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From the President

Hi Members,

Seems Mother Nature is struggling with the change of seasons this year. But lambs came, the grass is finally growing strong and the trial season is well underway.

The Novice and open trial committees are well underway with preparations for the Novice Finals and Fall Foliage trials. Both will be held earlier than usual this year. Please consider offering your help to the committees if you live near either location.

The trial committees are also working on a document full of information about what's involved in putting on a trial. The intent is to help newbie trial managers by passing on the hard learned knowledge of our veterans. This will be a work in progress, even after it's issued later this year.

The year 2014 calendar is out. Fewer were ordered this time so they may sell out before the end of the year. Don't wait too long. They'll be for sale at some trials or you may order one by mail via the website or by contacting George Northrop.

Several members have had dogs pass this year. Someone told me the worst part about these dogs is they don't live long enough. So with my faithful little Kess. If it helps, members are welcome to put a note and photo in the newsletter in memory of a lost friend.

Warren



A Note from the Editor

We give special thanks to Liberty Graphics (lgtees.com) and the artist, Beverly Kocenko, for permission to use the Blue Hill Fair t-shirt design on the cover. See more on Beverly and Liberty Graphics in the article.

Finality Finale Finishes with Flourish by Joe Evans

The sun shone on the final Finality Trial. Barbara Meyer, bless her, must surely have been smiling down on us. As ever, the stars of the show were the sheep, all commercial yearling ewes from the same flock in Pennsylvania. In fact, they were probably still lambs. They stood up to the nine-hour trip north, back- to-back trials at Old Chatham and Finality, as well as seven hard and hot days of trialling at both events. They were even, flighty if pushed by eager dogs but stubborn and steadfast when faced with less demanding dogs.

And they didn't like working in the midday sun! In that time slot on the first day, run after run floundered on the rocks of the cross drive. Just as one of the trial managers was beginning to despair, up stepped Amanda Milliken's Roz to show us all that it could be done with a stunning run of 94. Other long distance visitors in Barbara Ray and Stella followed by Marilyn Terpstra and Gin took second and third places.

Open 2 saw the wily yearlings gain the edge as scores dropped. Joe Evans and Mist held the lead with a vulnerable 84 for most of the Saturday until Maria Mick's Bodie decided to impress the judge and previous owner, Hayley Howard with a run of great beauty and timing. Unseen behind their score of 91 and 7 point lead was how close and skillful Maria was in managing her run. Her timer went off as she called Bodie in for the shed. Little did the world know she had set it 5 seconds early. They emerged as worthy winners in a very exciting class.

We saw some talented new dogs in Nursery and ProNovice on Sunday with Barbara Leverett's Bob drawing admiring glances. The famous Milliken kennel introduced another potential star in Howell and Beverly Lambert's Rose also showed good promise.

As the sun set on the last day, Mike Nunan dismantled the set-out pens for the last time, Rose Redick and Jackie Evans tallied the final scoresheet and Kak Weathers smiled quietly as Mich Ferraro shed a quiet tear at the end of this chapter of her dream. This dream of holding a trial on a good field with a well-renowned judge and challenging sheep had blossomed into a must-attend event on many people's calendars. On to Mich's next chapter.

Open 1

HANDLER	DOG
Amanda Milliken	Roz
Barbara Ray	Stella
Marilyn Terpstra	Gin
Bev Lambert	Joe
Lorna Savage	Tyler
Amanda Milliken	Dorey
Denise Leonard	Maggie
Denise Leonard	Emmie
Maria Amodei	Song
Warren Mick	Eddie
Carol Campion	Floss
Mary Thompson	Beauty
Bev Lambert	Nan
Joseph Evans	Mist
John Palmer	Preacher
Warren Mick	Shep
Barbara Levinson	Ryn
Carol Campion	Tam
Barbara Ray	Tab
Roger Millen	Taggart
Lori Cunningham	Matt

Open 2

HANDLER	DOG
Maria Mick	Bodie
Joseph Evans	Mist
Amanda Milliken	Dorey
Amanda Milliken	Roz
Lorna Savage	Tyler
Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Mercury



Joe Evans & Mich Ferraro, photo by Carol Guy

Mary Thompson	Rio
Carol Campion	Floss
Barbara Armata	Meg
Karen Karkow	Jade
Fiona Robertson	Fen
Marilyn Terpstra	Eve
Barbara Ray	tella
Michele Ferraro	Clive
Barbara Ray	Tab
Fiona Robertson	Mirk
Bev Lambert	Joe

Bev Lambert	Nan
Denise Leonard	Maggie
Michael Polites	Taff

Nursery Round 1:

13 dogs ran	
Name	Dog
Barbara Leverett	Bob
Amanda Milliken	Howell
Beverly Lambert	Rose

Nursery Round 2:

9 dogs ran	
Amanda Milliken	Howell
Mich Ferraro	Maud

Pro Novice Round 1

40 dogs ran	
Amanda Milliken	Howell
Gene Sheninger	Kate
Barbara Leverett	Bob
4 Donna Dickinson	Gel
Jackie Evans	Cricket
Tom Hoeber	Quinn
Joyce Geier	Jack
Linda Clark	Lyn
5 Eileen Wilentz	Celt
5 Liz Sharp	Hex

Pro Novice Round 2

37 dogs ran	
1 Barbara Leverett	Bob
Amanda Milliken	Howell
Gene Sheninger	Kate
Joyce Geier	Jack
Donna Dickinson	Gel
Linda Clark	Meg
Linda Clark	Lyn
John Palmer	Nickie
Pam Gardner	Kena
Jean Freeman	Billy

MAY AND JIM DAVIDSON AND THE BLUE HILL FAIR

by Betty Levin



Few of us who look forward to each new trial season have more than an inkling as to when and how our regional sheep dog competitions got started. Most of us are unaware that we owe our beginnings to Jim and May Davidson, who currently manage the Blue Hill (Maine) Fair sheep dog trials.

