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2011 Fall Foliage Championship

Warren Mick and Dale, Champions
(photo by Beth Adams)



Maria Mick and Bodie, Reserve Champions
(photo by Kate Collins)

Full Report on the 2011 Fall Foliage

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regarding pictures for the
2013 Calendar**

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From the President



Photo of Tam on St. Sunday Crag

"I'm sitting, on top of the World, ". The only phrase that comes to mind.

No, I didn't win the World Trial in Cumbria. But the phrase still describes my month of September—sitting on top of the world!

For that is how it felt atop Latrigg in Cumbria, Tam and I working lovely flocks of Swaledale ewes while the mortal world continued on far below at its usual pace. We had not a care!

The World Trial. It was a magnificent event. I'd go again in a heartbeat. The sheep were beautifully fit Swaledale mules that were a pleasure to work and a pleasure to watch. Tam loved them and they loved Tam! Every qualifying run got fresh sheep. The double lift field was great

for spectators and it was a very exciting final. The atmosphere for the entire event was one of exhilaration and high spirits!

The NEBCA handlers ran well. The NEBCA supporters who came to see the World Trial made a huge difference in the morale. It was really special to come off the field and see so many familiar, smiling faces and to be the recipient of such outpouring of support. Look for the many reports and stories in this issue from the folks that came to Cumbria.

Here is a link to my photos from the trip: <<https://picasaweb.google.com/lh/myphotos>>. They include pictures from the World Trial, pictures of my run and pictures of England, Wales and Scotland. I will write about my travels and experiences in the winter issue.

But there was more than one exciting trial this fall. NEBCA was well represented at the USBCHA National Finals in Colorado, and one of the judges was NEBCA past president, Warren Mick. It was a challenging trial and our own Amanda Miliken and Dory won the USBCHA National Finals Nursery Championship. Well done, Amanda.

The Novice Final in Climax, NY and the Fall Foliage in Cooperstown, NY were both huge successes. You can read about them in this issue. The weather for the Fall Foliage was perfect and as a result the event drew many spectators. The running was good and it gave spectators a chance to see some lovely dog work.

On to the future.

The NEBCA annual meeting will be this January in Massachusetts at the Deerfield Firehouse. Look for the dates & directions in this issue.

Please keep in mind that NEBCA is always looking for individuals who would like to serve on committees and lend a hand. If you have some interest in taking part in the club, please let one of our committee or board members know.

There is also a renewal form in this newsletter as well as on the website, so don't forget to renew. You can't vote on items at the annual meeting unless you are a member.

Cheers, and we'll see you all at the annual meeting.

Carol





Photo by Beth Adams

FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP, OCTOBER 8-10, 2011

The NEBCA Open Trial committee would like to thank everyone for their help in putting on this event. Most important is our local committee who did almost all of the site work and spent the weekend before the trial setting up. The local committee is Barbara Leverett, Warren Mick, Barb & Bernie Armata, and Linda Hotchkiss. Without them there would have been no Fall Foliage Championship. Additional help to the Open Trial committee came from Kate Collins of the NEBCA Novice trial committee who helped in a number of places right alongside the Open committee. Molly King organized our scribes. Betsy Drummond of BorderCollics Anonymous not only donated the awards for Champion, Reserve and Long Road, she helped all along the way and provided each competitor with a lovely bag of items as souvenirs of the trial. Many handlers stepped up to help with setout, scribing and pen work. In addition to the valuable support of the competitors there were volunteers who spent their entire weekend working the trial without having a dog entered. Celia Morgan set up and ran the NEBCA merchandise tent; Diane Cox worked in the pen and scribed; Dave Gessert worked the pen; Rose Redick ably managed the scores for 3 days; Mary Ann Kras/Duffy worked the pen and helped with take down; Sharon Gillis helped with the take down; Julie Williams, Gail Van Wicklen, Susan Allen, and Dee Woessner worked as scribes; Randy Giffith was the gate fee collector.

A special thanks goes to the landowners, the Clark Foundation, for their support of this trial and the Leatherstocking trial held on this field every August.

We must thank our judge, Calvin Jones of Wales, for sorting the work, and Mother Nature for the spectacular weather. Surely I missed someone as there was a veritable volunteer army that made this event run smoothly. So if I did not get your name, then double thanks for being both helpful and patient with my memory.

We ran on lightly dogged ewes and lambs from a dairy flock. They required the dog to be definite and correct, holding dog and handler to good standards of work to gain their cooperation. Qualifying rounds were held on 2 ewes and 2 lambs. The final round was a double gather of two groups of 4 sheep. The final round had a simple split of 4/4 for the shed since these docile dairy girls were not sufficiently concerned about people to be able to sort. Indeed it took creativity and a quick dog to shed them at all.

The comprehensive results for all days can be found at <http://www.nebca.net/fallfoliage.html> . Look for RESULTS on the left about half way down the page.

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DOUBLE LIFT RESULTS

	Handler	Dog	Score
1	Warren Mick	Dale	136
2	Maria Mick	Bodie	125
3	Carol Campion	Tam	123
4	Maria Amodei	Song	123
5	Maria Amodei	Levi	116
6	Gene Sheninger	Nick	116
7	Dick Williams	Mirk	108
8	Barbara Leverett	Tot	107
9	Warren Mick	Doc	107
10	Dick Williams	Lass	98
11	Sue Schoen	Peat	88
12	Michelle Brothers	XP Snap	59
13	Mich Ferraro	Nimbus	RT
14	Werner Reitboeck	BB Roy	RT
15	Maria Mick	Kit	RT
16	Gene Sheninger	Sweet	RT
17	Fiona Robertson	Tap	RT
18	Joyce Geier	Jim	DQ



Photo by Beth Adams



Photo by Kate Collins



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NEBCA NOVICE FINALS

The NEBCA Novice Finals were held Labor Day weekend, September 3rd and 4th at Peter VandeCar's High Point Farm in Knox, New York. The Novice Trials Committee wishes to thank Peter for hosting the event at his beautiful farm and for all the work he put into keeping the field in perfect condition.

Bernie Armata was our judge and he did a great job of sorting all the runs. Thanks, Bernie!

We would like to thank the local people who worked so hard to make the trial run well: Warren Mick and Rose Redick spent days at Peter's before the trial and Joe and Jackie Evans arrived Thursday to help set things up. Maria Mick and Joe Evans set sheep and did whatever needed to be done to help out and neither was running a dog in the trial.

No trial goes on without the help of many people and NEBCA folks are very willing to pitch in. Thank you to all for set up and breakdown, setting sheep, scribing and collecting score sheets, driving to pick up lunch and dinner, and work in the sheep pen. Coffee, tea and donuts were available mornings thanks to Rose and Jackie.

Eileen Wilentz arranged for a yummy handlers dinner on Saturday evening. She also put together a bag for each handler with running orders and little treasures she found.

Pat Canaday provided the flock of dorset cross ewes used for the trial. They are well fit and knowledgeable girls, which made for good and challenging runs.

Jackie Evans kept track of the score sheets and posted the results. The two best scores out of three runs were added together to determine placings.

On Saturday the weather was kind; Sunday morning the fog was so thick that visibility was near zero, causing a delay of more than two hours. Then thunderstorms rolled in causing more delay. We were fortunate to get in the third ranch run and breakdown before a severe storm with a tornado struck nearby and deluged the farm.

The running was good and everyone should take pride in that.

Thank you all for coming and congratulations to all those placing, the Long Road winners, and to Ron Madison and Chelsea for winning the Alex McKinven Trophy in the Pro Novice class.

As chairman of the Novice Trials Committee I would like to thank the members for all the hard work they did to put on a great Finals.



