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Cynthia Palmer's Vickie; new memorial stone honoring the trial (photos by Christine Koval)

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## The Northeast Border Collie Association's Mission

... IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE BORDER COLLIE AS A WORKING STOCK DOG THROUGH THE SANCTIONING AND REGULATION OF COMPETITIVE HERDING TRIALS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON TRAINING, HEALTH AND BREEDING.

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from Clive and Mist

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## From the President

Hi Members,

So I'm returning to the position of president, I thank you for all the support. I've tough shoes to fill in taking over for Carol. Last year saw a well received series of judging clinics, very good novice and open finals, and plenty of enthusiasm at the many clinics and trials. I plan to continue the momentum.

I must spend a minute to thank our outgoing officers and committee members and introduce their replacements. You all know Maria Mick, our faithful secretary for the past 12 years. Luckily we have Vermonter Martha Walke taking over for Maria in addition to continuing on as club librarian. On the board of directors, Lynn Deschambeault from Maine will take over for three-termers and current CBCA president Dave Young. We are fortunate to have such experienced and dedicated people on the NEBCA board.

We had an abundance of people actively seeking to be on the trial committees. That, my friends, is a true testament to the good work done by last year's committees. On the novice trial committee, new members Wally Dury and Pam Davies will replace Annie Palmer and Martha Walke. And on the open trial committee, Nancy Phillips, Werner Reitboeck and Denise Leonard will be replacing Barbara Levett and Fiona Robertson. Welcome and thanks.

There were too many members that made significant contributions last year to thank by name. I would like to single out Betsy Drummond of BorderCollicsAnonymous, who donated prizes and handler bags for the 2012 Fall Foliage trial and also lovely appreciation gifts for outgoing officers. NEBCA is one of the oldest working Border Collie clubs in North America and having about 300 members each year, it's easily the largest. We have an excellent newsletter, large lending library, fantastic website and a well honed and run novice trial program. Even so, spread across 10 states and the eastern Canadian provinces, members rarely live close together. This usually means a fair bit of traveling to events.

If you don't have enough events near you, consider organizing one. A training clinic is a good way to start. You won't need a lot of sheep and or space and it can be a rewarding experience. Contact someone that has organized clinics before for advice. If putting on a trial seems a bit daunting, you might offer your help to an existing trial to gain some experience. Most trial managers and committees will welcome any such offer. And do contact the trial committees for help and advice.

I wish you all a great and healthy year.

Warren



### A Note from the Editor

A new year and some new items. A brief book review, a profile of two handlers known (at least in part) to all of us, a tribute to a fine bitch, a celebration of 25 years of trials at Grass Creek Park, and lots of news about the Association itself.

*Jim Allen*



## Minutes of the NEBCA Annual Meeting, January 19, 2013

### NEBCA Annual General Meeting January 19, 2013, Albany NY

#### **Call to Order 10:05AM by Carol Campion**

There were 28 members present and 19 proxies

#### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

The minutes from the Cooperstown meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

#### **Executive Committee Reports**

##### Secretary's Report - Maria Mick

As of 1/18/13 there are 157 memberships which include 33 family memberships, 6 life memberships and 1 honorary membership. I received 7 memberships today bringing the total to 164. This is down from 243 at the Annual Meeting of 2012. There were 308 memberships at the end of 2012

There are currently 53 of the memberships that elect to view the newsletter on-line (34%).

##### Treasurer's Report - Ellen Black

The budget summary for 2012 was presented (included in this newsletter). This is about \$2400 greater net income than in 2011. Most items came in close to the planned budget for 2012 but there were several unplanned expenses: web domain, club banners, club conference call, sympathy gifts. The current account balance is \$23,878.82.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

##### Open Trial Committee Report

###### *• Review of 2012 Fall Foliage and High Points- Barbara Leverett*

The 2012 Fall Foliage (FF) was held at the Mt. Saviour Monastery near Elmira NY on Columbus Day weekend. A total of 58 dogs ran which is 20 dogs more than the year before. Aled Owen judged. The high turnout was due to the challenging course and sheep and the payback added to the preliminary round.