It all began in 1955 when the fair livestock superintendent approached the Davidsons about establishing a new attraction to add to the livestock scene. The Davidsons raised and showed North Country Cheviots, but they also sheared sheep along the coast and on some Maine islands, so they were aware of the need for good

herding dogs. Since they also knew about sheep dog trials in the west and overseas, they came up with the idea of a trial at the Blue Hill Fair. Of course the livestock manager put them in charge.

They were starting from scratch. First they consulted an animal husbandry professor at the University of Maine, whose father had judged some trials out west and who supplied names of the major handlers. Next they had to recruit these handlers and find an available flock of sheep. To the Davidsons' surprise, a few handlers signed on, probably because they had never been to Maine. As far as the Davidsons can recall, those first handlers included (along with a couple of people from Maine who kept island sheep) Ralph Pulfer, Barney Platfoot, Lewis Pence, and George Conboy.

The sheep used in the early years were nothing like the well-dogged Horned Dorsets that Roger Deschambeault has been bringing to Blue Hill in recent years. The locally available sheep at that time belonged to Elmer Wardwell. They grazed untended in weed-infested fields along the Bagaduce River, and all they asked was to be left alone.

May Davidson recalls that there was no fencing available for the first trial course, so they used cars parked in a circle on the infield of the race track. Spectators were gathered, the "course" (posts and a pen) explained, and the sheep released before "a crowd of people, loud fairground music, and their worst enemy—a dog—coming after them.

"In their panic, these sheep forgot all about their flocking instinct ..., and it was every sheep for herself. They split in all directions at top speed, and the best of dogs could not have rounded them up. They headed for the circle of parked cars, went between them, under them, and a couple even sailed over them.

"The dog handlers sent out all their dogs to try to save the situation, but it happened too fast to retrieve any but just a few into one of the holding pens....

"Most of the sheep were eventually caught, but some spent a few days in the nearby pine woods."

It should be noted that the handlers, who had driven a long way to attend this trial, asked Blue Hill Fair officials to offer it again the next year. It was up to the intrepid Davidsons to bring it off. From the start they had acted as hosts, organizing a Saturday night group dinner at Eaton's Lobster Pound on Little Deer Isle. Anyone who attended the feast witnessed most of the mid-westerners' recoiling from the sight of a lobster plate near them. They ordered steak and would have nothing to do with those overgrown "sea insects" that some of us enjoyed.

The guys came back, and, eventually, so did a few more handlers like Paul Coy, Maurice MacGregor, Ivan Weir, Jim-Bob McEwen, Carroll Schaffner (who also judged), Bob Childress, Betty Levin, Crawford Taisey, Walt and Cheryl Jagger, and Denise Leonard.

After many years and changes, the Blue Hill Fair trials (currently run as points trials) have remained popular with fair-goers. And they also played a part in the establishment of NEBCA after it became clear that some trial rules (such as posting scores) needed to be standardized. The Davidsons have always been agreeable to whatever changes NEBCA has requested and have supported handlers' requests for increased premiums. Above all, they support and celebrate the working border collie each year that they organize and run the Blue Hill Fair sheep dog trials. May Davidson writes: "There are many devotees of the



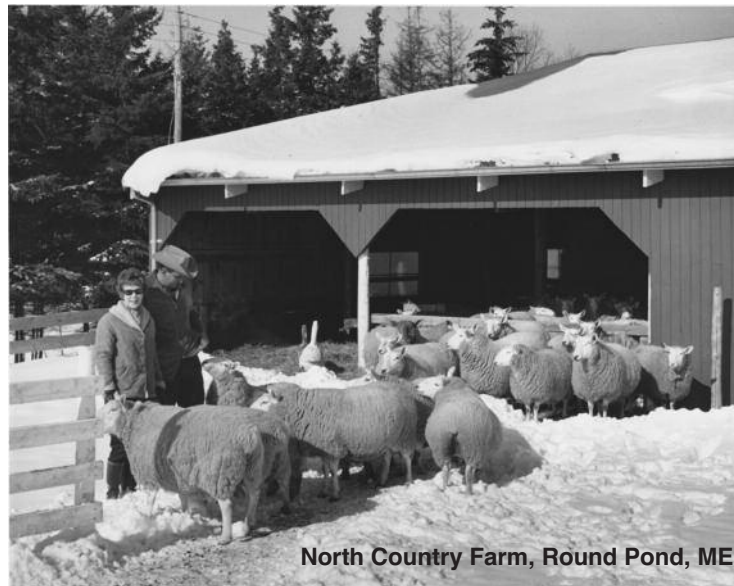
From R to L: Barney Platfoot; Lewis Pence; Lewis Pulfer, Jr.; Ralph Pulfer; and Crawford Taisey. At the 1973 Blue Hill Fair.

Sheep Dog Trials who come to the fair just for the trials. These trials are an 'institution' at Blue Hill Fair and we are confident that they will always remain so.... We are deeply grateful to have been (and hope to continue!) a part of them for all these decades. All these folks are hardworking, love their animals, and are to be so much admired for their fine values. We have never seen groups in competition that were so considerate and thoughtful of each other – they epitomize good sportsmanship!"

Let's hope that handlers never disappoint these two promoters of our sport. Long may they reign!