NEBCA NOVICE FINALS RESULTS

Novice Novice

1. Kim Lippolis	Becky	156
2. Linda Clarke	Meg	144
3. Emmanuel Neto	Roy	144
4. Diane Sobel-Meyer	Magnum	143
5. Sandy Lockwood	Joy	143
6. Pam Davies	Teilo	139
7. Victoria Snowdon	Gypsy	139
8. Donna Dickinson	Dot	138
9. Emmanuel Neto	Flex	136
10. Eileen Wilentz	Celt	136

Long Road — Emmanuel Neto/Roy

Pro Novice

1. Mary Brighoff	Spur	154
2. Diane Cox	Monk	139
3. Gwen LeFever	Soot	139
4. Dee Woessner	Dibbs	137
5. Cindy Schmitt	Jaff	137
6. Roger Millen	Taggart	136
7. Kate Collins	Ben	136
8. Dave Fetterman	Duff	136
9. Ron Madison	Chelsea	136
10. Rose Redick	Kensa	135

Long Road — Mary Brighoff/Spur

Alex McKinven Trophy — Ron Madison/Chelsea

Ranch

1. Warren Mick	Shep	162
2. Warren Mick	Becca	155
3. Ron Madison	Duke	153
4. Roger Millen	Rock	152
5. Helen Dunning	Jack	135
6. Helen Dunning	Jess	135
7. Kate Collins	Ela	131
8. Dee Woessner	Meg	128
9. Cindy Schmitt	Jill	113
10. Nancy Phillips	Dot	111

Long Road — Warren Mick/Shep

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 unisex 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 are on sale now!!



Photo by Kate Collins



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BUY YOUR 2012 NEBCA CALENDAR NOW!!!!

Buy your 2012 NEBCA Calendar now!

Buy it on the website <<http://www.nebca.net/calendars.html>> or call George Northrop at 978-249-4407! The best Border collie pictures in the country, bar none. Note: People renewing NEBCA membership can buy a 2012 calendar for \$10 with renewal and get free shipping.

Pictures for the 2013 NEBCA Calendar!

The calendar committee will take photo submissions for consideration in the 2013 NEBCA Border Collie calendar until February 1, 2012. Email or send to Kate Collins, george01368@yahoo.com, POB 119, Royalston, MA 01368. Photos should be clear, interesting, have good composition and be large enough for printing. Please don't email large size as we will ask for a large file if your photo is chosen for the calendar. Send us your best. And yes, we love pictures with livestock in them.

NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: January 21, 2012 (snow date: January 28) If you are in-doubt, please check www.nebca.net!

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: South Deerfield Fire Station in South Deerfield, MA. (Directions below)

Notes:

Please bring a pot luck dish to share for lunch. Dogs are not allowed in the fire station. If you do bring a dog, please pick up after it.

Anything that needs to be placed on the agenda should be emailed to the president, Carol Campion,

camp.nebca@gmail.com

Don't forget to bring:

1. Your membership renewal
2. Your prepared ballot (for BOD election). A potluck dish to share

If you are NOT going to attend the annual meeting:

1. Please arrange proxy votes ahead of time. As we need a quorum, if you will not be attending, please arrange for someone who is to be your proxy!
2. Send in your ballot (for the BOD election) AND your membership renewal prior to January 9, 2012 to NEBCA Secretary, Maria Mick (address located on all forms). For Official NEBCA Ballot and membership renewal form, please see insert included in this newsletter.

Directions to the Deerfield Firehouse

From the South:

Take Interstate 91 North to Exit 24 in South Deerfield
Take a right off the ramp and go north on Rts 5 & 10 for 5 miles.
Turn left at the Sunoco station and the sign for Historic Deerfield.

From the North:

Take Interstate 91 south to Exit 26 in Greenfield.
Go 1/2 way around the traffic circle for Rt 2A East.
Turn right at the 2nd traffic light (Dunkin Donuts) for River Street.
Turn Right at the next light onto Rts 5 & 10 (Deerfield Street) and go 2-3 miles.
Turn right at the sign for Historic Deerfield.

Go about 1/2 mile. The firehouse is on your right. The Firehouse is a gray building with red trim, set back from the road across from the Deerfield Inn. Please park to the rear of the building.

And don't forget it's time to renew your membership. A bonus: People renewing NEBCA membership can buy a 2012 calendar for \$10 with renewal and get free shipping.

NEBCA 2012 Election Ballot

The terms of the members of the Board of Directors run for two years, with two of the four positions expiring each year. The following candidates have been nominated to fill the two positions that expire in 2012: Mich Ferraro, Barb Levinson, Michael Nunan, Gene Sheninger, and Cheryl Jagger Williams. All members are encouraged to vote for the candidates of their choice. Their brief biographies are shown on the next page.

Voting information

Complete and mail or deliver the enclosed loose-leaf sheet entitled **NEBCA 2012 Election Ballot**.

Mailed ballots or proxies must be received by January 16, 2012, at the address below.

Ballots may also be given to the Secretary at the NEBCA Annual Meeting up to the start of the meeting on January 21st.

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

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

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

Mail ballots to the NEBCA Secretary,

Maria Mick
710 Meadowdale Road
Altamont, NY 12009

You can send the ballot or proxy either together with your membership renewal or separately.

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES

2012 NEBCA membership renewals are due by December 31, 2011.

- \$20 for Individual Membership
- \$25 for a Farm/Family Membership
- \$10 for calendar with free shipping
- \$10 for Breeder's Directory listing in NEBCA News and Calendar
- \$20 for Breeder's Directory listing in NEBCA News, Calendar and Website

Biographies of Candidates for the Board

Mich Ferraro:

I have been in equine practice for the past 22 years and have been a partner at the practice for sixteen years. I have also served on the boards of the Dutchess Putnam Westchester Farm Bureau and the Hudson Valley Veterinary Medical group. I have been trialing at the open level for the past 2.5 years. I initiated and have hosted the Finality Farm Sheep Dog Trial since 2010. I enjoy farming and managing my flock, which includes 20 brood ewes for meat and wool, in addition to the sport of sheepdog trialing. My goal is to do what I can to further the sport of the SDT and uphold the quality of the stockmanship for the sheep.

Barb Levinson:

Over the past 15 or so years I have been a NEBCA member, I have noticed the way NEBCA has set itself apart from other organizations around the country. From the dual entry of Ranch and Open, which is a unique approach to helping handlers advance a dog to open, to the institution of our learning and mentoring trials, and most recently the judging clinic held this past summer at one of the NEBCA trials, NEBCA is committed to its membership. As a club whose members volunteer their time and talent generously, NEBCA sponsorship at the finals stands out. NEBCA is active and involved; the club is prominent among regional clubs as being innovative. As a candidate for director, I would continue to encourage NEBCA in this direction.

Michael Nunan

I am pleased to be nominated to run for re-election to the Board of Directors for NEBCA. I am a carpenter from VT. I am married and have a 6-year old daughter. We have a small flock of North Country Cheviots. I have been training and trialing dogs since 1996, and I have done my best to immerse myself in the working end of the trials I attend. I spend most of my time in the set out pen handling sheep, but I'm always anxious to set sheep when given the opportunity. Working that end of the field affords me a unique luxury in that I get to watch some of the better handlers and their dogs perform what is often very difficult work. I am an open handler, but I believe working at some of the bigger trials alongside some of the top handlers in the country has taught me things I wouldn't have seen anywhere else. It has given me a solid understanding and appreciation for what we're asking of our dogs and why NEBCA's commitment to them, the trials, and the services we provide are so important. NEBCA is a solid organization. We are fortunate to have a long history of steady, strong leadership and support. I have served on the board for the past 2 years, and feel that my input has been both practical and sincere. It is my strong belief that I can provide the diligence and consistency that have helped make NEBCA what is today.

