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From the President

It is Sunday, October 28th. Hurricane Sandy is bearing down. We all await the dawn to see if the weather forecasts were correct. I am waiting to see if my field is flooded. We broke up one of the beaver dams this afternoon. Hopefully it will lessen the impact of the impending rains because, you see, I am holding a sheep dog trial this weekend. (Ed. Note: the trial was postponed a week; see p. xx)

The autumn of 2012 will be remembered as a great season for trialling in the northeast. Both the Novice Final at Hop Bottom, PA, and the Fall Foliage at Mt. Savior Monastery in Pine City, NY, were resounding successes. Through the diligent work of the trials committees, these two trials were almost guaranteed to be a success.



The club is experiencing good times. There is a lot of enthusiasm within its membership. This shows itself in the number of members willing to come out and support these events, in addition to the handlers entering dogs and running at these trials.

Please continue to support the Association. It is through a lot of creative thinking and strong, positive energy that ideas can be expressed and brought to fruition. Our newsletter is always brimming with good articles and the library is full of great books and videos and above all, the trialling membership is very active.

If you have ideas to help the club grow, please don't keep them to yourselves. The committee members are always open to new ideas. If you would like to take part in a more involved way, such as serving on a committee, let someone know. We are always open for change and new ideas.

The annual meeting is coming up. We hope to see you there. Until then, keep dry and warm and we'll see you in January.

Carol



A Note from the Editor

Regarding photographs for the News. For the quality that you and I expect, we need to get photos at a usable measure of dots per inch (dpi). Sending a photo 6" x 4" at a dpi of 72 is fine for the color shots we use in the web version, but to bring that photo into truly usable condition for the print version in black and white is impossible. You will see some examples in this issue. Please send me original photos from your camera (either .jpg or .raw is fine), so that they can be processed more easily.

Thanks.

Jim Allen

Fall Foliage Finals, October 5-8, 2012 by Carolyn West*Photo by Carol Campion*

In the fall of 2011, the NEBCA Open Trial Committee started to plan for the 2012 Fall Foliage trial. The main goal was to put on a challenging trial that would be both memorable and set a standard for future Fall Foliage trials. Trial sites were considered and suitable flocks of sheep were investigated. Finally, longtime NEBCA member Mary Ann Duffy suggested that the Committee look at a large flock of Scottish Blackface and Blackface “Mules” shepherded by the monks at Mount Saviour Monastery near Elmira, NY. The sheep were undogged and healthy. The fields available for the trial course were a sheepdogger’s dream, with hills and berms that would prove challenging for dogs and handlers. The monks were happy to welcome us to their 4000-acre slice of heaven, and the 2012 Fall Foliage was a reality!

In the weeks before the trial, there was a lot of work to be done. The Committee was excited to have multiple-time International and World Trial winner Aled Owen agree to come and judge the trial. Gravel was brought in to make the trial field entrance suitable for campers to come in and out; donations came from the local community in the form of golf carts and mules; a local supporter of the monastery offered to make a BBQ dinner for handlers; cattle panels, t-posts, electronet and plastic fencing were all procured, brought to the monastery and set up by a team of volunteers. During the summer there was little rain at the monastery and when a wet fall arrived, plans were made to accommodate campers if they were unable to park on the trial field. The final piece of the puzzle was the sheep. The sheep were undogged and also very skittish around people. In the weeks before the trial, they were worked in both larger groups and smaller groups in order to lightly dog break them and get them used to people. It’s not something that we handlers usually think about, but a main concern of the Committee was to get the sheep adapted to dogs and people enough that they could be set out and exhausted. Finally, everything was set, handlers and dogs arrived, and the trial was ready to begin.

Due to the high number of entries, the Fall Foliage (for the first time) had to run over the course of three and a half days instead of the usual three days. The trial started on Friday, October 5th at noon with a handlers

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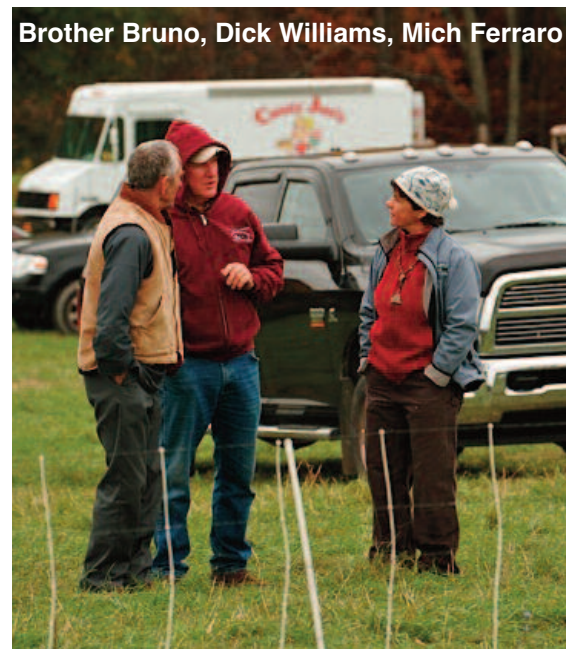
**Bev Lambert and Joe**

meeting and the first dog ran at 12:30pm. The sheep were set out in groups of four, with a mix of Scottish Blackface and mules. The mules proved to be somewhat more difficult than the Scotties, but not consistently so. The outrun was approximately 375 yards and set across the face of a hill (but also uphill) with several berms for drainage that put your dog out of sight on the way out to the sheep but also

put the dog and sheep out of sight on the fetch. Most handlers sent their dogs to the right which had a tree line partially along it and the dog came onto the sheep on a downhill trajectory. You needed to be careful though, and some dogs went out too far to the right and ended up at the set out pen which was behind, and to the right, of the set out. To the left, the tree line was further away and the dogs approached the sheep from below after several berms and some tall grass and only a handful of dogs were sent to the left during the preliminary runs.

After the fetch, the course was a bit different from what we generally see. The turn at the post to the drive away wasn't the usual $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the post, but rather a $\frac{1}{2}$ -turn of the post to a right-hand drive which went up a hill. The cross drive was relatively short and did not cross the fetch line, but was tricky with a berm just behind the line. If the sheep were on line and your dog on top of the berm, it was relatively straightforward; but if the sheep were on top of the berm and your dog was in the gully behind the berm, the dog was out of sight. Many handlers just missed the cross drive panels as they were very difficult to judge. After the cross drive panels it was a short drive to the shedding ring. For the preliminary rounds you needed to split the group of four sheep. After the shedding ring you proceeded to the pen, where a lot of patience was needed as you slowly eased the sheep in. The time for the course was 12 minutes.