MAY AND JIM DAVIDSON—A MAINE STORY by Jim Allen

May and Jim were married in Maine in 1948, after Jim completed his service with the U. S. Army in World War II. The newlyweds built a log cabin with \$20 worth of standing spruce which Jim cut and for six weeks they worked together to assemble it.



According to May, they lived in the log cabin year-round "for two years—no electricity, no running water, and a trail into the woods that passed for a road. We loved it!"

Jim had been a lobsterman before the war and he resumed it for a living—they ate lobster when they couldn't afford anything else. May worked as a telephone operator and then as a secretary until they were able to buy the farm. Jim continued lobstering until two hurricanes back to back wiped them out.

After buying a 100-acre farm with a G.I. loan, they began raising sheep (principally North Country Cheviots), and



supplementing their income by raising "contract broilers." (Their first Border collie, Scot, came from Lewis Pence. Their Nell bitch came from Lew Pulfer, Jr.) After almost 15 years the chicken business collapsed statewide. Most farmers turned their farms over to the FHA to have the debt forgiven, but May and Jim vowed not to do that. They convinced the FHA to allow them to pay in-



terest only and continued with their sheep. Jim found another source of income in shearing sheep for others on the New England coast and on many islands off Maine. Jim sheared, May "skirted" and tied the fleeces. They also put on shearing demonstrations at Maine fairs and Jim entered many shearing contests, including the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. In addition they showed their sheep at fairs during the summers, winning prizes and selling surplus stock.



Jim also used the farm tractor and bulldozer on the town roads and their truck to plow roads. In 1987 Jim gave a shearing lesson to then-Vice President George H. W. Bush at the Maine State Sheep Show at Fryeburg Fair (*Sheep Breeder and Sheepman* magazine).

To keep up with the increasing demands of the FHA, Jim converted the chicken barn into a sawmill and began manufacturing



wooden lobster traps. (No fancy wire traps back then.) Their sales filled a great need, with sales and deliveries in their own truck along the east coast as far as Delaware, and did other trucking into Canada and all the way to California. Both worked in the mill, May kept the books, and they hired lobstermen in the winter to work on the traps. When their truck was stolen in New Jersey, they were out of the lobster trap business. They sold the mill and paid off the FHA

With typical Maine resourcefulness, Jim invented a wind chime that sounded like the bell buoys from his lobstering days, and it became a



huge success. They eventually turned North Country Wind Bells over to their daughter.

From 1955 through the present, the Davidsons have been intimately involved in the management of the two-day sheepdog trials at the Blue Hill Fair in Blue Hill, Maine. Blue Hill is actually a small isolated mountain whose original Abenaki Indian name was Awanadjo, "small, misty mountain." (See the article above by Betty Levin.)

Throughout all these adventures the Davidsons had, notes May, "sheep and Border Collies—and of all the things we have done in our—so far—64 years together, the sheep and the Border Collies were the most enduring and beloved. We are honored to be able to continue managing the Blue Hill Fair Sheep Dog Trials and to have the joy of seeing the great handlers who come there each year—they have enriched our lives beyond measure.

May has written a book, as yet unpublished, which Jim titled "Maine, Whatever It Takes." I, for one, will be happy to see it when it comes out. (And on to the fair itself and the trials!)

The Davidsons were awarded honorary Life Membership in NEBCA in 2008.



The Blue Hill Fair, a small but lively and robust country fair, was begun in the early 1870s as a function of the Farmer's Club. It is likely most well known as the fair in the 1973 animated movie of "Charlotte's Web," adapted from the 1952 book by E. B. White, who lived nearby. (And to whom May and Jim Davidson sold sheep.) The town of Blue Hill celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2012.

In the years since E.B. White wrote Charlotte's Web, the Fair has changed but little. There are still oxen-pulling contests, agricultural and livestock exhibits and competitions, as well as local crafts and agricultural equipment on display.

"When they pulled in the Fair Grounds, they could hear music and see the Ferris wheel turning in the sky," White, the New Yorker turned gentleman farmer, wrote of his protagonist Fern and her pig Wilbur. "They could smell the dust of the race track where the sprinkling cart had moistened it; and they could smell hamburgers frying and see balloons aloft. They could hear sheep blatting in their pens. And so it is still."

The heart and soul of the fair is The Midway. It is packed with vendors selling deep-fried food, cotton candy, and homemade and international foods. Best of all are the lobster rolls and the blueberry crisps (with vanilla ice cream, of course). There is



live entertainment on the sound stages, carnival games, and rides. It is lots of fun for people of all ages. In one hall I found the picture of the sheepdog trials from 1973 (see p. 5). The gates open early for the farmers and for us competitors. The Saturday event, the Blue Hill Fair Open Trial, begins at noon in the horse-pulling ring. The course is generally set with eight obstacles, including the pen. The handler and dog garner one point for every sheep to make each obstacle correctly. It's not as easy as it looks. The crowds surrounding the entire ring are enthusiastic and appreciative of good work.



