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From the President

I have just returned from a week of trialling in Canada. The sheep, fields and hospitality are the best. Being the 25th anniversary of the Kingston SDT and additionally the Canadian Championships, handlers from distant parts of the US and Canada converged alongside the more local northeast handlers to offer some high-quality competitive handling and running.

One highlight of the week in Kingston was the private showing of the long awaited new documentary, *"Away to Me."* The film showcases three well known handlers who introduce us to their dogs, farms and lives with working stock dogs and its connection to the world of sheep dog trialling, with Amanda Milliken and Roz being one team. The movie culminates in their 2011 runs at Soldier Hollow.

It is a beautifully-produced film with fantastic scenery and in-depth interviews of these handlers. It is not to be missed.

Treat yourselves to the movie and tell your friends about it!

"Away To Me": <http://sheepdogmovie.com/home.html>

The NEBCA season championships are just around the corner. The Fall Foliage will take place in Pine City, NY, at the Mount Saviour Monastery. A lot of work has been done to secure this spectacular location and sheep.

<http://www.nebca.net/fallfoliage.html>

The Novice Finals are being held in Hop Bottom, PA. Dick and Cheryl Williams have generously offered the use of their sheep and farm for the weekend. This should be a great event.

Check out the trial page for more information and entries and don't miss out.

The autumn is jam packed with trialling opportunities, including a new trial in PA and the Canadian Triple Crown.

Hope to see you down the road.

Carol



A Note from the Editor

This issue of the News kicks off a new series of articles produced by Molly King, with a brief profile of one of our members whose "outside-of-shepherding" life is an interesting take on other important aspects of our existence. We start the profiles with Clara Stites and include as well a review by Sue Schoen of Clara's latest book, *Sand and Gravel*.

Jim Allen

NEBCA Meeting – Cummington, MA, May 27, 2012

Called to order by Carol Campion at 5:40 PM. There were 26 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 283 memberships including 65 family, 5 Life and 1 Honorary. This is up from the 243 at the Annual Meeting and 268 at last years' Cummington meeting.

Ellen Black motioned that the newsletter be located under the "members only" page of the website (which requires a password) for a period of one year. After one year, the newsletter may be viewed in the "archives" section which is available to the general public. The motion was seconded by Steve Wetmore and passed.

Treasurer's Report – given by Ellen Black

The current balance in the treasury as of 5-15-12 is \$27,052.19 which is up \$3,089.17 from one year ago. Ellen mentioned that so far, there was \$650 donated to the Fall Foliage Premium fund from a seminar presented by Maria Amodei. Carol Campion has made a donation from the series of three judging seminars held this spring. Please refer to the published financial statement for further details.

Board of Directors Report – no report

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett

1. There has not been much support thus far for the nursery high point award. If there is not adequate support by the Cooperstown meeting in August then the idea will be shelved.

2. The Fall Foliage championship will be held on Columbus day weekend, Oct. 6-8. Three sites are under consideration: a) Old Chatham, NY; b) Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY, between Corning and Elmira, and, c) Fabius, NY (between Syracuse and Cortland). The Old Chatham site may have adequate numbers of sheep; Fabius will have about 90 sheep but will need additional lambs, and Mount Saviour has about 130 Scottish Blackface and mules. Several judges have been contacted thus far but have declined. Carol will contact Michael Gallagher who judged the Finality Farm trial for his availability.

3. Maria Amodei volunteered to revitalize the Fall Foliage website.

4. Two additional Fall Foliage fundraisers are planned - one to be hosted by Barbara Leverett and another by Carol Campion.

5. The committee is looking into ideas that will entice members to stay until the end of the last day of the Fall Foliage to assist with the take down. One idea was to hold a raffle where the winners name is drawn at the end of the runs

and the winner must be present to collect the prize.

Novice Trial Committee Report – report provided by Anne Devine and presented by Martha Walke

1. Potential sites for the Novice finals include: a) Wendy Warner's farm in Cheshire, MA, b) Cummington fairgrounds in MA, c) Tolland, CT, c) Finality Farm in Dover Plains, NY, d) Sherry Smith's Long Shot Farm in MD, e) Bud & Mary Ames' farm in Bath, NH. Date of the finals will be either the second weekend of September or the second weekend in October.

Newsletter Editor's Report – no report

Learning Committee - report given by Rose Redick

Six people participated at the Cummington trial that included videotaping of the runs with commentary provided by the mentors. The videos will be posted on the Yahoo group's site. Denise Leonard and Kristin plan a farm work clinic in Sunderland, MA on June 3.

Fund Raising & Calendar Report – given by George Northrop

George stated that the 2013 calendars are here and ready to sell. Note cards are available on the website with drawings by Sally Lacy and Kate Collins. New club brochures are available and are ready to be added to the website.

Library Report – given by Martha Walke

Martha stated that a new judging video and book will soon be available from the library.

Old Business

1. Dave Sharp to get a banner with the NEBCA web address.

2. Old NEBCA banner to be located and brought to next trial.

3. Still working on the "How to put on a trial" information to be posted on the website.

4. The idea presented by Rob Drummond at the annual meeting in January about a proposal to fund new trials will be shelved.

5. No update on the membership committee proposal presented at the annual meeting.

6. Still working on the annual meeting proposal that will move the annual meeting date. Proposal would entail a change of the by-laws and would require a ballot vote.

7. No update available about the "Faces of NEBCA".

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.

Living & Trialling in the UK (conclusion)



by Joyce Geier

Running in the UK

The different paradigm (“it’s all about the sheep”) leads to some differences in the running and handling.

First, course times are very much longer – in fact, it is rare to time out, with the result that sheep can be moved at a steady and non-stressful pace. Mind you, if you run too slowly you will be penalized; if you run too fast, you will be penalized. Proper pace is paramount, course time or not. Since the focus is on proper sheep management, very few handlers even ask about or know the course time. The thinking is, “do it right” and the clock will take care of itself.

Second, people retire if they are going to be out of the top six places. Although many people in the US would like to believe this is “because they can just go down the road to another trial,” all the handlers I’ve asked have replied, “It’s because nothing good will come of it.”

It turns out that it’s a matter of respect: not putting undue stress on the sheep, since it IS a man’s livelihood, not taking up valuable time when another person could have a go, not insulting the judge with a poor performance, and not allowing the dog to build bad habits. To me, this seems very wise. It’s also how they can run so many dogs on such large courses with such a workmanlike time limit.

Third, sheep are spotted by people, not held tightly with dogs. The sheep are eased out of the holding area and walked by people to the general area where they are to be spotted, and then left quietly to graze. If a dog is used, it generally doesn’t hold or drive the sheep – it’s just laid in a place to cover some pressure. The result is that the competing dog must be deep and correct on the top and lift well; any and all errors are obvious.

This leads to a difference in the perception of “wide”. Most of the dogs that we accuse of being “wide” here in the Northeast would be barely adequate in the UK. It is something to consider.

Fourth, scores for the local trials generally aren’t posted. At the Nationals, Internationals, and the Worlds, the breakouts are posted by the ISDS quite quickly, as they are here. At local trials, total scores might be posted, but generally are not. The results and placing scores are published within the

week in the local agricultural news. However, you still can learn; other handlers will offer guidance.....if you’re polite and open about receiving it.

Lastly, running orders generally aren’t random. While not all trials are like this, many trials are “enter on the field”. When you arrive, you find the secretary, pay your entry fee, and write your name on the piece of notebook paper that is the community running order – and you write your name in wherever you would like it. This is actually quite practical; you can run two dogs quite close together, allowing you to finish morning chores and still run later in the day, or to arrive and run early and head home. You also only announce your dog to the secretary when you go the post, allowing you to watch the running before making your commitment.

I like to wonder what would happen if we adopted some of these practices. For instance, what if we retired when things weren’t going well, instead of pushing on? More dogs could run each day. Perhaps that could reduce the need for a draw, allowing more opportunities for everyone. Perhaps that would spread the cost over more handlers, bringing entry fees down. Perhaps we’d see longer course times, allowing us to concentrate first on handling and not on beating the clock. Perhaps we’d see more trials; more than one flock owner has commented to me about willingness to host a trial, but unwillingness to have their sheep unnecessarily stressed.

Stories

You just can’t get through 150 trials and not have a few stories to tell.

Consider this: being a woman (90% of the handlers in the UK & Ireland are men) and from the USA (enough said) AND living on the outskirts of London (there are, perhaps, three handlers there?), I had almost instant notoriety. It wasn’t unusual to be at a trial and overhear someone saying, “Oh, you run after the American Woman.” Eventually they started using my name.

People here ask me about hazing. You know, I didn’t really see it. At my first few trials, people were very polite and reserved, but not uncomfortably so; it was the “American Woman” syndrome, I think. That said, I was quickly embraced once I ran a dog and demonstrated that I could treat the sheep right and run well. Once I made it known that I wasn’t buying dogs, all pretense disappeared, and I simply

became another handler.