The dogs and handlers really stepped up, and though the scores were low, owing to both the sheep and the course, everyone was excited to have their turn. Joyce Geier and Jim won the first round with an 87. Their lovely run earned the highest score of both preliminary rounds. In the second round the scores were higher and Barbara Leverett and Bess won with an 82, followed closely by Beverly Lambert and Hemp.

**Brother Bruno, Dick Williams, Mich Ferraro**

The two preliminary rounds were run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Monday the teams with the top 15 individual scores over the two rounds ran in the Double Lift finals. The course was set with the first outrun to the right and the second to the left, a drive and crossdrive, and then a marked shed and a pen. The course proved tricky on both outruns and during the shed. In the end, Sue Schoen and Esther were the Champions; Mich Ferraro and Clive the Reserve Champions. Joyce Geier was third with Jim and received the Long Road Award (donated this year by Joan McGrath). The Edgar Gould Breeders Award went to Amanda Milliken for breeding Sue's Esther. This year the Open Trial Committee gave an award to the handler who was competing in his or her first Fall Foliage and that award went to Michael Polites.

So many people contributed to this trial and the Open Trial Committee is very grateful to everyone who stepped up to help and/or donate to the trial. We hope that next year the Fall Foliage will be another special event!

FALL FOLIAGE RESULTS

Round 1

1. Joyce Geier – Jim 87
2. Lori Cunningham – Matt 73
3. Beverly Lambert – Hemp 71
4. Lorna Savage – Tyler 70
5. Sally Molloy – Bett 68
6. Sue Schoen – Esther 68
7. Lori Cunningham – William 67
8. Gene Sheneringer – Nick 65
9. Warren Mick – Eddie 65
10. Cheryl Jagger-Williams – Spot 64
11. Heather Millen – Kate 60
12. Lorna Savage – Kaylee 59
13. Barbara Leverett – Bess 59
14. Roger Millen – Rock 58
15. Mary Thompson – Beauty 58

Round 2:

1. Barbara Leverett – Bess 82
2. Beverly Lambert – Hemp 81
3. Denise Leonard – Maggie 79
4. Mich Ferraro – Clive 75
5. Cheryl Jagger-Williams – Spot 75
6. Sue Schoen – Esther 75
7. Michael Polites – Taff 74
8. Maria Amodei – Song 74
9. Lorna Savage – Kaylee 73
10. Warren Mick – Eddie 71
11. Roger Millen – Rock 71
12. Peter Vandecar – Leif 70
13. Nancy Ortiz-Sharp – Mirk 69
14. Roger Millen – Taggett 69
15. Lori Cunningham – Matt 69

Double Lift Finals:

1. Sue Schoen – Esther 130
2. Mich Ferraro- Clive 126
3. Joyce Geier – Jim 106
4. Cheryl Jagger-Williams – Spot 102
5. Lori Cunningham – Matt 83
6. Peter Vandecar – Leif 75
7. Beverly Lambert – Hemp DQ
8. Barbara Leverett – Bess RT
9. Lorna Savage – Kaylee RT
10. Maria Amodei – Song RT
11. Lorna Savage – Tyler RT
12. Warren Mick – Eddie RT
13. Roger Millen – Rock RT
14. Denise Leonard – Maggie RT
15. Michael Polites – Taff RT



Joyce Geier & Jim



Fall Foliage Finalists

NEBCA Novice Finals, September 15-16, 2012 by Anne Devine

The 2012 NEBCA Novice Finals was a huge success and enjoyed by all who participated. Dick and Cheryl Williams were dedicated, hard-working, welcoming hosts. Nothing was too onerous for them and they helped, always with a smile, in all aspects of the trial. Roger Millen, our astute judge, sorted out the runs evenly and fairly. Saturday night's catered dinner, held under the tent, filled everyone to capacity. The celebratory cake, made by Cheryl's niece, was a delicious end to the first day's competition.

The sheep were challenging but cooperative—if the dogs and handlers did their jobs. The weather was sunny and cool, perfect for dogs, sheep and handlers. The pen crew and the set out folk worked hard to allow each run to be as even as possible.

Personalized embroidered jackets and vests were the prizes for the Champion and Reserve in each class, and the top 10 dogs in each class received brass plates for their dog's collar. A photograph of choice, to be made into a canvas, was won by each of the Long Road teams.

Laurie Place with Magic is the 2012 N/N Champion and Sandy Lockwood with Joy is the Reserve N/N Champion. The N/N Long Road Trophy went to Laurie Place and Magic. The 2012 P/N Champion is Gene Sheninger with Teg; the Reserve P/N Champion is Sara Reiter with Rye, and the P/N Long Road Trophy went to Pamela Gardner and Rye. The 2012 Ranch Champion is Pamela Gardner with Midge; the Ranch Reserve Champion is Jim Murphy with Hemp and the Ranch Long Road Trophy went to Pamela Gardner and Midge. Morgan Dawkins was this year's winner of the Alex McKiven Trophy. Our congratulations to the winners and to all the competitors who made this trial the success it was.

The Novice Trials committee, Martha Walke, Eileen Wilentz, Annie Palmer and Anne Devine, would like to thank all the volunteers and competitors for their help and enthusiasm. Without their help, good humor and good sportsmanship, we could not have had such a successful Novice Finals trial. We look forward to seeing you next year!



Novice Finalists (all photos by Eileen Wilentz)



Laurie Place and Magic



Sandy Lockwood and Joy

P/N Finalists



Gene Sheninger and Teg



**Sara Reiter
and Rye**



**Pam Gardner
and Rye**



Ranch Finalists



NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Albany Obedience Club building in Glenmont, NY. Snow date is Saturday, January 26th. We will convene at 10 am.

Notes:

Please bring a pot luck dish to share for lunch. Dogs are not allowed in the building. 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. Please watch the announcements on the www.NEBCA.net page for any upcoming info on the Annual Meeting.

Don't forget to bring:

1. Your membership renewal
2. Your prepared ballot (for BOD election).
3. 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 12, 2013 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 Albany Obedience Club Training Site 535 Wemple Road, Glenmont, NY

From the East and South: Take NYS Thruway to Exit 22. Turn left on Route 144, go about 2.7 miles to Wemple Road. Turn Left on Wemple Road. Site is about 1 mile on left.

From the West: Take NYS Thruway to Exit 23. Turn right on Route 9W, go about 3.8 miles to Wemple Road. Turn left on Wemple Road (there is a traffic light). Site is about 0.8 mile on right.

2013 NEBCA membership renewals are due by December 31, 2012.

A bonus: People renewing NEBCA membership can buy a 2013 calendar for \$10 with renewal and get free shipping.

- \$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

Voting information

Complete and mail or deliver a filled-out original or a copy of the final page of this issue, entitled **NEBCA 2013 Election Ballot**.

