



LOST DOG

Border Collie NICK

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From the President

By the time you all are reading this newsletter, I will have been in England for a few weeks. I have my dog, Tam, with me and we are going on to compete in the 2011 World Sheep Dog Trials in Cumbria, England. Tam is originally from that area and it is special to me to have him back here to work sheep on these hills and to travel about the UK with him. I have been over many times, but without a dog—always the on-looker. Even when I helped Julie Simpson Hill lamb in 2006, I was dog-less for that month. To have a dog to take and visit my friends with will be so much fun!

What a common bond between worlds—how much these little dogs bring us and unite us. People from all over the world will be competing in this trial and many, many folks will be traveling from their respective countries to cheer on their friends and fellow handlers. To take part in this trial in an area so steeped in Border Collie history is worth the hassle of getting a dog over here.

I am putting my best foot forward to be a worthy representative of the North East Border Collie Association and follow in the footsteps of the previous NEBCA handlers who also took advantage of this historical opportunity: Maria Amodei, Joyce Geier, Fiona Robertson, Nancy Obernier, Gene Sheninger, Bruce Smart, and Polly Matzinger. (I may have forgotten someone, so please accept my apologies if I have.)

Back home, fuel prices and temperatures continue to rise but it hasn't hampered the enthusiasm of the trialling obsessed! There is still a trial a weekend and all have had record entries and full turnouts. Again, thanks to those trial managers that every year enable those of us who enjoy trialling to continue to get out and compete just about every weekend.

The end of the season NEBCA championships are fast approaching. Each event has a team of able trial managers and they are working hard to bring you great championship opportunities. The Fall Foliage will take place in Cooperstown, NY, and the Novice Finals in Climax, NY. Please contact the Open and Novice trials committees for more information.

See you in October.

Carol



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A Note from the Editor

Much as I regret putting my own dog on the cover, the work of Border Collie rescue needs to be covered. Many of us do not realize just how dedicated and overworked the rescue people are. Thank goodness they are there for us — and especially for the dogs. Let's help them out as much as we can, by keeping a closer eye on our dogs and digging into our pockets.

Jim Allen

Lost Dog: How You Can Help Find Your Dog and Others

by Jim Allen

It's a gut-wrenching feeling, discovering that a beloved companion and working partner has disappeared and it seems beyond your skill and power to recover him. You "know" you will never see him again. Worst of all is when you recognize you are to blame. No one wants to go through this experience, but sometimes there are ways to make it a bit easier. You need to be organized and make use of the strong organizations available to help.

Back on Wednesday, May 18th, I was walking our dogs in our woods when one of them, Nick, took off while I was tending to one of the other four BCs. We had arrived for the summer only the previous evening and, other than for a week back in February when we tested the snow, Nick had never been here before. Walking in our woods during the winter with the ground covered with 2-3 feet of snow is not without its attractions and distractions, but we experienced no problems then. There is a huge difference during the spring and summer, with all creatures great and small on the loose here, from field mice and voles through chipmunks, squirrels, foxes, bobcats, skunks, porcupines, deer, and bear.

After calling and searching for 20 minutes I took the other dogs back to the house and called Home Again to report the loss and get their system working. After they were alerted, I called our local animal control officer and town police to get the ball rolling here in Thetford, VT. Then I took the car and searched the nearby roads and spoke with any people I saw. Luckily a woman from a nearby village found Nick by the side of the road, just looking for our car. (I had passed that point twice in my driving, but not when he was there.) She was able to gather him in and then took him to the police, who called the animal control officer, who called me. All in all, it took only about two-and-a-half hours from loss to recovery. As some of you already know, this is not typical.

The Home Again people were efficient and very nice. Fortunately, I had sent a good picture of Nick with his registration, so they had that on record. Home Again's bulletin/poster went out within 30 minutes to many resources, including New England Border Collie Rescue. NEBCR, in turn, sent a message to all its volunteers in our area. One of them, Rose Redick, a NEBCA friend in New York, did not know it was my dog, but she sent the information on to another friend in Moretown, VT, Nancy Phillips, who also was not familiar with Nick and didn't remember that we live in Post Mills, one of the villages in Thetford. This tale might have ended there had we not gone to the Finality Farm trial in New York on Friday, two days afterward. On Saturday Nancy asked if we had lost a dog. When we answered yes, and that we had recovered him the same day, I asked how she knew about it. She replied that Rose Redick had learned of it through NEBCR and had asked if Nancy knew whose dog it was.

According to Monique Fisher, President of NEBCR, Inc., once Home Again sent out the alert, NEBCR followed its normal procedure and alerted its network of volunteers, many of whom have a great number of contacts in the "dog world." The volunteers and NEBCR generally keep in touch via the Internet. They have a large Yahoo group for their volunteers, most of whom are also on Facebook, so they "are able to spread the word about things like this very quickly."

While we were very lucky and did not need them — this time — the NEBCR system worked: the word was out and people were looking. Bear in mind that there are at least two kinds of rescue organizations, those which both place dogs that need new homes and aid in the search for missing dogs, and those that only place dogs which need homes

We finally saw the poster at our vet's office here in VT about a month later and took it down. They didn't yet know Nick yet either, as he is very healthy, but they are now aware of him

What else can the person do who has lost a dog?

Sarah Ruckelshaus of Mid Atlantic Border Collie Rescue (MABCR) recommends that owners

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do their homework *before* a dog has been lost, doing research on rescue organizations close to them to ensure they have the same attitude toward rescue as the owner. For example, MABCR does not deal with stray dogs at all, but concentrates its work on placing dogs that need a home, because MABCR has seen rescue after rescue fail for lack of cooperation among the parties concerned. MABCR currently has 22 dogs to be placed.

What to do:

Call the local animal shelter or animal control officer as soon as possible, followed by a call to the local police, if that is a viable option in your area. Know where your local animal shelter is and how to contact it. Examples would be the local operation of the Humane Society of the United States, the ASPCA, municipal and county animal control centers and shelters and their officers. If your dog is chipped, call the registry. Make sure your dog's collar has information that identifies the dog with a human, i.e., name and phone number(s). Also ensure that the collar is sturdy and will come off only with difficulty. Have a good recent photo of your dog available at all times. Call the local services for at least two weeks and advertise as widely as you can.

And yes, Nick is on lead for much of our walks in the woods now. He's getting better, but there are still too many temptations out there for a young dog.

NEBCA Products

New NEBCA logo hats and tees on sale at <http://www.nebca.net> under Merchandise. Our member volunteer webmaster, Joanne Murphy, has been busy revising the Merchandise section to sell both the NEBCA hats in avocado, grape, & light royal colors and the newest NEBCA tees on line through PayPal.

The Tee Design is by member volunteer Valerie Pietraszewska of New Hampshire from her oil painting, "Fetching Sheep in Snow". This year we offer both a women's tee in eggplant color and a nisex tee in denim color, both 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Valerie was wearing a shirt at the feed store and the owner asked about the design and how to purchase one.

NEBCA Merchandise is on sale at limited trials, so check us out on line. The 2012 calendars will be up for sale soon!

In Memory of Whiterose Kep

Whiterose Kep, ISDS #228380, was gently laid to rest July 7th just shy of the age of 15. He lived out his retirement at Bittersweet Farm in Hampton CT where he was fondly looked after.

Kep was bred and trained by Jon Atkinson of England and sold as a youngster to Stuart Davidson of Scotland. At the age of two, Kep won the Scottish National going on to represent Scotland at the International finishing 4th in the Supreme. Over the next six years, Kep became a familiar name in the prize lists. With Stuart, he represented Scotland four times at the International. In addition to his trialling successes, Kep worked the hills for Stuart in Scotland.



He leaves behind a myriad of successful children and grandchildren—his genetic ability carried on through those offspring. His name can be seen on many pedigrees with history showing him to have a great impact on the Border Collie world.

He will be greatly missed by his owner, Chris Smart of Scotland, those of us at Bittersweet Farm and his many admirers here and abroad.