Gene Sheninger:

My story with sheepdogs and NEBCA started in 1985, when I lent my sheep to my neighbor to clean up his hill field. When I went back to collect them at the end of the summer, it took an entire day of chasing them around, up hills and around. After that, I decided I needed a trained Border Collie. I began trialing a year later; the rest, as they say, is history. My involvement with NEBCA started 4 years later, as the newsletter editor, which I did for over 4 years. I had the honor of seeing my first pup become the NEBCA logo. I have previously served as a board member for NEBCA and was at one time its president. I have been able to bring my business and computer skills to the Board, and was the programmer for the NEBCA points system. I have also served on the Board of the USBCHA, where wrote their program as well. After a few years in 'retirement', I would like to offer my knowledge and experience to the members of NEBCA, and again have the opportunity to work on the Board. This is an organization that I feel very strongly about. NEBCA provides many services to all its members, and I feel that we must continue to grow and keep pace with economic changes and membership concerns. We need to maintain our strong presence in the NE, keep our trials available and challenging, prepare our Open dogs for top level competitions, as well as provide encouragement and support for the new entrants to the sport.

Cheryl Jagger Williams

I spent 23 years as a professional nurse and teacher before my father, Walt Jagger, started mentoring me with Border collies. My first dog went on to the open classes, and I started training other people's dogs as well as my own. In a short time, the dog training blossomed to a full-time business. I have done training clinics, demonstrations, judging clinics, and sheepdog trials for the past thirty years. I have judged many trials. My husband, Richard, and I run Culleymont Farms in Pennsylvania and Florida. We also have Sheepy Hollow Farms and run the Pennsylvania State Championship SDT, and the Suwannee River SDT in Florida. I was on the committee for the 2007 and 2010 National Finals. I am very familiar with NEBCA, and have served as president for several years. I have been a member of NEBCA for approximately 30 years. I have also served on many of the committees.

Minutes of NEBCA Meeting, Cooperstown, August 20 , 2011

NEBCA Meeting – Cooperstown, NY
August 20, 2011

Call to Order at 8:15 pm by Vice President George Northrop. There were 37 members in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting as published on the website were approved.

Committee Reports:

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Calendar now!**

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

The current membership consists of 281 members and includes 56 Family memberships, 5 Life memberships, and 1 Honorary membership. About 30% of the members opt to view the club newsletter electronically on the website.

Treasurer's Report – given by Maria Mick, for Ellen Black

The current balance in the treasury as of 8/10/11 is \$22,660.64. Please refer to the financial statement. Year-to-date income includes \$150 from the ABCA requested by the Novice Trials Committee and the CT trial rented NEBCA fencing. Expenses include newsletter, new hats and tee shirts, \$200 for the use of the Leatherstocking site for the Fall Foliage, purchase of the Quicken software for our treasurer and Quark software for our Newsletter Editor, gifts to the outgoing officers and the 30th Anniversary of the PA SDT, and the expenses for the learning trials held at the High Point Trial and the MA Sheep and Woolcraft Trial. Many thanks to Rose Redick and the volunteers that helped make the learning trials a success.

Board of Directors Report – no report at this time

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Maria Amodai

The Fall Foliage (FF) Trial is set to take place at the Leatherstocking SDT field in Cooperstown, NY and will be judged by Calvin Jones. This trial will be open to non-qualified dogs as room allows. Only those dogs who have qualified to run in the FF by earning at least 2 placings in the top 20% of Open trials this year will be allowed in the double lift final round. Thanks to Rob and Betsy Drummond who have donated engraved shepherds' whistles for prizes.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Kate Collins

The Novice Finals will take place at High Point Farm in Knox, NY on Sept. 3-4. The judge is Bernie Armata and the sheep will be Pat Canada's flock. Rob and Betsy Drummond have donated engraved whistles for the Champion and Reserve Champion in each class.

Newsletter Editor's Report – given by Maria Mick for Jim Allen

Due to travel plans, the fall issue will be published in late August rather than early September and will have more of a magazine look with 20-24 pages on folded 11x17 paper. Jim reminds trial managers to promptly send trial results to him for publication. Also, any photographs submitted should be greater than 72 dots per inch resolution. Any articles should be submitted to Molly King who is assisting Jim with the newsletter.

Fund Raising Report – no report

A few comments were made that include:

NEBCA should make the effort to recruit new members since NEBCA has a lot to offer.

A reminder was given in regards to the banner to be purchased to display at trials indicating that it is a NEBCA trial and giving the web address.

A suggestion was made to have a club brochure in a downloadable format from the website.

Joe Evans suggested forming a "Membership Committee" that would be involved in the recruitment of members and coordinating with fund raising activities. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp made the motion for Joe to develop some further description of this potential committee's roles and responsibilities.

Calendar Report – given by George Northrop

There are plenty of 2012 calendars for sale. See George if you're willing to take some to sell.

Library Report – given by Maria Mick for Martha Walke

The NEBCA library has been inventoried and updated on the website (many thanks to Joanne Murphy). There are four missing items. There have been very few items circulated to date. Martha welcomes suggestions for new purchases.

Old Business - none

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Prizes for Novice Finals and Fall Foliage Championships – Jim Murphy requested that there be prizes for all ten placings of each of the novice classes at the Novice Finals and that special prizes be awarded to the Champion/Reserve Champion of each class. He suggested that the prizes for 1st and 2nd place be something that could be publicly displayed and/or worn to serve as special recognition for the accomplishment and also to provide advertisement for NEBCA.

THE NEBCA LIBRARY – Martha Walke, NEBCA Librarian

First of all, to all who have used the NEBCA library, thank you! A complete inventory of the library has been finished and the list updated. It reflects what we currently own. The sub-categories have been changed, slightly, to hopefully make it easier to find an item on a topic you are interested in learning more about. If you notice significant gaps, I hope you will email me with that information (walkem@sover.net). The library has a good budget and I am always on the lookout for new items, but suggestions are always welcome. We also accept donations.

All the items in red (with a capital M) are missing at this time. If you recognize a title, and you find it on your bookshelf or near your TV, I hope you will send it back (PO Box 66, So. Strafford, VT 05070). There will be no recriminations or fines! All of these items were loaned before I became the librarian, so I have no idea when they were lent nor to whom.

Unless otherwise noted, the numbers that follow the type of media indicate the number of copies the library owns. Where applicable, I have noted sets. The rules for borrowing have not changed, nor has the charge for videos and DVDs.

Please take a moment to look over the holdings of the library – there may be something new you would like to read or view! And, please

BOOKS

Training

Viv Billingham - *One Woman and Her Dog*
E.B. Carpenter - *The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork*
Iris Combe - *Border Collies*
*Katy Cropper - *A Dog's Life in the Dales M*
Bruce Fogt - *Lessons From a Stockdog (3)*
Virgil Holland - *Herding Dogs: Progressive Training (2)*
John Holmes - *A Farmer's Dog (3)*
Tony Iley - *Sheepdogs at Work*
H. Glyn Jones - *A Way of Life (2)*
Scott Lithgow - *Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock*
Thomas Longton & Barbara Sykes - *Training the Sheepdog (2)*
Tim Longton & Edward Hart - *The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training (2)*
Luke Pasio - Heather Jean: *The Working Sheepdog* (not bound – 2 copies)
Marjorie Quarton - *All About the Working Border Collie*
Pope Robertson - *Anybody Can Do It (2)*
Julie Simpson - *The Natural Way (2)*
Derek Scrimgeour - *Talking Sheepdogs (2)*
Mari Taggart - *Sheepdog Training: An All-Breed Approach*
John Templeton - *Working Sheep Dogs: Management and Training*
*Delta Society - *Professional Standards for Dog Trainers: Effective, Humane Principles M*
*American Humane Society - *Guide to Humane Dog Training M*

Shepherd's Life

G.M. Anderson - *Times Remembered*
John Barrington - *Red Sky at Night*
Charles Bowden - *The Last Shepherds*
Louis Irigaray & Theodore Taylor - *A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings*

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 Phillip Keller - *Lessons From a Sheepdog*
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Mad River Valley SDT

The Mad River Valley SDT, held July 16 and 17, 2011, in Waitsfield, Vermont, opened to a glorious summer weekend – perhaps a bit more suited to swimming in the river than running dogs in the afternoon. But both the sheep and the dogs did hold up to this challenging weekend.