Mailed ballots or proxies must be received by Saturday, January 12, 2013, 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 19th.

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 or printed from the ballot on the website.

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

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

Mail ballots to the NEBCA Secretary,
Maria Mick
750 Meadowdale Road
Altamont, NY 12009

You can send the ballot or proxy either together with your membership renewal or separately. Completed ballots can be given to the Secretary at the NEBCA annual meeting up to the start of the meeting on January 19, 2013. No blank ballots will be available at the meeting.

If you use the online ballot, it must be downloaded, printed out, signed and mailed to Maria by January 12, 2013, or handed to her in person at the meeting. No blank ballots will be available at the meeting.

Proxy/Write-in:

Members who do not plan on attending the Annual Meeting in January 2013 should:

1. Arrange your proxy vote well ahead of time, since we require a quorum at the meeting. Arrange for someone who will be at the meeting and vote in your place to be your proxy.
2. Please send in your ballot (for the positions up for election) AND your membership renewal for arrival at NEBCA Secretary Maria Mick's desk by January 12 (address located on all forms). For the official NEBCA Ballot and membership renewal form refer to the NEBCA website or the Newsletter.

Wording for the Proxy:

"I, NEBCA member _____, appoint _____ as my proxy for all votes cast at the NEBCA 2013 annual meeting."

Please confirm for Maria that the person you have designated is aware that they have been designated and agrees to act as your proxy. If you use the online ballot, it must be downloaded, printed out, signed and mailed to Maria by January 12, 2013, or handed to her in person at the meeting. No blank ballots will be available at the meeting.

Note: All candidates are running unopposed. See biographies on p. 10

NOTE: THE BALLOT IS ON THE FINAL PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. EITHER COPY AND SEND OR CUT OFF THE FINAL PAGE AND SEND TO THE SECRETARY.

Biographies of Candidates

Board of Directors (two candidates for two positions)

Lynn Deschambeault:

I have been involved with Border Collies for 32 years and a NEBCA member for almost as long. I have trained many dogs throughout the years and have been fairly successful with dogs I have bought as pups and dogs I have bred. I initiated and now run several trials, the NH Highland Games trial, The ME BBQ Trial, Ossipee Valley Fair Trial, and I assist in running the Fryeburg Fair Sheepdog Trial. I have served NEBCA in several capacities throughout the years: as secretary/treasurer when it was still one job. I put my foot down during my second term and got them to separate it into the 2 positions it is now. I then served as a member of the first board of directors, a position I believe I held for 2 terms. I have been honored to serve in these capacities and am pleased to have been once again asked to serve as a director. I think of NEBCA as a family and I have never been involved in any other organization whose members are as quick as the members of NEBCA to step in to help, whether it be at a trial, give training advice, or to offer comfort during an illness or loss.

If elected I can promise that I will do my best to keep NEBCA going in a positive direction.

Dave Sharp:

I am excited to be nominated for re-election to the NEBCA Board of Directors. I have been training and trialing Border Collies for over 20 years and have been fortunate to utilize many of the services that NEBCA offers. When I was first asked to be a BOD candidate two years ago I agreed to run because I felt it was time for me to give back to NEBCA by taking on a leadership role. I believed my management experience and leadership style of listening to all points of view to develop a consensus would serve me well should I be elected. My experience the past two years has reinforced the importance of our mission to protect and promote the Border Collie as a working stock dog. NEBCA is a strong organization because our members volunteer their knowledge, time and effort to provide us all with trial opportunities and the many services which NEBCA offers. If elected, I will continue to work to keep NEBCA financially strong and responsive to its membership.

President

Warren Mick

Warren has had Border Collies for 22 years and has been training and competing with them for nearly as long. He lives in Altamont NY with his wife Maria, twelve BCs and a small flock of Border Cheviots. An engineer by trade, he worked in the GE gas turbine engineering division until 2007. Warren's BC experience started in 1989. Since that first dog, the world of working sheepdogs has become an all-consuming passion. He spends much of his free time training and working his own dogs but also enjoys giving lessons and helping others in training. Warren has run in nine USBCHA National Finals and many regional championships. He has put on numerous trials and helped organize many NEBCA finals competitions. His previous NEBCA experience includes being president, secretary, and membership in the board of directors and both trial committees. Warren believes NEBCA is important to the promotion of the working BC in the Northeast. He will strive to improve the many good programs and activities that the club has now and look for new ways to improve the organization.

Vice President

George Northrop

I have been farming in Royalston, MA since Kate and I moved here in 1973. Sheep became a part of our livestock operation in 1982 when we were given four abandoned Romney ewes. In 1984 we bought our first border collie pup, Happy, and were launched on the road to obsession. At present we are breeding 40 ewes, mostly purebred Romneys and a few Cheviot-Texel crosses, and running a small herd of Devon cross beef cattle.

I have been a member of NEBCA for 20 years, serving on the novice trials committee, the open trials committee and, for the past two years, as vice-president. I have also been in charge of NEBCA calendar sales for the last 12 years.

Secretary

Martha Walke

I started working border collies after getting my first dog from Betty Levin in 1999. I have been a member of NEBCA since then; the NEBCA Librarian for the past 6/7 years; and a member of the Novice Trials Committee for the past year. I worked as a teacher and librarian and am still involved in the American Library Association, serving on several book committees.

Treasurer

Ellen Rusconi-Black

Ellen has been NEBCA Treasurer for 2 years. She spent 30 years in direct care and as an administrator for nonprofits serving individuals with disabilities overseeing finances of \$4M, human resources, grant writing and transportation services. She has a Master's degree and Certificate of Accounting. Since retiring Ellen is sole operator of Up, Up & Away Canada Goose Control and has been trailing dogs for 10 years.

NEBCA Meeting – Cooperstown, NY, August 18, 2012

Call to Order at 7:45pm by Carol Campion. There were 29 members in attendance.

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

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report – given by Maria Mick

The current membership consists of 292 members and includes 62 Family memberships, 5 Life memberships, and 1 honorary membership. About 32% of the members opt to view the club newsletter electronically on the website.

Treasurer's Report – hand-outs provided by Ellen Black

The current balance in the treasury as of 8/11/12 is \$25,078.74. Thus far there has been \$1,490.00 donated through fund-raising efforts for the Fall Foliage Premiums.

Board of Directors Report – nothing new to report

Open Trial Committee Report – given by Barbara Leverett

The Fall Foliage (FF) Trial is set to take place at the Mount Saviour Monastery, Pine City, NY, between Corning and Elmira on a 100 acre field. There are already 83 entries to date. The two preliminary runs will be considered separate trials for USBCHA sanctioning. Only the top 15 scores held by NEBCA –qualified dogs will progress to the final double lift round. Due to the number of anticipated entries, it is probable that running will be held to a standard and running could potentially begin on the Friday of Columbus Day weekend.