Sue Schoen and Ester were the FF Champions with Mich Ferraro and Clive as reserve. The Long Road Award went to Joyce Geier and Jim. Amanda Milliken received the Edgar Gould Breeder's Award as the breeder of Ester. Lori Cunningham and Matt were the highpoints winners with Bev Lambert and Joe taking reserve.

Mary Anne Duffy deserves a great deal of the credit for making the trial a success. She did much of the onsite preparations and helped throughout the event. Thanks also to the many volunteers that helped, especially Martha Walke and Rose Redick. Border Collics Anonymous donated handler gift bags to all participants and also prizes. Thanks to all that donated gifts and for fund raising efforts.

###### *• Controlling Fall Foliage Entries – Rob Drummond*

The uncertainty of how many dogs will enter the Fall Foliage is an issue the committee will be dealing with. The current qualifying method (2 or 3 placings) can result in either too many, as occurred this past year, or too few entries. One way to fix this would be to go to a point system for qualification like the USBCHA uses. The USBCHA method ranks entries based on points earned and takes the top 150. NEBCA could use either the current High Points tally to rank entries or switch to the USBCHA point system. About 50 dogs could be accommodated at the FF if run over 3 days. A new qualifying deadline would also be needed to give more time for planning the trial.

Dave Sharp suggested that the committee finalize any change to the rules ASAP and publicize them

on the website and NEBCA-Yahoo & Facebook Handlers-Tent groups).

• *2013 Fall Foliage Preparations*

The FF trial cannot be held on the usual Columbus Day weekend due to the National Finals to be held October 7-13. The past two times the finals were in the east, the FF was cancelled. Since the FF is now a qualifier for Soldier Hollow it would be desirable to hold it if at all possible. Dates from late August to mid-September are under consideration.

One possible site is at the Ames farm in September and bringing in another flock of about 90 wool sheep that are nearby. Mount Saviour might also be a possible location.

Last year's committee had developed documents that could be useful for future committees organizing the FF. Barbara Leverett is assembling this information. Thanks were expressed to Barb Leverett for her efforts on the committee to bring back the prestige of the FF.

**Novice Trial Committee Report - Anne Devine**

Annie Palmer and Martha Walke are outgoing members. Wally Dury and Pam Davies were suggested as replacements.

Anne asked if the temporary waiver of the rule requiring novice trials to offer all three novice classes should be made permanent. Some concern was expressed that Novice-Novice class may be dropped as some trials. Others thought that this hasn't really happened and the waiver gives trial managers better flexibility.

• *2012 Novice Finals*

The 2012 Novice Finals were held at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA. Dick and Cheryl Williams were gracious hosts and Annie Palmer did a great job managing the pre-trial preparations. Roger Millen judged a total of 177 runs, each dog getting 3 runs. The trial came in under budget. The top ten in each class received a brass plate for a dog collar and the winners received jackets. (The results are in the Winter 2012 newsletter)

• *2013 Novice Finals*

A venue and date has not been set yet. The Tolland Ag center in CT was mentioned as potential site. Anne moved that the 2013 Novice Finals have a budget of \$2100. Motion Passed.

**Fundraising Report – Ellen Black**

Fundraising produced a net gain of almost \$700 in 2012. T-shirts and hats continue to sell well. On-line sales were good with PayPal this past year. Suggest getting more ball caps, a small order of visors and women's t-shirts. Ellen requested more help to sell items at trials. NEBCA may also want to consider selling merchandise at the USBCHA finals. Ellen moved to budget \$2800 to purchase fundraising items in 2013. Motion passed.

**Calendar Report – Provided by George Northrop**

A total of 254 calendars have been sold as of today. This is a little short of break-even but we'll sell a few over the winter and at the spring trials. We're consistently selling 250-300 calendars. We have quotes from the printer for 300 and 400 calendars of \$1990 and \$2560, respectively. I would recommend that NEBCA allocate funds for 400 calendars and initially have 300 printed. If it seems we need more in the fall it is easy to have more printed and we will have money to pay for it. If we don't have more printed the excess funds will simply revert to the treasury. If someone is willing to really push calendar sales at the Finals in Virginia we may end up needing the larger number.