BORDERS ON PARADISE, MAY 6-8**Nursery (18 dogs ran)**

1	Leverett, Barb	Bess	80
2	Savage, Lorna	Tyler	80
3	Milliken, A.	Dorey	78
4	King, Carla	Sage	73

Open 1 (82 dogs ran)

1	Penatzer, Dee	Craig	97
2	Billadeau, Mark	Peg	97
3	Cunningham, Lori	William	95
4	Molloy, Sally	Bett	92
5	Cunningham, Lori	Matt	91
6	Billadeau, Renee	Bette	89
7	Levinson, Barbara	Gin	89
8	Milliken, Amanda	Clive	88
9	Thompson, Mary	Beauty	87
10	Sheninger, Gene	Sweet	87
11	Wilson, Tom	Nick	87
12	van der Merwe, J.	Jade	87
13	Campion, Carol	Tam	85
14	Lambert, Bev	Awel	85
15	Court, Emma	Maia	83
16	Kidd, Viki	Macy	83

Open 2 (84 dogs ran)

1	Wilson, Tom	Sly	97
2	Milliken, Amanda	Monty	96
3	Kidd, Viki	Merle	95
4	Campion, Carol	Tam	95
5	Cunningham, Lori	Matt	94
6	Kidd, Viki	Macy	94
7	Billadeau, Mark	Peg	92
8	Lambert, Bev	Odinn	92
9	van der Merwe, J.	Jade	91
10	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	91
11	Thompson, Mary	Beauty	91
12	Evans, Joe	Chip	88
13	Geier, Joyce	Jim	87
14	Wilkinson, Peggy	Liz	86
15	Wilson, Tom	Nick	86
16	Billadeau, Mark	Nell	85
17	Thompson, Mary	Coal	84

Ranch (26 dogs ran)

1	Thompson, Mary	Frost	80
2	Milliken, Amanda	Dorey	78
3	Sheninger, Gene	Cap	72
4	Nunan, Sharon	Charlie	72
5	Fetterman, David	Elle	65
6	Herscher, Angela	Rhyme	63
7	Nunan, Mike	Cap	63
8	Levinson, Barbara	Hemp	63
9	Gansky, Suzanne	Cap	63
10	Evans, Joe	Mist	59
11	Sharpe, Liz	Joss	54
12	Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	49

Pro Novice (33 dogs ran)

1	Madison, Ronald	Greta	78
2	Leverett, Barb	Bess	77
3	Geier, Joyce	Tiz	73
4	Fetterman, David	Duff	72
5	Costanzo, Kyra	Sue	71
6	Baker, Kim	Skip	69
7	King, Carla	Sage	68
8	Kidd, Viki	Clint	64
9	Lambert, Bev	Joe	63
10	King, Molly	Allie	63
11	Williams, Malcolm	Wilson	61
12	Madison, Ronald	Duke	57
13	Woessner, Dee	Dibs	55

Novice Novice (12 dogs ran)

1	Cox, Diane	Monk	76
2	Davies, Pam	Teilo	72
3	Quigley, Megan	Dare	66
4	Bigourdan, Jean-Louis	Zac	50
5	Donaldson, Laura	Meg	43
6	Lippolis, Kim	Becky	42
7	Place, Laurie	Mattie	40
8	Weeks, Dan	Anna	35

The Borders on Paradise trials, hosted by Debby and Dave Fetterman in Turbotville, Pennsylvania, traditionally held on Mother's Day weekend, were once again graced by lovely weather — despite the torrential rains of the previous week. The trials were ably judged by Warren Mick.

New Trial
 Sep 24-25
 Autumn Hill Farm SDT
 Montrose, PA
 Only N/N & P/N
 Sanctioning **Pending**
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NEW HAMPSHIRE SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL, MAY 14-15

Judge for Novice classes and USBCHA Nursery was
Maria Amodei

Novice Novice

Saturday (11 Dogs ran)

1. Donna Dickenson - Dot - 68
2. Danielle Eriksen - Quinn - 64
3. Sallie Butler - Sky - 62
4. Eileen Wilentz - Celt - 56
5. Victoria Snowden - Gypsy - 53
6. Sharon Wirant - Zesty - 25
7. Victoria Snowden - Teak - 17

Sunday (8 dogs ran)

1. Eileen Wilentz - Celt - 74
2. Betty Belliveau - Fios - 47
3. Victoria Snowden - Teak - 44
4. Victoria Snowden - Gypsy - 29

Two Day Champion - Eileen Wilentz - Celt
Reserve Champion - Victoria Snowden - Gypsy

Pro Novice

Saturday (12 dogs ran)

1. Sharon Perkins - Bett - 70
2. Valerie Pietraszewska - Kep - 67
3. Anne Devine - Hattie - 67
4. Anne Devine - Rob - 63
5. Jim Perkins - Jake - 55
6. Clara Stites - Tess - 55
7. Lynn Deschambeault - Britt - 55
8. Rosemary Redick - Kensa - 49
9. Betty Levin - Tyne - 44
10. Ginny Prince - Ida - 34

Sunday (13 dogs ran)

1. Anne Devine - Rob - 68
2. Sharon Perkins - Bett - 60
3. Eileen Wilentz - Jamie - 57
4. Anne Devine - Hattie - 56
5. Valerie Pietraszewska - Kep - 52
6. Dee Woessner - Ben - 50
7. Ginny Prince - Ida - 40
8. Betty Levin - Tyne - 31

Two Day Champion - Anne Devine - Rob
Reserve Champion - Sharon Perkins - Bett

Ranch

Saturday (8 dogs ran)

1. Kate Collins - Ela - 60
2. Bud Ames - Cash - 48

Sunday (8 dogs ran)

1. Nancy Phillips - Dot - 81
2. Bruce Smart - Lucy - 69
3. Bud Ames - Cash - 64
4. Kate Collins - Ela - 63
5. Dee Woessner - Meg - 62
6. Patricia Hammel - Bob - 58

Two Day Champion - Kate Collins - Ela
Reserve Champion - Bud Ames - Cash

USBCHA Nursery

Saturday (5 dogs ran)

1. Chris Bowen - Sam - 75
2. Dee Woessner - Meg - 43

Sunday (5 dogs ran)

1. Roger Deschambeault - Nick - 80
2. Chris Bowen - Sam - 77
3. Betty Levin - Tyne - 61
4. Dee Woessner - Ben - 61
5. Dee Woessner - Meg - 45

Open - Points Trial - 27 Points Possible

Scorekeepers - Valerie Pietraszewska, Rosemary Redick

Saturday (34 dogs ran)

1. Peter Van de Car - Russ - 27 points, 3:28
2. Roger Deschambeault - Trim - 27 points, 3:35
3. Sharon Perkins - Roy - 27 points, 3:44
4. Maria Mick - Kit - 27 points, 3:47
5. Maria Mick - Bodie - 27 points, 4:31
6. Chris Bowen - Jake - 26 points, 2:50
7. Maria Amodei - Levi - 24 points, 2:55
8. Roger Deschambeault - Bob - 24 points, 3:22
9. Chris Bowen - Sam - 24 points, 3:38
10. Rob Drummond - Cub - 23 points, 3:32

Sunday (33 dogs ran)

1. Bruce Smart - Link - 27 points, 2:51
2. Denise Leonard - Emmie - 27 points, 2:55
3. Sharon Perkins - Cash - 27 points, 3:20
4. Peter Van de Car - Leif - 27 points, 3:38
5. Jim Perkins - Ben - 27 points, 3:58
6. Peter Van de Car - Russ - 27 points, 4:16
7. Maria Amodei - Song - 27 points, 4:17
8. Maria Mick - Bodie - 26 points, 3:50
9. Denise Leonard - Maggie - 24 points, 2:49
10. Maria Amodei - Fina - 24 points, 3:00