Novice Trial Committee Report – given by Annie Palmer

The Novice Finals will take place at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA. There are 44 entries to date.

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

Calendar Report – given by George Northrop

There are plenty of 2013 calendars for sale. Contact George if you're having an event you can sell some at.

Library Report – no report at this time.

Old Business - none

New Business

Cheryl Williams motioned that NEBCA make a donation of \$5000 to the 2013 USBCHA National Finals to be held in Virginia. Carol noted that such large funding requests must go through the Board of Directors. Dave Sharp, who is acting as treasurer for the 2013 finals said fundraising for the finals is currently on track and NEBCA money may not be needed. A straw poll was taken to assess club support for contributing to the USBCHA finals. There were 22 straw votes for and 1 opposed.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Minutes submitted by Maria Mick.

Profile: Betsy Drummond (and, by association, Rob) by Molly King

Betsy and Rob Drummond live on a small farm in Hillsboro, NH, but only after a series of lifetime events took them there.

Betsy grew up on the east coast from Maine to Miami. In college, she majored in communications with hopes of becoming an advertising copywriter. Rob, a familiar face in the sheepdog trial world, was born and raised in Rye, NY. He majored in biology & genetics in college with research and teaching in mind. Their introduction was through Betsy's sister and Rob's father, who had recently wed. (Her sister became her mother-in-law, and Rob's father became his brother-in-law! Figure that one out!)

Betsy became the Marketing Services Manager for an aerospace & defense company, gaining considerable knowledge about antiaircraft radar systems. Rob worked for several years before becoming the General Manager of Brailsford & Co., a Rye-based manufacturing company. Much of that time he worked as a machinist. Their professions worked into their futures in the sheepdog world in curious ways.

Both being dog lovers, they acquired, rather by accident, a border collie. Uh oh! When that happens, even the most resolute "pet" owner looks into what border collies are all about.

Curiosity entered: "What is that field stuff all about? Let's go take a look." So they took that look, and it started. Evaluations, lessons, training, and... entering the first dog trial. Hmmm. Fun, and challenging!

A new 'hobby' was born. The years that followed were similar to those of many others who become border collie addicts, also known as "Bordercollics": the first border collie, the second border collie, maybe followed by a business incorporating the dogs (in their case developing a goose business), acquiring a camper, graduating to a farm with sheep, and a "period" farmhouse complete with an unfinished bathroom—everything a border collie owner needs—and then more dogs. The natural and inexorable evolution of life with these miraculous dogs!



Betsy, Betty Levin, Kate Collins

Border collies became all-consuming in the Drummonds' world.

Twenty years later, there are 11 dogs, 60 sheep, 32 acres, 2 pick-ups, a tractor, and BorderCollics Anonymous. All of the aforementioned predicated on a "hobby."

In the world that exists outside of border collies, Betsy and Rob now own and operate Brailsford & Co., having moved the business from New York to Antrim, NH, ten years ago. It's a small company that has been in business for 68 years and now has 18 employees. They manufacture miniature DC motors, pumps and blowers used in a variety of high-end applications for medical, environmental, aviation and other scientific applications (and the now-older machinist designing and manufacturing brass dog whistles on the side). Each instrument at Brailsford is hand built and assembled with at least 90% of their components being machined and molded in their own facility.

They are products which are genuinely "Made in the USA."

Betsy often attends dog trials in the Northeast, to "keep Rob in line". We all appreciate that! But she also makes sure the judge is warm and has tea and food. Then she takes care of friends with tea and hand warmers.

Betsy has a strong artistic/creative side, and is an accomplished painter and photographer. She says that her experience as a radar systems expert has been an asset to her ability with a camera. She documents many runs at our trials. She has also formed BorderCollics Anonymous, a specialty internet business that sells border collie/herding related items, books, etc. Rob is the "metal smith" who produced the original Brass Blaster series of dog whistles. Catalog items of course include Rob's whistles, which sell well within our small world. Betsy is not a dog handler herself, but has been instrumental in supporting NEBCA trials and in generously donating gifts from her stock to winners and participants in NEBCA trials: gift bags, engraved whistles, donations, program ads, advice to novice handlers, and the like. She and Rob have been magnets for lovely compliments from fellow handlers, some of whom I quote: "Betsy and Rob always think about making other people

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feel good about their accomplishments.” “Betsy is such a dynamo that it's hard to stay up with her.” “Rob gave me the best description of the most important attribute for a successful dog: ‘It must have a 100% guaranteed cast iron stop.’” “Betsy produces the best logos and cards in the business bar none!” “Betsy Drummond has a heart of gold. She made arrangements to [do something for our trial]... and it was a very thoughtful, special gesture that will never be forgotten. Betsy is a truly special person.” “Betsy and Rob are two of the most generous people on the planet. They are good company and funny as all get out and fun to hang out with. Betsy puts a lot of time and effort into our community and doesn't even run a dog.”

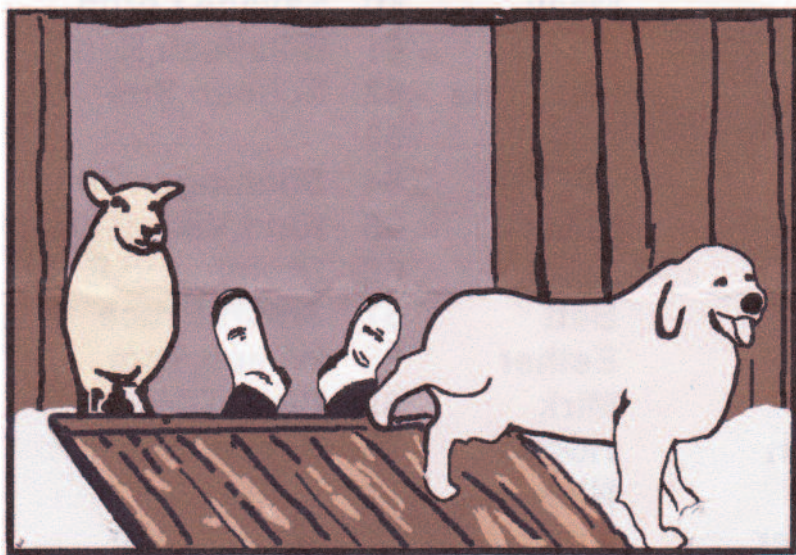
And from NEBCA President Carol Campion: “Betsy is a behind-the-scenes angel for NEBCA. Her generosity is second to none. She and Rob have given special support to the NEBCA Championships, including handler baskets, [engraved] whistle prizes, artwork and logos, to mention just a few ways. In addition to her generosity, we, as a club, benefit from her dry sense of humor, helping us keep trialling in proper perspective. The club has certainly gained in many ways through her involvement!”