But I REALLY knew I was accepted when, at one of my early trials, I missed a turn peg on a hill course, and a well-known handler came up to me and said, "Lassie, what were you playing at???" When I replied, "Well, I don't rightly know, actually," I was heartily swatted on the head and told, "Git your mind on the job! Ye can't be letting your good dogs down and messing the work about like that!"

I did have one case where the spotters blatantly walked away from my sheep after I had sent my dog, allowing the five ewes to bolt back to the set out pen and jam into a corner. It could have been a problem, but I was running Clue, a very seasoned and savvy Open dog, who saw me into the English National that year. I do have to confess that I played it up a bit; I leaned against the post, cleaned my sunglasses, knelt down and re-tied my boots....all while Clue neatly tucked herself into the corner, lifted the unwilling ewes through the men's legs (knocking one down in the process), and then marched them straight down the fetch without a command. I was second with her that day by a point, and the sheep were spotted perfectly for all of my other runs that weekend.

I also learned the real reason that shepherds carry a crook. Sure, it's to catch sheep. But more importantly, it tests unknown ground before you step on it, so you don't wind up thigh-deep in a bog, like I did in the Hebrides.

And then there are the raffles. At one of my early island trials, a young boy came up and offered to sell me raffle tickets. I'm not into that type of thing, so I declined, and of course it was noticed by a few of the handlers. One commented later in the day, "So, have you bought your tickets yet? People buy what they can, to help the trial. Without it, we couldn't afford to put one on." I immediately became a staunch supporter of raffles. My most amusing raffle win was a brace of fresh pheasant; the most useful was a bottle of local island distilled scotch; and the one I "lost the ticket for" was a can of pink paint.

The really big hill trials had an especially enjoyable atmosphere. The handler's post was typically "pick anyplace around here that you want to stand". Once the dog was sent off, it generally wasn't long until it was out of sight. The terrain was often rough, and the distance didn't make it easy either. It wasn't unusual to have a handler say to the crowd, "My dog, can anyone see my dog?" and to have other handlers step forward and say, "Aye, it's just coming through the

bracken, about halfway up the hill – nearing the big rock. Stop it now, and send it left. Ah, now it's right. Can ye see it now?"

After seeing this a few times (and being the beneficiary on one run, where my dog went too deep and came in well behind the pen), I asked about it. "Well," they said, "if you were gathering a hill with a man, and he lost sight of his dog, you'd help him out, wouldn't you? So that the job gets done?" Yes, the support was penalized; but the handlers weren't disqualified. And, of course, the top men and their dogs who earned a living working on the hills....their performances were beyond awesome and were inspiring beyond all imagination, and the only help they needed was our silent admiration of spectacular work.

Another interesting thing about these big courses on rough ground: I began to appreciate the classic Border Collie color and markings. A red or merle dog blends in with the cover; a white one looks like a sheep at a distance. Black can, surprisingly, be decently detected, particularly if there is a broad, full white collar and face blaze for contrast.

Trialing also meant learning a different language, depending on the region. I can honestly say that I actively participated



in conversations where I had absolutely no idea what was being said, although everyone left quite happy. A few stock phrases, said in the same tone as others were using, seemed to work. "So it'tiz," worked well; "Ahh, so be it," was another good one. "That's that, then," had many uses, and "Really now?" got some mileage also. Learning the odd word of Welsh or Gaelic didn't hurt, either, since it was good for a laugh (but not much else).

The people. Ahh, the people. They are fantastic and truly made the experiences great. Whether I was visiting, or

traveling, or at a trial, the welcome was quiet and sincere. The level of knowledge about sheep, dogs, and handling was beyond my comprehension; the friendly camaraderie was pervasive; and yet the competition was keen.

It can be a bit unnerving to go to a local trial, for instance, and book in, only to discover that no matter what slots you take, you'll be running right before or right after the greatest handlers of the day. The best compliment I think I have ever received was after a good run in these circumstances – one of the top men commented, "That run has taken the day so far," and after a short serious pause he added, "of course, we'll be doing our best to shake you out of the tree."

It is possible that the second-best compliment was from another top man, judging a trial with particularly wily sheep, who called me over as I was leaving the field. "Lass," he said, "I like your way with sheep. There's a job waiting for you at lambing time and beyond, if it suits you to take it." Somehow I managed to explain that I didn't believe my employer would think kindly of the change, although it was tempting.....

And I must say it still is.

If You Go

Bringing a dog to the UK or Ireland is not the same as just checking them on as an extra bag; there are many restrictions, including paperwork (lots), specific reception centers (only four), limited entry routes (always changing), and different crate requirements (larger and more holes).



My advice: Start early. Begin at the DEFRA (Google 'DEFRA PETS') and USDA (Google 'USDA EXPORT UK') web sites. Read and understand the paperwork requirements, and research the transport routes and options. Real-

ize that your local vet might not be able to do your dog's preparation and paperwork, and that your favorite airline or local airport might not be able to carry your dog into the UK.

If you are flying into Ireland – officially, the Republic of Ireland, usually Dublin or Shannon airports – be aware that the rules are different than going into the UK (Heathrow, Gatwick, or Manchester in England). If you are flying into Northern Ireland (Belfast airport), the rules may be different yet again; although technically part of the UK, I've encountered some unique differences.

Research and understand the costs (both obvious and hidden), both to the UK or Ireland and the return. I know many people who assumed that the costs were the same as excess baggage, and were unpleasantly shocked to discover it can be ten times that. Understand how the airline you're using requires your dogs to be booked, both over and back; you may need to use a shipping agent.

Spend some time understanding the dog food that's available at your destination. Trust me, it's not the same as here, even if the name is the same. (No, you can't take your dog food with you.) Be sure to know how and where you are going to get dog food after you arrive. The internet can help here – on my recent trips, I've ordered food online from PetPlanet.co.uk and had it delivered to my first night's destination.

There are some things that you need to bring with you. Humility, humor, a sense of wonder, and openness to new and different ways are vital. Raingear and a GPS that can navigate to a UK six-digit postal code are useful, but buy your wellies there at a garden center -- it's cheaper.

There are also some things that you should leave home. If your dog isn't at an Open level, or doesn't stop and isn't obedient, it's not ready to trial there; leave it home. Please also leave the "American-centric" perspective, politics, and arrogance behind; it won't be welcomed. Leave behind the know-it-all thinking, the thinking that results in an "it's wrong/it needs to be done this way/the bad run wasn't my fault/it's not fair" attitude; after all, if you don't want to see and try something different and learn something new, why go somewhere else at all?

And with that – I'll see you at the trials!

Photos by Joyce Geier. Cover: Jim on a single with a Swaledale. P. 6: Swaledales on the drive. P. 7: Penning at Downhill, Ireland.

Member Profile: CLARA STITES

by Molly King

You may or may not know Clara Stites.

If you do not know her, it is understandable. If you do know her, you also know that the reason others don't is because she is a very unassuming woman, who quietly keeps to herself.

But if you know Clara well, you know that she is a very intelligent and articulate writer of some note, having spent a good part of her life putting pen to paper (her first short story was published in "American Girl" magazine in 1958).

Her most recent publication is a novel, *Sand and Gravel*, about a farm family and their strengths, weaknesses, setbacks and achievements over the course of several generations. The very readable and enjoyable book is reviewed below by Sue Schoen.

Clara spent her young years on a sheep farm, but then moved with her family to a small city, where she lived with her mother, a literary agent and researcher who represented author Thomas Wolfe (*Look Homeward Angel*) and wrote the first biography of Wolfe. In that time, she also lived with her siblings and her first Border Collie, Huckleberry.

Educated at Bryn Mawr and then Harvard graduate school in Education, Clara taught English in middle schools for about 15 years, during which time she wrote numerous short stories and essays that were published in various magazines. In addition, she has written several children's books and was co-editor of *In the Shadow of the Giant: Thomas Wolfe*. She also worked as a copywriter for an ad/PR agency.

And THEN! Border Collies came into (and took over) her life.

"After Huckleberry, I had a rescue BC from Cape Breton Island (where we spent summers for about 5 or 6 years). She took good care of our children for about 10 years. Later, when she didn't show any interest in herding, I bought a trained dog, Penn, from Connie Weller. I still have Penn, now retired, and he taught me a lot while I basically made mistake after mistake with him, often without even knowing I was making mistakes because basically I knew zero about herding. Penn & I went to various trials, placing now and then and even winning one Ranch trial. Then we got a ribbon in a fair trial and moved into Open, where we certainly did not belong. But it was fun, and Penn loves shedding, and I kept learning. I now have Penn's niece, Tess, who is very willing and keen and wonderful to work, whether in trials or at home. She and I are running in ProNovice."

Tess has been coming along very well, placing at Cascade and Fetch Gate this summer. They have an arrangement with a nearby sheep owner, and she is able to work and train her dogs frequently.

