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From the President

Hi Members,

The year is winding down, trees are bare, ewes are bred, and many great competitions are history. Like many of you, my year is driven by the syncopated cycle of farm and dog events, with holidays, vacations, birthdays and such squeezed in as much as possible. Well, not vacations. So it's a bittersweet time as there's a lull in activity but the promise of another year coming.

I was proud that NEBCA had such a major presence at the National Finals in Virginia, both on and off the field. Lori Cunningham, local committee co-chair, organized a great event with the help of many other key contributors: Mary Ann Duffy, Gwenn LeFever, Dave Young, Dave Sharp to name just a few. And once again thanks to Betsy Drummond for selling NEBCA calendars and merchandise throughout the event from the Border Collics Anonymous booth. Congratulations to Joyce Geier and Jim for their 6th place finish in the open final and to Roger Deschambeault and Nell finishing 5th in the nursery.

Thanks to everyone that helped during the year to make NEBCA a better and vibrant club. If you have ideas on how to improve what we're doing now or new things we could do, please let me or the appropriate person know.

Take care and have a great Holidays and New Year.

Warren



A Note from the Editor



Once again, many thanks to the readers who contributed to this issue: Carol Campion's article on proper flanking, Paula Nowakowski's article, Molly King's article and her diligent search for more articles. Please consider writing an article for us on a herding or training topic of your choice.

Also remember to renew your membership and fill out and mail your ballots and proxies. The ballot and renewal sheet is enclosed as a separate sheet. The proxy can be emailed. See p. 11 and the renewal form.

Jim Allen

NEBCA 2014 Merchandise

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

This year's t-shirt is 100% cotton, unisex color is Oyster, women's tee is Mint. Sizes small to 2XL. NEBCA logo on front. Artwork by Barb Armata on the back.

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 khaki, willow, periwinkle, buck, and tamale.

All the merchandise can be bought online through PayPal.



NEBCA NOVICE FINALS - September, 2013 by Carol Campion

It was a festive Labor Day weekend as 53 handlers, with the 40 dog/handler teams that qualified, gathered at the Tolland Agricultural Center in Vernon, Connecticut for the 18th annual NEBCA Novice Championships. Each team had 3 runs and the top two scores from the three runs determined the final placings.

The weather gods shone upon us. Though rain and thunderstorms were forecast for the weekend they skirted the trial and no rain fell during the running.

The judging was done fairly and supportively by Chris Bowen of New Hampshire. The sheep were from the Bittersweet Farm flock consisting of North Country Cheviot/Texel crosses and a few Katahdins mixed in. They were a challenge, but worked well when treated with respect and skill. The setout was performed consistently and smoothly by Gene Sheninger and Carol Campion.

The Novice Trial Committee—Chair Anne Devine, Eileen Wilentz, Pam Davies, and Wally Dury—worked together to put on a top notch event; another in the series of great novice finals we have seen over the years. It was an extremely well organized event, and the atmosphere was one of camaraderie and congeniality. Handlers cheered one another from the tent and took delight in everyone's efforts that attempted mastery of the wily sheep.

Saturday evening's catered dinner was well attended and the food was great. The awards were top notch - embroidered chairs for Champion in each class; embroidered blankets for Reserve Champion in each class. Beautiful pewter pins for the Long Road Award and Alex McKinven Trophy Award were given, in addition to handler gift bags for all who attended.

Awards and scores:

Alex McKinven Award: Valerie Pietraszewska and Kep

Long Road Award

Novice: Pam Davies and Dilys

Pro Novice: Michelle Brothers and Sky

Ranch: Rose Redick and Kensa

Novice

1	Sara Reiter	Speck
2	Pam Davies	Dilys
3	Carol Bradford	Dash
4	Pat Bacskey	Winslow
5	Liz Shaw	Jura
6	Karen Gorman	Bryce
7	Karen Gorman	Ticket
8	Pam Hunt	Torrie
9	Laura Donaldson	Cyn
10	Mary Wasielewski	Bryce