The Open dogs ran on a Vermont farm flock of 45 Dorset/Dorper ewes and 25 wool lambs, so each handler had two ewes and a lamb. The older ewes presented a challenge to some dogs – not wanting to go where the dog wanted them, stamping their feet, or ignoring the dog. Dogs who had some power and a light touch had the better runs. On Saturday 16 runs received scores and there were 25 retires or DQs. Sunday, the scores were higher and half the dogs that ran received scores. The novice classes ran on Katahdin ewes.

Carol Campion judged on Saturday and Maria Amodei judged on Sunday.

Border Collics Anonymous provided cloth bags filled with Vermont made food products for the Champions in each class. The Reserve Champion received a t-shirt and binoculars from Border Collics Anonymous. Betsy and Rob Drummond have been very generous with their support. It is most appreciated.

A sheepdog trial relies on many volunteers to help it run smoothly. Many thanks to Sally Lacy, Christine Koval, Jim and Sharon Perkins, Martha Walke, Jen Hammond, Dee Woessner, Ginny Prince, Mike Nunan, Martha Walke, Steve Wetmore, Carol Weigand, Rose Redick, Mr. Gambill, Betty Murray, Mary Ames, Bud Ames, and to the Kenyon family for the use of the field, the manicuring of the field, and the big tent.

TRIAL RESULTS (very briefly)**Completed run** photo by jfa

Beginning January 1, 2012 the USBCHA open and sheep qualifying fees will be increased to \$3.00. The one (1) dollar increase will be specifically designated for the National Finals Committee in order to meet expenses.

Lancaster Fair (41 dogs ran)

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Dave Young | Patch |
| 2. Lynn Deschambeault | Chip |
| 3. Jim Perkins | Jake |
| 4. Sharon Perkins | Bett |
| 5. Jim Perkins | Ben |
| 6. Rich Seamen | Kip |
| 7. Sharon Perkins | Cash |
| 8. Susan Allen | Ash |
| 9. Roger Deschambeault | Bob |
| 10. Rich Seaman | Boo |

Blue Hill Fair (Saturday; 46 dogs ran)

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Lynn Deschambeault | Mij |
| 2. Rich Seaman | Boo |
| 3. Rich Seaman | Star |
| 4. Lynn Deschambeault | Dru |
| 5. Roger Deschambeault | Bob |
| 6. Rob Drummond | Ben |
| 7. Steve Wetmore | Pace |
| 8. Rob Drummond | Casey |
| 9. Sharon Perkins | Cash |
| 10. Roger Deschambeault | Nick |

Blue Hill Fair (Sunday; 40 dogs ran)

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Lynn Deschambeault | Dru |
| 2. Rich Seaman | Star |
| 3. Rich Seaman | Kip |
| 4. Susan Allen | Sunny |
| 5. Lynn Deschambeault | Chip |
| 6. Roger Deschambeault | Bob |
| 7. Rob Drummond | Ben |
| 8. Steve Wetmore | Gile |
| 9. Roger Deschambeault | Trim |
| 10. Gabe Merrill | Ken |

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**S. Wetmore's Floss** photo by Kathi Mercier

THE FALL FOLIAGE — WAY BACK WHEN *by Barbara Leverett*

Way back when there were few big field trials and mostly arena trials, several of the NEBCA founders had the forethought/desire to test their dogs under more farm-like conditions. They knew their Border Collies were bred to tackle more demanding situations because most of them were using their dogs at home on dairy and sheep farms. Maurice McGregor, Alex McKinven, and Roger Deschambeault used their dogs on dairy farms. Edgar Gould had both a large sheep flock and dairy cattle on very hilly land. Betty Levin was raising sheep and doing all the work herself. They were all using a dog daily to help put bread on their table. This was a time when most competitors had a Border Collie because they had sheep not that they had sheep because they had a Border Collie.

The first Fall Foliage was simply called the NEBCA Championship Trial. It was held in 1983 at the Coolidge Farm in Topsfield, MA. This was a beautiful estate farm that Vergil Holland managed at that time. It was judged by Doug Lamb of Scotland with only 12 dogs running. Each handler had three runs. The course had a 250 yd outrun, down and up a big hill. Only several of the dogs did a proper wide outrun, which meant they had to disappear behind the hill and come up behind the sheep for a proper lift. I remember being amazed at the magic of it. These early competitors were Vergil Holland, Morris McGregor, Dayle Hamilton, Walt Jagger, Cheryl Jagger-Williams, Betty Levin and Roger Deschambeault. Vergil and Robin took first place with Walt and Floss taking reserve.



NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship 1988. Left to right: Edie Overly, Cheryl Jagger, Vergil Holland (judge), Befty Levin, Lynn Deschambeault, Becky Peterson, Roger Deschambeault, and Mike Canaday. Photo by Kristen P Whittle

Throughout the mid to late 80's the name of the trial changed several times. The NEBCA Championship Trial, NEBCA Sheep Dog Championship, NEBCA Fall Classic and the NEBCA Fall Roundup Championship trial were all used as a title for the year's end trial. The first reference to NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship trial that I could find was in 1988.

There has often been controversy surrounding this trial. This controversy has led to change and has allowed the trial to grow with the increasing expectations of competing with these great dogs. Fall Foliage, we've come a long way baby! An attempt to offer a trial that is special in some way is always made. Be it challenging sheep, large field or difficult course, the effort is usually made to present something different from the usual trial. In the mid 80's it was the first trial in the N.E. to offer a shed. In the mid 90's this had progressed to offering a double lift and some type of marked shed. In

2004 & 2005 we were fortunate enough to have Chris Smart and Bill Fosher's sheep to allow for an international shed.

This trial has often been moved around, therefore it can be a real challenge to put it on. Finding a suitable field with a large flock available and having it somewhat centrally located has kept many Trials Committee members up at night. The first two were held at the Coolidge Farm in Topsfield, MA. The first of several held in Altamont, NY at Mike and Pat Canaday's farm was in 1985. Trials were also hosted in Hobart, NY, by Vergil and Bonnie Holland, and two were held in Stratford VT hosted by Steve Wetmore in 1988 & 1992. In 1995 Gene Sheninger managed the trial and volunteered his sheep at Fosterfields in Morristown, NJ. 1997 was the first year it was held at the Chatham Sheep Herding Co. farm in Chatham, NY with Warren Mick doing most of the site preparation. In 2001 it was held in Sydenham, Ontario at J.P. LaLonde's farm. It seems as though throughout the years most open competitors have either hosted or supported this trial in some way. If you haven't been mentioned, no slight is intended, the list goes on and on. It is clear that this trial would never have continued to this day without all the support from the many dedicated handlers in the Northeast.