As a final word, Betsy said, “Being married to your step-nephew and living with 11 dogs doesn't raise many eyebrows in Hillsboro, NH, which is why it's a good place for us to call home.”

Betsy's artistry includes Christmas cards and other original work:



See the June 2011 issue of the NEBCA News



SPRING VALLEY FARM SDT & THE 27th OCCASIONAL HIGHLAND SDT; TWO TRIALS A THOUSAND MILES APART – BUT CLOSE AT HEART

In the dying embers of summer two trials took place over a thousand miles apart on the East Coast. I had been to neither. The first, Steve Wetmore's famously tricky Spring Valley Farm Trial took place on August 26 on a steep mountain-side course in Vermont. Donald McCaig's 27th Occasional Trial took place one week later on the Labor Day weekend at his beautiful farm in a remote valley in the middle of the Virginia Appalachians.

Steve Wetmore and Donald McCaig both share the goal of providing a good, old-fashioned sheepdog trial on the terrain that they have available to them.

Free Fall into Spring Valley

Spring Valley Farm provides as unusual and challenging a trial field as one could find anywhere in the world. In fact, the word "Field" is inappropriate. A mountainous woodland, stream and meadow course would do better.

In August, the sheep were held about 75 yards away as the crow flies from a cunningly positioned post. The hold-out is in the middle of the woods on the opposite slope. The outrun required the dog to run straight from the post for about twenty yards down a steep bank, across a stream before making a sharp turn right (sometimes requiring a re-direct). A casual canter round the Wetmore sugar-house preceded a lung-bursting climb up the steep bank through the woods to find the sheep (hopefully) nestling in the trees. Sunlight, dappled shade, the color of the Ames's Katahdins – all played havoc with many dogs' ability to find their sheep.

If it was hard to go right, only two dogs went left. Their handlers are still trying to find them.

The Fetch was a black run straight down the steep hill opposite followed by a slight wiggle at the bottom. The judge, Dave Young, wanted the sheep brought across Wetmore's wonderful new wooden bridge rather than follow the more sheep-direct jump into the stream and up the other side. Amongst all this excitement, handlers had to remember to leave the temporary "forward" post (allowing handlers to see the dog down in the gulley). The real post was 15 yards back up the hill. According to the judge, I ruined a rare 20/10/19 score for outrun, lift and fetch by leaving my brains in the camper and sticking steadfastly at the temporary post.

The first leg of the drive in the home field took the sheep left down the hill, through the babbling brook and up into another steep meadow to the left of the woods. This drive-away was double the length of the fetch, but it certainly was a replica of the sort of real farm-work many of us do in the northeastern woods. The cross drive was more a semi-return drive across another bridge at the bottom end of the course before a left turn back into the home field. Final orders were to walk the sheep through the dreaded chute before a finishing flourish at the pen.

Even though my dogs and I failed miserably at this majestic obstacle course, I have to admit that we saw a highly original use of the land available and had more fun than one could possibly imagine. (See Steve's article on Spring Valley for answers to who managed to get around in one piece.)

The 23rd Occasional Highland Sheepdog trial

A few days later I was off to Donald McCaig's annual competition at his beautiful farm in Cow Pasture River Road, Williamsville, Virginia, on the Labor Day weekend. This was a truly exceptional trial in a truly exceptional field.

The field was long, wide and fairly flat except for some dog-blinding, subtle folds and undulations that played havoc with most outruns. A saving grace for dog and handler was that the hold-out point (over 400 yards south) was at the base of a rise at the far end of the field with a stately spinney between the set-out pens and the hold-out point. At least this gave us something to aim for even if it meant a barrage of re-directs with a sense of blind hope.

The fetch was murderous, as Leo Tammi's 190 cunning, undogged Polypays chose to exercise their free will with reckless abandon. Sometimes they would run, sometimes they would stand and stare. A drive with 3-way pressure gave the craftily obstinate sheep more than an even chance of escape. If you stayed the course, you then had the very rare opportunity of displaying your hand at split, pen, shed. Time on the course? Fifteen minutes. Let me repeat that – FIFTEEN MINUTES! To cap it all, the top three each day then had the chance to show their skills at the double lift.

One might argue that an eighteen hour round trip is a little much for a sheepdog trial, but just imagine the experience gained and the lessons learned in our forty-five minutes on the course over the long weekend.

As I gaze back through the misty-eyed lens of autumn, the Spring Valley Farm and the 23rd Highland Occasional Farm trials were the summer highlights of my trialing year. Steve Wetmore and Donald McCaig are both gentlemen who want

their entrants to enjoy the unique values of their extraordinary courses. And they both want their guests to have fun in the evening too. Wetmore introduced the talented impresario, Marco the Magician, who surprised one and all with his sleight of hand card and magic tricks. McCaig introduced a bluegrass group consisting of a young, classically trained artistic couple who teamed up with a couple of moonshine musicians.

I have a golden memory of sitting on a Persian rug under a tent watching this group whilst sharing a bottle of Sangiovese with our friend, Dan King. Dan had been the driving force in inviting us down. We kept telling him he had to come up to Spring Valley Farm next year to experience a truly unique northeastern trial. A couple of weeks later, we repeated the treatise on another trip down south to Pipedream Farm Trial in Maryland.

Two weeks later, Dan died suddenly at the age of forty-eight. How glad we were to have made those journeys.

Joe Evans

N.B. See the article on Spring Valley and the other Vermont Triple Crown trials on p. 18.

LEATHERSTOCKING SDT, AUGUST 17-19, 2012 *submitted by Tina Pabst*

The 17th annual Leatherstocking Sheep Dog trials were held August 17, 18, and 19th, 2012 on the lovely Clark Field, Beaver Meadow Road, near Cooperstown, NY. There were a few showers on Friday but then pleasant cool weather the remainder of the week end.

Seventy-five sheep were provided by Barb and Bernie Armata with a few selected additions, and were primarily Scottish Blackface, Montadales, and crosses. All runs were consistently judged by Werner Reitboeck from Ontario, Canada. We could not have done it without all of our help -set up, sheep pen, set out, scribes, front gate, score keeper, and a huge thanks to the Clark Foundation for allowing us use of the field.

A very special thanks to our sponsors: Dana owner of Dog Wild Canine Supply- Cooperstown, Well Pet Foods, and Lupine Pet Products. Something Wonderful Catering did an excellent job with our Saturday night dinner and Fly Creek Methodist Church provided breakfast and lunch.