Grand Champion - Peter Van de Car - Russ
Reserve Champion - Maria Mick - Bodie

FINALITY FARM, MAY 19-22

by Joe Evans

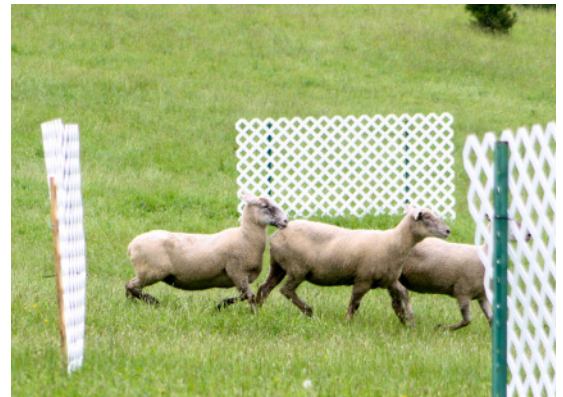
“Oh my God,” exclaimed a leading NEBCA handler on the first day of last year’s National Finals at Belle Grove. “Those sheep are going to run right over most of our northeast dogs.” To put that statement into context and to understand the challenges of trialing at Finality Farm Sheepdog Trial, it helps to hear Mich Ferraro’s original objectives for the trial. They were (and still are):

- To provide an even flock of un-dogged, or lightly dogged sheep that present handlers and dogs with a tough but fair challenge of the type one sees at major trials in North America
- To introduce a very experienced judge of the sort one could expect to see at the National Finals
- To present the trial at an attractive venue with a reasonable but challenging field

At the outset, I didn’t have a dog in that hunt. However, attending the Nationals at Belle Grove last September gave me insight into Mich’s logic.

What we saw all too often at the Nationals happened in the early stages of Finality this year. First to reap the whirlwind of the undogged Pennsylvania commercial flock were the young Nursery dogs on Thursday evening. By and large, they stood up well to the onslaught. Of fourteen dogs, it was impressive to see just one retire from the course with its 290-yard outrun and lengthy cross-drive.

The morning slots in the first round of Open were a deadly shade of night – curtains for those with the bad luck of an early draw. The sheep had girded their loins for a fight ... and these were big, muscular ewes with an attitude. Most handlers and quite a few dogs wished they’d stayed in bed. Of the first 29 dogs that ran in the heavy dew, only three reached a score in the sixties. Thankfully, the running was easier straight after the first sheep change. Scores rose, soothing tempers and improving confidence. The second round of Open saw more cooperation from the sheep, but the pressures changed at the top with some belligerent ewes deciding they didn’t want to flock. Time and time again, both sheep and judge would penalize heavily for poor lifts.



Finality Sheep by Janice Acken

Novice trials and tribulations

A two-hour fog delay dampened spirits early Sunday morning until management decided to run Novice Novice first so that the judge and handlers could at least see the sheep half way up the hill. The quality of Novice dogs and handlers was high, with newcomers Diane Cox and Monk catching the eye as well as the prize of Overall champions. Pro-Novice was dominated by the exciting new team of Julie Williams and Dan, who were respectable winners in both rounds. Ranch 1 saw a beautiful run by Carolyn West’s Abe who traveled all the way from Indianapolis to pick up 1st place with 80. Inexplicably, the scores were much lower in Ranch 2.

Look back

The lasting memory of the trial was from the first morning - Amanda Milliken’s Dorey, an 18-month-old nursery dog, gathering up the early morning “unworkable sheep.” These breakfast-time packets insisted that a return to the set-out pen was the only option. They fought and beat the combined forces of a number of dogs and a platoon of handlers. In the midst of this unnerving time delay, Dorey swept into the sheep’s faces, took firm control of the fight and marched them downhill with absolute authority – time and time again! The audience was stunned.

The judge, Frank Cashen reckoned that moving the unmovable train wreckage off the field early Friday morning was the finest performance he’d ever seen in a young dog. Clearly, this is a dog to watch.

Finally, thanks to Mich Ferraro for coming up with the idea of exposing us to such tough, uncompromising but ultimately even sheep. I, for one, believe I’m the better for the experience. [Results next page]

FINALITY FARM RESULTS

Nursery 1 (10 dogs ran)

Mich Ferraro	Wink	58
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	58

Nursery 2 (13 dogs ran)

Dick Williams	Mick	78
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	75
Chris Bowen	Sam	72

Open 1 (72 dogs ran)

Lori Cunningham	Matt	84
Amanda Milliken	Monty	79
Lori Cunningham	William	70
Maria Amodei	Fina	66
Jim Allen	Zip	66
Mich Ferraro	Moss	66
Barbara Ray	Stella	64
Denise Leonard	Emmie	64
Dick Williams	Mirk	63
Barbara Armata	Meg	62
Stephen Wetmore	Pace	62
Dee Woessner	Nell	60
Joan Worthington	Hope	59
Amanda Milliken	Clive	59

Open 2 (71 dogs ran)

Amanda Milliken	Clive	91
Amanda Milliken	Monty	84
Joan Worthington	Hope	83
Maria Amodei	Levi	82
Stephen Wetmore	Gile	81
Werner Reitbock	Roy	80
Barbara Ray	Jobe	80
Dick Williams	Mirk	78
Barbara Armata	Meg	72
Lori Cunningham	Matt	71
Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	71
Carol Campion	Tam	69
Cheryl J. Williams	Toby	68
Emma Court	Maia	67

Ranch 1 (17 dogs ran)

Carolyn West	Abe	80
Leslie Whitney	Kite	70
Cheryl J. Williams	Nic	69
Nancy Simmons	Black	67
Michael Nunan	Cap	65

Ranch 2 (11 dogs ran)

Pam Helton	Ellie	60
Chris Bowen	Tim	59
Angie Herscher	Rhyme	59
Mike Nunan	Cap	52
Gene Sheninger	Cap	51
Pam Helton	Bonnie	39

Pro Novice 1 (23 dogs ran)

Julie Williams	Dan	68
Linda Fossetta	Murk	66
Maggie Chambers	Strike	65
Barbara Leverett	Bess	62
Kim Baker	Skip	54
Dee Woessner	Ben	47

Pro Novice 2 (17 dogs ran)

Julie Williams	Dan	63
Kim Baker	Skip	58

Maggie Chambers	Strike	55
Anne Wheatley	Glen	52
Rich Seaman	Star	49
Molly King	Allie	49

Novice Novice (15 dogs ran)

Donna Dickinson	Dot	62
Diane Cox	Monk	59
Pam Davies	Ben	55
Irene Trewitt	Gwen	53
Bob Holmgren	Slick	48
Kathryn Acres	Swift	40
Wally Dury	Lisa	40

Novice Novice 2 (11 dogs ran)

Diane Cox	Monk	65
Pam Davies	Teilo	60
Donna Dickinson	Dot	58
Wally Dury	Lia	54
Pat Bacskey	Winslow	52
Pam Davies	Ben	51
Sallie Butler	Sky	45
Kathryn Acres	Swift	45
Pat Bacskey	Vic	23

Judging: Questions and Training Clinics

We are seeing a renewed interest in judging in the NEBCA region. There are many many newcomers to the sport as well as some seasoned triallers, and both groups are taking a new interest in judging.

Understanding judging a trial and applying it to your own run is an important tool that will enable handlers to run their dogs more competently and competitively.

Starting with the Winter issue (to be published in December), there will be a judging feature. It will cover all aspects of a run and how the USBCHA and the ISDS recommend that they be judged. This will include a question and answer section.

If you have a particular aspect of a run you need judging input on, please send a question to Carol Campion (camp.nebca@gmail.com), Kate Collins (george01368@yahoo.com) or Rob Drummond (rob@brailsford.com). Kate is Novice chair and Rob is part of the Open trials committee. Different judges will be asked to respond to questions in each issue to provide a broad spectrum of judging standards.