Champion: Sara Reiter and Speck

Reserve Champion: Pam Davies and Dilys

Pro Novice

1	Gene Sheninger	Ket
2	Michelle Brothers	Sky
3	Valerie Pietraszewska	Rob
4	Sandy Lockwood	Joy
5	Linda Clark	Lyn
6	Donna Dickenson	Dot
7	Danielle Eriksen	Quinn
8	Edie Overly	Moss
9	Brenda Buja	River
10	Kim Lippolis	Becky

Champion: Gene Sheninger and Ket

Reserve Champion: Michelle Brothers and Sky

Ranch

1	Eileen Wilentz	Ray
2	Pam Davies	Jet
3	Anne Devine	Maybe
4	Pam Davies	Tielo
5	Ellen Black	Peig
6	Pam Davies	Patch
7	Molly King	Allie
8	Rose Redick	Kensa
9	Val Pietraszewska	Kep

Champion: Eileen Wilentz and Ray

Reserve Champion: Pam Davies and Jet

Many thanks to all those who stepped up to help with this event. Maria Amodei and Emily Yazwinski made special trips to come exhaust sheep. Many came and helped set up on Friday. Working tirelessly in the pens were Ginny Prince and her teams - too numerous to mention. Thanks to you all. You know who you are! There was special attention given to posting scores, scribing, and Rose Redick tallying scores. Special thanks and recognition go to the Novice Committee that has again shown its ability to support the novice community with such a well organized, well attended event and for the handlers who came and supported the efforts of NEBCA. A win-win combination!

NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship, September 14-16, 2013

The 2013 Fall Foliage was held from Sept 14th through 16th at Bud & Mary Ames' beautiful Cascade Farm in Bath, NH. The sheep were a Katahdin flock, also owned by Bud & Mary, which numbered approximately 100 ewes and lambs. Our Judge was Carol Campion, and George Northrop was the official Course Director.

Fifty dogs/handler teams ran over the first two days, with the top 15 high scores over the two day period competing in the Double Lift on Monday, Sept 16th.

The preliminary was without a shed. The Open Trials Committee designed the course to have a challenging drive that included a cross drive which exceeded 200 yards. The outrun was close to 400 yards and at times on the fetch the dog and sheep disappeared, which made it challenging for the handler to know if the sheep were on line. At first glance the field appeared to be flat, but it had slight rises, windrows, and dead zones where hearing was difficult, if not impossible. The terrain, and in particular the layout of the trial field, presented numerous tests. The weather during the trial was rainy and overcast, with occasional heavy rain which made conditions more difficult for the dogs, handlers, workers, and judge. The sheep were a challenge as well, and though they are trial sheep and dog savvy, they were relatively even (although not thrilled to be worked under the rainy conditions). Both days of preliminary runs were completed efficiently and with plenty of daylight left after the trial to walk dogs and get ready for the handlers dinner under the tent.

The dinner was catered by the Roaring Boar Barbecue and the food and self-generated entertainment was great. Jokes & imitations were bandied about in good faith and fun during the awards ceremony.

Monday, the weather for the Double Lift continued to be wet and rainy, but the first run was off on time and the day ran smoothly. The course was a typical Double Lift course with two set out positions, a drive and a shed. The dogs were required to send left on the first outrun, fetch the sheep to a drop post, and send the dog back right for the second group. The outrun for the first leg was nearly 400 yards. There were some excellent look backs as well as some that were a work in progress. The runs that were laid down by Warren Mick with Shep (Champion) and Bev Lambert with Nan (Reserve) were the stand-out runs of the day.

The trial was a success and great fun despite the cold, wet weather. The Open Trials Committee would like to thank everyone for their good sportsmanship and camaraderie, and especially Carol Campion for doing a fabulous job sorting out all of the runs through the rain, fog and wind. We would also like to thank George Northrop for being our Course Director. He did an excellent job of making sure all the runs were fair to the competitors. Dave Young and Lorna Savage did an impeccable job setting sheep for the entire trial (the only break they got from setting was when it was their turn to run their dogs). Mike Nunan and Buddy Murray worked the pen all weekend, a thankless task but handled well and efficiently by an experienced team. Betty Murray tallied the scores and did her usual excellent job. The Open Trials Committee would especially like to thank Bud and Mary Ames for providing such a beautiful site for the Fall Foliage this year and for providing their sheep. Many thanks also go to Betsy Drummond and BorderCollicsAnonymous for providing handler's gift bags and prizes for the leaders. And last but not least, to all the volunteers who scribed, posted scores, set up and took down the field. As always, all the volunteer help contributed greatly to the smooth running of the trial.

