & Heather Millen  
607-835-6584

July 7

**Ossipee Valley Fair SDT, Hiram, ME**

2 Open Points trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Lynn Deschambeault  
207-452-2898

July 9-10

**Merck Forest Open, Rupert, VT**

2 Open trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Steve Wetmore  
802-765-4466

July 16-17

**Mad River Valley, Waitsfield, VT**

2 Novice & Open trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Nancy Phillips  
802-496-7625

August 3-7

**Kingston Sheep Dog Trials**

Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario  
Canada  
2 Open trials  
Double Lift on August 7  
(USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC sanc-  
tioned)  
Amanda Milliken  
613-531-9405 (Home)  
613-546-1451 (Office)

August 13-15

**Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT**

Cortland, NY  
2 Novice & USBCHA Nursery trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Roger & Heather Millen  
607-835-6584

August 19-21

**Leatherstocking, Cooperstown, NY**

1 Novice & 2 Open trials  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Barbara Armata  
518-875-6471

August 27

**Vermont State Championship**

Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT  
1 Open trial  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Steve Wetmore  
802-765-4466

August 28

**Spring Valley Open, Stafford, VT**

1 Open trial  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)  
Steve Wetmore  
802-765-4466



**NEBCA 2011 Trial Schedule (contd.) & trial announcements**

October 8-10

**Swaledale SDT**, Blackstock, ONNovice & Open  
(USBCHA/NEBCA sanctioned)Andrea deKenedy  
674-977-3866

October 11-13

**Shepherd's Crook Farm**

Woodville, ON

Novice & Open  
(USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC)Kevan Gretton  
705-439-2831

October 14-16

**Indian River**, Indian River, ONNovice & Open  
(USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC)  
Cynthia Palmer  
705-295-3351

October 21-23

**Butternut Creek Fall SDT**

Kingston, ON

Novice-Novice, Pro-Novice, Open

(USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC)  
Amanda Milliken  
613-531-9405

October 26-28

**Swift Star Farm**,

South Canaan, PA

2 Open & 1 Novice  
(USBCHA/NEBCA)Michele Higgins  
deigh1999@msn.com  
570-937-9308**30th PA State Championship**

**Dick and Cheryl** Jagger Williams are preparing for some "big doings" in June 2011, the 30th year of the Pennsylvania State Championship Stock Dog Trials at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA. "We're one of the few USBCHA trials that have run consecutively for thirty years. We want to celebrate all of those good times," Cheryl says.

The four day trial will begin on June 18 and run through June 21. Each year this trial draws a large field of competitors from many different states and several Canadian provinces, offering four days of stiff competition with two days of Open followed by two days of Novice classes. Between runs, handlers and spectators will be able visit an expanded row of vendors, obtain a tasty meal prepared by a local church group, and bid on silent auction items to benefit the National Finals. Handlers might want to practice a few dancing steps, Cheryl hints as she is hoping to bring back the traditional Friday evening dance as well.

The past and the future of Sheepy Hollow and Dick and Cheryl's Culleymont farms mingle in the armful of young pups Cheryl and Dick hold, from a litter of six Andy x Dot pups born in early September 2010. Cheryl named one of the female pups "Callie", which was one of her father, Walt Jagger's favorite names. "It is bittersweet," she acknowledges, of the thirtieth year of the trial, knowing how her father would enjoy the special anniversary, adding, "The NEBCA membership has been a big part of the trial over the years and we look forward to seeing everyone in June."

**Vergil Holland** is set to judge Sherry Smith's Long Shot Farm Trial on April 1-3

**Ossipee Valley Fair Sheep Dog Trial** will be 2 open points trials held on Thursday, 7/7/2011. Trial manager Lynn Deschambeault. email [merlynn@fairpoint.net](mailto:merlynn@fairpoint.net) or call 207-452-2898

**Octario**

Just a preliminary notification that we are planning some **October trials in Ontario** that shouldn't be missed. The weather is great and there are challenging commercial flocks to work your dogs on.

The current plan is starting October 8th we will have 3 days of trials at Hugh Grant and Sherri Purcell's Swaledale farm on their hair and Scottish blackface ewes.

Next 3 days of trials at Shepherds Crook, Kevan & Kim Grettons farm with 350 commercial ewes.

The weekend of October 14-16 at the Palmer farm in Indian River with 250 commercial ewes.