Over the fall and winter there will also be a series of judging clinics to help new and seasoned handlers get their feet wet judging their own and fellow handlers' runs in a comfortable environment. Education about judging can lead to a larger pool of judges available in the NEBCA region and elsewhere. More info will be printed in upcoming newsletters, the NEBCA website and Sheepdog—L as the plans develop.

MASSACHUSETTS SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL, MAY 28-29**Open 1 (41 dogs ran)**

Wetmore, Steve	Gile	1
Campion, Carol	Tam	2
Armata, Barbara	Jill	3
Robertson, Fiona	Tap	4
Drummond, Rob	Casey	5
Amodei, Maria	Levi	6
Bowen, Chris	Jake	7
Perkins, Jim	Ben	8
Court, Emma	Maia	9
VandeCar, Peter	Russ	10

Open 2 (37 dogs ran)

Robertson, Fiona	Tap	1
Wetmore, Steve	Gile	2
Bowen, Chris	Jake	3
Amodei, Maria	Fina	4
VandeCar, Peter	Leif	5
Mick, Maria	Bodie	6
Armata, Barbara	Meg	7
Armata, Barbara	Jill	8
West, Carolyn	Abe	9
Amodei, Maria	Levi	10

Overall two-day Champion:

Steve Wetmore and Gile

Long Road Award: Steve Wetmore and Gile**Novice/Novice 1 (13 dogs ran)**

Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	68
Carter, Tracy	Caper	67
Dury, Wally	Lisa	65
Wasielewski, Mary	Fizz	64
Dickinson, Donna A	Dot	63
Weigand, Carol	Simon	61
Walke, Martha	Cal	55
Eriksen, Danielle	Quinn	42
Snowden, Victoria	Teak	41
Holmgren, Bob	Slick	32

Novice/Novice 2 (13 dogs ran)

Dury, Wally	Lisa	79
Dickinson, Donna A	Dot	75
Weigand, Carol	Simon	74
Carter, Tracy	Caper	73
Wasielewski, Mary	Fizz	66
Holmgren, Bob	Slick	59
Walke, Martha	Cal	51
Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	47

Butler, Sally	Sky	44
Belliveau, Betty	Fios	37

Overall two-day Champion:

Wally Dury and Lisa

Long Road Award: Tracy Carter and Caper**Pro-Novice 1 (14 dogs ran)**

LeFever, Gwenn	Soot	68
Perkins, Sharon	Bett	67
Mick, Warren	Eddie	67
Levin, Betty	Tyne	67
Williams, Julie	Dan	66
Woessner, Dee	Ben	63
Pietraszewska, Val	Kep	62
Warner, Wendy	Jayne	57
Redick, Rose	Kensa	49
Stites, Clara	Tess	36

Pro-Novice 2 (14 dogs ran)

Robertson, Fiona	Gem	71
Woessner, Dee	Ben	67
Perkins, Sharon	Bett	64
LeFever, Gwenn	Soot	62
Pietraszewska, Val	Kep	59
Pietraszewska, Val	Blush	58
Williams, Julie	Dan	57
Prince, Ginny	Ida	46
Warner, Wendy	Jayne	35

Overall two-day Pro-Novice**Champion:** Sharon Perkins and Bett**Long Road Award:** Dee Woessner and Ben**Ranch 1 (12 dogs ran)**

Mick, Warren	Shep	73
Northrop, George	Annie	61
Leverett, Barbara	Bess	59
Woessner, Dee	Meg	58
Pietraszewska, Val	Jess	54
Weigand, Carol	McDuff	51
Hanchett, Melody	Canon	42

Ranch 2 (12 dogs ran)

Woessner, Dee	Meg	63
Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	62
Weigand, Carol	McDuff	57
Leverett, Barbara	Bess	56
Northrop, George	Annie	55

Overall two-day Champion: Dee

Woessner and Meg

Long Road award: Dee Woessner and Meg**Nursery (9 dogs ran)**

Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	73
Bowen, Chris	Sam	72

Fiona Robertson's Fen, photo by Tracy Carter

NEARFIELD FARM JUNE 3-5**Novice-Novice (9 dogs ran)**

Victoria Snowden	Gypsy	64
Danielle Erickson	Quinn	51
Betty Belliveau	Fois	47
Tracy Carter	Caper	46
Sally Buttler	Sky	41

Pro-Novice (4 dogs ran)

Dee Woessner	Ben	79
Lynn Deschambeault	Britt	58
Molly King	Alli	51
Betty Levin	Tyne	42
Carlene Eitapence	Blaze	31

Ranch (14 dogs ran)

Warren Mick	Shep	79
Allen Hickenbottom	Jim	76
Barbara Levinson	Hemp	68
Jim Allen	Nick	68
Sharon Perkins	Bett	58

Nursery 1 (11 dogs ran)

Rich Seaman	Star	77
R. Deschambeault	Nick	76
Warren Mick	Becca	75

Nursery 2 (6 dogs ran)

R. Deschambeault	Nick	66.5
Dee Woessner	Ben	60
Dee Woessner	Meg	60

Open 1 (57 dogs ran)

Fiona Robertson	Tap	90
Warren Mick	Dale	89
Allen Hickenbottom	Vic	87
R. Deschambeault	Trim	85
Jim Allen	Zip	81
R. Deschambeault	Nick	81
Patty Kallen	Jet	80
Barbara Levinson	Ryn	80
Steve Wetmore	Pace	77
Werner Reitbock	Tara	71

Open 2 (47 dogs ran)

R. Deschambeault	Trim	95
Warren Mick	Dale	94
Allen Hickenbottom	Vic	93
Steve Wetmore	Pace	90.5
Werner Reitbock	Roy	86.5
Werner Reitbock	Tara	86
R. Deschambeault	Bob	85.5
Steve Wetmore	Gile	85
Maria Amodei	Song	83.5
Patty Kallen	Jet	81.5



Photos
by
Kathi Mercier



CASCADE FARM SDT 2-4 JULY

Saturday started out with fog which soon lifted for a clear day. Classes ran Open to Novice. The sheep were a good challenge. Outrun was 340 yards and the drive was just shy of 300 yards. A chute was used instead of a shed. The judge for the day was Lorna Savage. Roger Deschambeault ran 4th with his dog Bob and set the challenge for the day with a 93. 41 dogs ran and 27 scored. The Novice trial ran all three classes. Ranch ran the open course. 11 dogs ran and 2 scored. Pro-novice was held on a smaller field with a strong draw to the exhaust. 13 dogs ran and 5 scored. Novice ran the same field, 8 dogs ran and 4 scored. A potluck dinner was held in the evening up at the Ames' house. Excellent food was enjoyed by all!

Sunday dawned clear which meant showers later in the morning. The course was the same as Saturday and the judge for the day was Denise Leonard. 43 Open dogs ran and 32 scored. Maria Amodei of Massachusetts and Sherry Farster of North Carolina tied for first with a 93. A run-off was used to break the tie. There was a lot of humor and teasing in good fun about the North vs. the South. Ranch: 17 dogs ran and 11 scored. Fourteen dogs ran Pro-Novice and 4 scored. Novice had 9 dogs and 6 scored. The trial ended at 6:30 pm and was followed by a delicious BBQ with homemade ice cream, fudge and strawberry sauce for desert.

Monday started early with fog which turned into a clear day with temps in the high 80's and low 90's. The judge for the day was Maria Amodei. It was decided to have a shed instead of the chute. Four handlers were able to rise to the challenge! Sue Schoen and Esther were the high scorers for the day with a 10-point shed and a final score of 91! Thirteen Ranch dogs ran with 7 receiving scores. Pro-Novice had 12 dogs compete and 7 had scores. Nine dogs ran in Novice and 6 scored

Sue Schoen and Esther were the 3-day Open Champions. Sue will receive a portrait of Esther courtesy of Heidi Osgood Metcalf www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com. Reserve Champion and Long Road went to Steve Wetmore and Gile. Ranch Champions went to Sharon Perkins and Bett. Reserve went to Kate Collins and Ben. Long Road went to Carol Weigand and McDuff. Pro-Novice Champion and Long Road went to Carlene Eitapence and Blaze. Reserve went to Betty Levin and Tyne. Novice Champion and Long Road went to Carol Weigand and Simon. Reserve went to Dana Eriksen and Quinn.