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**Select Committee Reports**Learning Trials Committee Report – Ellen Black

Two activities occurred in 2012: One at Cummington in which runs were videotaped with realtime commentary. Denise Leonard and Kristine Whittle offered a clinic. Ginny Prince is considering a learning trial in 2013. Barb Armata moved to budget \$500 for learning trial committee in 2013. Motion passed.

Eileen Wilentz (not present) suggested offering an incentive for trials that include the Novice-Novice class. Discussion continued as to how NEBCA can best be of help to novice handlers. Barb Leverett suggested that an experienced handler could act as a coach during a novice class and the committee might offer the “coach” gas money as an incentive to help. Carol suggested that the committee discuss and make suggestions as to how to improve situation.

Judging Education Committee Report – Dave Sharp

Several clinics were organized last year. Need feedback as to whether the committee should be dissolved. Suggested that it be put on hold for this year and perhaps reactivated next year.

**BOD Report - Dave Sharp**

2012 was a calm year with no major problems. Two main actions taken by the Board in 2012: The clinics page on the website was expanded to include health clinics and two banners were obtained for use at NEBCA trials to advertise the club.

**Newsletter Report - Provided by Jim Allen, given by Carol Campion**

The newsletter received a lot of positive feedback and came in under budget in 2012. Molly King's efforts to help provide articles and information for the newsletter have worked very well. One idea is to profile different member's lives outside of dog activities. Members are asked to notify the secretary of address changes to avoid newsletters being returned undeliverable.

A motion to budget \$2800 for the newsletter in 2013 passed.

**Library Report - Martha Walke**

There was a significant increase in library borrowing in 2012. Several new items were obtained: 3 books, 1 audio tape, 2 DVDs. Betty Murray donated several books to the library from Dave Murray's collection. DVDs of the final and semi-final rounds of the 2012 National Finals were ordered. NEBCA will receive a donated copy of the recent “Away to Me” movie. It will be shown at the Maryland Sheep & Woolcraft fair.

Martha moved that the library have a budget of \$300 in 2013. Motion passed.

**Old Business**NEBCA Hall of Fame award – Dave Sharp

A NEBCA Hall of Fame is being considered as a way to recognize the history of those that contributed to NEBCA. Nothing has been put in place yet. Maria Amodei offered to help create a HOF page on the website.

Faces of NEBCA - Dave Sharp

Discontinued?

Update on proposal to create a “how to put on a trial” guide

This info would aid trial managers for new or existing trials. Nothing has been done. Discussion

points: Some of this could be what the Open trials committee is doing for the Fall Foliage. Nancy Phillips has assembled a lot of information. Barb Leverett and Rose Redick offered to help. The two trial chairs are to look into this and to take ownership.

## **New Business**

### Election Results – Rose Redick

A total of 68 ballots were submitted. All seats were uncontested and there were no write-in candidates on the ballot. Six positions were filled in the election of 2013. They are as follows: President - Warren Mick; Vice President - George Northrop; Secretary - Martha Walke; Treasurer - Ellen Rusconi-Black; Board of Directors - David Sharp & Lynn Deschambeault

### Committee Appointments – Warren Mick

The Novice Trial committee will be composed of Anne Devine, Eileen Wilentz, Wally Dury and Pam Davies. Open Trial Committee – Carolyn West, Rob Drummond, Denise Leonard, Werner Reitboeck and Nancy Phillips.

### 2013 Preliminary Financial Plan Treasurer – Ellen Black

Ellen presented the proposed budget for 2013. It shows a net loss of \$3050 for the year. The budget was approved with one change to increase the funding of the Learning Trial committee to \$500. (The approved budget is included in this newsletter)

### Bank of America Account – Ellen Black

Bank of America has a new process for signature cards. The treasurer, president and secretary will all need to submit new information in order to have access to the account. The president and secretary need access in the event the treasurer is unavailable. BOA requires a vote by the membership authorizing this access.

Ellen moved that Warren Mick, as elected President, Ellen Rusconi-Black as Treasurer of the Northeast Border Collie Association, and Martha Walke as Secretary of the Northeast Border Collie Association be our designated signers on the Bank of America Checking Account. Carol Campion, as past president, should have her signature removed as a designated signer for the Northeast Border Collie Association Bank of America Checking Account. Motion seconded by Martha Walke and passed. It was also discussed if the CD account at ING should be moved to BOA.