The following weekend October 21-23 will be the final Ontario Fall trial at Amanda Milliken's great 80 acre field with her very fit North Country ewes and lambs.

Mark it on the calendar and we look forward to seeing you in the fall of 2011.

We will post more details or you can email me at [cjpalmer@nexicom.net](mailto:cjpalmer@nexicom.net)

Cynthia Palmer

**Cashen to judge Finality Farm**

May 20-22, 2011

**Frank Cashen from Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, will be judging all classes at Finality Farm Trial, Dover Plains, NY**

Cashen has won the Irish Nationals twice. In 1997 he was the first Irishman to win the International.

Frank Cashen started his trialing career in 1994, shortly after he married. He bought a dog for his wife's farm, but struggled with the training. He sought help from a neighbor. He's a quick learner - 4 years later he was International Champion.

Frank has extensive judging experience having judged Kingston twice ('07 and '10) and Sonoma in '08 and '11. He judges frequently in Continental Europe. In 2001 he judged the prestigious continental championship in Paris. In judging, Cashen likes a dog that listens to the handler and does exactly what it is told. He doesn't like dogs being hard on their sheep. He prefers to see measured control.

As well as judging, Frank gives clinics regularly in Finland and Switzerland when he can get away from the family farm.

## A farm trial in Wales by Joe Evans

Over a hundred years ago a group of farming families from a peaceful valley in west Wales decided to set up a sheepdog trial.

Two of the families' farms, Cwmcynwal and Tyncoed, shared a long

boundary defined by a winding road and a swift-running stream called the Dulais.

The original field chosen for the trial sat on the boundary of these two farms. It was small, uneven and

boggy, but, it was easy to get to and had the distinct advantage of being situated next to a pub called the Hafod Bridge Inn.

The Hafod Bridge Sheepdog Trial was born.



*Photograph by Kathy deWitt*

*Ken Cwmcynwal and farm dog driving ewes and lambs out of yard after shearing*



## A farm trial in Wales (contd.)

The rural Welsh rarely use first and last names together. Altogether too many Joneses, Evanses, Morgans, Williamses and Davises.

So, non-farmers are known by their professions - like Dai Post (the postman), Emlyn Shop (the grocer), Llew Llath (the milkman) or Jack Tractor (the ploughing contractor). Farmers are known by their farms (Dewi Maesmoi, Dai Plas-cwmmins or Evans Bwlch-y-gwynt). Townies are known by their towns (Jones Pentrecagal or Peter Caio).

This article looks back at two hill-farmers, Will 'Cwmcynwal' and Joe 'Tyncoed' who lived for over eighty years on the two farms either side of the Hafod Bridge Inn. They happen to be two of my uncles.

Until the new millennium, Cwmcynwal and Tyncoed had been farmed by three families, the Evanses, Morgans and Walters for too many generations to count.

The Evans family farm was Cwmcynwal, 150 to 200 acres (depending on who's counting) on a steep, west-facing hill called a "bank" in Wales. The hill's more rock, gorse and bracken than productive grass, but it earned the family a very modest living for several generations. The farmhouse is a two up, two down 15th century Welsh long-house. The roof is rusty red zinc covering the hazel wood thatch and stout, hand-hewn beams from centuries ago that are still there to this day.



*Will Cwmcynwal (left) & Joe Tyncoed with nephew, Ken on plough. Cwmcynwal c. 1949*

rains soaked the hills for weeks on end (as they often do in Wales), water used to run through the wall on the higher 'pine-end' of the house, through the kitchen and out into the cow-shed below.

The floors are thick flag-stones; the only carpets or mats in the house were a couple of small plastic affairs. They floated on the water till the floods subsided.

Until two years ago, the one lavatory was outside below the cow-shed.

It was called a Welsh long-house because it looked long, the house being attached directly to the cow-shed. This afforded the farmer the luxury of being able to go straight from the kitchen to milk and feed the cows without having to venture outside. The walls are 3' thick tapering slightly to the top; the windows and doors are tiny. Small windows and doors conserve the heat in winter and keep the house cool in summer. The farm-yard is steep-pitched bed-rock and dirt. When the

It didn't bother Will Cwmcynwal. He never lived anywhere else in his 88 years on this earth.