Some say the need for the Fall Foliage Championship Trial's time has come to a close. Maybe the role of the trial in identifying the top dog in the northeast is no longer vital, since there are so many other prestigious trials that top handlers now travel to. But a very important role for this trial is to function as an educational tool and stepping stone to national competition. It gives up-and-coming Open Handlers something to aim for by first having to qualify for and then possibly placing in a double lift competition. I remember in Amherst, MA when an International shed was offered. The competitors were very serious in their endeavor to win, yet many of the more experienced handlers were helping the newbies. The camaraderie was superb and this has made me a believer in the importance of this trial to our club.

Side Trips in Scotland and England, September 2011 *by Molly King*

Well, as we all learned as young scouts or 4-H'ers, be prepared. It was advice well taken by the six women who rented a house in Berrier, near the Lowther estate in the gorgeous Lake District of England to see the World Trials and support our American team.

I went first to Tain, Scotland, to see the International Supreme Championship. Kate Collins and George Northrop also went for the earlier weekend, and we all stayed at the same B&B in Culbokie near the trial field. Our hosts at the B&B, Braigha, were June and Chic Whittet – absolutely delightful people. George and Kate weren't there yet, so I asked Chic where I might go to have dinner. He said in his Scottish brogue, "The Cuh-bookie Inn". I thought how strange it was to have a Japanese restaurant in the middle of rural Scotland. So I went to the Culbokie Inn and had haggis. The Whittets had the most adorable frou-frou dog I have ever seen. A black and white tri Scottish Jack Russell, sort of wire-haired and long legged, and I never heard her bark(!).

The preparation I spoke of was in reference to anticipated weather: winter down jacket, hat, gloves, ear cover, long johns, rain pants, and wellies. Good move for all of us. Just to be sure we all understood that we were in Scotland and England, Mother Nature gave us the tail end of hurricane Katia, with daily rain and gale force winds. All of the outerwear was needed and used for the whole 2 weeks.



After the International, Kate and George went south to England, where they spent some time with Chris Smart. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I love castles and ruins, but been there done that. June and Chic suggested I head west to the Isle of Skye – it being a nice and historical trip, highlighting a museum village on the western tip of Skye that was all stone buildings with thatched roofs. There was a lot of information about the ways of life of the Highlanders from the time of William Wallace and bonny Prince Charlie to the turn of the 19th Century. They didn't have it easy with their harsh farm life, added to by marauders from the north (Scandinavians) and bitter enemies in the south (England). I also visited a brewery/distillery/chocolate store and made some purchases for my kids and grandkids.

Heading south to Glasgow and points further

south for the Worlds, I stopped just beyond Fort William. I saw a sign that said 'fresh seafood 4 miles'. I took a sharp left off the main road and headed that way. About 2 miles up the road was the Burnside B&B, where I stopped to reserve a room. I asked the hostess about the seafood restaurant and was told that last year it was voted the best seafood restaurant in Scotland. The gods were smiling down through the storm. I had 4 appetizers: mussels, scallops, oysters and gravlax. What a treat!

On to the rented house to join up with Carolyn West, Joan McGrath, Valerie Pietraszewska, Ellen Rusconi-Black, and last-minute joiner, Fiona Robertson. The house is a very old stone farmhouse with creaky, slanted floors, and attached barn where the owners live. It worked out very well for the 6 of us.

For the next couple of days Carolyn braved the tiny, one lane roads and drove some of us around the Lake District roads where we frequently had to wait for cattle or sheep to move off the road. We almost lost a curious Fiona to a field of hairy, huge Highland cattle – but she took our advice and stayed clear. It was so interesting to enjoy the many kinds of sheep. My favorite were the Herdwicks, small and toylike to my eye, 'caveman sheep' to Fiona's. One of our stops was for lunch at the Pack Horse Inn in Keswick, yet another charming town that is easy on the eye. We had an awesome dessert called Banoffee – a confection with bananas, toffee, meringue and topped with custard. Apparently it is not a rarity in England, although I had never heard of it here.

Valerie and Ellen ventured out together, and here is Valerie's synopsis: "Ellen and I flew into Glasgow and then headed south along the coast to a B and B, in a lovely spot that was on a farm near Ayr. The people who owned the B & B were very friendly and we spent the better part of the evening with them. The following day, we drove further



south and then east, stopping in a pretty town called Kirkcudbright where we had lunch and looked in some shops and art galleries. We continued east, into England, driving past Carlisle to our house in Berrier.

After arriving at Bell's cottage, we did some day trips in the areas south and west of our house around the Lake District, which is spectacularly beautiful. One afternoon, the day before the World Trial started, Ellen and I went to a small local sheepdog trial in Gosforth, which was near the west coast of the Lake District. It was the first time that Carol was able to run Tam after his injury.

The trial was similar to our trials, except that Carol came in the morning and signed up for the afternoon. If she'd known, she'd have gotten there earlier because she could have run two times that day. You don't send in entries like we do. Another thing that is interesting is that they don't use dogs much for set out. A couple of guys usher the sheep out onto the field. Ellen and I arrived fairly late in the day and only watched a few runs, including Carol's run."

George and Kate's Scotland

Kate and I have made many trips to the United Kingdom, always in September, always taking in the International (and the World Trial in years it is held) and then simply looking at the map and deciding to go somewhere we haven't been before. These are not large countries. One can drive the length of Scotland, south to north, pretty comfortably in a day and the width, east to west, in just a few hours assuming you are traveling the larger "A" roads. These, however, are not our preferred routes. We usually decide on a general destination and then look for an interesting way to get there. The only limitation is to avoid the truly extreme due to the need, a need born of experience, to keep the rental car free of dents and bruises.

The site of this year's International, Tain, well up on the northeast coast, was in an area we had not previously visited. Incredibly fertile agricultural land with huge fields of barley, wheat and grass running straight up to the mountains not far to the north. We needed to be in Penrith, England, by Wednesday afternoon and we planned to stop and see, and spend the night with, Chris Smart in Longnewton, Scotland, on Tuesday, so we had a couple of days to wander. Our choice was to head northwest, into the Highlands and eventually to the coast of "The Minch," the body of water between Scotland and the Western Isles of the Outer Hebrides. Once in the Highlands, there aren't many choices of route. This seems a different world when compared to the lush and neatly stonewalled small farms at lower elevations. Some would see it as bleak, desolate, and uninteresting, but Kate and I found it spectacularly beautiful. The road runs along the northern shore of Loch Shin, very narrow but almost twenty miles long, with mountains dropping right down to the loch. There is a concentration here of some of the highest mountains in Scotland, and we were fortunate to be seeing this on one of the few sunny days during the trip. Possibly due to a generally wet year in Scotland, the heather, pretty much the only thing growing here, was in brilliant pinkish bloom against the backdrop of purple-hued rock and many waterfalls feeding the loch. Kate and I met while living in the mountains in Colorado, so this landscape is very attractive to both of us.

We stopped for tea that day in the town of Scourie, on the west coast. This is a destination for fly fishers with easy access to a huge number of small lochs and a coastal estuary where they seek salmon and trout. We had our snack in the Scourie Hotel, which appeared totally devoted to fishing. We ended the day by driving south to Ullapool, a port town with a very active waterfront. One of the nice things about traveling in the UK in September is that it is after what's considered tourist season. Other than when we are at the trials we have never made a reservation at a B&B. In most towns every third house is a B&B and if one is full surely the one next door or next door to that will have a room. We have never had a bad experience or a poor meal at any place we have stayed.