Bud & Mary want to thank everyone who helped make the trial a success. Judges, scribes and Betty for tabulating and recording each run. Set-out: many, many thanks for a tough job well done. Pen crew: Dan, Nara, Mike, Ginny, Carlene, Kim. "It's a dirty job" and you do it very well! Sue, Jim and Carlene for setup help and EVERYONE who helped take down!

Prizes all three days were provided by: Cascade Farm, Bordercollics Anonymous/Betsy Drummond, West Lebanon Feed & Supply, Blue Seal Dog Food, Border Collies in Action, Green Mountain Monogram, Heidi Osgood-Metcalf – Artist www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com

Photos by Betsy Drummond



Cascade Farm Results

OPEN 1: 41 Dogs

- 1-Roger Deschambeault Bob
- 2-Mich Ferraro Nimbus
- 3-Rob Drummond Cub
- 4-Denise Leonard Emmie
- 5-Denise Leonard Maggie
- 6-Dave Young Brynn
- 7-Dave Young Bess
- 8-Mich Ferraro Moss
- 9-Steve Wetmore Gile
- 10-Maria Amodei Song

RANCH 1: 11 dogs

- 1-Carol Weigand McDuff 67
- 2-Sharon Perkins Bett 66

PRO-NOVICE 1: 13 dogs

- 1-Betty Levin Tyne 58
- 2-Sherry Farster Sue 56
- 3-Carlene Eitapence Blaze 55
- 4-Paula Cato Flow
- 5-Kate Collins Ben

NOVICE: 8 dogs

- 1-Carol Weigand Simon 54
- 2-Deb Duarte Jillie
- 3-Sallie Butler Sky
- 4-Vicky Snowden Gypsy

OPEN 2: 43 Dogs

First Place Run-Off

- 1-Maria Amodei Fina
- 2-Sherry Farster Vic
- 3-Maria Amodei Song
- 4-Lorna Savage Kaylee
- 5-Annette Haithcox Dod
- 6-Don McCaig Fly
- 7-Mich Ferraro Nimbus
- 8-Annette Haithcox Gin
- 9-Jan Berger MA Moss
- 10-Sue Schoen Esther

RANCH 2: 17 Dogs

- 1-Lorna Savage Tyler 79
- 2-Kate Collins Ela 78
- 3-Sharon Perkins Bett 74
- 4-Nancy Phillips Dot 66
- 5-Mich Ferraro Wink 59
- 6-Michael Nunan Cap 55
- 7-Michael Dathe Keef 51
- 8-Carol Weigand McDuff 51

PRO-NOVICE 2: 14 dogs

- 1-Betty Levin Tyne 69
- 2-Steve Wetmore Floss 60
- 3-Carlene Eitapence Blaze 50
- 4-Lorna Savage Bella

NOVICE 2: 9 Dogs

- 1-Carol Weigand Simon 66
- 2-Tracy Carter Caper 60
- 3-Dana Eriksen Quinn 57
- 4-Eileen Wilentz Celt
- 5-Vicky Snowden Teak

OPEN 3: 35 dogs

- 1-Sue Schoen Esther
 - 2-Steve Wetmore Gile
 - 3-Sherry Farster Vic
 - 4-Chris Bowen Jake
 - 5-Denise Leonard Maggie
 - 6-Don McCaig June
 - 7-Sharon Perkins Roy
 - 8-Steve Wetmore Pace
 - 9-Sharon Perkins Cash
 - 10-Roger Deschambeault Bob
- Champion** Sue Schoen/Esther
Reserve Steve Wetmore/Gile
Long Road Steve Wetmore/Gile

RANCH 3: 13 Dogs

- 1-Jim Perkins Jake 61
 - 2-Sharon Perkins Bett 58
 - 3-Kate Collins Ela 56
 - 4-Bruce Smart Lucy
 - 5-Chris Bowen Tim
- Champion** Sharon Perkins Bett
Reserve Kate Collins Ela
Long Road Carol Weigand McDuff

PRO-NOVICE 3: 12 Dogs

- 1-Steve Wetmore Floss 65
 - 2-Sherry Farster Sue 62
 - 3-Kate Collins Ben 58
 - 4-Paula Cato Flow 53
 - 5-Deb Donahue Beal
- Champion** Carlene Eitapence Blaze
Reserve Betty Levin Tyne
Long Road Carlene Eitapence Blaze

NOVICE 3: 9 Dogs

- 1-Dana Eriksen Quinn 67
 - 2-Sallie Butler Sky 63
 - 3-Tracy Carter Caper 62
 - 4-Carol Weigand Simon 61
 - 5-JP Maillet Hurricane 52
- Champion** Carol Weigand Simon
Reserve Dana Eriksen Quinn
Long Road Carol Weigand Simon



Photos by Betsy Drummond



FETCH GATE FARM TRIAL, JULY 2-5

Fetch Gate Farm

6th Annual Sheep Dog Trial

July 2nd-5th, 2011

The beautiful view from the hills surrounding the farmhouse in itself is worth the trip to this spectacular trial. Fetch Gate Farm, home to Roger and Heather Millen, has been transformed into a top-notch sheepdog herding venue; fabulous uphill sloping trial field, expansive camping area, with plenty of open spaces and trails to exercise your dogs.

A very large field of Open dogs showed their prowess under the scrutiny of Chuck Dimit of Roanoke, Indiana. A straight gentle lift decided your outrun score, as the sheep varied in their desire to either run back to the set out or head down hill to the exhaust. The trial was run on one ewe and two lambs, difficult at the best of times, but made more so as Roger had to add some smaller lambs to his registered flock due to the fact that one of his rams neglected his duties and he found himself short of lambs for such a large trial. These new little Katahdins flocked well enough, but were somewhat smaller than their counterparts and were considered by some dogs as unworthy of shedding off, much to my personal dismay. Both of my open dogs turned up their noses and avoided the shed when asked to come in. I fared better the second go around as I got tougher with both of them and demanded they comply. The Open classes ran flawlessly with JP Lalonde's expert setout skills, and we were done in good time to enjoy a before-dinner cocktail and a chance to discuss the runs of the day and visit with old friends. The catered dinner was, as always, delicious and Shannon baked both a carrot and a chocolate cake for dessert.....ummmmm!

Monday and Tuesday saw a very large entry of Novice teams take to the trial field. There look to be many very promising handlers moving up through the ranks. The scores reflect how well the teams are progressing. I hope to welcome some of them to Open next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Heather and Roger for providing us with such a great venue and for their hospitality and good humour. Having so many trialing events during the season must be both time consuming and exhausting. Kudos for your dedication to the sport of sheep dog trialing. I very much look forward to returning next season. This trial gets a 10+ from this handler!