*Tyncoed's 400 year old farmhouse. c. 1973*



*Will (left) & Joe (center) shearing*



*Evans brothers carting dung in front of Cwmcynwal farmhouse just after World War II*



## A farm trial in Wales (contd.)

The Walters lived in Tyncoed until "Uncle Joe Mawr" (big Uncle Joe) died in the early sixties. A bachelor, he left the farm to his youngest nephew (Uncle Joe bach (small Uncle Joe) from Cwmcynwal. Tyncoed's farmhouse was built at the same time in the same style as Cwmcynwal's. Only the skeletal bones now remain.

### Sheep, sheep and more sheep

At the height of the European Union's benevolent subsidies, these two farms carried over 1,000 sheep between them (but again, who was counting?). Will managed his flock by working long and hard to ensure maximum productivity. He did this into his eighties with the help of his nephew, Ken Cwmcynwal.

On the other hand, his brother, Joe Tyncoed, was the original low-intensive farmer. He flung open all the gates and let the sheep roam across his 175 acres. No pesticides, no fungicides, no fertilizer. His sheep ate what they could find. In winter he would drop off hay and silage late in the afternoon - sometimes at night - on his irregular rounds.

On occasion, he would drive the whole flock on the roads a mile or so to Cwmcynwal either for dipping, or shearing, or a bit of dosing and sort-

ing required for his irregular trips to market. With minimum effort, he always managed to obtain maximum price for his lambs even if they weren't the largest on display.

As diametrically opposed as were their methods of farming, they lived together for 30 years - the result of an accident when Will broke his leg. Joe moved in to help. He stayed. Unmarried, they were neither short of the looks nor the means in their younger days. They always charmed the ladies - even at the stage of life when they were sharing each others' false teeth.



*Photograph by Kathy deWitt*

*Will Cwmcynwal's winter woollies*



*Unglamorous Cwmcynwal farm dog eyeing two rams*



## A farm trial in Wales (contd.)

*Photograph by Kathy deWitt*



*Will and Joe, two Welshmen on a wool-sack*

### A dog's life in Wales

Dogs were everywhere - except in the house. Some were kept in make-shift kennels in the second abandoned cow-shed; some inside an old railway car; others in a derelict van.

The best dogs skulked around the yard by day, slept wherever they fancied by night (as long as it wasn't in the house) so they could be ready for any job required of them. They were real working dogs, rain-soaked, mud-caked curs hungry for work, or scraps, or both.

Will didn't seem to have much luck or skill in handling dogs, but he was a driven sheep farmer. His Beulah speckle-faced sheep were the talk of the county.

Joe Tyncoed, on the other hand, had some great dogs, some not so great. His great dogs, Patch and Bonnie went with him everywhere, either in the back of his ferid Land-Rover or in the cab of his old, rusty Polish tractor. They didn't seem to work to many commands. They just did what Joe

wanted. And that meant out-runs round 175 acres of hill, field, bracken, bog and woods. If there were sheep out there, they would find them. Joe didn't seem to participate much, but he knew what was going on.

Of course, good dogs pass on, and in his later years Joe found himself without a reliable dog. By then, his nephew Ken was living at Cwmcynwal and doing the heavier chores on both farms. One day, a big-boned, short-coated sheepdog with altogether too much white turned up and wouldn't leave. Despite an extensive search, his owner was never found, so he was blessed (or cursed) with the name Domino and became the go-to farm dog for Cwmcynwal, Tyncoed and beyond.



*Away-to-me, Will*

*Photograph by Kathy deWitt*

By this stage, Will in particular was renting any land he could find to feed his burgeoning flock. Domino would gather the sheep from far and wide, herd them onto the narrow lanes, run forward to prevent them taking the wrong junction or breaking through old gates into fresh pasture. Domino was an original hard-working farm-dog; no history, no parentage but a knowledge and a power worth more than his weight in gold.

### Hafod Bridge Sheepdog trials



*Nip, Cwmcynwal farm dog. 1952*

The Cwmcynwal and Tyncoed families who set up the Hafod Bridge Sheepdog Trial at the turn of the last century would probably be surprised to see it still running, although its drama has played out on more fields than a gymkhana

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## A farm trial in Wales

queen.

A lawyer now lives in Hafod Bridge. It used to be an 18th century drovers' inn on the side of the road adjoining Cwmcynwal to the southeast and Tyncoed to the northwest. It was a rudimentary Welsh pub with a cosy fireplace, a cramped bar, two tables and a few hard-backed chairs spread randomly on an unforgiving flag-stone floor.