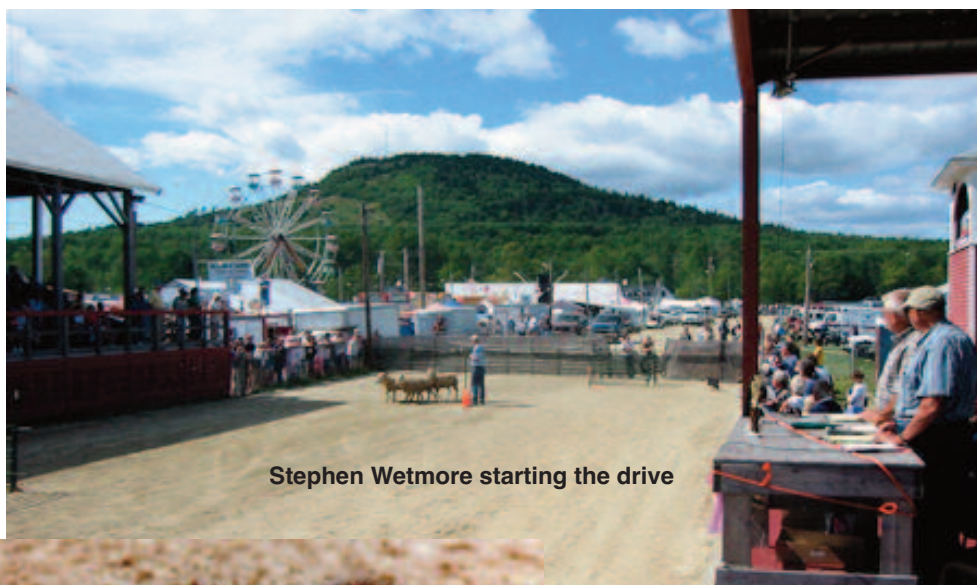
The Brain Trust: Judge Carroll Goodwin, May D. (not vis.), Jim D. Gabe Merrill. Also in the picture: Susan Allen (wearing cover T-shirt), Bud Ames, Maurice MacGregor, Dave Craven, and Roger Deschambeault.

Port arts district, designed and drew them all. She and her crew would come to Blue Hill and set up for four days, watching the trials and printing the shirts on the spot. They were *the* souvenir to buy, wear, and cherish. We thank Beverly and Liberty Graphics for allowing us to reproduce the design in this edition of the NEBCA News.

Maurice MacGregor, a name familiar to many of you, competed very successfully at the Fair every year from 1975 through 2011. One of his best dogs, Rob Roy, was a tough competitor at Blue Hill and other trials throughout the Northeast.



Maurice MacGregor's Rob Roy (not taken at Blue Hill)



Stephen Wetmore starting the drive





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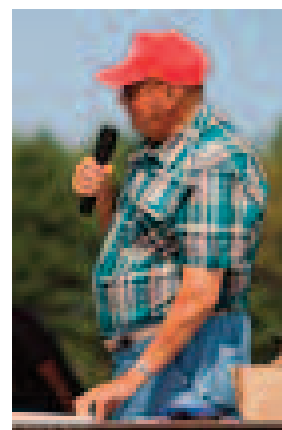
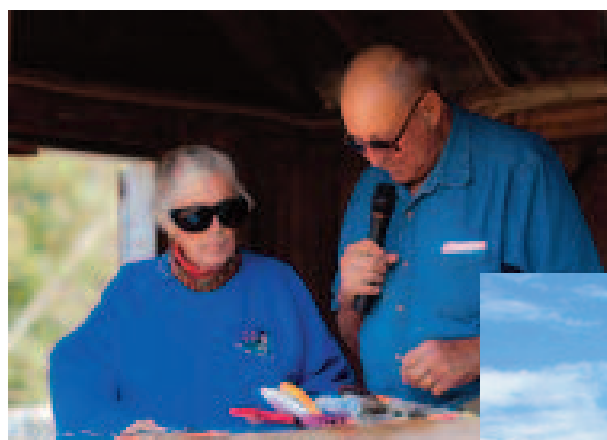


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Betty Levin by Betsy Drummond



Photo by Blue Hill Fair Committee

Old Chatham, April 26-18, 2013 by Sue Schoen

We were able to host the Old Chatham Sheepherding Company Sheepdog Trial again this year on the weekend of April 26, 27 and 28. Once again the field, sheep and able judging set the stage for a very successful and well received trial. Many thanks must be offered to Warren Mick, who worked tirelessly for the trial and mastered the course set up; to the Old Chatham Sheepherding Company for their lovely field and to the honorable Lori Cunningham, who sat through full three days, and sorted the dogs with competence and good cheer.



Barb Leverett's Spot, photo by Werner Reitboeck

This year, the Old Chatham flock was unavailable. I, personally, was on tenterhooks about our ability to run the trial as late as March. After a long winter of living with three teenagers, I was unwilling to give up, but it was not looking good. Almost at the eleventh hour, Mich Ferraro and Joe Evans of Finality Farm fame generously agreed to provide their commercial flock of yearlings even before their own trial. Happily, the trial went forward.

So the weather was brisk and sunny, the field difficult, the shorn yearlings fit, fresh

and naive about sheepdog trialling. We ran 78 dogs the first trial and 84 the second round. This took most of three days. There was good running and some dogs who struggled to find their sheep. All comers seemed pretty satisfied - either for good placings or for the challenging experience. It was an excellent trial.

One more note of praise for those who worked for the trial. Mike Nunan at the sheep pen, Dave Gessert, Bev Lambert and other volunteer setters out, Martha Walke managing scribes and other tasks, Barb Leverett, our shepherd, and Rose Redick—who seemed to be at the center of it all. It was a harmonious well oiled machine. Even the trial managers enjoyed themselves. And *that* is crucial to the health and well being of trials.

I hope to repeat the trial next year. We'll see if the gods are willing. I was proud to be part of such a fine undertaking.