Clara lives in a lovely home in southern Massachusetts, overlooking the Slocums River, which feeds into Buzzards Bay. She and her husband Clay live in the woods doing things she loves best: writing and being very involved in farming and gardening. They spend beautiful days doing a lot of gardening, tending their chickens, and enjoying time with their 3 grandchildren. In addition to shepherding, she devotes a lot of energy to writing, herding sheep, supporting land and farm conservation, and sailing their boat. Clara participates in Associations such as Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, Sheepdog Junction, the Thomas Wolfe Society, and NEBCA.

***Sand and Gravel*, by Clara Stites. Reviewed by Sue Schoen**

NEBCA member Clara Stites' first novel, *Sand and Gravel*, tells the story of a family farm which is almost lost forever to excavation as a gravel pit. The year is 1944. Shell Farm is home to the Wing family and has been in Caroline Wing's family for generations. The farmhouse and barn are over a hundred years old and stand as they were built, over looking the sea. The small 80 acre farm has an orchard and meadows which roll down to a sandy beach. Caroline grew up there, her life ruled by the seasons, tending the land and the livestock.

When Caroline weds Amos Wing, he joins her idyllic life on the farm. Their life together begins well, raising livestock and starting a family of four children. When Amos feels pressed financially, he begins a gravel operation to supply the construction boom in nearby towns. He is smitten by opportunity. Over the next 40 years, he literally sells off the land truckload by truckload. The destruction of the Wing family parallels the annihilation of the land. Caroline is overruled in her

objections to the gravel operation. She spends the rest of her life as a bitter witness to the disappearance of the familiar features around her. One by one, the children flee the ruined farm. Amos dies alone and unforgiven. It is a hard story.

Part two of the tale brings the youngest child, Sarah, now age 50, back to the farm from California. She has inherited the remains of the farm and hopes to fulfill her mother's wish that she reclaim it. The story turns upward as Sarah explores her past and assumes her place as custodian of the land, barn and farmhouse as well as Amos Wing's daughter.

Clara's sense of place and character are clear and true. The writing is simple and beautiful. She sees the details of the natural world and understands our relationship to them. Her descriptions are vibrant - I could see the meadows and the blue ocean. I knew I had been there. So many pieces of the story were familiar - the characters and their actions made sense. I was outraged by Amos' callous betrayal of the land and his family. Yet Clara is kind and generous with her characters, even Amos.

When I emailed Clara to find out more about the farm and the characters, the subject line of her email reply read SUE, REMEMBER THIS IS FICTION. I wanted to visit the farm. Eventually, she sent me a photograph. Not the actual people in the story (it's fiction, remember), but I was stunned. It was more ruined than I had imagined. There truly was nothing left.

Even as I know this is fiction, I still long for someone to restore the land to its original state. I still want to visit. This vivid portrayal of family and their relationships with the land is lovingly and truthfully told. It is a story that will remain with the reader.



FALL FOLIAGE SET FOR OCTOBER 6-8, 2012

The Fall Foliage trial has traditionally been the culmination of the NEBCA Open trialing season. This year, the Open Trial Committee searched for a new and challenging location with equally challenging sheep and we've found both at the Mount Saviour Monastery in Pine City, NY. The Monastery, opened in 1951, is a community of Benedictine monks who live on over 250 acres of rolling hills, pastures, and woodlots. They raise Scottish Blackface and Mule sheep and sell market lambs, wool and yarn. The setting is peaceful and the field large, and we think that this year's Fall Foliage will be memorable. The judge will be Aled Owen

The trial will be held on a 100-acre fully-fenced field that goes up a hill with a tree line coming down the middle. We anticipate the outrun for the Saturday and Sunday runs to be up to 400 yards. The Double Lift finals will be held in the same field and will prove to be challenging for both dogs and handlers. Handlers will be able to camp in the same field that we are running on with great views from the camping area.

Pine City is midway between Elmira and Corning, NY (about 15 minutes from each). Both Elmira and Corning have hotels, restaurants and grocery stores. The handler's dinner will be held at the Elks Lodge in Elmira in a private dining room and will be catered by a local caterer.

As announced at the Annual Meeting in January, the Fall Foliage Champion will receive an invitation to the 2013 Soldier Hollow Classic in Utah. If the Champion can't attend, an invitation will be extended to the Reserve Champion. The organizers at Soldier Hollow are excited to have added a double-lift trial from the Northeast to their list of qualifying trials. We hope that NEBCA will establish an ongoing relationship with Soldier Hollow, so we are committed to putting on the best, most challenging double-lift trial that we can.

We anticipate that the field and sheep at Mt. Saviour are going to be spectacular and that NEBCA can build a long-term relationship with the Monastery. Many thanks to Mary Ann Duffy for her work in finding the site and working with the monks to make this trial special. (More information about the Monastery can be found at <http://www.msaviour.org>.)

Rob and Betsy Drummond of Bordercollics Anonymous have once again stepped up to support NEBCA by donating a set of Rob's admired whistles in a handsome display box to be raffled, with the winner being announced at the 2012 Fall Foliage. The winner will get a complete set of Brass Blasters; Maxi Blaster, Big Blaster, Baby Blaster, Astro Blaster, & Luminator Blaster whistles set in a custom fitting box. Look for raffle tickets at your next trial. (For further information, contact Rob at <rob@brailsford.com>.)

Please watch Sheepdog L and NEBCA Yahoo groups and WWW.NEBCA.NET for updated information.

Carolyn West, Open Trial Committee

NEBCA NOVICE FINALS SEPTEMBER 15 AND 16, 2012

Preparation for the 2012 NEBCA Novice finals is well under way. The dates for the trial are September 15th and 16th. Dick and Cheryl Williams have generously offered their infamous Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA as the venue and Roger Millen from the renowned Fetch Gate farm in Cortland, NY has agreed to judge. We're very excited to have Roger's expertise. The Novice trials committee is working hard on the details of this year's trial. From Saturday night's catered dinner to securing experienced people for setout, handlers' welcome packs to outstanding prizes we feel this will be one of the best Novice Finals ever.

Handlers need a total of 3 points to qualify for Novice/Novice, Pro/Novice or Ranch and must have been a NEBCA member at the time points were acquired. There are still opportunities to qualify at Leatherstocking or Woolly Winds. Entries must be postmarked by September 2nd to assure that the entry will arrive by Friday, September 5th.

Thank you to the Novice Trials Committee, Annie Palmer, Eileen Wilentz and Martha Walke, for all their hard work and dedication. We're looking forward to a big entry and a great weekend.

So, check your points, and tune your dogs up for the last qualifying trials. You don't want to miss this year's Novice Finals.....it's going to be great. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Anne Devine, Novice Trial Committee

ALED OWEN TRAINING AND JUDGING CLINIC JUNE 8 - 10

Although not part of the series of 3 NEBCA judging clinics, members were treated to an add-on 4th given by Aled Owen at Carol Campion's Bittersweet Farm.

There were 2 days of lessons prior to the clinic, and many of us attended as auditors. Aled's teaching might better be called coaching, as he doesn't actually train the dogs but rather coaches the dog's handler with suggestions on handling skills. He will stand a short distance away and concentrate on moving the handler in such ways as to control the sheep from one side as the dog controls them on his. This was especially helpful in the double lift shed, where even the slightest movement from either side will hold or release the sheep... seemingly as if by magic. Not magic, of course, but good shepherding.

The morning was spent watching videos of some extraordinary dogs and handling in national and international competitions, and we all kept scores for comparisons. People who have judged at our trials were quite in line with Aled's scoring, give or take a point or 2 here and there - then there were the rest of us. We could see why we should stay behind the fence!

It is easy to understand why judges can score things differently - even though it's likely the deductions won't be far apart, they may be for different faults. Perceptions are very subjective, and we all came out of the clinic knowing that the only constant in our sport is the consistency of the judge's method. The clinic brought the usual number of smiles and questions: "Well, what about if this...?" Answer: "Well, it depends on that..."

So much of what happens on the field depends on the unpredictable - sheep (breed and experience with dogs AND people), weather, time of day, difficulty of the course, mood of handler... the absence of dependability is endless.

The afternoon was spent in the field watching some of the participants running their dogs in a double lift. In the interest of time, each run consisted of outrun, look back, outrun, gather, and international shed. Although many of us won't do much competing at that level (unless we head to the bigger fields outside of the northeast), there were many valuable lessons to be learned, particularly about watching and reading the sheep, and the teamwork necessary between dog and handler.

All in all, the clinic was very interesting and instructive. It is always an education to see events through someone else's eyes!

Aled Owen is a sheep farmer by trade in North Wales, having grown up on the farm. But he is also a trialer of renown

throughout the world, having won the International Supreme 3 times, and the World Championship twice in addition to over 20 other international competitions.

Aled is a quiet spoken man, but the wisdom he imparts in his low-keyed style is full of those little gems we love to take with us to improve our own skills.