### Nomination/Election Process – Rose Redick

Rose stated that she has been on several election committees in recent years and has noticed some deficiencies and inconsistencies in NEBCA's nomination and election process. She also suggested some improvements that might be made. Above all the process should be documented. The Association also needs a written process for proxy voting at meetings. Rose thought a committee should be put in place to work on this and that it should be done before the next election cycle. Warren moved that the BOD work to produce a written document concerning the nomination and election process and report back at the next meeting.

### Gifts for Outgoing Officers – Joanne Krause

Joanne noted that the club is not consistent in giving appreciation gifts to outgoing officers and committee members. She suggested that it be done for everyone or to no one. Much discussion followed. The general sentiment seemed to be that we should be consistent but that we should not require it. It will be left up to the discretion of the executive committee to decide the manner in which



outgoing officers/committee members are recognized for their work.

### 2013 National Finals Support

Lori Cunningham, chair of the Finals host committee is asking for as much support as possible from NEBCA members for the National finals. Info for volunteer jobs can be found on the finals website. NEBCA should consider placing an ad in the finals program.

### New Trial Dates for 2013

- Carol Campion is doing 3 one-day open/novice trials. Dates are 2/23, 3/23, 4/20.
- Bud & Mary Ames are adding a two day double lift trial to their existing trial in July with a 40 dog limit.

### Novice Points

Members are asked to check the Novice Points list on the web site and let Heather Millen know of any dogs no longer competing so inactive names can be removed from the list.

### **Meeting Dates for 2013**

Cummington, MA on May 25, Cooperstown, NY on August 17, Fall meeting date TBD

### **Adjournment at 2:20pm**

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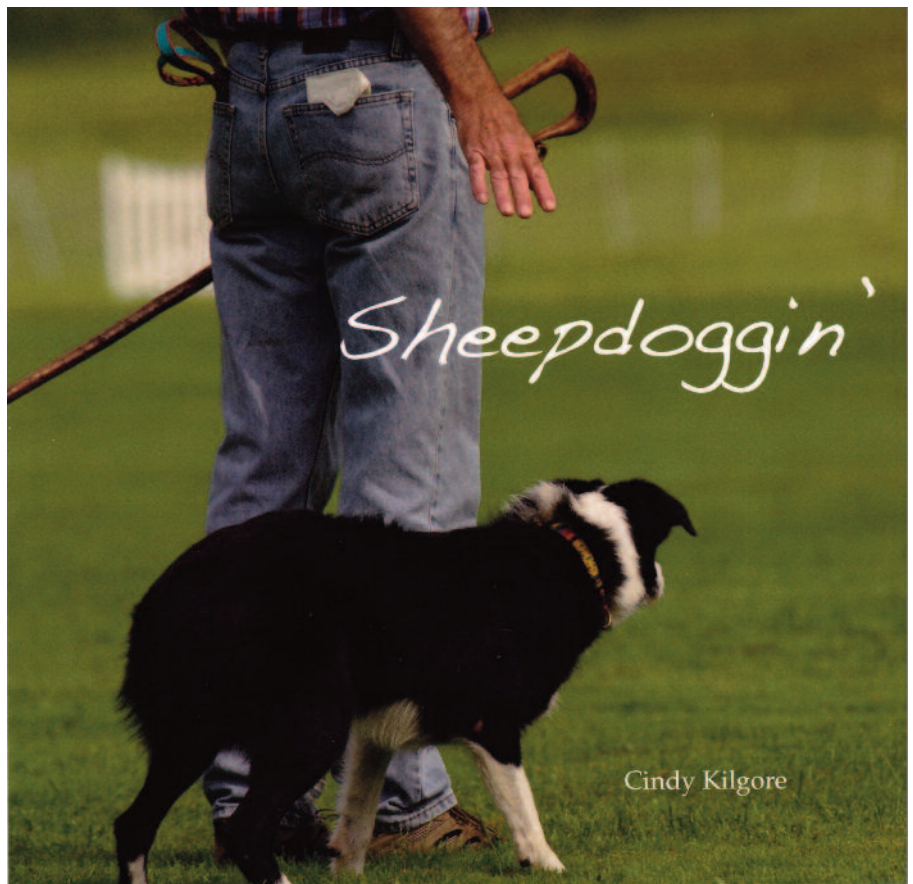
### ***Sheepdoggin'*, a book by Cindy Kilgore, reviewed by JA**