For many years it was run by a quiet, ex-rugby playing collier from the valleys of South Wales. He was called Walter Hafod Bridge (what else?). Walter wasn't too fussy, although he always made sure to blow the dust out of the glasses before filling them. If anybody complained that they'd seen dust in their glass, he'd skim off the top of the drink with his fingers, top up the glass and pass it back without a word. The sheepdog trial was one of his biggest annual events with flagons of ale sold from a canvas tent in the day and more beer and whiskey back in the pub at night.

The beer tent at the trial field was the heart of the event. Farmers would arrive in the morning in freshly-rinsed wellingtons, old tweed jackets, cloth caps and the occasional pork-pie hat. Witch-hazel sticks cut straight from the hedge with a v at the top on which to rest the thumb were more common than fancy lacquered crooks. When it was time for his run, the handler was summoned in a flap from the bowels of the beer tent. He had a minute to relieve himself behind the tent, to retrieve his dog from the boot (trunk) of his car and to lead it to the post attached to a piece of baling twine. The sheep were thrown out of the set-out behind some straw bales at the bottom of the field. There followed a barrage of ear-splitting finger whistles and shouting that could make a blind man sing a mile away.

The raucous laughter and shouts of joy from within the beer tent contrasted



*Three of the four Evans brothers, (left to right) Will, Joe & John outside the Hafod Bridge Trial beer tent*

with the handler's earnest commands. More often than not, these escalated into higher pitched whistles, louder, more agitated shouting and the odd cap thrown to the ground in an effort to get the dog to do what was required.

It rarely did.

The trial was and is a good farm trial with testy sheep in a small field. As Trial Secretary, Joe Tyncoed kept the records in a child's school notebook. The 1989 trial throws up some recognizable names in Meirion Jones, I. Glyn Jones and Glyn Howells. But, even in the official record book, Uncle Joe could not get all the last names right. He entered Jones Brecon, Jones Ammanford (two nearby towns), Glyn Nantllwyd and Glyn Penrhiw (two local farms) as well as the aptly named Jones Butcher. He failed to make the



*Two founding families of the Tyncoed Sheepdog trial—Morgan & Eleanor Evans, Cwmcynwal (left) with Will on lap; Joseph & Elizabeth Walters (Tyncoed) with Will's sister, Betty*

cut.

It was a serious affair. But in serious affairs you're supposed to use proper names. Joe was not proper like that. He would rather have been in the tent, lubricating his larynx for the rigors of the singing ahead. If lucky, the com-



## A farm trial in Wales (contd.)



*Joe Tyncoed & faithful friend*



*William Morgan Evans outside Capel Dewi—the church built by his ancestors on his land*



*Will leaving Cwmcynwal for the last time in 2006*

petitors who stayed behind in the smoke-filled bar of the Hafod Bridge Inn would be treated to at least two of the four Evans brothers singing Welsh hymns in close harmonies deep into the autumn night. These after hours sessions watered the driest of dry eyes.

Sadly, Joe Tyncoed and Will Cwmcynwal died in 2003 and 2006. As these pictures show, they were from a different time, a different place. But, their memories linger. Every year early in September you can hear the distant howl of a tethered dog, the blast of a

whistle riding on the wind, the bark of a shepherd's command echoing down the Dulais valley.

The Hafod Bridge Sheepdog Trial lives on. ■



## Trial etiquette. A collection of thoughts gathered by Barbara Armata

**Now, I hope this title** doesn't stop everyone in their tracks! At the annual meeting, there was a suggestion an article be written about what is common sense, courteous behavior when attending trials to help the many new handlers as well as a refresher for the "big" and "little hats".

I volunteered....what was I thinking? NEBCA is not stating these guidelines as rules, nor is it overseeing my thoughts. This is compiled from discussion both at the meeting, emails with handlers and trial managers, and my own experiences.

### Responsibilities of competitors

\* **Be gracious and respectful of the trial hosts.** You may not agree with how things are being run, the course, the hold out, the sheep...the list can go on and on. Just remember, the trial hosts are putting on trials to supply a venue for competition, not to make money, and certainly not to have to take verbal abuse or criticism. If you have CONSTRUCTIVE criticism, then after the trial, maybe call or write with your SUGGESTION. As one of a group of trial managers, we try to put on a fair and worthwhile competition but there is a lot to doing it and things won't always be perfect.