Molly King



Aled Owen, Susan Allen, and Ash -- he's there but you have to look! -- after a private lesson.

THE 31st CONSECUTIVE PA. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SDT

In a year of extreme heat, extreme weather, extreme everything it seems, the Pa. State Championship in Hop Bottom, Pa. on June 15-19, 2012, lived up to the extreme. The entries were over the top, the number of sheep needed were in excess, but the one thing that wasn't in extreme was the beautiful weather on all five days of the trial. It was as an oasis from the unbearable heat of the summer. Five lovely days which enabled the sheep and handlers to withstand the numbers of entries.

Cabot Gas and Oil Corporation was the primary sponsor of the dog trials this year, allowing us to award over \$7000.00 in cash payback to all classes. Fifteen places were paid in open and the top 4-5 places in all novice classes. A Cabot representative was available on Saturday to meet with anyone interested in the impact of gas and oil drilling in the area.

Black Gold Pet Food and Nutrena Dog Food were also sponsors, providing dog food for winners of all classes. Thirty dogs began the marathon running of the open classes on Friday at 1:00 pm. The Katahdin/Dorper sheep were very fresh and gave every handler and dog team a run for their money. If they were treated kindly, they were reasonable, but one wrong move or push and they were totally unforgiving. Dawn Boyce gave her dogs a real workout, setting sheep for most of the open runs. The course has changed, and this gave the handlers a new challenge. The lower fence was removed from the flooding of last fall, making the course wider and longer. This required a platform for the handler to stand on to see the entire course. This also made the sheep that much more difficult to turn around the post and to proceed down the first drive lane. Though the crossdrive was different from usual, it still was difficult to negotiate by the dog/handler teams.

The sheep were much easier to shed as they were very lightly dogged before the trial. Two ewes and a lamb were used for each run. Penning was a real challenge for most dog/handler teams.

Carol Campion from Hampton, CT, did a great job sorting out the runs and placing the dogs. Runs were not easy to judge due to the difficulty of the course and sheep. Dr. Thomas Kern was on hand on Saturday to evaluate dogs all day for PRA, or other diseases of the eye of many dogs.

Saturday's food was prepared by the Brooklyn Universalist Church with a deli-like atmosphere. The famous barbecue chicken was delicious as always. Saturday night brought the excellent catered dinner attended by 85 people! Sunday night's pizza was enjoyed by all.

Cheryl Jagger Williams and her new dog Fleet won the first open trial, with Lorna Savage and Kaylee as Reserve. Mary Thompson with Coal took the honors on the second open trial, with Joyce Geier and Jim as reserve.

A new vendor with a portable folding crate donated a crate to the overall champion of the two open trials. The winner was Mary Thompson with Coal.

The overall reserve champion award was from the private awards collection of Walter Jagger. A hand-painted saw was won by Gene Shenering of Boonton, NJ with Sweet.

Monday and Tuesday brought the novice classes, beginning with the USBCHA nursery class, followed by ranch, pronovice, and novice/novice. The course was shortened and moved up to the usual handler's area to make it a bit easier to negotiate for the participants. The sheep still made the dogs and handlers stay on the ball to get a good run. With over one hundred runs, Denise Leonard from Greenfield, Mass. had her work cut out for her sorting the runs which she did with great skill and concentration.

Denise Maui donates the most promising young handler and young dog awards each year. This year the handler was Morgan Dawkins and the most promising young dog was Rush, owned by Michele Higgins.

As usual, the many spectators enjoyed the announcing by various handlers helping them to understand the course and the dog-handler communication. There are very dedicated spectators who come year after year to watch the competitions.

A special thank you to Cabot Gas and Oil Corporation, Black Gold Dog Food, Nutrena Dog Food, and all of the persons who supported the trial by ads or their help at trial time. Thank you to all handlers and family who helped in any way to make this trial a success. Your help is most appreciated. Dick and Cheryl Jagger Williams

Results:

6/16/12 Open 83 dogs ran

Williams, Cheryl Fleet 1
Savage, Lorna Kaylee 2
Shenering, Gene Sweet 3
Thompson, Mary Coal 4
Shenering, Gene Nick 5
Geier, Joyce Tiz 6
Thompson, Mary Beauty 7
Millen, Heather Kate 8
Williams, Cheryl Spot 9
Cunningham, Lori William 10
Worthington, Joan Hope 11
Levinson, Barbara Hemp 12
Boyce, Dawn Gage 13

Brewer, Doug Taff 14
LeFever, Gwenn Soot 15

6/17/12 Open 82 dogs

Thompson, Mary Coal 1
Geier, Joyce Jim 2
Sheninger, Gene Sweet 3
Boyce, Dawn Slim 4
Mick, Warren Eddie 5
Zieser, Walt Rose 6
Williams, Dick Mick 7
Levinson, Barbara Ryn 8
Reitboeck, Werner Tara 9
Williams, Cheryl Spot 10
Drummond, Rob Cub 11
Williams, Dick Mirk 12
Leonard, Denise Maggie 13
Sharp, Dave Tot 14
Thompson, Mary Frost 15

6/18/2012 Novice/Novice 24 dogs

Place, Laurie Magic 68
Snowden, Victoria Gypsy 66
Lockwood, Sandy Joy 62
Malloy, Karen Keeper 60
Reiter, Sara Speck 59
Barrett, Jean Mumble 49
Thompson, Diane Belle 48
Bower, Lynn Cael 44
Davies, Pam Dilys 44
Downs, Carol Jock 43

6/18/2012 Pro-Novice 1 38 dogs

Reitboeck, Werner Sigi 76
Dawkins, Morgan Gillly 69

Thompson, Mary Paris 69
Davies, Pam Teilo 68
Sheninger, Gene Teg 62
Thompson, Diane Riot 60
Hardin-Steiner, Edie Rudy 59
Brewer, Doug Ben 57
Reiter, Sara Rye 57
Davies, Pam Ben 55
Florentino, Terri Lass 53

6/18/2012 Ranch 1 34 dogs

Brighoff, Mary Lance 82
Davies, Pam Patch 68
Higgins, Michele Rush 67
Sharon, Fran Maid 66
Fossetta, Linda Murk 58
Barrett, Jean Noreaster 53
Gambill, Judy Tweed 53
Higgins, Michele Flint 51
Weeks, Dan Tilly 49
Duffy, Mary Ann Hattie 47

6/18/2012 USBCHA Nursery 1 7 dogs

Mick, Warren Eddie 74
Thompson, Mary Paris 71
Reitboeck, Werner Sigi 43
Smart, Bruce Moss 27
Duffy, Mary Ann Cap 19
Brewer, Doug Mirk Ret 1
Butler, Sallie Lucky Scr 0

6/19/2012 Novice/Novice 2 23 dogs

Davis-Van Nostrand, Judianne TeeCA 70
Snowden, Victoria Gypsy 63
Reiter, Sara Speck 60
Place, Laurie Magic 59
Davies, Pam Dilys 58
Malloy, Karen Keeper 56

Quigley, Megan Dare 50
Bower, Lynn Cael 50

Quigley, Megan Seamus 46
Butler, Sallie Lucky 44

6/19/2012 Pro-Novice 2 39 dogs

Thompson, Mary Paris 75
Sheninger, Gene Teg 72
Castanzo, Kyra Tess 69
Davies, Pam Ben 67
Davies, Pam Teilo 66
Dawkins, Morgan Gillly 65
Reitboeck, Werner Sigi 65
Florentino, Terri Lass 64
Hardin-Steiner, Edie Rudy 63
Thompson, Diane Riot 61

**6/19/2012 Ranch 2 26 dogs**

Higgins, Michele Rush 72
Barrett, Jean Noreaster 64
Weeks, Dan Anna 62
Brighoff, Mary Lance 62
Fossetta, Linda Murk 57
Chambers, Maggie Strike 56
Sharon, Fran Maid 56
Higgins, Michele Flint 51
Baker, Kim Skip 51
Sharon, Fran Liz 49

6/19/2012 USBCHA Nursery 2 6 dogs

Thompson, Mary Paris 65

FETCH GATE FARM RESULTS, 29 JUNE- 3 JULY

by Carolyn West

The 7th Annual Fetch Gate Farm SDT was held June 29th to July 3rd in Cortland, NY. The trial was hosted by Heather and Roger Millen who, as usual, were gracious and welcoming hosts. The Open runs were held over two and a half days (Friday afternoon-Sunday) due to the high entries and the Nursery and Novice runs were held on Monday and Tuesday. The runs were sorted out by judge Norm Close from Idaho. The sheep were very fit groups of two ewes and two lambs and proved to be very even for all of the runs.

In Open, there were 93 runs each class. In the first round, Lori Cunningham and Matt topped Mary Thompson and Coal in a run off after they both scored a 97. After the two 97's, there were five handlers with a 95. In the first round, young handler Kyra Costanza ran in Open for the first time with her dog Sue and Mike Polites, a new Open handler, placed for the first time with a 93 (10th place). The second round of scores was again high with the winning run by Joyce Geier and Jim scoring a 99. They were closely followed by Mike Polites and Taff with a 98. In the second round, Eileen Wilentz and Ray made their Open debut.