*Sheepdoggin'* takes the reader through the six basic elements of a sheepdog trial: outrun, lift, fetch, drive, pen, and shed. It is *not* a how-to book, but a small book of quotations about sheepdogs and sheepdog trialing, together with beautifully illustrative photographs of each phase of trial work taken by NEBCA member Cindy Kilgore.

The quotes are by NEBCA members Sally Lacy, Bruce Smart, Joe Evans, Michael Dathe, and Steve Wetmore, as well as by John Herries McCulloch, a Scots sheepdog owner, trialer, genealogist, and author.

Although small in size, the book packs a huge visual whallop and will become a favorite on your living room coffee table, just as it has on ours. The book is available in hard or soft cover from [www-blurb.com](http://www-blurb.com).

Cover picture: George Northrop and Annie





<b>NEBCA</b> <b>Financial Statement 2012</b>
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	Sub-Totals <u>2012</u>	Jan-Dec <u>2012</u>	BUDGET <u>2012</u>	Jan-Dec <u>2011</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership Dues		\$ 6,820.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,377.47
Calendars--members	\$ 2,728.00			
Calendars--non-memb	<u>529.00</u>	3,257.00	3,100.00	2,749.35
Breeder's Directory		400.00	400.00	445.00
Advertisements		440.00	250.00	240.00
Merchandise--members	\$ 2,871.21			
Merchandise--non-memb	<u>438.35</u>	3,307.56	3,000.00	3,108.50
Library		257.00	100.00	87.00
Interest-ING		69.23	100.00	129.53
Rental of Equipment		<u>60.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>105.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 14,610.79</b>	<b>\$ 12,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,241.85</b>

**EXPENSES**

Calendars	\$ 3,099.94	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,948.51
Newsletter	2,723.49	2,800.00	2,283.62
Merchandise purchased	2,621.10	2,800.00	2,028.70
Fall Foliage Contribution	2,828.55	3,000.00	132.09
Novice Finals Contribution	1,219.27	2,100.00	683.58
Insurance	605.00	650.00	605.00
Library	228.33	300.00	142.59
Administrative	1,086.65	300.00	777.02
PayPal transaction fee	71.72	150.00	131.39
Advertisement	-	100.00	50.00
Awards/Gifts	420.20	200.00	508.75
Learning trials	100.00	300.00	260.81
Fencing	-	50.00	-
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,004.25</b>	<b>\$ 15,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,552.06</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (393.46)</b>	<b>\$ (3,200.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,689.79</b>

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Bank of America	\$ 9,347.93	\$ 9,285.44
PayPal	-	525.18
ING Business	<u>14,530.89</u>	<u>14,461.66</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,878.82</b>	<b>\$ 24,272.28</b>

Submitted by: Ellen Black, Treasurer, 1/19/13

**Comments on NEBCA YTD Financial Jan 1- Dec 31, 2012**

## Income:

1. Calendar Sales includes sales of notecards.
2. Merchandise Sales from web page is slowly building.

## Expenses:

1. Calendar Expense also includes the notecard printing expense:
2. Administrative greater than in past. Expenses reflect;
  - \* annual meeting costs,
  - \* BOD conference call
  - \* web domain costs and updated software for website.
  - \* 3 club banners
  - \* 3 Memorial gifts for club member families.
3. Awards: includes for our Annual Meeting and High Points.

Remaining is usual club business: copies, postage, required club filing fees, club checks ordered, etc bits.

**Learning Trial Committee Funds Available, by Emily Yazwinski**

The mission of the LTC is to assist new sheepdog handlers in learning the various aspects of herding trial protocol, sheep behavior and handling, evaluating courses and runs, and developing strategies for running their dogs.