Submitted by: NEBCA Open Trials Committee

Fall Foliage 2013 Champions Warren Mick and Shep. *Photo by Nancy Phillips*



1st Open results

1) Dave Young	Bess	82
2) Roger Millen	Rock	78
3) Bev Lambert	Nan	77
4) Peter Van de Car	Leif	76
5) Warren Mick	Shep	74
6) Michael Dathe	Keef	72
7) Werner Reitboeck	Zigi	71
8) Roger Deschambeault	Trim	69
9) Maria Amodei	Levi	68
10) Barb Levinson	Ryn	67
11) Kate Collens	Ben	67
12) Heather Millen	Kate	67
13) Mary Thompson	Beauty	66
14) Maria Amodei	Song	66
15) Steve Wetmore	Gile	66

2nd Open results

1) Warren Mick	Eddie	83
2) Bev Lambert	Nan	83
3) Roger Millen	Taggart 83	
4) Warren Mick	Shep	81
5) Barb Levinson	Ryn	78
6) Barb Leverett	Bess	78
7) Chris Bowen	Bella	78
8) Werner Reitboeck	Roy	76
9) Mary Thompson	Beauty	76
10) Roger Deschambeault	Trim	76
11) Steve Wetmore	Gile	75
12) Dave Young	Bess	75
13) Roger Millen	Rock	75
14) Bev Lambert	Joe	75
15) Maria Amodei	Levi	73



Stressed-out handler during double lift. Photo by JA

Double Lift

		Score
1) Warren Mick	Shep	134
2) Bev Lambert	Nan	131
3) Mary Thompson	Beauty	115
4) Barb Levinson	Ryn	115
5) Roger Millen	Rock	112
6) Steve Wetmore	Gile	111
7) Bev Lambert	Joe	108
8) Warren Mick	Eddie	105
9) Barb Leverett	Bess	101
10) Dave Young	Bess	85
11) Chris Bowen	Bella	82
12) Roger Millen	Taggart DQ	gather 49
13) Peter Van de Car	Leif DQ	gather 46
14) Mike Nunan	Cap Ret	gather 39
15) Roger Deschambeault	Trim Ret	gather 0

Photos of Top 15 handlers by Nancy Phillips; photo of handlers meeting by JA

Profile of a German Shepherd Herding Dog: A Different Take on Dogs and Sheep

A tech in my vet's office and I were talking about dogs and sheep (what else?), and she told me that she had German Shepherds and did training and competitions in HGH herding, or "the tending style".

This is a dogs-with-sheep activity which was entirely new to me, so I Googled GS Herding Dogs and found the web site of Ellen Nickelsberg, a prominent person in HGH herding in the U.S.

Following are excerpts taken from her web site that may give you an insight of what this work is about. (Her site has a great deal more information if you want to explore further and see photographs: german-shepherdherding.com)

"In HGH, the shepherd uses the shepherd dog to manage large flocks of sheep on unfenced land. What is demanded of these shepherd dogs is that they keep the large flocks together on the road as they move from place to place, keep the flock together inside designated boundaries, and, keep the flock out of valuable crop fields during their daily graze. Boundary work is the main task of a German shepherd herding dog. The dog has to work independently covering the whole circumference of the flock without disturbing the sheep while they graze.

Large flock sheep herding as still practiced in Germany is something little seen and probably even less understood in this country. In Germany where private, open land is expensive and scarce, shepherds with large flocks often take their sheep wherever they can find grazing space. Sometimes they graze fields of stubble after the farm crops have been harvested; sometimes they graze strips of grass between existing crop fields; sometimes they graze in wide open fields and meadows on State-owned lands or private estates.