Nursery classes were held on Monday and Tuesday with Mary Thompson and Paris earning a USBCHA qualification on Monday and Marilyn Terpstra and Lola winning the Tuesday qualification. Novice, Pro-Novice and Ranch classes were held on Monday and Tuesday. 97 dogs and handlers went to the post on Monday. The Novice class had 15 runs with Laurie Place and Magic winning with a 76 out of 80. In Pro-Novice, 41 dogs ran and the class was won by Barbara Leverett and her young dog Spot with a 77 out of 80. The Ranch winner, out of 36 dogs, was Chuck Dimit with Chad with an 86 out of 90.

On Tuesday there were 92 runs. In Novice there were 17 runs. Sandy Lockwood with Joy and Rebecca Hartz with Kenna both scored a 76 out of 80 with Sandy Lockwood winning the run off. The Pro-Novice class had 38 runs and was won by Chuck Dimit and Joel with a 75 out of 80. In Ranch, 31 dogs ran with the winning run of 89 out of 90 by Marilyn Terpstra and Lola. Heather and Roger Millen wish to thank their sponsor, the Cortland Regional Sports Council, for their generous support. Also Dawn Smith who worked as score runner and score-keeper, our many volunteers; and food vendor Ron Anderson and his wife Sharon Anderson who makes the wonderful cake for Saturday night's dinner (catered by Gatherings Restaurant).

OPEN/SATURDAY 93 dogs

1 Cunningham, Lori	Matt	97
2 Thompson, Mary	Coal	97
3 Comeau, Linda	Joe	95
4 Keats, Kathy	Craig	95
5 Champion, Carol	Tam	95
6 Dimit, Chuck	Cole	95
7 Terpstra, Marilyn	Gin	95
8 Armata, Barb	Jill	93
9 Woessner, DeeNell		93
10 Polites, Mike	Taff	93
11 Mick, Maria	Bodie	92
12 Payne, Gary	Dru	90
13 Thompson, Mary	Beauty	90
14 Savage, Lorna Tyler		90
15 Campbell, Mary Lou	Tim	90
16 Simpson, Alistair	Taz	90
17 Geier, Joyce	Tiz	89
18 Kidd, Viki	Merle	89
19 LeFever, Gwen	Mirk	88

OPEN/SUNDAY 93 dogs

1 Geier, Joyce	Jim	99
2 Polites, Mike	Taff	98
3 Cunningham, Lori	Matt	97
4 Comeau, LindaJoe		96
5 Mick, Warren	Dale	95
6 Keats, Kathy	Craig	94
7 Kidd, Viki	Macy	94
8 Payne, Gary	Dru	94
9 Thompson, Mary	Beauty	93
10 Kidd, Viki	Merle	92
11 Levinson, BarbRyn		92
12 Eddy, Joyce	Tess	90
13 Armata, Barb Jill		90
14 Sheninger, Gene	Nick	88
15 Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna	88
16 Williams, Cheryl J.	Spot	88
17 Zieser, Walt	Rose	88
18 Court, Emma Maia		88
19 Geier, Joyce	Tiz	87

NURSERY/MONDAY

1 Thompson, Mary	Paris	82
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NOVICE/MONDAY

1 Place, Laurie	Magic	76
2 Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	74
3 Hartz, Rebecca	Kenna	72
4 Tsuruda, Lori	Ben	66
5 Malloy, Karen	Keeper	65
6 Hartz, Rebecca	Bella	65
7 Pam Davies	Dilys	61
8 Quigley, Megan	Seamus	61
9 Davis-VanNostrand, J.	TeeCA	60
10 Knowlton, Cynthia	Kevlar	48

PRO-NOVICE/MONDAY 41 dogs

1 Leverett, Barbara	Spot	77
2 Thompson, Mary	Paris	76
3 Overly, Edith	Moss	75
4 Dier, Tara	Fleet	74
5 Parker, Missy	ex	74
6 Molloy, Karen	Riot	73
7 Duffy, Mary Ann	Cap	73
8 Geier, Joyce	Jack	72
9 Gessert, Dave Lad		72
10 Stites, Clara	Tess	71

Chuck Dimit with Cole, holding his split of two lambs

Photo by Beth Adams, Candid Canine Photography

RANCH/MONDAY

1 Dimit, Chuck	Chad	86
2 Woessner, Dee	Meg	82
3 Brighoff, Mary	Lance	81
4 Terpstra, Marilyn	Lola	81
5 Helton, Pam	Ellie	81
6 Schmitt, Cindy	Jill	80
7 Weeks, Dan	Anna	79
8 Devine, Anne	Rob	77
9 Weeks, Dan	Tilly	75
10 Higgins, Michele	Flint	74

NURSERY/TUESDAY

1 Terpstra, Marilyn	Lola	88
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NOVICE/TUESDAY

1 Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	76
2 Hartz, Rebecca	Kenna	76
3 Malloy, Karen	Keeper	72
4 Quigley, Megan	Dare	71
5 Knowlton, Cynthia	Kevlar	69
6 Davis-VanNostrand, J.	TeeCA	67
7 Butler, Sally	Lucky	61
8 Place, Laurie	Magic	60
9 Pam Davies	Dilys	55
10 Quigley, Megan	Seamus	50

PRO-NOVICE/TUESDAY 38 dogs

1 Dimit, Chuck	Joel	75
2 Dier, Tara	Fleet	74
3 Lockhart, Carol	Jazz	73
4 Pam Davies	Ben	73
5 Thompson, Mary	Paris	73
6 Geier, Joyce	Jack	72
7 Lippolis, Kim	Becky	72
8 Duffy, Mary Ann	Cap	72
9 Stites, Clara	Tess	71
10 Campion, Carol	Jet	71

RANCH/TUESDAY

1 Terpstra, Marilyn	Lola	89
2 Brighoff, Mary	Lance	84
3 Sharon, Fran	Liz	84
4 Duffy, Mary Ann	Hattie	84
5 Chambers, Maggie	Strike	84
6 Murphy, Jim	Hemp	83
7 Dimit, Chuck	Chad	83
8 Devine, Anne	Rob	81
9 Helton, Pam	Ellie	80
10 Weeks, Dan	Tilly	77



NEW HAMPSHIRE SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL RESULTS

Novice/Novice Saturday - 18 dogs

- 1 - Karen Gorman & Bryce - 60
- 2 - Victoria Snowden & Gypsy - 59
- 3 - J. Davis-Van Nostrand & TeeCA - 53
- 4 - Tim Molinero & Breckin - 51
- 5 - Deborah Donahue & Hep - 51
- 6 - Bob Holmgren & Slick - 47
- 7 - Donna Dickinson & Gel - 45
- 8 - Jean Freeman & Billy - 43
- 9 - Victoria Snowden & Teak - 42
- 10 - Sally Butler & Lucky - 40

Sunday - 14 dogs

- 1 - Jean Freeman & Billy - 58
- 2 - Bob Holmgren & Slick - 57
- 3 - Karen Gorman & Bryce - 49
- 4 - Sallie Butler & Lucky - 45
- 5 - J. Davis-Van Nostrand & TeeCAa - 45

Champion - Karen Gorman & Bryce

Pro Novice Saturday - 23 dogs

- 1 - Ellen Rusconi-Black & Peig - 68
- 2 - Clara Stites & Tess - 68
- 3 - Barbara Leverett & Spot - 61
- 4 - Elizabeth Phares & Juniper - 49
- 5 - Ardelle Legg & Ki - 44
- 6 - Rich Seaman & Roo - 37
- 7 - Ginny Prince & Ida - 36
- 8 - Bruce Smart & Moss - 34

- 9 - Rosemary Redick & Kensa - 34
- 10 - Deborah Donahue & Beal - 32

Sunday - 21 dogs

- 1 - Mary Ann Duffy & Hattie - 72
- 2 - Carol Campion & Jet - 70
- 3 - Ellen Rusconi-Black & Peig - 57
- 4 - Clara Stites & Tess - 53
- 5 - Barbara Leverett & Spot - 52
- 6 - Bill Pimental & Jem - 41
- 7 - Ardelle Legg & Ki
- 8 - Denise Leonard & Natalie - 38
- 9 - Kate Collins & Ben - 38
- 10 - Valerie Pietraszewski & Kep - 35

Champion - Ellen Rusconi-Black & Peig

Ranch Saturday - 5 dogs

- 1 - Lynn Deschambeault & Britt - 60
- 2 - Mary Ann Duffy & Gyp - 54
- 3 - Eileen Wilentz & Ray - 51