The next day, Monday, we headed back southeast toward Inverness and eventually Fort William, at the head of Loch Linnhe. We had all day and no particular schedule so we looked at the map, found a peninsula south of Ullapool with a perimeter road and decided we'd see what that was about. The forecast was for heavy rain and gale force winds but we were not deterred. A word about UK roads: for the most part very well maintained and, I think in part due to no extreme freeze-thaw cycle, very smooth and even. However! Other than the major roads, they are all much narrower than what we are used to and made to feel more so because of very permanent stone walls and hedges. The road we took that day was two-way but only one car width and in some places included ascents and descents of close to 30 degrees. Add in fog, rain and strong winds and it amounted to a good adventure. We are going back on a day we can see our surroundings.



We abandoned our plan to head for Inverness and then south and instead took a more coastal route, stopping briefly in the town of Plockton, just north of the Isle of Skye and a place so warmed by the Gulf Stream that palm trees grow there. As we headed southeast to Fort William the results of the ongoing storm were dramatic: rivers and streams swollen to many times their normal size, fence lines completely overtopped and flocks of sheep congregating at the high spots in pastures. Having endured three days of rain and mud at the 2010 International in Northern Ireland (just like Woodstock but without the.....never mind) we were hoping the upcoming World Trial would be a little drier.

[See photo of Chris Smart and his Cheviots on p. 22]

We spent the night in Fort William and then on to Chris Smart's in Longnewton, the Borders of Scotland. Many of you know Chris from his years of shepherding a large commercial flock in Amherst, MA, with Bill Fosher. For the past three years Chris has been employed as shepherd of a small (100 ewes or so) flock of cheviots on what remains of a once quite grand estate nestled in a lush valley on the outskirts of Galashiels. He lives in a beautiful stone shepherd's cottage on the grounds, is able to keep a large number of dogs and generally seems quite happy with his situation. Our stay was too brief though we saw Chris again at the World Trial) and by midday Wednesday we were off to Penrith, England, to take in the World Trial parade and find our B&B before dark.

Kate Collins and George Northrop

And on to the World Trials— MK

And then the Worlds. The first day there was a parade for the teams from all over the world, I think 123 countries from as far away as Japan and New Zealand.

At the trial, MUD and more MUD! I was not kidding when I said it rained daily while we were there. By the last day of the trial, the mud was ankle deep, people were slip-sliding all over the place, tractors were used to haul cars off the parking area, etc. The last time I saw anything like it was – hey! the Internationals in Lanark, 9 years ago.

The trial was run on 3 fields for the preliminaries, and then the finalists for the double lift ran on Field 1 (*below*), a complicated field with



hills, dips, trees. There were some fingernail chewing moments during the trial – edge of your seat stuff. As expected, there were also some less than exciting moments, but it was all really worth the trip.

It was great seeing the many acquaintances we have made here in the U.S., such as Sue Main, Aled Owen, Kevin Evans, John Atkinson, Chris Smart, Julie Hill, Bobby Dalziel, Derek Scrimgeour, and Calvin Jones – making it feel as much a reunion as just an event to watch. And even with the warm welcome we received everywhere, and the international flavor of the events, it made me very proud to root for our fellow Americans, who came so far and did so well.



And last, but certainly not least, our congratulations to Lyle Lad and Shep, and Tommy Wilson and Sly, for making the Championship round of the World Trial.

Fiona's Bath

The city of Bath, for any Jane Austen fans out there, is a must see. Since I had a few spare days after the rest of our NEBCA party left for home, I decided it would be a worthwhile side trip for me – a card carrying member of the Jane Austen fan club. Well, if there was such a card to be carried, then I would carry it!

Speaking of cards – my VISA was stolen on this trip...But that's another story!

The last time I visited the UK in 2008, we stopped in Bath very briefly...Too briefly for me and not brief enough for my husband, who suffers through Masterpiece Theater during Jane Austen week with sighs of boredom and complaints about what important things he might be missing on the Golf Channel.

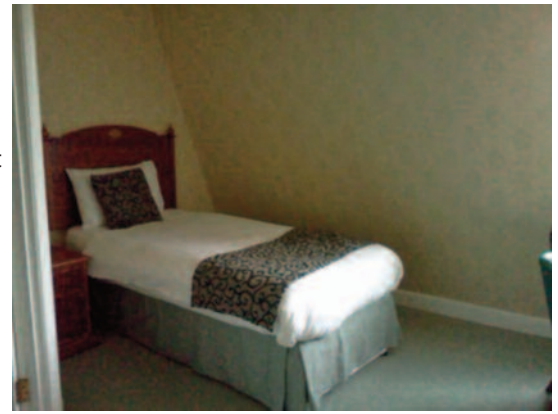
Molly kindly dropped me off at the train station in Penrith, which was great as the others were all out the door before 4 A.M. I bought a ticket to Bath with my trusty VISA card (which was still working at this point in time) steadfastly ignoring the amount. Even if it had been in Dollars it would have been steep. But heck, I was on vacation! And car-less.

I arrived in Bath and walked to the Carfax Hotel, which I'd booked from the train – or at least tried to. Apparently that's when the Credit Card Thief was hard at work shopping online...Thankfully the card company noticed and put a hold on my Visa. This, however, I was unaware of at the time, so I just blushed and muttered excuses to the Hotel Reception as I ran to the nearest ATM.

The hotel was delightful! And my room was...Tiny! [see next page] I'd climbed the narrow stairs (they'd been the servants' staircase back in the day) to the third floor where I'd unlocked the door to a sloped-ceilinged room smaller than my little pop-up camper. But it was neat and clean and the bathroom was newly remodelled. And the view! I could see up the hill to the Royal Crescent from my window. I spent a few moments orienting myself – teapot. Check (no coffee). Hang up wet raincoat. Check. Internet connection. Check.

Then I was out the door again and throwing myself into the role of tourist.

My first visit was the Roman Baths. I love architecture and history and old things. This place is rated Number One tourist attraction in Bath on TripAdvisor.com, and for good reason. My camera on my phone did not do the place justice, but I tried to capture a little bit of its essence. Truly the Romans had leisure at the top of their list of Important Things. There were hot and cold plunge pools, steam rooms and saunas (stone floors built atop columns of tiles – don't ask me how it worked. I was listening to the audio tour, but I can't remember). There were chapels and alters – because apparently bathing was a religious thing, and the waters were said to contain healing properties. The water – in 2011 – looked murky and green to me, and the signs of DO NOT PUT HANDS IN WATER were enough to warn me that whatever organisms might inhabit the baths now were likely to cause more harm than good. There were lots of photos and stories about the discovery and the excavation,



about the technology the Romans used to carry the thermal spring water through the lead pipes, and to carry the “used” water back to the river. It was fascinating.

After a quick Cornish pasty dinner I headed back to the Carfax for an early night. Playing tourist is exhausting!

On the morning of my second day, I went for a run – mostly to burn off the Cornish pasty of the previous evening – but also to see the Crescents and Circus in the most expedited fashion.

Did I tell you how STEEP the roads are up to the Crescent?

I saw everything I wanted, plus went up to Camden Place (from *Persuasion*, remember?) to see where the richest of the rich “kept rooms” while in Bath during the time of Jane Austen. After a ginormous breakfast of locally made sausage, local eggs and veg, toast and buckets of coffee, which therefore likely cancelled the run entirely, I headed out in my trusty LL Bean raincoat. On the agenda was The Jane Austen Center (disappointing but how could I miss it?) and The Assembly – this was where everyone came for balls, concerts, and simply just “parading” their fashions and status. On the lower floor was the Fashion Museum, which made up for the relatively lackluster presentation of the upper rooms.

By this time it was pouring and a pair of Wellies in a shop window caught my eye....



I had lunch at a Thai place right on the river (where I ordered nothing but vegetables – I guess my body was telling me something after a week of British meat and potatoes...or rather, Fish & Chips!) and continued my tourist duties at Bath Abbey, where I took the tour of the tower and bell room.