Old Chatham - Trial 1 - 78 Dogs ran

1 Bev Lambert	Nan	10 Maria Amodei	Song
2 Amanda Milliken	Monty	11 Amanda Milliken	Dorey
3 Sue Schoen	Peat	12 Joyce Geier	Jim
4 Barb Levinson	Ryn	13 Barbara Leverett	Tot
5 Maria Mick	Kit	14 Joyce Geier	Tiz
6 Mary Thompson	Coal	15 Nancy Ortiz-Sharp	Mirk
7 Peter VandeCar	Leif		
8 Mich Ferraro	Clive		
9 Bev Lambert	Joe		

Trial 2 - 84 Dogs ran

1 Amanda Milliken	Roz	11 Mary Thompson	Rio
2 Amanda Milliken	Dorey	12 Maria Amodei	Levi
3 Bev Lambert	Joe	13 Steve Wetmore	Floss
4 Mary Thompson	Beauty	14 Peter VandeCar	Leif
5 Joe Evans	Chip	15 Rich Seaman	Star
6 Roger Millen	Rock	16 Bev Lambert	Nan
7 Sue Schoen	Peat	17 oan Worthington	Hope
8 Maria Amodei	Song		
9 Mich Ferraro	Clive		
10 Warren Mick	Shep		



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 Amesese for information on alternate routes.

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NEBCA 2013 Merchandise

New NEBCA hats, sweatshirts, and tees are on sale at <http://www.nebca.net> under Merchandise.

This year's t-shirt is designed by NEBCA member Barb Armata. Women's tee in cream, unisex tee is oyster.

New sweatshirts for 2013 are zipper hoody cotton in blue jean, crimson and willow. The design is on the back with NEBCA logo on the front.

Visors are stone, cilantro, tulip and bluegrass. New ball caps in kaki/willow, periwinkle, buck, tamale and willow.



New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival by Chris Bowen

The New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival moved to the Fairgrounds in Deerfield, New Hampshire in 2012. The space available for the Festival's sheepdog trial at the new site is much larger than the cramped confines of the prior site and has turned the event into a much better test of the abilities of our dogs than it had been previously. On May 11 and 12, 2013 the trial was held at the new site for the second time. The few glitches that invariably arise at a new site were ironed out this year and all ran smoothly and efficiently. More than 85 dogs were run each day.

A very nice addition to this year's trial were beautiful baskets of Maple Products provided by Hilltop Boilers of Newfield, Maine (www.hilltopboilers.com) to the two day champion of each of the NEBCA sanctioned classes. The trial managers greatly appreciated their sponsorship and encourage everybody to check out their website.

Pro Novice

Valerie Pietraszewska	Kep	68
Donna Dickinson	Gel	58
Betty Levin	Morag	58
Nathalie Labelle	Scout	55
Jean Freeman	Billy	53
Joan Worthington	Ben	52
Donna Dickinson	Dot	51
Molly King	Allie	49
Victoria Snowden	Gypsy	48
Valerie Pietraszewska	Rob	47
Bob Holmgren	Slick	46
Dana Eriksen	Quinn	41
J. Davis-Van Nostrand	TeeCA	40
Janet Langdon	Arlo	39
Jan Berger	Badger	37
Bruce Smart	Moss	33
Ginny Prince	Dar	30
Ginny Prince	Ida	15
Elizabeth Phares	Sage	R
Rosemary Redick	Ross	R
Molly King	Meg	R
Rob Drummond	Ali	R
Bud Ames	Jeb	R
George Northrop	Tot	DQ
Elizabeth Phares	Hazel	DQ
Liz Sharpe	Hex	DQ

Ranch

Ellen Black	Peig	33
Clara Stites	Kip	R
Betty Levin	Tyne	DQ
Clara Stites	Tess	DQ
Liz Sharpe	JossDQ	

USBCA Nursery

Rich Seaman	Lucky	52
Maria Amodei	Marcus	40
Anne Devine	Becca31	
Roger Deschambeault	Nell	23
Roger Deschambeault	Tess	R
Lynn Deschambeault	Flo	DQ
Anne Devine	Maybe	DQ
Maria Amodei	Cass	DQ

Open

Roger Deschambeault	Bob	90
Maria Amodei	Levi	89
Dave Young	Bryn	88
Jim Perkins	Ben	87
Peter Van de Car	Russ	87
Maria Amodei	Song	87
Peter Van de Car	Leif	85
Fiona Robertson	Mirk	84
Rich Seaman	Roo	84
Jan Berger	Moss	83
Chris Bowen	Sam	82
Sallie Butler	Sky	81
Michael Dathe	Q	78
Roger Deschambeault	Trim	78
Denise Leonard	Emmie	77
Steve Wetmore	Floss	75
Rob Drummond	Cub	75
Chris Bowen	Bella	74
Kate Collins	Ela	74
Joan Worthington	Hope	74
Steve Wetmore	Gile	71
Sharon Perkins	Roy	67
Nancy Phillips	Susie	65
Sharon Perkins	Cash	64
Maria Mick	Kit	62
Fiona Robertson	Tap	59
Denise Leonard	Maggie	52
Dave Young	Pic	46
Nancy Phillips	Dot	40
Jean Farry	Rock	24
Rich Seaman	Star	R
Jean Farry	Boo	R
Lynn Deschambeault	Dru	R
Bud Ames	Cash	R
George Northrop	Annie	R
Rob Drummond	Casey	R
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Kate Collins	Ben	R
Maria Mick	Bodie	R
Gabe Merrill	Roy	R
Rosemary Redick	Kensa	R
4Joan Worthington	Dee	R
Michael Dathe	Keef	R
Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	DQ

Bud and Mary Ames' flock of sprightly katahdins provided more than adequate challenge for all handlers. Dogs that treated them well could move them around the course with precision and there were some beautiful runs in all classes. But it didn't take much to upset them. When that happened a run could turn into a track meet which the sheep invariably won.