Sunday - 6 dogs

- 1 - Betty Levin & Tyne - 30

Champion - Lynn Deschambeault & Britt

USBCHA Nursery Saturday - 5 dogs

- 1 - Rich Seaman & Roo - 61
- 2 - Ellen Rusconi-Black & Peig - 49

Sunday - 5 dogs

- 1 - Rich Seaman & Roo - 59
- 2 - Ellen Rusconi-Black & Peig - 43

Open Saturday - 36 dogs

- 1 - Steve Wetmore & Gile - 79
- 2 - Peter VandeCar & Leif - 75
- 3 - Lynn Deschambeault & Dru - 74
- 4 - Chris Bowen & Sam - 72
- 5 - Kate Collins & Ela - 71
- 6 - Carolyn West & Abe - 69
- 7 - Denise Leonard & Maggie - 69
- 8 - Rich Seaman & Star - 67
- 9 - Barbara Armata & Meg - 65
- 10 - Carol Campion & Tam - 63

Sunday - 34 dogs

- 1 - Maria Mick & Kit - 85
- 2 - Maria Mick & Bodie - 83
- 3 - Sharon Perkins & Roy - 80
- 4 - Steve Wetmore & Gile - 79
- 5 - Bruce Smart & Link - 74
- 6 - Lynn Deschambeault & Dru - 73
- 7 - Sharon Perkins & Cash - 72
- 8 - Barbara Armata & Jill - 71
- 9 - Carolyn West & Abe - 71
- 10 - Rich Seaman & Star - 70

Overall Champion - Steve Wetmore & Gile

GET READY FOR THE 2013 NEBCA CALENDAR!

Some samples from the 2013 NEBCA Calendar:



Mr. August

Cummington SDT Results

5/26/2012				Novice/Novice		5/26/2012		Open		35 Runs		5/27/2012		Open		29 Runs	
1	Freeman, Jean	Billy	74	1	Leverett, Barbara	Bess	92	1	Mick, Maria	Kit	92						
2	Holmgren, Bob	Slick	70	2	Armata, Barbara	Jill	90	2	Mick, Warren	Eddie	90						
3	Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	64	3	Mick, Warren	Shep	90	3	Leverett, Barbara	Tot	86						
4	D.-Van N., Judianne.	TeeCA	63	4	Wetmore, Steve	Gile	88	4	Leonard, Denise	Maggie	85						
5	Duarte, Deb	Jillie	56	5	Peterson, Becky	Peg	84	5	Armata, Barbara	Meg	84						
6	Gorman, Karen	Bryce	52	6	Amodei, Maria	Levi	83	6	West, Carolyn	Abe	83						
7	Phares, Elizabeth	Hazel	46	7	Campion, Carol	Tam	82	7	Mick, Warren	Dale	80						
8	Snowden, Victoria	Teak	45	8	Worthington, Joan	Hope	82	8	Evans, Joe	Chip	80						
9	Warner, Wendy	Vinnie	45	9	Leverett, Barbara	Tot	79	9	Leverett, Barbara	Bess	80						
10	Dickinson, Donna A	Gel	44	10	Amodei, Maria	Song	??	10	Amodei, Maria	Levi	80						
	Wasielewski, Mary	Fizz	Ret		Hanchett, Melody	Canon	78		Collins, Kate	Ela	76						
	Belliveau, Betty	Fios	Ret		Drummond, Rob	Casey	76		Armata, Bernie	Roy	75						
	Donahue, Deborah	Hep	Ret		Evans, Joe	Chip	75		Wetmore, Steve	Gile	75						
	Redick, Rose	Ross	Ret		VandeCar, Peter	Leif	75		Worthington, Joan	Dee	75						
	Walke, Martha	Bryn	Ret		Mick, Maria	Bodie	73		Armata, Barbara	Jill	74						
					West, Carolyn	Abe	72		Evans, Joe	Mist	74						
5/26/2012	Pro-Novice				Campion, Carol	Floss	72		Duffy, Mary Ann	Gyp	70						
1	Armata, Bernie	Sam	67		Leonard, Denise	Emmie	70		Worthington, Joan	Hope	70						
2	Leverett, Barbara	Cap	65		Evans, Joe	Mist	70		VandeCar, Peter	Russ	69						
3	Leverett, Barbara	Spot	64		VandeCar, Peter	Russ	66		Amodei, Maria	Song	67						
4	Leonard, Denise	Natalie	63		Collins, Kate	Ela	64		Wetmore, Steve	Floss	64						
5	Levin, Betty	Morag	61		Smart, Bruce	Link	62		VandeCar, Peter	Leif	62						
6	Campion, Carol	Jet	59		Worthington, Joan	Dee	62		Nunan, Michael	Cap	60						
7	Drummond, Rob	Sammy	59		Armata, Barbara	Meg	61		Peterson, Becky	Peg	Ret						
8	Gessert, Dave	Lad	58		Drummond, Rob	Cub	61		Hanchett, Melody	Canon	Ret						
9	Smart, Bruce	Moss	57		Armata, Bernie	Roy	60		Stites, Clara	Penn	Ret						
10	Dury, Wally Lisa	55			Wetmore, Steve	Floss	54		Smart, Bruce	Link	Ret						
	Walke, Martha	Cal	54		McDonough, Doug	Emmy	Ret		Leonard, Denise	Emmie	Ret						
	Pietraszewska, V.	Kep	52		Stites, Clara	Penn	Ret		Mick, Maria	Bodie	DQ						
	Legg, Ardelle	Ki	52		Smart, Bruce	Lucy	Ret										
	Dickinson, Donna A	Dot	51		Leonard, Denise	Maggie	Ret										
	Black, Ellen	Peig	50		Nunan, Michael	Cap	Ret										
	Collins, Kate	Ben	48		Duffy, Mary Ann	Gyp	Ret										
	Armata, Barbara	Kate	46		Mick, Warren	Eddie	DQ										
	Pimentel, Bill	Jem	45		Mick, Maria	Kit	DQ										
	Donahue, Deborah	Beal	42														
	Overly, Ediie	Moss	38														
	Redick, Rose	Kensa	0														
	Overly, Ediie	Zacarena	DQ 38														
	Warner, Wendy	Jayne	DQ														
	Stites, Clara	Tess	Ret														
	Phares, Elizabeth	Juniper	Ret														
	Prince, Ginny	Ida	Ret														
	Drummond, Rob	Ali	Ret														
				OSSIPEE VALLEY FAIR SDT				WESTERN MAINE BBQ SDT									
				19 dogs ran in Open				19 dogs ran in Open									
				1) Lynn Deschambeault & Dru				1) Roger Deschambeault & Trim									

OSSIPEE VALLEY FAIR SDT**19 dogs ran in Open**

- 1) Lynn Deschambeault & Dru
 - 2) Roger Deschambeault & Bob
 - 3) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
 - 4) Lynn Deschambeault & Mij
 - 5) Jim Perkins & Ben
 - 6) Rob Drummond & Cub
 - 7) Sharon Perkins & Roy
 - 8) Sharon Perkins & Bett
 - 9) Rob Drummond & Casey
 - 10) Jim Allen & Nick
- Lynn Deschambeault Trial Manager

WESTERN MAINE BBQ SDT**19 dogs ran in Open**

- 1) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
 - 2) Sharon Perkins & Cash
 - 3) Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
 - 4) Roger Deschambeault & Nick
 - 5) Gab e Merrill & Roy
 - 6) Rob Drummond & Casey
 - 7) Sharon Perkins & Bett
 - 8) Rob Drummond & Cub
 - 9) Jim Perkins & Z
 - 10) Jim Perkins & Z
- Lynn Deschambeault Trial Manager

5/26/2012 Ranch

1 Duffy, Mary Ann	Hattie 55
2 Northrop, George	Annie 42
3 Levin, Betty Tyne	32
Williams, Julie	Dan DQ
Parker, Missy	Jack DQ