Mary Thompson

Photo Shannon Anderson



Fetch Gate Fram Results

OPEN/SATURDAY 73 dogs

Lambert, Beverly	Awel	93
Reitboeck, Werner	Tara	93
Mick, Maria	Bodie	93
Cunningham, Lori	Matt	92
Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	91
Mick, Warren	Doc	90
Levinson, Barb	Gin	90
Cunningham, Lori	William	87
Comeau, Linda	Bet	86
Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Aldebaran	86
Van de Car, Peter	Russ	86
Woessner, Dee	Nell	86
Levinson, Barb	Ryn	86
Geier, Joyce	Jim	85
Williams, Cheryl J.	Spot	85

OPEN/SUNDAY 73 dogs

Lambert, Beverly	Awel	92
Thompson, Mary	Coal	91
Sheninger, Gene	Sweet	91
Gansky, Suzanne	Roy	91
Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Mirk	90
Williams, Cheryl J.	Spot	90
Keats, Kathy	Craig	89
Eddy, Joyce	Tess	88
Lambert, Beverly	Hemp	86
Thompson, Mary	Beauty	86
Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna	85
Williams, Dick	Lass	85
Thompson, Mary	Holly	84
Higgins, Michelle	Dream	84
Sharp, Dave	Tot	84
Vandecar, Peter	Leif	84

Champion: Bev Lambert and Awel

Reserve: Bev Lambert and Hemp

NURSERY/MONDAY 18 dogs

Lambert, Bev	Meg	87
Hoeber, Tom	Mia	84
Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Mercury	78
Geier, Joyce	Tiz	77

NURSERY/TUESDAY 13 dogs

Robertson, Fiona	Mirk	80
Robertson, Fiona	Gem	79
Simmons, Nancy J	Black	76

NOV-NOV/MONDAY 21 dogs

Lippolis, Kim	Becky	75
Donaldson, Laura	Cyn	74
Davies, Pam	Teilo	73
Clark, Linda	Meg	72
Place, Laurie	Mattie	72
Bower, Lynn	Cael	72
Bigourdan, Jean-Louis	Zac	69
Acres, Kathryn	Swift	43

PRO-NOVICE/MONDAY 37 dogs

Woessner, Dee	Ben	78
Higgins, Michelle	Flint	75
Costanzo, Kyra	Tess	72
Herscher, Angie	Binx	70
Millen, Roger	Tagg	69
Geier, Joyce	Tiz	68
Lockwood, Sandy	Curley Sue	67
Woessner, Dee	Dibs	67
Hardin-Steiner, Edie	Rudy	66
Zieser, Walt	Anne	62

RANCH/MONDAY 27 dogs

Herscher, Angie	Rhyme	87
Thompson, Mary	Frost	86
Leverett, Barbara	Bess	84
Hoeber, Tom	Mia	83
Millen, Roger	Rock	83
Whitney, Leslie	Cap	79
Barrett, Jean	Nor'e	77
Hinton, Tracy	Boy	72
Dunning, Helen	Jess	70
Dunning, Helen	Jack	69

NOV-NOV/TUESDAY 17 dogs

Murphy, Mackenzie	Tess	71
Cameron, Pat	Mollee	70
Reiter, Sara	Rye	70
Place, Laurie	Mattie	70
Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	68
Davies, Pam	Teilo	68
Clark, Linda	Meg	62
Donaldson, Laura	Cyn	57
Lippolis, Kim	Becky	57
Bower, Lynn	Cael	54

PRO-NOV/TUESDAY 30 dogs

King, Molly	Allie	79
Millen, Roger	Tagg	75
Zieser, Walt	Anne	75

LeFever, Gwenn	Soot	73
Millen, Heather	Chip	71
Geier, Joyce	Tiz	70
Morgan, Celia	Nash	70
Woessner, Dee	Ben	67
Van Wicklen, Gail	Mist	66
Thompson, Mary	Paris	65

RANCH/TUESDAY 24 dogs

Madison, Ron	Duke	77
Dunning, Helen	Jack	74
Barrett, Jean	Nor'e	74
Madison, Ron	Greta	74
Millen, Roger	Rock	73
Hoeber, Tom	Mia	72
Thompson, Mary	Frost	71
Dunning, Helen	Jess	70
Nunan, Sharon	Charlie	68
Hinton, Tracy	Boy	67

Photo Shannon Anderson



PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SDT JUNE 17-21

Hop Bottom Celebrates 30th Anniversary

by Dave Sharp

The Pennsylvania Stock Dog Trial celebrated its 30th anniversary June 17th thru 21st at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA. Over 80 open dogs ran Saturday and Sunday and many Nursery and Novice dogs competed Friday, Monday and Tuesday. As always it was interesting, challenging and much fun. As a sign of the times, this year's trial was sponsored by Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation.

At Saturday's catered dinner, Dave Sharp, on behalf of the NEBCA Board of Directors, presented trial hosts, Cheryl Jagger Williams and Dick Williams with a commemorative plaque to mark this significant achievement (see photo by Tom Hoeber and a picture of the plaque by Nancy Ortiz-Sharp).



by Nancy Ortiz Sharp).

Walt and Eleanor Jagger hosted the first PA SDT June 21, 1982. Back then trials were promoted much differently than today. A poster promoting this trial shows some of the details (see photo



When Walt started this trial, his goal was to introduce as many people as possible to the working border collie. I, like

many others, saw my first trial at Sheepy Hollow some 20-plus years ago. Many of the spectators who attended this year's trial over the Father's Day weekend have been coming to watch the working border collie for a number of years. So it looks like Walt has very much accomplished the goal he established some 30 years ago.

Thanks again to Cheryl and Dick for continuing this wonderful trial and Father's Day tradition. Both you and your families and volunteers always provide a great trial experience and many fond memories.

For results, see next page.



PA State Championship (Hop Bottom) Results

Nursery 1 (13 dogs ran)

Higgins, Michele	Rush 50
Williams, Dick	Mick 44
Ferraro, Michele	Wink 42

Nursery 2 (14 dogs ran)

Levinson, Barbara	Hemp 70
Higgins, Michele	Rush 62
Geier, Joyce	Tiz 53

Nursery 3 (14 dogs ran)

Williams, Dick	Mick 82
Barrett, Jean	Noreaster 75
Geier, Joyce	Tiz 75

NoviceNovice 1 (27 dogs ran)

Gambill, Judy	Cal 72
Cox, Diane	Monk 72
Weeks, Dan	Anna 72
Weigand, Carol	Simon 70
Weeks, Dan	Tilly 68
Davies, Pam	Teilo 67
Donaldson, Laura	Cyn 65
Basial, Lisa	Cian 64
Davies, Pam	Ben 64
Thompson, Diane	Riot 62

Pro-Novice 1 (29 dogs ran)

Schmitt, Cynthia	Jaff 70
Boyce, Dawn	Jet 69
Mick, Warren	Eddie 69
Madison, Ron	Duke 68
Layfield, Todd	Spot 67
Lash, Carolyn	Huck 66
LeFever, Gwenn	Soot 66
Millen, Roger	Taggart 64
Madison, Ron	Chelsea 63
Barrett, Jean	Noreaster 59

Ranch 1 (29 dogs ran)

Boyce, Dawn	Gage 83
Mick, Warren	Becca 80
Hoeber, Tom	Mia 78
Lambert, Beverly	Joe 78
Levinson, Barbara	Hemp 77
Sharon, Fran	Liz 75
Millen, Roger	Rock 73
Williams, Cheryl	Nic 73
Schmitt, Cynthia	Jill 70
Lambert, Beverly	Meg 69

Nursery 4 (13 dogs ran)

Williams, Malcolm	Wilson 73
Simmons, Nancy	Black 73
Geier, Joyce	Tiz 73

Novice/Novice 2 (25 dogs ran)

Place, Laurie	Mattie 69
Malloy, Karen	Keeper 65
Reiter, Sara	T. Rye 59
Gambill, Jud	Cal 55
Lippolis, Kim	Becky 53
Trewitt, Irene	Gwen 49
Acres, Kathryn	Swift 48
Bigourdan, Jean-Louis	Zac 46
Dobbs, Michelle	Flora 44
Quigley, Megan	Dare 43

Pro-Novice 2 (26 dogs ran)

Lash, Carolyn	Huck 64
Madison, Ron	Duke 64
Costtanzo, Kyra	Sue 58
LeFever, Gwenn	Soot 58
Sheninger, Gene	Teg 56
Barrett, Jean	Noreaster 53
Herscher, Angela	Binx 52
Boyce, Dawn	Jet 51
Schmitt, Cynthia	Jaff 50
Devine, Anne	Rob 49

Ranch 2 (22 dogs ran)

Sheninger, Gene	Cap 70
Williams, Cheryl	Nic 65
Millen, Roger	Rock 63
Hoeber, Tom	Mia 60
Simmons, Nancy	Moss 58
Boyce, Dawn	Gage 58
Herscher, Angela	Rhyme 55
Chute, Peggy	KC 54