Dave Young judged the Novice and Nursery classes. For Open, his wife Mary Ellen replaced him in the judge's chair. Both of them did very competent and consistent work throughout the two long days of trialing.

Valerie Pietraszewska and Kep took home the blue ribbon in the Pro Novice class on Saturday. On Sunday, Molly King's Allie topped the field. Molly and Allie were the two day overall champions as well.

Ellen Black and Peig were the Ranch class winners on both Saturday and Sunday and the overall champions for the weekend.

The Open class was the largest ever to compete at the New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival trial. 48 dogs ran on Saturday and 47 on Sunday. Saturday's trial was won by Roger Deschambeault and Bob with a score of 90. Sunday's trial was decided in a run-off between Denise Leonard with Emmie and Steve Wetmore with Gile who had each posted scores of 94. Denise and Emmie put up the high score of the trial when they won the run-off with a 95. The two day overall Open champions were Dave Young and Bess.



Borders on Paradise SDT

Open 1 79 dogs ran

Glen, Scott	June
Milliken, Amanda	Monty
Lambert, Beverly	Joe
Milliken, Amanda	Dorey
Geier, Joyce	Jim
Cunningham, Lori	Matt
Weir, Ivan	Jim
Glen, Jennifer	Hemp
Guy, Carol	Will
Matzinger, Polly	James
Sheninger, Gene	Nick
Mick, Warren	Eddie
Thompson, Mary	Beauty
Sheninger, Gene	Sweet
Glen, Scott	Don
Hoeber, Tom	Tazz
Savage, Lorna	Tyler
Millen, Roger	Rock
Nadelman, Heather	Bo
Lambert, Beverly	Nan

Open 2 78 dogs ran

1 Glen, Scott	Don
2 Lambert, Beverly	Joe
3 Milliken, Amanda	Monty
4 Kidd, Viki	Macy
5 VanDerMerwe, Jeanine	Sam
6 Klein, Barbara	Crista
7 Glen, Jennifer	Hemp
8 Wilson, Tom	Roy
9 Evans, Joe	Mist
10 Lambert, Beverly	Nan
11 Sheninger, Gene	Nick
12 Geier, Joyce	Jim
13 Cunningham, Lori	Matt
14 Savage, Lorna	Kaylee
15 French, Robin	Zeke
16 Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi
17 King, Carla	Floss
18 Guy, Carol	Will
19 Billadeau, Renee	Bette
20 Thompson, Mary	Beauty

Nursery 14 dogs ran

Lambert, Beverly	Rose
Milliken, Amanda	Howell
Milliken, Amanda	Feist
Kidd, Viki	Reed
Klein, Barbara	Craig
Cunningham, Lori	Anna
Glen, Jennifer	Ford
Murphy, Joanne	Gil
Schoen, Sue	Rue
Hoeber, Tom	Quinn

Ranch 15 dogs ran

1 Davies, Pam	Jet
2 Sharon, Fran	Liz
3 Thompson, Mary	Paris
4 Milliken, Amanda	Feist
5 Murphy, Jim	Hemp
6 Glen, Jennifer	Ford
7 Meilahn, Sandra	Troy
8 Liptak, Nancy	Rusty
9 Murphy, Joanne	Gil
10 Fossetta, Linda	Murk

Following an almost three-hour delay for heavy fog on the first morning, the Borders on Paradise began to roll like clockwork. Debby and Dave Federman had the trial perfectly organized, and anything they missed was dealt with by Joann and Jim Murphy. The trial was, as usual, a pleasure to attend and to participate in. Linda Tesdahl exercised her usual consistent and fair standards in judging. Mike Nunan (assisted by Amanda Milliken when Mike was running) provided steady and consistent sets for everyone.



Photos of Lorna Savage, Joann Murphy, Lass and Gideon, and Viki Kidd and Merle by Carol Guy



Novice-Novice 5 dogs ran

Quigley, Megan	Dare
2 Davies, Pam	Dylis
3 Quigley, Megan	Seamus
4 Gambill, Judy	Finnegan
5 Ponstingle, Jean	Daisy

Pro-Novice 24 dogs ran

1 Sheninger, Gene	Ket
2 Leverett, Barbara	Bob
3 Billadeau, Renee	Tally
4 Geier, Joyce	Jack
5 Cunningham, Lori	Anna
6 Murphy, Jim	Speed
7 Clark, Linda	Lyn
8 Davies, Pam	Ben
9 Clark, Linda	Meg
10 Quigley, Megan	Dot



Claire Milnes-Garwood, 1953-2013

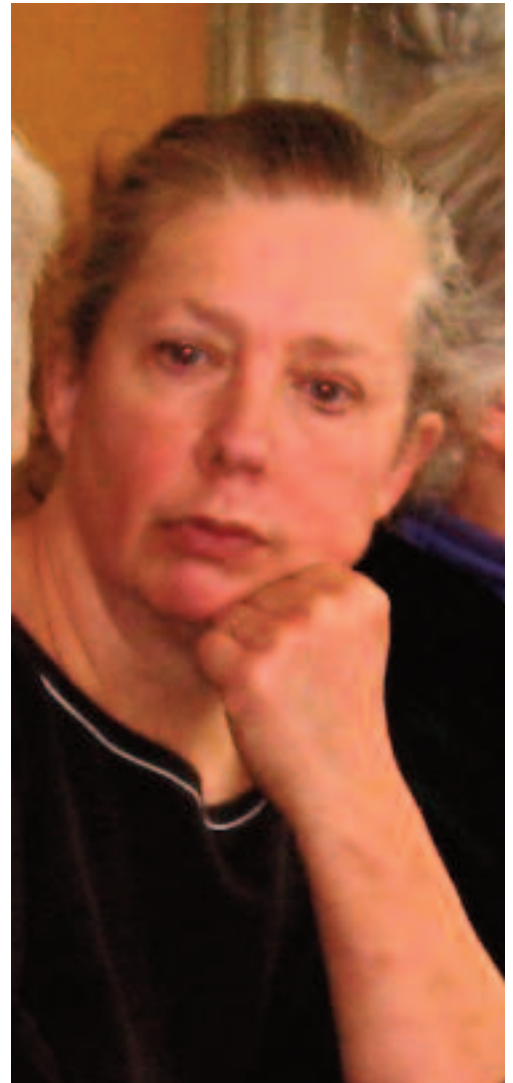
Claire died suddenly, at her home in Foster Quebec, on April 15th 2013 at the age of 59. Claire leaves behind her husband and best friend for over 40 years, Paul Garwood.