Pat Decoux once again raised a significant amount of money for the trial through her walking stick sales. And we thank our other vendors including Dog Wild, Bark for Life, Butternut Valley Spinners, and Ellen Sokolow -Reiki therapy.

NOV/NOV 16 dogs

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----|
| 1 Duarte, Deb | Jillie | 66 |
| 2 Snowden, V. | Gypsy | 64 |
| 3 Quigley, Megan | Seamus | 64 |
| 4 Langdon, Janet | Arlo | 59 |
| 5 Hartz, Rebecca | Kenna | 58 |
| 6 Quigley, Megan | Dare | 56 |
| 7 V. Wicklen, Gail | Maggie | 54 |
| 8 Bigourdan, J-L | Lad | 47 |
| 9 Kopp, Glenn | Susie | 34 |
| 10 Warner, Wendy | Vinny | 25 |
| Long Road Award - J. Langdon, Arlo | | |

PRO/NOV 27 dogs

| | | |
|--|----------|------|
| 1 Armata, Barb | Kate | 74 |
| 2 Thompson, Mary | Paris | 70 |
| 3 Millen, Roger | Finnegan | 68 |
| 4 Champion, Carol | Jet | 66 |
| 5 Lippoli, Kim | Becky | 62 |
| 6 Levin, Betty | Morag | 58 |
| 7 Collins, Kate | Ben | 57 |
| 8 Bigourdan, J-L | Kita | 50 |
| 9 Whittle, Kristen | Tilly | 5010 |
| Black, Ellen | Peig | 49 |
| Long Road Award - Barb Armata and Kate | | |

RANCH 22 dogs

| | | |
|--|--------|----|
| 1 Higgins, Michelle | Rush | 72 |
| 2 Baker, Kim | Skip | 71 |
| 3 Higgins, Michelle | Flint | 69 |
| 4 Hurt, Charlie | Patsy | 68 |
| 5 Woessner, Dee | Meg | 67 |
| 6 Armata, Bernie | Sam | 67 |
| 7 Duffy, Mary Ann | Hattie | 65 |
| 8 Woessner, Dee | Ben | 64 |
| 9 Fetterman, Dave | Duff | 64 |
| 10 Weeks, Dan | Anna | 63 |
| Long Road Award - Michele Higgins and Rush | | |

OPEN/SATURDAY 73 dogs

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| 1 Armata, Barb | Meg | 95 |
| 2 Mick, Warren | Dale | 93 |
| 3 Leonard, Denise | Maggie | 91 |
| 4 Mick, Warren | Eddie | 90 |
| 5 Levinson, Barb | Ryn | 89 |
| 6 Williams, Cheryl | Fleet | 85 |
| 7 Williams, Cheryl | Spot | 85 |
| 8 Savage, Lorna | Tyler | 85 |
| 9 Savage, Lorna | Kaylee | 84 |
| 10 Lambert, Bev | Joe | 84 |
| 11 Cunningham, Lori | Matt | 81 |

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|--------------------|-------|----|
| 12 Millen, Roger | Rock | 79 |
| 13 Lambert, Bev | Hemp | 78 |
| 14 Champion, Carol | Floss | 78 |
| 15 Sharp, Dave | Tot | 77 |

OPEN/SUNDAY 72 dogs

| | | |
|----------------------|---------|----|
| 1 Leonard, Denise | Maggie | 95 |
| 2 Armata, Barb | Jill | 94 |
| 3 Thompson, Mary | Beauty | 94 |
| 4 Lambert, Bev | Joe | 92 |
| 5 Cunningham, L. | William | 91 |
| 6 Leonard, Denise | Emmie | 90 |
| 7 Williams, Dick | Mick | 89 |
| 8 Millen, Roger | Taggart | 87 |
| 9 Armata, Barb | Meg | 84 |
| 10 Mick, Warren | Eddie | 84 |
| 11 Millen, Roger | Rock | 83 |
| 12 Williams, Dick | Mirk | 83 |
| 13 Leverett, Barbara | Bess | 82 |
| 14 Peterson, Becky | Peg | 82 |

Champion - Denise Leonard and Maggie
 Reserve - Barb Armata and Meg
 Long Road Award - Denise Leonard and Maggie

Bittersweet Sheepdog Trial: November 16, 17, 18, 2012 — Molly King

The trial was originally planned for November 2-4, but was precluded by the landfall of Hurricane Sandy, which brought devastation and power outages throughout New England. On top of that, a nor'easter hit hard the next week, blanketing the whole region with more outages and snow.

But many intrepid folks from the northern reaches of Vermont and Canada to southern New Jersey were able to recover and attend the trial at the Campion's Bittersweet farm in Hampton, CT, 2 weeks later.

Luck was with us this time, and we had 3 days of very cool, but pleasant weather, mostly sunny and in the 40s - definitely 'bundle up' weather, but good for being outdoors with dogs and friends.

The sheep, both hair and woolies, were frisky and testy in the chill air, and needed good management by the dog/handler teams. Since they were lambed and raised at Bittersweet, they knew all of their escape routes pretty well. The courses were carefully planned to avoid too much pressure, but it was challenging to keep order.

Beverly Lambert donned her judging hat and did a more than admirable job of keeping things sorted out. Everything ran very smoothly, with nearly all entries volunteering for the various jobs: scribing, posting scores, and the all-important pen work and set out, keeping the sheep even and settled. Thanks go to everyone for pitching in, especially to Rob Drummond for organizing the backfield, and a very special mention for Nancy Phillips, who did a splendid job of setting up the food tables that consisted of heating pot luck donations of soups and hot dishes, hot beverages, and the many goodies that were welcomed by hungry and chilly handlers. We all were well fed and warm!

And of course, a deep bow to Carol and Larry Campion for hosting this wonderful year-end trial. The roast turkey they prepared for the pot luck dinner on Saturday made for a perfect seasonal meal, warmed by their wood stove and camaraderie... It was a beautiful and uplifting conclusion to a great trial season, giving welcome relief to the beleaguered victims of the terrible storms of November that preceded it.

On Sunday, we all departed, wishing one another well for a wonderful, and hopefully EASY winter, with our sights set on the new trial season in 2013.