The LTC has \$500.00 to allocate and support either mentoring at novice trials or stand-alone clinic events to encourage and support novice handlers as they begin trialing. The funds are intended to help offset the cost of holding an event.

Mentoring can include but is not limited to:

- Critique after trial runs
  - Video of runs with commentary
  - A fun trial with a mentor at the post with the handler
  - A handling clinic one day and a trial the following day
- Suggested Learning Trial topics include but are not limited to:
- Working the sheep pen
  - Holding out
  - Exhausting sheep
  - Scribing
  - Recycling sheep to the holding pen
  - Running your dog, sizing up the course, developing a strategy
  - Some points on judging
  - Evaluating your dog
  - Trail Etiquette on and off the field

The committee is soliciting proposals from Novice trial managers who would like to have mentoring at a Novice Trial or anyone interested in hosting a Learning Trial Clinic. The LTC is willing to provide assistance at events or help organize mentoring activities.

Help us to help the newer NEBCA handlers get off to a good start. If you are interested in hosting an event please contact the LTC:

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**Warning for people traveling to Mary and Bud Ames's property in Bath, NH:**

The nearly 200-year-old covered bridge in Bath, N.H., is going to be shut down for about a year for major repair work. The work began Monday, Jan. 28, and will not be completed until late 2013. See the entry form for their trial or call or email the Ames for information on alternate routes.

**Buy Your 2013 NEBCA Calendar now!**

Buy it on the website <<http://www.nebca.net/calendars.html>> or call George Northrop at 978-249-4407! The best Border collie pictures in the country, bar none. Note: People renewing NEBCA membership can buy a 2013 calendar for \$10 with renewal and get free shipping.

**NEBCA Products**

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

The Tee Design is by member volunteer Sally Lacy, of Vermont.

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## Dave and Nancy Sharp, a profile by Molly King

Dave and Nancy have been on the NEBCA scene for many years. Dave is the tall guy who walks as though he either needs or has had recent joint replacements. Nancy is the one with curly graying hair, who will always give you a needed smile or pat on the shoulder. They are also the ones who have the dogs with unpronounceable names, unless you are a stargazer.

But their history, and what brought them to this world of ours is diverse, and yet another take on what makes NEBCA who and what we are.

Dave grew up in Salt Lake City. He graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Economics, where he also played varsity football. After graduation, he was drafted by the Houston Oilers as an offensive tackle. Knees? Hips? He spent more time in the whirlpool than on the field and chose instead to return to Stanford to get his MBA in finance. On his long road to NEBCA, he made stops along the way at IBM, Wall Street, and as a product manager at both Pfizer Pharmaceutical and Lever Brothers. Before his retirement in 2000, Dave switched to mall-based retailing and helped take a company private and then public, which was a rewarding end to his career in business.

Backspace...

Nancy was born in the Bronx, and joined first Ted Bates Advertising and then Adforce, the in-house ad agency for (can you guess?) Pfizer! During her years at Pfizer, Nancy was interested in horses and rode frequently in Central Park. In addition to working full time, she also earned her BA from Marymount College, and completed TWO New York City Marathons! Living with her in her NY apartment were 2 dogs, Star and Planet.

Her days were full, indeed: studying for a college degree, spending hours and weeks of training to run marathons, and walking dogs morning and night.

Starting with Star and Planet, the heavenly bodies started to watch over Nancy and Dave. For several years after they met, they explored weekend getaways in Fire Island, the Hamptons, and Connecticut. They ended up buying an old stone farmhouse on 10 acres in Bedminster, PA, which was their get-out-of-New York weekend retreat.

Unquestionably the start of something new and important in their lives. They had neighbors who grazed some large Suffolk sheep on their property, and through those neighbors, met Eve Marschark. Eve had a litter of border collie puppies that needed 'socializing' and Nancy and Dave volunteered to take one. With their small farm, sheep, and now a sheepdog, the rest was inevitable. That puppy turned out to be Vega, Nancy's first trial dog. Then came Acquilla, then Dave's first dog, Rigel. And yes, they ALL commuted to their New York apartment for the work week.