Also left to mourn are her children James and Richard, her sisters Tessa and Prue, brother Robert (Marilyn) her dear friends and of course her beloved dogs and sheep.

Several Northeast handlers attended a memorial service for Claire on the 19th of May. What was touching was it was one for a fellow handler. One who loved her dogs as much as any one of us. Her crook, NEBCA cap and a beautiful painting of Claire and her dogs were present at the altar. The speakers, one and all, came back to the common theme, Claire and her dogs. Nancy Philips put it well in saying that you could not talk about Claire without also talking about Paul. How true. The stories that came from the day spoke of that love story also. One which lasted for over forty years.

If success is measured in what consumes us then, Claire was triumphant indeed. Rest in peace, Claire

Dave Young



Minutes of NEBCA Meeting at Cummington

Cummington NEBCA Meeting
May 26, 2013

Called to order: 7:05PM

Official meeting: 31 attendees; 5 proxies

Moved to approve minutes from the Annual meeting. Approved.

I. Secretary's Report – Martha Walke

- A. Current membership: 192 individual
 - 60 family
 - 6 life
 - 1 honorary
- 259 'members'

B. Both Canadians and Americans are unable to use PayPal to pay for their membership. It is recommended that Canadians use checks payable from an American funds account as NEBCA is charged a fee drawn on Canadian funds. Money orders are also a preferred method of payment. This information will be put on the membership form by Joanne Murphy.

II. Treasurer's Report – Ellen Black

- A. Up \$220.00 from last year at this time.
- B. Merchandise expenses are up due to purchase of sweatshirts. Income from these will offset this.
- C. This financial report is from Jan-April 30 and does not reflect deposits for membership and merchandise in May.

Standing Committees

I. Open Trial Committee – Rob Drummond

- A. They have sanctioned 9 trials for the 2013 season: 2 new trials and 7 repeat trials.
- B. Qualifying changes to Fall Foliage/High Point Rule:
 - 1. handler a NEBCA member in good standing;
 - 2. season for earning points now begins Aug. 1 and ends July 31;
 - 3. handlers limited to two (2) qualified dogs; may specify a third qualified dog as a substitute.
- C. 2013 Fall Foliage:
 - 1. place: Bud & Mary Ames' Cascade Farm, Bath, NH;
 - 2. date: Sept. 14-16, 2013; judge: Carol Campion;
 - 3. format: two preliminary trials of 50 dogs; one double lift trial of top 15 handler/dog teams;
 - 4. planning on using a local herd of 110-120 sheep; still need to be vetted and an alternative plan confirmed if these sheep do not work out;
 - 5. budget: \$3000.00.

II. Novice Trial Committee – Anne Devine

- A. They have sanctioned 5 new trials: Denise Leonard, Mary Ann Duffy, Rich Seaman, Stonebridge (Rose Redick & Warren Mick); & Steve Wetmore.
- B. Novice Finals will be held at the Tolland Agriculture Center Aug. 31- Sept.1, 2013:
 - a. judge to be decided;
 - b. using Carol Campion's handling equipment and sheep;
 - c. budget to be decided;
 - d. Jim Murphy spoke to the high quality of the prizes from 2012 trial; he modeled his vest as an example and spoke to how it promoted NEBCA.

III. Fundraising – Ellen Black

- A. Hats, visors, sweatshirts and new t-shirts purchased and available.
- B. Barbara Armata, artist of the new t-shirt design, spoke to the discrepancies from the proof of her artwork to the final art on the t-shirt, which she, as the artist, took exception to. The t-shirt will be reprinted at the expense of the printer

with a sample seen before total production is finalized.

C. A question was raised re the outlay for merchandise and the income from it; response: the reports for meetings do not reflect accurately; needs to be looked at on an annual basis rather than monthly as it revolves around when inventory is purchased and when deposits are made.

IV. Calendars – George Northrop

A. 2014 calendars are available for purchase; 300 were printed in 2013, we sold 260.

B. There is no commitment from anyone to take the 2014 calendars to the National Finals.

C. Because Betty Murray gets to fewer trials, we need volunteers to sell calendars at trials.

D. If you know of other outlets, please contact George.

V. Learning Trials Committee – Emily Yazwinski

A. In 2014 they have committed \$100 to each of 5 events, thus completing their budget:

a. Denise Leonard – 6/29 NN/SDT

b. Steve Wetmore – 6/30 VT No Frills Novice SDT

c. Mary & Bud Ames – mentoring at 7/6-7 Novice Trials

d. Rose Redick & Warren Mick - 7/13-14 Stonebridge SDT

e. Mary Ann Duffy – 8/24 NN/PN Benefit Trials for the National Finals

B. This committee's purpose is evolving but they are getting positive feedback.

VI. Board of Directors – Warren Mick

A. They are discussing disclosure of NEBCA financials on the website (open to strangers) and in the newsletter.

VII. Library – Martha Walke

A. Reported the obvious copying of DVDs and CDs.

B. Discussion on the care of borrowed items and the shipping of said items.

C. Borrowing policy to be expanded to reflect shipping problems as well as copyright issues.

D. Maria Amodoi to develop an electronic form to be signed/agreed to by all borrowers.

E. Werner Reitboek pointed out the possible culpability of NEBCA.

Old Business

I. Board of Directors – Warren Mick

The board has developed a set of policies for nominations, elections and proxies and audits. The intent is only to document our current practices. A draft will be up on the website soon.