Finality Farm, Dover Plains, NY, SDT Results

Ranch 1 Top 10	13 dogs ran	Ranch 2 Top Ten	12 dogs ran	5 Barbara Armata/NY	Jill	82
1 Mary Brighoff	Lance 69	1 Mary Brighoff	Lance 75	6 Barbara Ray/Va	Stella	81
2 Pam Gardner	Midge 68	2 Rich Seaman	Roo 72	7 Amanda Milliken/NY	Dorey	81
3 Mary Ann Duffy	Hattie 66	3 Pam Gardner	Midge 66	8 Barbara Levinson/NJ	Ryn	79
4 Patricia Kallen	Jess 65	4 Mary Ann Duffy	Hattie 64	9 Gene Sheninger/NJ	Sweet	79
5 Sharon Nunan	Will 60	5 Eileen Wilentz/Ray	62	10 Sue Schoen/Ma	Esther	78
6 Walter Zieser	Annie 60	6 Carol Lockhart	Gwen 54	11 Lori Cunningham/Pa	Matt	77
7 Carol Lockhart	Gwen 58	7 Sharon Nunan	Will 47	12 Rich Seaman/Ma	Boo	76
8 Julie Williams	Dan 54	8 Linda Fossetta	Murk 47	13 Barbara Levinson/NJ	Hemp	75
9 Eileen Wilentz	Ray 50			14 Dave Sharp/Pa	Tot	72
10 Betty Levin	Tyne 48	Pro-Novice 2 Top Ten	25 dogs ran	15 Chris Bowen/NH	Jake	72
		1 Amanda Milliken	Feist 75	16 Dick Williams/Pa	Mirk	71
Pro-Novice 1 Top ten	27 dogs ran	2 Pam Gardner	Kelsea 70	17 Warren Mick/NY	Shep	71
1 Amanda Milliken	Feist 67	3 Kim Lippolis	Becky 63			
2 Kate Collins	Ben 57	4 Pam Davies	Teilo 62	Open 2 Placings	81 dogs ran	
3 Pam Gardner	Kelsea 56	5 Kate Collins	Ben 62	1 Mich Ferraro/NY	Clive	88
4 Pam Davies T	eilo 51	6 B. Ray (P. Kallen)	Pippa 62	2 Amanda Milliken/Ont	Monty	87
5 Barbara Leverett	Spot 51	7 Kak Weathers	Moss 55	3 Amanda Milliken/Ont	Dorey	86
6 Kim Lippolis	Becky 50	8 Donna Dickinson	Dot 55	4 Warren Mick/NY	Eddie	85
7 Kak Weathers	Moss 47	9 Ellen Black	Peig 54	5 Barbara Ray/Va	Stella	84
8 Gene Sheninger	Teg 39	10 Clara Stites	Tess 53	6 Lori Cunningham/Pa	William	84
9 Dave Gessert	Lad 38			7 Denise Leonard/Ma	Maggie	83
10 Wally Dury	Lisa 34	Novice Novice 2 Top Ten		8 Lori Cunningham/Pa	Matt	82
		Sunday, May 20	9 dogs ran	9 Sue Schoen/Ma	Peat	82
Novice Novice 1	11 dogs ran	1 Deb Duarte	Jillie 54	10 Cheryl J Williams/Pa	Spot	81
1 Victoria Snowden	Gypsy 62	2 Bob Holmgren	Slick 57	11 Denise Leonard/Ma	Emmie	81
2 Rebecca Hartz	Bella 53	3 Donna Dickinson	Gel 51	12 Barbara Armata/NY	Jill	81
3 Judianne Davis	Teeca 49	All others either retired or DQed		13 Linda Comeau/Ont	Joe	80
4 Pat Bacskey	Vic 43			14 Barbara Levinson/NJ	Ryn	80
5 Sara Reiter	Speck 41	Open 1 Placings	84 dogs ran	15 Stephen Wetmore/Vt	Gile	79
6 Bob Holmgren	Slick 40	1 Lorna Savage/Ont	Kaylee 87	16 Gene Sheninger/NJ	Jet	79
7 Deb Duarte	Jillie 22	2 Amanda Milliken/Ont	Monty 85			
		3 Cheryl J Williams/Pa	Spot 84	Nursery Placings	6 dogs ran	
		4 Joyce Geier/NY	Jim 83	1 Warren Mick/NY	Eddie	81

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Cascade Farm SDT Saturday, June 30 and Sunday July 1, 2012

Both days were hot and sunny and had a strong breeze. Judge for the trials this year was Werner Reitboeck. Classes ran Novice to Open and a different part of the field was used this year that had a shorter outrun. The rise proved to be a challenge as it brought some dogs in flat. The Katahdin sheep proceeded to be as challenging as ever, proving over and over that both handler and dog had to be a good team to get the job done. On Saturday Bev Lambert and Hemp showed how nicely a run and shed could be done.

On Sunday there were two runoffs for first place. Novice was between Jean Freeman's Billy and Wendy Warner's Vinnie. Open was between Steve Wetmore's Gile and Rob Drummond's Cub.

Handlers and dogs took advantage of the Ammonoosuc and riding its current to get out of the heat. The mists and waters off the Pettyboro cascades created a cooling haven of relief as well.

Betty Murray was on hand to record and tabulate scores and awards. She also sold items for NEBCA and the Fall Foliage. Betty is an integral part of any trial's success! Mike, Buddy, Nara, Carlene, Ginny, Kim and Bud were the pen crew. If you have ever seen this group working together you'll know why "They get dirty"!

Prizes and awards for this year's trials were provided by Bordercollics Anonymous- Betsy and Rob Drummond, Green Mountain Monogram, Cascade Farm Apiary and the Ames. Artist Heidi Osgood-Metcalf is providing a color portrait of the Open Champion Dog. Heidi is a well known for her animal portraiture with several magazine covers and awards for her portraits. She is also a great photographer. Her work is online at www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com.

Two day Open Champion, Long Road and portrait winner were Steve Wetmore and Gile. Beverly Lambert and Hemp were Reserve. Ranch Champion and Long Road were Carlene Eitapence and Blaze. Reserve was George Northrop and Annie. Kate Collins' Ben was Pro-Novice Champion and Reserve and Long Road went to Denise Leonard and Natalie. Jean Freeman and Billy took Champion and Long Road for Novice. Sallie Butler and Lucky were Reserve. Dave Young's Pic won Nursery both days.

Saturday's Barbeque dinner was provided by Jim Benjamin, followed by brownie sundaes with Hatchland's "Wicked Good" homemade sweet cream ice cream.

Bud and Mary thank all the handlers who helped wherever needed: set-up, set-out, scribing, exhausting, take down. We couldn't have done it without you!

Some great pictures of the trial have been posted online on the NEBCA Handlers Tent on Facebook.

Bud and Mary Ames, Trial Hosts, Bath, NH

Open 1: 40 Dogs

- 1- Bev Lambert, Hemp
- 2- Steve Wetmore, Gile
- 3- Maria Amodei, Levi
- 4- Denise Leonard, Emmy
- 5- Maria Amodei, Song
- 6- Michael Dathe VT Keef
- 7- Bev Lambert CT Awel
- 8- Lynn Deschambeault, Chip
- 9- Steve Wetmore, Floss
- 10- Jan Berger, Moss

Nursery 1: 7 Dogs

- 1- Dave Young, Pic

Ranch 1: 6 Dogs

- 1- Carlene Eitapence, Blaze
- 2- George Northrop, Annie

Pro-Novice 1: 17 Dogs

- 1- Denise Leonard, Natalie

- 2- Kate Collins, Ben
- 3- Rob Drummond, Sammy
- 4- Jean Louis Bigourdan, Zac
- 5- Dana Eriksen, Quinn
- 6- Ellen Rusconi-Black, Peig
- 7- Sallie Butler, Sky
- 8- Wally Dury, Lisa
- 9- Jean Louis Bigourdan, Kit
- 10- Clara Stites, Tess

Novice 1: 11 Dogs

- 1- Jean Freeman, Billy
- 2- Sallie Butler, Lucky
- 3- Tim Molinero, Breckin
- 4- Jean Louis Bigourdan, Lad

Open 2: 40 Dogs

- 1- Steve Wetmore, Gile
- 2- Rob Drummond, Cub
- 3- Lynn Deschambeault, Chip
- 4- Michael Dathe, Keef

- 5- Roger Deschambeault, Nick
- 6- Fiona Robertson, Tap
- 7- Rob Drummond, Casey
- 8- Maria Amodei, Song
- 9- Chris Bowen, Sam
- 10- Denise Leonard, Emmy

Nursery: 6 Dogs

- 1- Dave Young, Pic

Ranch: 7 Dogs

- 1- Fiona Robertson, Fen
- 2- Carlene Eitapence, Blaze
- 3- Lynn Deschambeault, Britt
- 4- George Northrop, Annie

Pro-Novice: 18 dogs

- 1- Ellen Rusconi-Black, Peig
- 2- Kate Collins, Ben
- 3- Jean Louis Bigourdan, Zac
- 4- Rob Drummond, Sammy

- 5- Denise Leonard, Natalie
- 6- Dana Eriksen, Quinn
- 7- Sallie Butler, Sky
- 8- Jean Louis Bigourdan, Kita
- 9- Betty Levin, Morag
- 10- Clara Stites, Tess

Novice: 11 Dogs

- 1- Jean Freeman, Billy
- 2- Wendy Warner, Vinnie
- 3- Janet Langdon, Arlo
- 4- Glenn Kopp, Susie
- Sallie Butler, Lucky

Fetch Gate Farm Novice Trial, July 28-29, 2012**Nov/Nov 1 18 dogs**

1	Lockwood, Sandy	Joy
2	Sobel-Meyer, Diane	Kate
3	Phares, Elizabeth	Hazel
4	Quigley, Megan	Dare
5	Bendelac, Julien	Jazz
6	Malloy, Karen	Keeper
7	Davies, Pam	Dilys
8	Murphy, Mackenzie	Tess
9	Bigourdan, J-Louis	Lad
10	Quigley, Megan	Seamus