Weigand, Carol
Nunan, Sharon

McDuff
Charlie

53
53

Open 1 (80 dogs ran)

1 Mick, Warren	Dale
2 Geier, Joyce	Jim
3 Williams, Dick	Lass
4 Williams, Cheryl	Spot
5 Mick, Maria	Bodie
6 Boyce, Dawn	Tink
7 Lambert, Beverly	Awel
8 Lambert, Beverly	Hemp
9 Boyce, Dawn	Slim
10 Williams, Dick	Mirk
11 Cunningham, Lori	William
12 Sheninger, Gene	Nick
13 Williams, Cheryl	Toby
14 Molloy, Sally	Bett
15 Fogt, Bruce	Cam
16 Cunningham, Lori	Matt

Open 2 (77 dogs ran)

1 Fogt, Bruce	Wyn
2 Boyce, Dawn	Slim
3 Levinson, Barbara	Ryn
4 Haithcox, Anet	Dod
5 Fogt, Bruce	Cam
6 Sheninger, Gene	Sweet
7 Cunningham, Lori	William
8 Williams, Dick	Lass
9 Higgins, Michele	Dream
10 Cunningham, Lori	Matt
11 Ortiz-Sharp, Nancy	Mirk
12 Levinson, Barbara	Gin
13 Williams, Cheryl	Toby
14 Billadeau, Mark	Peg
15 Lambert, Beverly	Awel
16 Williams, Dick	Mirk

FALL FOLIAGE

NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

Two Open Trials October 8-10 2011

Saturday, October 8-Round One Sunday, October 9-Round Two

Championship Trial: Monday, October 10-Final

15 Highest Scoring Teams from the Qualifying Rounds Advance to Double Lift Final
Entries accepted now through September 27, 2011. Dogs that have earned placements in two NEBCA sanctioned Open trials this season are eligible to compete in the Double Lift Final. Non-qualified dogs may be entered in rounds one and two, if space permits. Entries of qualified dogs will be given preference.
Entry form and information on the website (Trial Schedule)

Minutes of NEBCA Meeting at Cummington, May 28, 2011

Called to order by Carol Campion at 6:00 PM. There were 33 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 268 memberships including 48 family, 5 Life and 1 Honorary. This is up from the 212 at the Annual Meeting. It was noted that any person joining after October 1 of the calendar year will be members for that current year and the following year. The membership form on the website will be corrected to reflect this date.

Treasurer's Report – given by Ellen Black

The current balance in the treasury as of 5-15-11 is \$23,963.02. Please refer to financial statement.

Board of Directors Report – given by Carol Campion

Carol discussed the need for an audit of the clubs' finances. The audit may be informal and the board decided to perform an internal audit of the clubs' financial records.

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett

The sheep that will be used for the Fall Foliage Championship are currently at Barb's farm. The committee is soliciting suggestions for a judge. The trial may take place over 2 ½ days of the Columbus Day weekend.

The committee thanked Gene Shenerger for updating the software used in the calculations for the High Points tally. The tally will include the best twelve trials in which a dog earns points. No more than 6 trials per state/province will be included in a dog's 12 best trials.

Steve Wetmore recommended that trial managers review the guidelines for trial managers that are on the USBCHA website. Barb mentioned that she is working on assembling a NEBCA trial manager's guidelines, but asked that a link to the USBCHA guidelines be placed on the NEBCA website until our own guidelines are completed.

Barb stated that the committee will be looking into the possibility of creating a club award to recognize an outstanding "Nursery Dog of the Year". The committee is looking for input from members about this idea.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Kate Collins

The Novice Finals are scheduled to take place at High Point Farm in Knox, NY over Labor Day weekend, using Pat Canada's sheep. Due to the trial earlier date of the finals, the cut-off date for qualification will be the Sunday of the Leatherstocking trial, August 21.

Steve Wetmore motioned that the club spend up to \$150 to have a banner made for use specifically at the Novice Finals that would state the club Name and Novice Finals. The motion was seconded by Rob Drummond. Motion passed.

Newsletter Editor's Report – given by Jim Allen

Jim has completed his first newsletter and copies had been mailed out just prior to this meeting. Carol and the club thanked Jim for his efforts. Carol encouraged the membership to contribute articles and mentioned that the club officers and committees have been asked to contribute, also. Molly King has offered to help with the required proofreading and to solicit articles. Barb Leverett mentioned that she would like to put together a history of the Fall Foliage trials and requested photos/stories from the membership.

Fund Raising Report – general discussion

It was discussed that there should be a check-off on the membership form for purchase of NEBCA T-shirts and hats.

Calendar Report – given by George Northrup

2012 calendars are available for sale. There are very few 2011 calendars left available at a discounted price.

Library Report – given by Martha Walke

Martha stated that the library is not being used very much. An update to the library holdings will be completed soon for publication on the website and the newsletter.

Old Business

At the annual meeting, Warren Mick and Wally Dury were tasked with the assignment to look into the types of portable sheep handling equipment available that could potentially be purchased by NEBCA for use at trials. Wally presented a comprehensive report including available products that provided portable, sturdy, expandable and easily configured and integrated into existing set ups. The recommendation was to assemble 'off the shelf' panels and equipment from multiple suppliers. Cost would be in the \$3000-4000 range. A small enclosed trailer to transport and

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store the handling equipment (and fencing) is not included in this figure but was also recommended. The trials committees have been asked to solicit input from trial managers as to whether they would be interested in using such a system.

New Business

Dave Young has suggested that the trial entry forms be available in PDF.

Carol suggested that NEBCA put together a judging clinic or program to encourage more members in the NEBCA geographic region to learn about judging. She requested input as to the format of such a program.

Carol reminded all that NEBCA sponsors public events and to be sure to present a positive image.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.

KINGSTON SHEEPDOG TRIALS AT GRASS CREEK PARK, AUGUST 3-7**Open 1 (123 dogs ran)**

Werner Reitboeck	Roy	92
Mary Thompson	Beauty	90
Amanda Milliken	Roz	90
Beverly Lambert	Awel	89
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	86
Beverly Lambert	Hemp	86
Lori Cunningham	Matt	85
Linda Tesdahl	Suede	85
Jeanine Van der Merwe	Jade	84
Sue Schoen	Esther	82
Dick Williams	Mirk	79
Chuck Dimit	Rex	79
Barbara Ray	Stella	78
Lorna Savage	Tyler	77
Werner Reitboeck	Tara	77
Linda Comeau	Joe	74
Cheryl Jagger-Williams	Spot	73
Linda Tesdahl	Juno	73
Beverly Lambert	Odinn	73
Christine Koval	Bess	72
Alistair Simpson	Taz	72
David Sharp	Tot	71
David Sharp	Dol	71
Kathy Keats	Craig	70
Jeanine Van der Merwe	Pete	70

Open 2 (123 dogs ran)

Christine Koval	Tweed	83	1
Jeanine Van der Merwe	Jade	82	2
Barbara Ray	Stella	81	3
Beverly Lambert	Hemp	79	4
Lori Cunningham	Matt	78	5
Kathy Keats	Craig	78	6
Amanda Milliken	Roz	77	7
Mary Thompson	Beauty	76	8
Dawn Boyce	Tink	76	9
Beverly Lambert	Awel	76	10
Jeanine Van der Merwe	Pete	75	11
Lorna Savage	Tyler	75	12
Jeanine Van der Merwe	Sam	75	13
Amanda Milliken	Dorey	74	14
Sally Molloy	Bett	73	15
Linda Tesdahl	Suede	73	16
Barbara Ray	Brit	72	17
Dee Penatzer	Craig	72	18
Jim Valley	Lita	72	19
Lorna Savage	Kaylee	70	20
Maria Amodei	Song	70	21
Cheryl Jagger-Williams	Toby	70	22
Dawn Boyce	Slim	70	23
Dave Young	Bryn	70	24
Barbara Levinson	Ryn	70	25

**Double Lift Finals**

1	Jeanine Van der Merwe	Jade	250
2	Amanda Milliken	Roz	248
3	Beverly Lambert	Awel	239
4	Beverly Lambert	Hemp	220
5	Mary Thompson	Beauty	205
6	Lori Cunningham	Matt	187
7	Lorna Savage	Tyler	170
8	Kathy Keats	Craig	160
9	Barbara Ray	Stella	153
10	Dick Williams	Mirk	153
	Dave Sharp	Tot	rt
	Linda Tesdahl	Suede	rt
	Werner Reitboeck	Roy	rt
	Jeanine Van der Merwe	Pete	rt
	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	rt

A nervous competitor at Grass Creek Park.