By now, their interest was piqued, and Nancy and Dave started practicing, taking lessons, and entering trials. Nancy's first trial with Vega was a bit of a shock, both having no idea there would be a hold-out person with a dog at the top. A bit of adjustment on the field for both handler and dog, but Vega decided she was just getting help up there at the top, so she took over and brought the sheep. So back to Eve's they went to practice, Nancy with Vega, and Dave, with his handsome collie Draco on a lead, holding out.



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Their basic goal has been to finish each trial in the top ten. Nancy has done very well with Aldebaran, finishing as Reserve Champion at the Cooperstown Fall Foliage. Dave is working on it. Oddly, unlike many of us, Dave doesn't get nervous when he starts a run, probably due to his prior years of experience in high-level sports. He just heads out to the post with a dog, visualizing good things. But if things start going really well, he tends to tense up, just thinking about all the things that might go wrong for the rest of the run. Makes 'thinking' sound a little scary!

*Dogs from L to R: Acquilla, Draco, Vega, Rigel*

The Sharps have been members of NEBCA for many years now. At first, they didn't have much awareness of how NEBCA operated; however, the fact that NEBCA officers, directors and volunteers were laying the foundation for a strong regional club by developing a mission statement, incorporating, and filing for non-profit status encouraged them, and they became active in the club. Nancy became a member of the Novice Committee and then the Chair. Much later, Dave became a Director. As with many active members, they have a desire to meet more of the Novice handlers to help them come along and keep NEBCA strong.

In their spare time (?), they annually give back a gift that Nancy received as a kid: she was a Fresh Air Fund beneficiary. Every summer, Dave and Nancy host a picnic for hosts and recipient kids of the Fresh Air Fund. One hundred families from Bucks County and kids from New York City come to enjoy the country, swim in their pool, and have hay rides and hot dogs. They give herding demos, and the families and kids love the event, amazed by the skill and talents of the border collies. Dave and Nancy have made many friends amongst the host families and the kids.

Nancy and Dave now have 7 border collies, and feel blessed. They have raised some from pups, and have also bought started dogs. More names from their stable: Cassiopeia, Aldebaran, Sagitta, and Mercury. (See "stars and constellations" in the encyclopedia.) But they have also succumbed to traditional names as well: Mirk, Kirk, and Tot.

As Dave said, "Today we live in an ideal setting, lots of space, 35+ sheep, and a big hay field/practice field, three horses, five cats and lots of fresh air."

It doesn't get better than that!



*1st Row L-R: Vega, Rigel, Cassiopeia, Aldebaran  
2nd Row L-R: Acquilla, Sagitta, Kirk*

## 25th Kingston SDT and CBCA Championship 2012 *by Dave Young*

The 25th Kingston Sheep Dog Trial at Grass Park and CBCA championship was once again a huge success. One hundred thirty-five open dogs and 27 nursery dogs ran in Canada's premier trial. The event was led by Amanda Milliken, the trial committee and made possible by generous support from the City of Kingston. The sheep were 650 strong, trucked in from Wapoos Island. They were in great shape and held up well. These numbers would not be possible without support from the Henderson Foundation. Their shepherd once again was Leroy D'Entremont from Nova Scotia.



Ruben Cardenas, Patrick Shannahan, Linda Tesdahl, Barb Klein (photo by Mich Ferraro)

The judges were Patrick Shannahan and Colin Gordon.

Each did a go-around on the nursery and open runs. Both scored the runs on Sunday's double lift. Handlers from every corner of the continent were there: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia, California, Virginia, the north-eastern states, Quebec, and Ontario.

Tuesday's back-to-back nursery runs were at times testy. The pen proved to be the downfall to some who left those critical 10 points on the field. Nonetheless, at the end of the day Chuck Dimit and Chad came out on top, with Ontario's own Leslie Gamble and Sid nipping at their heels.

The open running was quite tight. The scores for the top 15 on the first day were separated by only a few points. The handlers have learned over the years to better manage the turn at the post. Timing and keeping the dog in contact at the turn can make or break the

Colin Gordon (photo by Christine Koval)



The Finalists (photo by Mich Ferraro)



run. Otherwise, the sheep are swallowed up by "heartbreak ridge" We in the northeast rarely get to test ourselves and dogs so strongly at the pen. It is always a thrill at Kingston: Dog hunter, cagy ewes, too much pressure, not enough...SLAM...GOT'EM!! You get the picture.