Pro/Nov 1 33 dogs

1	Phares, Elizabeth	Juniper
2	Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi
3	Duffy, Mary Ann	Cap
4	Drummond, Rob	Ali
5	Sheninger, Gene	Teg
6	Millen, Heather	Sam
7	Molloy, Sally	Sid
8	Sheldon, Sherry	Rose
9	Matzinger, Polly	Kane
10	Clark, Linda	Meg

Ranch 1 32 dogs

1	Brighoff, Mary	Lance	79
2	Matzinger, Polly	Sirius	75
3	Woessner, Dee	Meg	75
4	Sheldon, Sherry	Chick	75
5	Woessner, Dee	Ben	73
6	Higgins, Michele	Flint	72
7	Davies, Pam	Patch	72
8	Sharon, Fran	Liz	72
9	Molloy, Sally	Kip	71
10	Helton, Pam	Bonnie	70

Nursery 1 6 dogs

1	Millen, Roger	Finnegan	80
2	Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi	75

Nov/Nov 2 32 dogs

1	Malloy, Karen	Keeper	72
2	Duarte, Deb	Jillie	70
3	Place, Laurie	Magic	70
4	Lockwood, Sandy	Joy	63
5	Sobel-Meyer, Diane	Kate	63
6	Bendelac, Julien	Jazz	62
7	Quigley, Megan	Seamus	59
8	Quigley, Megan	Dare	56
9	Bower, Lynn	Cael	56
10	VanWicklen, Gail	Maggie	54

Pro/Nov 2 33 dogs

1	Millen, Roger	Finnegan	74
2	Black, Ellen	Peig	74
3	Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi	72
4	Clark, Linda	Meg	71
5	Lockwood, Sandy	Curley Sue	66
6	Trewitt, Irene	Boston	64
7	Dier, Tara	Fleet	64
8	Duffy, Mary Ann	Cap	64
9	Quigley, Megan	Dot	62
10	Lockhart, Carol	Keema	62

Ranch 2 27 dogs

1	Woessner, Dee	Ben	82
2	Helton, Pam	Ellie	76
3	Sheldon, Sherry	Chick	76
4	Baker, Kim	Kris	76
5	Fetterman, Dave	Duff	76
6	Murphy, Jim	Hemp	73
7	Matzinger, Polly	Sirius	73
8	Baker, Kim	Skip	72
9	Molloy, Sally	Kip	71
10	Devine, Anne	Rob	71

Nursery 2 6 dogs

1	Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi	75
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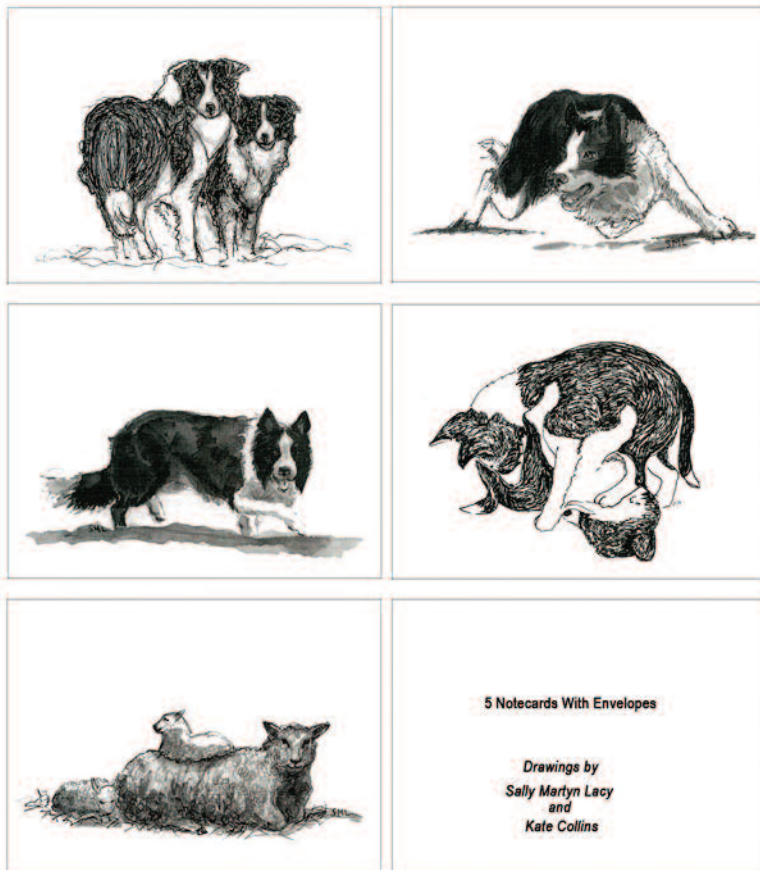
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New NEBCA Shirts and Other Gear

The new 2012 NEBCA ball caps are now available in red, pale pink, stone white and olive colors. Hats are \$15 + \$3 shipping.

Introducing the NEBCA logo Denim shirts for 2012. Denim shirts are \$30 + \$4 shipping. Unisex sizes are small, medium, large, XL, and 2XL.

The 2012 NEBCA Tee shirts were designed by Sally Martyn Lacy. A women's tee is offered in Aqua Color. The Unisex tee is Cricket



Green. The design is on the back with the NEBCA logo on the front. Sizes are small, medium, large, XL, 2XL and 3XL.

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NEBCA owns a dozen or more rolls of black plastic snow fencing available for use by NEBCA trial managers. Many of you who have attended NEBCA trials have seen or even rented this fencing.

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The Open Trial Committee keeps track of who uses the fencing and where it currently is located.

Change in Novice Guidelines

The following change has been added to the section Novice Finals in the Guidelines.

If a qualifying Ranch dog places in an Open trial before the Novice Finals, that dog may not compete in the Novice Finals.

Any dog who has placed in an Open trial is not eligible to run in the Novice Finals. The only exception is a dog(s) who has changed hands and moved down a class from Open to Ranch.



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Practical Farm Dog Training in Massachusetts

On June 3 a group of handlers gathered at Little Brook Farm in Sunderland, MA, for a clinic on practical farm dog work. It was a beautiful warm day with an acrobatic plane doing tricks above us to keep the mood light and true- to-New-England thunder storms in the afternoon.

Kristen Whittle and Denise Leonard did an excellent job of instructing us through a series of obstacles including a sort gate to split the flock in half, holding the sheep away from a feeder while feeding, how to keep them held tightly together to mark or catch a sheep, and load and unload a trailer as well as fetches and gathers. How to safely handle sheep with a dog was a key part of the instruction. Learning where to put your body to both help your dog and keep yourself safe was emphasized. The sort gate and holding sheep off the feeder proved to be the most challenging. Everyone had a chance to practice each technique in the morning. In the afternoon there was a friendly competition to test those skills. Bob and Slick did a great job of showing us how to do it well and Cheryl with Brass did an excellent job as well. A split scoring method allowed points for completing the task and extra points for finesse, allowing for handlers to see where training efforts should be focused to improve the use of a dog on the farm. Feedback was positive and everyone seemed to have a good day with lots of learning and laughter.

by Wendy Warner



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Jun 10-11 Fetch Gate Farm Spring Nursery Trials

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May 26-27 MA Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT

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Two Novice & Open
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Jun 3-4 Fetch Gate Farm Spring Nursery Trials

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Jun 10-11 Fetch Gate Farm Spring Nursery Trials

Cortland, NY
Two USBCHA Nursery Trials
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Sheepy Hollow Farm
Hop Bottom, PA
Two Novice, Open
& Three USBCHA Nursery
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Jun 30-Jul 1 Cascade Farm SDT

Bath, NH
Two Nov, Open & Nursery Trials
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Jun 30-Jul 3
Fetch Gate Farm SDT
Cortland, NY
Two Open, Novice & Nursery
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Jul 12
Ossipee Valley Fair
Open & Nursery Points Trial
S. Hiram, ME
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Jul 28-29
Fetch Gate Farm
Novice SDT
Cortland, NY
Two Novice and Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA Roger &
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Aug 7-12
Kingston Sheep Dog Trials
Grass Creek Park
Kingston, Ontario
Nursery, Open Championships
Double Lift on 12 Aug
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Aug 17-19
Leatherstocking SDT
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One Novice & Two Open Trials
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Aug 18
Maine Highland Games (tent.)
Topsham Fairgrounds, ME
Open & Nursery Points Trial
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Aug 25
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Sep 21
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Sep 24-25
Big E SDT
West Springfield, MA
2 Open 9/24 & 1 Open 9/25
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Sep 29-30
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Church Hill, MD
Two Open, R, PN, NN
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Oct 6-8
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Nov 2-4
Long Shot Trial
Church Hill, MD
Open, R, PN, Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
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Nov 2-4
Bittersweet Farm SDT
Hampton, CT
Nursery, Nov classes Nov 2
Open Nov 3-4
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