Results Friday:

Novice 10 ran

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|----|
| 1. Mary Wasliewski | Bryce | 63 |
| 2. Pat Bacskay | Winslow | 56 |
| 3. Ellen Fowler | Celt | 56 |
| 4. Judianne Davis | TeeCa | 53 |
| 5. Pat Bacskay | Vic | 49 |
| 6. Karen Gorman | Ticket | 49 |
| 7. Victoria Snowden | Teak | 44 |
| 8. Judy Hooper | Jess | 34 |

Pro Novice 27 ran

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Jean Freeman | Billie | 71 |
| 2. Carol Campion | May | 69 |
| 3. Ellen Rusconi Black | Peig | 68 |
| 4. Carol Campion | Ffan | 66 |
| 5. Molly King | Ali | 65 |
| 6. Bob Holmgren | Slick | 62 |
| 7. Donna Dickenson | Dot | 59 |
| 8. Wally Dury | Lisa | 57 |
| 9. Bill Pimental | Jem | 55 |
| 10. Edie Overly | Moss | 53 |

Ranch 14 ran

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Dee Woessner | ? | 77 |
| 2. Carol Campion | Jet | 74 |
| 3. Eileen Wilentz | Ray | 68 |
| 4. Maryanne Duffy | Hattie | 64 |
| 5. Dan Weeks | Anna | 59 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|----|
| 6. Dee Woessner | Meg | 52 |
| 7. George Northrop | Annie | 52 |
| 8. Ellen Rusconi Black | Peig | 50 |
| 9. Kate Collins | Ben | 48 |
| 10. Betty Levin | Tyne | 35 |

USBCA Nursery 8 ran

| | | |
|------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Carol Campion | May | 77 |
| 2. Carol Campion | Tessa | 74 |

Open

Saturday 42 ran

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Dorey | 99 |
| 2. Peter VandeCar | Leif | 93 |
| 3. Carol Campion | Floss | 90 |
| 4. Maria Amodei | Song | 89 |
| 5. Gene Sheninger | Sweet | 89 |
| 6. Carol Campion | Tam | 88 |
| 7. Peter VandeCar | Russ | 88 |
| 8. Mich Ferarro | Clive | 86 |
| 9. Julie Williams | Dan | 86 |

Sunday 46 ran

| | | |
|---------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Amanda Milliken | Roz | 97 |
| 2. Joan Worthington | Hope | 86 |
| 3. Carol Campion | Floss | 85 |
| 4. Mich Ferarro | Clive | 84 |
| 5. Amanda Milliken | Monty | 84 |
| 6. Gene Sheninger | Nick | 82 |
| 7. Anne Devine | Rob | 82 |

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|------------------|------|----|
| 8. Joe Evans | Mist | 79 |
| 9. Chris Bowen | Jake | 79 |
| 10. Maria Amodei | Levi | 78 |

n.b. #6 & 7: Tie all the way across between Gene and Anne, broken by coin toss.

Long Shot Farm SDT, November 2-4, 2012

We had a wonderful fall trial here, weather was great and as always good people that came to run their dogs. Thanks to Vergil Holland for judging all three days, along with Deb Crowder, who, as always, is at the top sorting and taking care of the sheep, Sandy Hornung for doing all the scores and paperwork throughout the trial, I also want to thank all the people who helped to set, exhaust and scribe. It is so important that you have good people to help out; it makes the trial run smoothly.

On Friday we run 2 classes each of ranch, nursery and pro novice and Saturday and Sunday we run the open class. Overall dog in Ranch was Pam Gardner with Kelsea, Anne DeVine with Becca won in Pro Novice and Open was Karen Karkow with Jade. *Sherry Smith*

Open 1 Saturday

Jeanine van der Merwe Sam 87
 Dave Sharp Tot 83
 Roger Millen Taggart 82
 Doug Brewer Taff 82
 Pam Gardner Midge 81
 Linda Tesdahl Ryan 81
 Sally Gleis Sid 80
 Karen Karkow Jade 78
 Jeanine van der Merwe Jade 78
 Roger Millen Rock 77

Open 2 Sunday

Jeanine van der Merwe Pete 88
 Pam Gardner Meg 88
 Karen Karkow Jade 87
 Eileen Stein Mac 84
 Carolyn West Abe 79
 Jeanine van der Merwe Jade 79
 Nancy Obernier Lisa 77
 Sally Gleis Sid 77
 Anne DeVine Anne 77
 Tom Hoeber Tazz 77

Lancaster Fair

1. Rich Seaman & Star
2. Dave Young & Pic
3. Rich Seaman & Boo
4. Nancy Phillips & Susie
5. Jim Perkins & Z
6. Roger Deschambeault & Trim
7. Rob Drummond & Sammy
8. Rob Drummond & Casey
9. Sharon Perkins & Bett
10. Dave Young & Bess

Ranch 1

Sandy Hornung Meg 76
 Pam Gardner Kelsea 75
 Sherry Smith Queen 75
 Eileen Wilentz Ray 73
 Karen Karkow Moss 70
 Sherry Sheldon Chick 70
 Roger Millen Finnegan 69
 Nancy Starkey Soot 64
 Nancy Starkey Rye 64
 Fran Sharon Liz 61

Ranch 2

Nancy Starkey Soot 81
 Pam Gardner Kelsea 77
 Roger Millen Finnegan 76
 Linda Tesdahl Gus 75
 Jeanine van der Merwe Bo 68
 Doug Brewer Ben 68
 Sherry Sheldon Chick 67
 Fran Sharon Liz 64
 Nancy Liptak Rusty 61
 Eileen Wilentz Ray 61

USBCHA Nursery 1

Roger Millen Finnegan

USBCHA Nursery 2

Linda Tesdahl Krew

Pro Novice 1

Linda Tesdahl Krew 75
 Nancy Starkey Bess 62
 Karen Karkow Calvin 60
 Anne DeVine Becca 54
 Michele Dobbs Fora 52

Pro Novice 2

Anne DeVine Becca 71
 Doug Brewer Mirk 68

Merck Forest SDT

Open 1

| | | |
|------------------|--------|----|
| Maria Amodei | Song | 95 |
| Barbara Leverett | Bess | 93 |
| Warren Mick | Eddie | 92 |
| Richard Seaman | Boo | 90 |
| Susan Schoen | Esther | 90 |
| Fiona Robertson | Mirk | 88 |
| Heather Millen | Kate | 88 |
| Stephen Wetmore | Gile | 87 |
| Jim Perkins | Z | 87 |
| Fiona Robertson | Tap | 87 |

Open 2 (56 dogs ran)

| | | |
|------------------|-------|----|
| Fiona Robertson | Tap` | 93 |
| Werner Reitboeck | Tara | 88 |
| Richard Seaman | Boo | 88 |
| Bar ara Armata | Jill | 87 |
| Bud Ames | Dirk | 87 |
| Heather Millen | Kate | 86 |
| Werner Reitboeck | Roy | 85 |
| Michael Dathe | Q | 84 |
| Warren Mick | Shep | 83 |
| Warren Mick | Eddie | 82 |

VERMONT CHAMPIONSHIP & SPRING VALLEY SDTs 2012 — *Stephen Wetmore***Vermont Championship Trial, Aug 26**