I. Do. Not. Like. Heights. Or staircases that wind in tight spirals up and up and up for close to two hundred steps. But it was worth it! While the bell ringing is, for the most part, automated via computer, it was fascinating to see how the bell ringers of old managed to churn out Christmas Carols, Hymns and the like, all on great bells that weighed upwards of a ton. There was an awful lot of rope pulling involved, and the “conductor” was important for ensuring each rope was pulled at the right instant. The view from the top of the tower was spectacular: a 360 degree view of the city and well up into the surrounding countryside. On a clear day (like that week in July when it doesn't rain, perhaps) it must be truly breathtaking. The town looked very old from up there. The rows upon rows of town-houses, all built from the same Bath stone (apparently the guy who quarried the stone made a veritable fortune) all looking like they'd been plucked straight out of a glossy coffee table history book.

Going down the tower stairs was not much better. And no, there was no handrail. The poor Japanese fellow in front of me would have been nothing but a Domino had I stumbled.

That night I yearned for a Ghost Tour. I am sucker for Ghost Tours. However, the single well-rated tour only ran on the weekend during the fall and winter. So I opted for a highly recommended evening walking tour called “Bizarre Bath”. Unsure of what it was exactly – the brochure said it WAS NOT a historic tour – but trusting TripAdvisor implicitly, I paid my 8 pounds and joined the group.

It was nothing what I expected, but highly enjoyable nonetheless! It was like being in a comedy club, while out walking in a historical city in the rain. Pranks and Magic tricks involving a drowned stuffed rabbit and my diamond ring... I can't even explain it...It was...

Bizarre.

Next day I tried the 20 pound bus instead of the 90 pound train to Heathrow, where British Airways screwed up my reservation and I had yet another trip to the ATM. The flight home was good though – it was a full flight, yet whoever was booked to sit beside me never showed. Win!

VERMONT TRIPLE CROWN 2011 — *Nancy Phillips*

Fiona Robertson from North Hatley, Quebec, Canada, and her dog Tap won the Vermont Triple Crown for the third time this past trial season. They also won the award in 2007 and 2009.



Tap was out of a litter of Pat, Fiona's imported Welsh dog, and Warren Mick's Glen (Berhow's Nick). Fiona says on her website, "Tap was well started in her training by Warren Mick and in 2006, hit the ProNovice scene with me with great success. At the end of that first season, she placed in Open, having only really to learn about shedding. She has a lovely feel for her sheep and paces herself beautifully. I think if I had to name one flaw, it would be her lack of that "step in" on some "fight me" sheep. But she is so biddable that it makes running her a pleasure on most of the sheep we encounter in the Northeast."



Steve Wetmore, from Strafford, Vermont was the reserve champion with his dog Gile. Steve was the reserve champion last year with Gile and with Dart in 2006.

The Vermont Triple Crown Award is based on three Vermont trials - Merck Forest SDT in Rupert; Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield; and Vermont State Championship

held in Quechee and Strafford. The top score from each of the three open trials are added together to determine the most consistent dog and handler. The winner receives a handcrafted trophy in the shape of Vermont with the name of the handler, dog, and year engraved on a brass plaque. The trophy is in the possession of the winning handler until the new trial year. In addition there is a cash prize and jacket awarded the champion. The reserve champion is also recognized with a cash prize and vest.



TRIAL RESULTS (very briefly) continued**Mad River Valley SDT****Open 1 (41 dogs)**

1 Rich Seaman – Boo	71
2 Werner Reitboeck – Tara	64
3 Christine Koval – Tweed	64
4 Maria Mick – Bodie	60
5 Peter VandeCar – Russ	57
6 Nancy Phillips – Susie	55
7 Jan Berger – Moss	54
8 Bruce Smart – Link	52
9 Sharon Perkins – Cash	50
10 Jim Allen – Zip	48

Ranch 1 (22 dogs)

1 Sharon Perkins – Bett	57
2 Fiona Robertson – Mirk	57
3 Sherry Smith – Rock	49
4 Eileen Wilentz – Ray	47
5 Melody Hanchett – Canon	46
6 Chris Bowen – Tim	40
7 Kate Collins – Ela	39
8 George Northrup – Annie	39
9 Dee Woessner – Meg	33
10 Fiona Robertson – Gem	30

Pronovice (21 dogs)

1 Steve Wetmore – Floss	73
2 Kate Collins – Ben	65
3 Paula Cato – Flow	64
4 Clara Stites – Tess	64
5 Bernie Armata – Sam	63
6 William Pimentel – Jem	59
7 Ginny Prince – Ida	58
8 Val Pietraszewska – Kep	56
9 Ardelle Legg – Ki	52
10 Rich Seaman – Star	44

Novice/Novice (7 dogs)

1 Carol Weigan – Simon	76
2 Tracy Carter – Caper	74
3 Eileen Wilentz – Celt	71
4 Sally Bulter – Sky	58
5 Judy Gambill – Cal	54

Open 2 (36 dogs)

1 Werner Reitboeck – Roy	86
2 Christine Koval – Tweed	81
3 Annette Haithcox – Gin	74
4 Maria Mick – Kit	74
5 Barbara Armata – Meg	72

6 Bernie Armata – Roy	70
7 Fiona Robertson – Tap	68
8 Rich Seaman – Boo	65
9 Steve Wetmore – Pace	65
10 Carol Campion – Floss	62

Champion – Christine Koval – Tweed**Reserve** – Rich Seaman - Boo**Ranch (22 dogs)**

1 Fiona Robertson – Gem	82
2 Fiona Robertson – Mirk	72
3 Chris Bowen – Tim	65
4 Val Pietraszewska – Jess	63
5 Kate Collins – Ela	61
6 Dee Woessner – Meg	54
7 Sharon Perkins – Bett	48
8 Christine Koval – Tess	39
9 Eileen Wilentz – Ray	37
10 George Northrop – Annie	36

Champion - Fiona Robertson – Mirk**Reserve** – Kate Collins - Ela**Pronovice (20 dogs)**

1 Steve Wetmore – Floss	74
2 Dee Woessner – Ben	65
3 Sherry Farster – Sue	65
4 Kate Collins – Ben	60
5 Paula Cato – Flow	60
6 Deb Donahue – Beal	56
7 Bernie Armata – Sam	51
8 J.-L. Bigourdan – Kita	46
9 Val Pietraszewska – Blush	45
10 Val Pietraszewska – Kep	44

Champion – Steve Wetmore – Floss**Reserve** – Kate Collins - Ben**Novice/Novice (8 dogs)**

1 J.-L. Bigourdan – Zack	73
2 Tracy Carter – Caper	62
3 Eileen Wilentz – Celt	62
4 Judy Gambill – Cal	58
5 Martha Walke – Cal	45

Champion – Tracy Carter – Caper**Reserve** – Eileen Wilentz - Celt**NH Highland Games/Loon Mtn**

(36 dogs)

1. Dave Young	Bryn
2. Roger Deschambeault	Bob
3. Roger Deschambeault	Trim
4. Steve Wetmore	Pace
5. Denise Leonard	Emmie
6. Sue Schoen	Esther
7. Lynn Deschambeault	Chip
8. Sharon Perkins	Cash
9. Michael Dathe	Keefe
10. Steve Wetmore	Gile

Pipedream Farm SDT**Ranch (Judge: Robin French)**

1 Carla King Sage	80
2 Janet Harvey Tony	73
3 Nancy Starkey Soot	61
4 Sylvia King Vic	57
5 Sue Asten Jed	57
6 Sharon Nunan Charlie	55
7 Angie Herscher Binx	54
8 Suzanne Gansky Cap	53
9 Fran Sharon Maid	52
10 Carol Lockhart Gwen	49

Open (Judge: Linda Tesdahl) (41)

1 Robin French Bill	83
2 Karen Karkow Jade	81
3 Dan King Fann	78
4 Sherry Smith Rock	78
5 Lori Cunningham Matt	74
6 Pam Gardner Rusty	73
7 Suzanne Gansky Cap	73
8 Janet Harvey Bett	73
9 Pam Gardner Meg	73
10 Walt Zieser Rose	71

NH Championship (39 dogs)

Runoff of top three

1. Rich Seaman/Boo	85
2. Maria Amodei/Song	85
3. Roger Deschambeault/Trim	85
4. Jim Perkins/Ben	81
5. Sharon Perkins/Cash	74
6. Maria Amodei/Levi	70
7. Sharon Perkins/Ro	69
8. Peter van de Car/Le	69
9. Roger Deschambeault/Bob	66
10. Rich Seaman/Star	66



TRIAL RESULTS (very briefly) continued**Fryeburg Fair (52 dogs)**

We had 52 dogs run on a very wet day. We had so much water that the sheep almost had to swim to get into the pen!