The top 15 aggregate scores ran off in the double-lift on Sunday. Mixed weather—you can confirm this with Dawn Boyce—added to the excitement of young dogs, confused dogs, great dogs and ecstatic handlers made for a day one should not miss. Veteran handlers Amanda Milliken and Bev Lambert are to be congratulated as the CBCA's Champion and Reserve Champion, respectively.

The CBCA wishes to thank the City of Kingston, the organizing committee and, most of all, the public for their outstanding support.



Dave Young and Pic (photo by Mich Ferraro)



Bev Lambert and Joe at the pen (photo by Mich Ferraro)



The Handlers Tent (photo by Christine Koval)



Christine Koval and Nap, ready to go



Mich Ferraro & Monty at the shed (photo by Christine Koval)



## A Tribute to Gyp



Stephen Wetmore's Gyp died peacefully in Steve's arms on December 27, 2012, just shy of 16 years old. Gyp had a long and full life. She was keen and stylish; always fun to work, whether at home, competing in trials, or bringing smiles to many children at schools and museums. At trials she was consistently a threat to place in the prizes, which she did many, many times. One of her highlights was in 2004, at the Canadian Nat'l Championships in Grass Creek, Kingston, where she made it to the double-lift finals and finished 13th. Gyp went deaf at 9, ending her working life; however, she enjoyed her retirement living at Spring Valley Farm. She was always at the fence, watching the young

dogs learn their craft, and the first to offer them advice, or to critique. She was much loved by all who knew her, and she'll be sorely missed. RIP sweet Gyp.

Even in retirement, Gyp brought in one final award to her farm: In 2011 she won the prestigious Edgar Gould Breeder's Award for being the dam of Warren Mick's Dale, the 2011 Fall Foliage Champion.

Gyp was the last of the line from Alex McKinven's old Nell, who was a tremendous farm dog, and Imp. Glen Tweed (son of Wilson's ##Spot). *Photo and "etching" by Kathi Mercier.*



Whimsical sketches by Kate Collins



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## **Open Trial Committee Announcement of Changes to NEBCA Open Trial Season & Qualifying Method for the Fall Foliage Championship**

The Open Trial Committee (OTC) has found it necessary to make changes to the start of the Open trial season and qualification criteria for the Fall Foliage Championship (FF). This is due only in part to the timing and eastern location of the 2013 National Finals. Based on recent FF experience, the OTC has determined that these changes are critical for planning and running a manageable FF trial that can be held over a three-day period and include a double-lift. The present qualifying system, which requires two to three open placements, does not allow knowing in advance how many dogs will be running or provide a viable mechanism to limit entries. The proposed system will provide a known entry size. Also, having an early end of the open trial season will give more flexibility in setting a date for the FF trial, this year and in the future. These two changes are described in more detail below.

1) Effective immediately, the NEBCA Open Trial Season will begin August 1, 2012, and end July 31, 2013. This new season overlaps trials that took place between August 1, 2012, and last year's official end of the Open season. In effect the trials between those dates will count for last season as well as for this Open season. The new official end of the NEBCA Open Season will be July 31 each year.

2) Qualifying for the Fall Foliage will no longer be based on the number of open placements. Instead, a system similar to that used for the USBCHA open finals will be implemented. A fixed number of dogs will be accepted based on their ranking in the NEBCA High Points list at the close of the NEBCA open trial season. The NEBCA high points system will not be changed (this season) except for the change in trial season dates discussed in part 1 above. A minimum of 50 dogs will be accepted. The closing date for entries will be August 1st. Handlers will be limited to two qualified dogs but may specify a third qualified dog as a substitute. Like the USBCHA system, the number of High Points required to qualify for the FF will not be known until after the close of entries.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please direct them to the OTC. The Open Guidelines and Fall Foliage rules on the web site will be updated to reflect the above changes by March 1, 2013.

The OTC is currently considering September 14-16, 2013 for this year's FF.

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The Tee Design is by member volunteer Sally Lacy, of Vermont.

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