Maryellen Young, judge
64 dogs to the post

- 1 Stephen W & Gile
- 2 Roger D & Bob
- 3 Maria & Song
- 4 Barb A & Meg
- 5 Barb Levinson & Hemp
- 6 Warren M & Eddie
- 7 Fiona R & Tap
- 8 Barb Levinson & Ryn
- 9 Stephen W & Floss
- 10 Lynn D & Chip
- 11 Barb A & Jill
- 12 Maria M & Bodie
- 13 Denise L & Emmie
- 14 Roger M & Rock
- 15 Mike N & Cap

Spring Valley Farm SDT Aug 27

Dave Young, judge
56 dogs to the post

- 1 Denise L & Maggie Long Road Winner
- 2 Maria M & Kit
- 3 Rob D & Cub
- 4 Rob D & Casey
- 5 Barb Leverett & Tot
- 6 Barb A & Jill
- 7 Warren M & Shep
- 8 Peter V & Russ
- 9 Peter V & Leif
- 10 Warren M & Eddie
- 11 Stephen W & Gile
- 12 Stephen W & Floss

Intent observers Sally Lacy and Slipper, Susan Allen and Ash, watching Joe Evans.

Photo:
Cindy Kilgore



13 Denise L & Emmie

Photo by ja

• **2 day Combined Champion**

Stephen Wetmore's Gile

• **2 day combined Long Road Award**

Stephen Wetmore's Gile

2012 Vermont Triple Crown

For the first time in the 7 years since the VTC was created, there was a tie for winner. Warren Mick/Eddie, and Stephen Wetmore/ Gile, both had the same number of points after the last trial at Merck Forest in Rupert Vt. A runoff was held, with Warren/ Eddie winning the VTC Championship, and Stephen/Gile finishing as the reserve champions of the 2012 Vt Triple Crown

Congratulations to both teams!

TRIAL RESULTS continued

NH Championship and Fryeburg Fair

The New Hampshire Championship was held at Nearfield Farm, on a cloudy, misty day. About fifty dogs went to the post.

Thank you to all that helped. Thanks to Sallie Butler and Clara Stites for scribing for our judge George Northrop . He did a fine job sorting out the runs . Also a big thank you to Betty Murray for her checking and posting scores.

Krys had her usual grilled hotdogs and burgers that always taste so good. Had some nice young dogs in the nursery class , should all be great for next year. (*Gabe Merrill*)

Open (42 dogs)

Allan Hickenbottom/Vic/89
Roger Deschambeault/Tess/86
Allan Hickenbottom/Coll/85
Maria Amodei/Levi/84
Roger Deschambeault/Nick/84
Denise Leonard/Maggie/83
Rich Seaman/Boo/81
Steve Wetmore/Gile/81
Maria Amodei/Song/80
Peter Van de Car/Lief/77

Nursery (6 dogs)

Roger Deschambeault/Tess
Jim Perkins/Jag
Patricia Kallen/Pippa
Sallie Butler/Lucky
Lynn Des./Flo
Betty Levin/Morag

Fryeburg Fair Trial (54 dogs)

Allan Hickenbottom/Vic
Allan Hickenbottom/Coll
Lynn Deschambeault/Mij
Dave Young/Bryn
Steve Wetmore/Floss
Roger Deschambeault/Tess
Sharon Perkins/Roy
Michael Dathe/Keef
Roger Deschambeault/Bob
Rich Seaman/Boo

Nursery (5 dogs)

Rich Seaman/Roo
Roger D/Tess
Patricia Kallen/Pippa
Betty Levin/Morag
Lynn Des/Flo

Loon Mountain Resort SDT (NH Scottish Games)

Open (35 dogs)

1. Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
2. Roger Deschambeault & Nick
3. Jim Perkins & Ben
4. Rich Seaman & Star
5. Denise Leonard & Maggie
6. Sharon Perkins & Cash
7. Rich Seaman & Roo
8. Sharon Perkins & Roy
9. Steve Wetmore & Gile
10. Dave Young & Pic

Nursery (5 dogs ran)

- 1.) Rich Seaman & Lucky

5 Nursery Dogs ran

Rob Drummond to the rescue at the NH Highland Games when a Horned Dorset decided not to play any longer.

Photo: Cindy Kilgore

Lancaster Fair

Open 38 dogs ran

1. Rich Seaman and Star
2. Dave Young and Pic
3. Rich Seaman and Boo
4. Nancy Phillips and Susie
5. Jim Perkins and Z
6. Roger Deschambeault and Trim
7. Rob Drummond and Sammy
8. Rob Drummond and Casey
9. Sharon Perkins and Bett
10. Dave Young and Bess

Nursery 5 dogs ran

1. Rich Seaman & Roo
2. Roger Deschambeault & Tess
3. Lynn Deschambeault & Flo



Barb Levinson and Hemp*Barbara Leverett**Lorna Savage's Tyler**Denise Leonard and Maggie**Fall Foliage photos by Carol Campion*

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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

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May 10-12, 2013
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Sep 7-8, 2013
Merck Forest Open SDT
Rupert, VT
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NEBCA Member Paul Heidenberg Dies

Paul Heidenberg, 55, of Climax, New York, passed away November 12 in Hudson after a brief illness. Paul was a familiar face and cheerful participant over many years at NEBCA trials, training his own dogs and bringing them down the 'long road' to run in Open. Fellow handlers were always warmly welcomed at his farm for training and practice. He and his dog Jodi will always be remembered by fellow handlers for their accomplishments. Paul continued training dogs and trialing at NEBCA events throughout this past summer.

Some brief anecdotes:

Paul always loved his dogs. In particular, he was very confident about Jodi. Some years back we sat together at Quechee, watching runs. While watching the trial, Paul told me he thought he could win, since he and Jodi were working well. He wasn't cocky, just confident about his dog. When he went to get Jodi to run I said, "Good luck. Go out there and win." He said thanks, that he planned to. Well, they had the high score [106 of 110] and they ended up winning. After his run, he bent down and gave Jodi a hug. I could tell by the look on his face that he was very proud of her. They were quite a team. (Rob Drummond)

I'd like to say that whenever there was a trial in Paul's area, he'd invite me to spend the nights at his lovely farm. We always had so much fun; lots of laughter, & of course wonderful meals. Paul was a very generous & kind person, & I always felt fortunate to be able to spend time with his family and enjoy their great hospitality. (Stephen Wetmore)

Memorial donations to Community Hospice of Columbia Greene, 47 Liberty Street, Catskill, NY 12414 will be appreciated. Light a candle at ajcunninghamfh.com

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2013 NEBCA membership renewals are due by December 31, 2012.

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