Ossipee Valley Fair and Western Maine BBQ Trial at Fryeburg

Ossipee Valey Fair, July 7

Open (23 dogs ran)

- 1 Roger Deschambeault & Bob
- 2 Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
- 3 Roger Deschambeault & Trim
- 4 Rob Drummond & Casey
- 5 Rob Drummond & Ben
- 6 Gabe Merrill & Ken
- 7 Sharon Perkins & Cash
- 8 Jim Allen & Zip
- 9 Lynn Deschambeault & Mij
- 10 Dee Woessner & Nell

Western Maine BBQ Trial at Fryeburg, July 23

Open (19 dogs ran)

- 1 Roger Deschambeault & Bob
- 2 Roger Deschambeault & Nick
- 3 Rob Drummond & Casey
- 4 Susan Allen & Ash
- 5 Rob Drummond & Cub
- 6 Jim Perkins & Z
- 7 Sharon Perkins & Cash
- 8 Lynn Deschambeault & Mij
- 9 Gabe Merrill & Ken
- 10 Jim Allen & Zip

HERDING DEMONSTRATION FOR ALBANY 4H, JULY 2011

Albany County 4H recently held their summer camp for Kids and Their Dogs at Albany Obedience Club. Warren Mick graciously came to camp one morning to show the campers how Border Collies herd sheep. The campers had requested this while planning their program back in early spring. Campers attend the camp with their dogs and learn lots of new skills, bond with their dogs and learn about many aspects of the canine world. Warren reinforced the need to have a good working relationship with their dog, the importance of the dog coming when called and work ethics of many different breeds. Each camper had the opportunity to learn from Warren how to start a dog to work sheep. Campers, volunteers and instructors came away with a very postive experience of herding.

:Photos and article courtesy of Rose Redick



The NEBCA Mentoring Program

Eileen Willentz

There has been a lot of lively conversation under the handlers' tents this year as open handlers shared their knowledge and perspectives with novices.

For a second year Rose Redick has organized a mentoring program, pairing new handlers with those more experienced, to promote the exchange of ideas and the development of skills. Initiated last year at Peter Van de Car's High Point Trial, the program has evolved, now drawing in more participants and offering new learning and teaching possibilities for all handlers.

The initial impetus of the program was to give newcomers a greater understanding of the intricacies of handling sheep over the trial field in a smooth and efficient manner. This year anyone interested could participate in the program. By "putting bodies together," Rose successfully created an environment which fostered discussion and encouraged questions about the skills required to achieve a successful run - exploring what went right as well as what went wrong. In turn, it was hoped these talks would encourage handlers to reflect on how they ran their dogs.

Judging clinics giving insights into how a run was pointed by different judges. Participants were challenged to score runs and then compare their scores with the judges were held at Cummington and High Point. A discussion ensued of why points are deducted and what guidelines judges consider in coming up with their score. At Cummington, Rose awarded prizes to those whose scoring came closest to the judges.

At High Point basic sheep handling was taught by experienced shepherds, with the novices introduced to pen work and shown how to set sheep out and get them settled to try to maximize the potential of each run.

The benefits of mentoring for novices are obvious, but the program mentors also profited from the chance to organize their thoughts and explain their opinions about events occurring on the trial field. It encouraged focus on the job at hand and introspection.

This year the program will also include a judging seminar for open handlers at Leatherstocking in August.

The program was the brainchild of Lori Cunningham, but is being run by Rose Redick. Rose has been involved with sheepdog trials for many years. First with Fawn and now with her young dog Kensa, Rose learned by watching and listening under the handlers' tent while training with Warren Mick and others. With a strong organizational background she felt there should be a better way of sharing the knowledge of the open handlers in a constructive manner that would also motivate novices. She has tapped into a reservoir of talent and created a highly successful program, which she hopes other trial organizers will copy.

Kudos to Rose and many thanks to the open handlers and judges who generously offered their time and abilities as well as to the new handlers who participated and helped make the program a success.



:Photo by Betsy Drummond

HANDLERS PRESENT EZ-UP TENT TO BETTY MURRAY

NEBCA handlers who took part in the Nearfield Farm trials in Center Conway, NH, in early June 2011 presented Betty Murray with an EZ-Up tent to replace the awning that was blown off her camper last year at the Mad River trials in Waitsfield, VT.

Betty and her dog, Scruffy, are perennial figures at sheepdog trials in New Hampshire, Vermont, and northern Massachusetts, where Betty serves as the secretary for many of our NECA trials, making sure that the scores are correct and properly entered in the posted results. Betty also acts as a point of sale for NEBCA T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and other paraphernalia.

Dear NEBCA Friends,

I would like to thank all the handlers at the Nearfield farm trial for the fantastic Easy up gazebo that they surprised me with at the trial. What a blessing.

I had lost my camper awning at a Mad River trial in a storm and was missing it very much. You wonderful people saw the problem and presented me with the remedy. It's great to have such nice friends.

Sincerely,
Betty Murray



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Thank you, Betty!

Please contact the Open Trials Committee if you would like to sponsor an award for the Fall Foliage

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NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE, SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2011

Sep 1	Lancaster Fair SDT	Open Points Fairgrounds, Lancaster, NH	603-939-2255	Roger Deschambeault	Sep 3-4	NEBCA Novice Finals	High Point Farm, Knox, NY NEBCA Nov. Trials Committee Kate Collins/George Northrop	978-249-4407	Sep 3-4	Blue Hill Fair SDT	Blue Hill, ME Two Open Points Trials NEBCA/USBCA	207-677-2227	Jim Davidson	Sep 16	NH Highland Games SDT	Open Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH Lynn Deschambeault (passes)	207-452-2898				
Sep 25	Pipedream Farm SDT	One Open, One Ranch Middletown, MD	USBCA/NEBCA	Mark & Renee Billadeau	Sep 26-27	Eastern States Trials	Springfield MA Three Open Points Trials	USBCA/NEBCA	Pat Canaday	518-861-6049	Oct 1	NH State Championship SDT	East Conway, NH One Open Trial	USBCA/NEBCA	Roger Deschambeault	603-939-2255	Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair SDT	Fryeburg, ME One Open Points Trial	USBCA/NEBCA	
Oct 8-10	NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE	Oct 8-10	CHAMPIONSHIP	Cooperstown, NY Two Open Trials;	Double Lift Monday	USBCA/NEBCA	Barbara Leverett	518-568-2833	Maria Amodei	978-649-6736	Oct 8-10	Swaledale SDT	Blackstock, ON Novice & Open	USBCA/NEBCA	Andrea dekenedy	647-977-3866	Oct 11-13	Shepherd's Crook	Farm SDT Woodville, Ontario Novice & Open	USBCA/NEBCA/OBCC	
Oct 14-16	Indian River SDT	Indian River, ON Novice & Open	USBCA/NEBCA/OBCC	Cynthia Palmer	705-295-3351	Oct 21-23	Butternut Creek Fall SDT	NN/PN & Open USBCA/NEBCA/OBCC	Amanda Milliken	613-531-9405	Nov 5-6	Long Shot Trial	Church Hill, MD Two-Day Open, Ranch,	ProNovice, Nursery	USBCA/NEBCA	Sherry Smith	410-758-3363				
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