New Business

I. The Open Trials Committee is working on a resource book for those who, for the first time, would like to put on a trial. It is not a book of rules but a resource to practices that have worked well for seasoned trial managers. Nancy Phillips is leading this with input from various trial managers. A draft will be up on the website soon.

Concern was expressed that this document would put new restrictions on trial managers as to how their trials were run and could result in trials not being sanctioned. The response was that the resource book was not a set of rules but simply information regarding what's involved in putting on a trial. The draft handbook will be shown to those concerned.

Meeting adjourned 7:49PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Walke, NEBCA Secretary

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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 Fall Foliage will be held September 14-16, 2013.

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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

Jun 7-9
Nearfield Farm SDT
Center Conway, NH
One Novice, Two Open Trials
USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

Jun 15-18
PA State Championship SDT
Sheepy Hollow Farm
Hop Bottom, PA
Two Open, Novice
& USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Cheryl Jagger-Williams
570-289-4733

Jun 29
Tanstaaf Farm
Novice/Novice SDT
389 Adams Road
Greenfield, MA
Novice/Novice NEBCA
Denise Leonard
413-695-3101
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Jun 30
VT No Frills Novice SDT
70 Wetmore Rd,
Strafford, VT
Novice Novice, ProNovice
NEBCA
Steve Wetmore
802-765-4466

Jul 4-7
Cascade Farm SDT
370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH
Four Open, Two Novice, Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Mary Ames
603-838-2018

Jul 4-7
Fetch Gate Farm SDT
Cortland, NY
One Novice, Two Open &
USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger & Heather Millen
607-835-6584

July 11
Ossipee Valley Fair
South Hiram, ME
Nursery & Open points trial
USBCHA & NEBCA
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Jul 20-22
Middleboro SDT
Middleboro MA
Two Open, Novice & Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
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Jul 26-28
Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT
Cortland, NY
Three Novice, USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger & Heather Millen
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July 27-28
Nation Valley Fall SDT
Navall Farm, N. Dundas, ON
Two Open, USBCHA/OBCC/NEBCA
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Aug 2-5
80 Acres
Kingston, Ontario
Two Open, USBCHA/CBCA/NEBCA
Beverly Lambert & Amanda Milliken
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Aug 7-10
Kingston Sheep Dog Trials
Grass Creek Park
Kingston, Ontario
Two Open Trials
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Amanda Milliken
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Aug 16-18
Leatherstocking SDT
Cooperstown, NY
One Novice & Two Open Trials
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Aug 24
VT State Championship SDT
Scottish Festival
Quechee, VT
One Open & Nursery
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Aug 25
Spring Valley Open SDT
Strafford, VT
One Open
USBCHA/NEBCA
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Aug 29
Lancaster Fair
Lancaster, NH
NEBCA Open points only
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

Aug 31 (see also Sep 1)
Blue Hill Fair SDT
Blue Hill, ME
One Open Points Trial
NEBCA
Jim Davidson
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Whitefield, ME 04353
207-691-4100

Aug 31-Sep 1
NEBCA NOVICE FINALS
Tolland Agricultural Center
Vernon, CT
Two or Three Novice trials
Anne Devine
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Aug 31-Sep 2
Swaledale SDT
Blackstock, ON
Two Open, Novice & Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Sheri Purcell
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Sep 1
Northeast US Sheepdog SDT
Blue Hill, ME
One Open Points Trial
NEBCA/USBCHA
Jim Davidson
88 Benner Lane,
Whitefield, ME 04353
207-691-4100

Sept 3-5
Indian River SDT
Indian River, ON
Two Novice, Nursery & Open
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Cynthia Palmer
705-295-3351

Sept 6-8
Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT
Woodville, Ontario
Two Novice, Nursery & Open
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Viki Kidd
416-277-4313

Sep 7-8
Merck Forest Open SDT
Rupert, VT
Two Open and One Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Tom Ward
802 394 7836

Sep 14-16
NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship
Cascade Farm
370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH
Two Open Trials, One Double Lift
NEBCA
Carolyn West
860-729-0550

Sep 20
NHHG Loon Mt
Lincoln, NH
Open NEBCA Points
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Sept 20-22
Pipedream Farm SDT
9416 Mt Tabor Rd
Middletown, MD 21769
Two Open, One Novice & Three
Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Mark & Renee Billadeau
301-293-2797

Sept 27-29
Long Shot Trial
Church Hill, MD
Pronovice, Ranch, USBCHA
Nursery & Two Open
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
410-708-2428

Sep 28
NH State Championship SDT
East Conway, NH
One Open & Nursery Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger Deschambeault
603-939-2255

Sept 29
Fryeburg Fair SDT
Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Maine
One Open Points & Nursery Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Gabrielle Merrill
207-935-2520
Assistant
Lynn Deschambeault
207-452-2898

Nov 1-3
Long Shot Trial
Church Hill, MD
Pronovice, Ranch, USBCHA
Nursery & Two Open
USBCHA/NEBCA
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