Results

1. Sue Schoen/Brook
2. Maria Mick/Kit
3. Maria Mick/Bodie
4. Roger Deschambeault/Nick
5. Lynn Deschambeault/Dru
6. Maria Amodei/Fina
7. Rich Seaman/Boo
8. Roger Deschambeault/Bob
9. Rich Seaman/Kit
10. Sue Schoen/Esther
11. Lynn Deschambeault/Chip
12. Chris Krummelbein/Jaff
13. Maria Amodei/Levi
14. Sharon Perkins/Cash
15. Sharon Perkins/Bett

Swaledale SDT**Novice am (5 dogs)**

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|-------------|-----|----|
| 1. E Neto | Roy | 62 |
| 2. T Morton | Kix | 72 |

Novice pm

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|-------------|-----|-----|
| 1. T Morton | Kix | >73 |
| 2. E Neto | Roy | 73 |

Pro-Novice am (18 dogs)

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|---------------|------|----|
| 1. M Terpstra | Lola | 77 |
| 2. J Palmer | Spec | 47 |
| 3. A Wheatley | Glen | 46 |

Pro-Novice pm

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|----------------|------|----|
| 1. M Terpstra | Lola | 88 |
| 2. E Court | Kit | 76 |
| 3. A Wheatley | Glen | 72 |
| 4. A de Kenedy | Sid | 64 |

Ranch am (11 dogs)

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|-------------|---------|----|
| 1. P Chute | KC | 64 |
| 2. T Hinton | Boy | 63 |
| 3. N Ortiz | Mercury | 58 |

Ranch pm

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|-------------|---------|----|
| 1. N Ortiz | Mercury | 71 |
| 2. T Hinton | Boy | 68 |
| 3. J Murphy | Hemp | 55 |

Open Saturday (38 dogs)

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|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1. L Cunningham | Matt | 87 |
| 2. M Terpstra | Gin | 86 |
| 3. M Thompson | Holly | 85 |
| 4. M Thompson | Beauty | 84 |
| 5. L Savage | Tyler | 81 |
| 6. M Thompson | Coal | 78 |
| 7. J Fahey | Jock | 78 |
| 8. M Thompson | Frost | 73 |

Open Sunday (42 dogs)

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|-----------------|-------|-----|
| 1. A Milliken | Clive | 101 |
| 2. A Milliken | Monty | 94 |
| 3. M Terpstra | Gin | 93 |
| 4. A Milliken | Roz | 93 |
| 5. L Cunningham | Matt | 92 |
| 6. A Milliken | Dory | 92 |
| 7. M Terpstra | Eve | 92 |
| 8. C Palmer | Libby | 90 |
| 9. M Thompson | Coal | 89 |

Double Lift (8 dogs)

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|-----------------|---------|-----|
| 1. L Cunningham | Matt | 124 |
| 2. M Thompson | Coal | 115 |
| 3. L Cunningham | William | 110 |
| 4. M Terpstra | Eve | 107 |
| 5. M Terpstra | Gin | 103 |
| 6. M Thompson | Beauty | 100 |
| 7. C Palmer | Libby | 80 |
| 8. N Obernier | Nick | 60 |

Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT**Open Tuesday**

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|-----------------|--------|----|
| 1. Tom Hoeber | Mia | 81 |
| 2. Lorna Savage | Kaylee | 78 |

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| 3. Lori Cunningham | Matt | 78 |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Dorey | 76 |
| 5. Lorna Savage | Tyler | 76 |
| 6. Amanda Milliken | Roz | 73 |
| 7. Emma Court | Maia | 72 |
| 8. Viki Kidd | Merle | 71 |
| 9. Nancy Obernier | Nick | 71 |
| 10. Nancy Ortiz Sharp | Mirk | 68 |

Open Wednesday

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|----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Clive | 84 |
| 2. Marilyn Terpstra | Gin | 83 |
| 3. Amanda Milliken | Roz | 80 |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Dory | 65 |
| 5. Marilyn Terpstra | Eve | 65 |
| 6. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp | Mirk | 63 |
| 7. Carol Guy | Roy | 63 |
| 8. Helen Dunning | Jess | 61 |
| 9. Lorna Savage | Kaylee | 61 |
| 10. Carol Guy | Will | 58 |

Open Thursday

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|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Monty | 87 |
| 2. Amanda Milliken | Roz | 86 |
| 3. Lori Cunningham | Matt | 85 |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Dory | 80 |
| 5. Carol Guy | Will | 72 |
| 6. Bruce Smart | Lucy | 70 |
| 7. Sally Molloy | Bett | 67 |
| 8. Amanda Milliken | Clive | 66 |
| 9. Jim Murphy | Jed | 64 |
| 10. Carol Guy | Roy | 63 |
| 11. Tom Hoeber | Mia | 62 |
| 12. Emma Court | Maia | 61 |



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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

PIPEDREAM FARM SHEEPDOG TRIAL — Renee and Mark Billadeau

We were fortunate to have a brief reprieve from all the rain in the weeks leading up to the first Pipedream Farm Sheepdog trial. While it was humid and at times a bit warm, it was dry for both days of the trial. The course was not huge, but the rolling terrain made for a challenging outrun for the less experienced dogs and challenging to see the line on the cross drive. The sheep were difficult but fair when the dogs were correct. They were especially challenging to pen.

Many thank you's to all the volunteers who helped make this trial possible; first and foremost to Todd Layfield and Peggy Simpson for many weekends helping put up new fencing, clearing brush around the farm, and supplying apples and hosting an excellent handlers' dinner in their lovely home—not to mention the immensely popular brownies that were available during the trial.

Our first class judging was done in ranch by Robin French and Linda Tesdahl in Open. A shade tent was generously provided by Nancy Starkey. Thanks also to our many scribes Sue Rayburn, Carol Lockhart, and Sylvia King to name a few. We'd also like to thank our painting crew of Sue Asten, Deb Mickey, Emily Falk, and Marianne & Don Walters who not only helped freshen up a tired-looking pen, wooden pallets (aka drive panels), and homemade sorting pen but also helped clean up around the trial office (the milk house).

This trial would not have been such a great success without the willing help of our many volunteers as well as a great group of handlers who attended our trial. Thank you everyone for coming and making our first trial a pleasure to host. We hope and plan on hosting more in the future.

NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE, DEC 2011-MARCH 2012

Dec 3

Long Shot Trial

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One Day Open, Ranch,

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Jan 1

Long Shot Trial

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One Day Open, Ranch, ProNovice,

Nursery

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Feb 3

Long Shot Trial

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