\* **Clean up after yourself** and take your garbage home with you! It is an added expense for the trial if you leave it.

\* **Keep your dogs as quiet as possible.** It is annoying to both competitors and judges to have to listen to incessant barking.

\* **Some dogs can be very aggressive** being tied to the campers. Tie such dogs as far as possible from foot traffic or keep them in a crate. The other option used by some handlers is to put electroneut around their site. This keeps loose dogs from getting into the tied dogs space and the aggressive dogs from reaching the foot traffic. Use it as a visual barrier, not electrified. Keep aggressive or uncontrollable dogs on leash when you are out exercising them. Hopefully there is a good place to run your dogs, but keep them under control till such area is reached.

\* **Once the dogs are off playing,** don't ignore them as you chit-chat with friends. Keep an eye so play doesn't turn into something serious. For myself, I prefer to take my dogs out when there aren't a lot of packs of dogs loose. My own pack knows how to move and play, but add a strange pack to the mix and dogs can and will get hurt. Don't throw balls or toys to your dogs in the camping area. This will be very unfair to dogs that are tied.

\* **If you see treatment of dogs that isn't appropriate,** please go to the trial manager. They may not realize this is happening and will want to have a word in private with that individual. Trials can be very high profile, especially when a trial is open to spectators. Such behavior threatens all of us who like to compete. Most of all, we have a responsibility to those dogs.

\* **Keep competition in perspective.** No one is going to live or die if their dog[s] doesn't perform well that day. No one has ever died of embarrassment. Our dogs are not vindictive; their mistakes are not on purpose. More often, the mistake results from the handler and the training. Also, the health and fitness of a dog can play an important part in how well it performs. So, don't blame the dog! Many trials need spectators in order to finance everything that involves putting on the competition. A positive impression is important by the representatives of the sport, whether out and about or under the tent.

### Responsibilities of trial hosts/managers

Responsibilities of trial hosts are a separate discussion. This falls into an involved discussion about putting on a successful dog trial. Anyone wanting to put on a trial should contact the manag-

ers of trials you enjoy going to. They can offer good suggestions and ideas to guide you.

\* **Scribing:** This is an important volunteer position. First and foremost, it is the scribe's job to track the points the judge is giving them. It is NOT the time to be chatting to the judge and picking their brain. Some judges will explain why the points are being deducted; some don't wish to talk at all. Remain quiet and attentive. If a judge is willing to answer questions, do so only after the run is completed and scored and before the next dog is ready to run. Never question or argue about the points with a judge.

\* **Exhausting sheep:** Many novice handlers wish to "work" their dogs by helping out. For most experienced handlers, they know this work can mess up their next run. If your dog is experienced enough and/or you won't be running again, then you can offer to help take sheep off the field. Most sheep are easily taken off the field once they know where the exhaust is. Sometimes a dog isn't even necessary. If a dog is necessary, this dog should have a good stop and be under control. The last thing these sheep need is a dog that is harassing them or getting into the exhaust pen.

\* **Hold out:** The person doing this job can make or break a run. The dog being used for this job MUST have a perfect stop and be willing to release the sheep to the competing dog. It is not the time to take your dog out to get them "settled" for their run or to get your dog to see where the hold out is. It is common courtesy not to use your dog before it is going to run. The exception to this is when a person has been hired by the trial to do all the holding out. The agreement with the trial manager may be that they can run their dogs as well.

Regarding the trial managers, it is up to them to select handlers that can do this job to give every competitor a fair chance.

Regarding the handler, the judge will sort out a situation where the sheep can't be held. Due to the variables in this job, not every hold will be perfect. Don't complain about the hold out; it could be you messing up a run just as easily!

\* **Sheep pen:** Most trials try to have a crew lined up to handle their sheep. Should the trial use volunteers, these people need to treat the sheep with kindness. Sheep that are handled quietly and not stressed will be in a much better state of mind when they go onto the field. Remember, the sheep are really not willing volunteers and must work long days. Treat them with the respect they deserve, for without them, there is no reason to have Border collies.

Trial season is soon upon us. Hopefully, with this reminder of old fashion values of common sense, courtesy and respect, our trials will continue to be pleasant [if not successful] experiences for all. ■



*Barb Armata taking the lead in practicing courteous behavior at a trial*

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