In order to graze large flocks of sheep on specifically designated areas where there is no fencing, the shepherd uses herding dogs — including German shepherd dogs. These herding dogs are expected to keep the large flocks in order on the road when moving from place to place, and, they are expected to keep the flocks contained within designated boundaries and out of valuable crop fields while they graze during the day.

In Germany, boundary work is the primary task of the large flock herding dog. Because the sheep must be strictly contained within designated boundaries, the shepherd usually works with two dogs which constantly move back and forth diligently patrolling throughout the day. These dogs are expected to work independently without disrupting the sheep in the graze. To develop dogs like this — dogs that work reliably, diligently and independently, yet willingly obey the shepherd's commands — one must establish a special working relationship — a working relationship very unlike the relationship often seen in the obedience trial ring or in other command/control sports — a working relationship based 100% on mutual respect.

Respect like so many other team qualities must be viewed as a two-way street. Not only must the dog learn to trust and respect the shepherd, but also the shepherd must learn to trust and respect the dog in order to form a working relationship. The shepherd should set an example by taking care that he does not demand anything of his dogs that he does not demand of himself. That is the shepherd's respect for the dog that also earns the shepherd respect from the dog. Think of how you feel about trainers who expect you to do what they say but who do not do it themselves. Do you respect them? I don't.

I have heard the comment many times that HGH dogs are "soft". In my mind that is one of the more uninformed remarks I have ever heard. No dog that is able to control a flock of 200 to 1,000 or more sheep is a "soft" dog. One must be very careful to make the distinction between softness and genetic obedience. The German Shepherd herding dog is most likely to show genetic obedience because it is selectively bred to have a strong pack drive — a strong desire to help the shepherd. If training methods are used that ignore and, thereby, abuse the power of that drive, what you will end up with is a dog that will be useless for any kind of independent work, be it herding or protection work — chalked off as a "soft" dog when in reality the training method most likely destroyed the dog's self-confidence to work."

In closing, French naturalist Louis-Jean-Marie Daubenton wrote in 1782:

Dogs badly disciplined, and too ardent, fly upon the sheep, bite and wound them, and cause abscesses. They frighten the ewes with young, by hurting them, and making them miscarry. They throw down the weak, and such as can hardly follow the flock, or fatigue and fret them, by driving them too fast. To prevent these inconveniences, it is proper to make use of such dogs only in driving as are mild and good natured, and well trained to shew their teeth to wolves, but not to sheep. A good well-bred dog makes them obey without hurting them.

Obviously, this is timeless, and applies to all breeds and styles of herding.

Submitted by Molly King

Let's Talk Flanks! by Carol Campion

In the last issue of the NEBCA News, Warren Mick presented us with a closer look at the importance of good stops. Now let's take a look at flanks!

The definition of "flank"

Noun:

1. The side of military or naval formation; "they attacked the enemy's right flank."
2. A subfigure consisting of a side of something.

Verb:

1. Be located at the sides of something or somebody.
2. To stand at the flank or side of; to border upon.
3. To overlook or command the flank of; to secure or guard the flank of; to pass around or turn the flank of; to attack, or threaten to attack; the flank of.

In Border Collie training and handling a flank can be a noun, a verb or an adjective! A flank is a direction—a side of the sheep we are communicating to the dog to move to. It is a maneuver, a direction, a place.

What is the importance of a flank? A flank is a necessary move on the part of the dog that places him in a position to move the sheep to a new location. Flanking, stopping and walking on are the three basics and most often used commands in sheep dog training and handling.

A flank is a necessary command to reposition the dog in relation to the sheep either to turn the sheep to prevent them from moving sideways or to change the angle the sheep are moving to. In a flank, the dog casts around the side of the sheep. Let's take a closer look at what determines how a dog flanks.

There are dogs that are natural flankers. They meet the turn of the sheep with a natural sideways move that brings them up onto the sides of the sheep to help hold the line the sheep are moving in. Then there are dogs that meet this movement of the sheep with no "give or bend". The dogs keep coming forward leaning rather than "casting" to alter the direction of the sheep. Both types of reactions are correct for different types of dogs and the effectiveness is determined on the type of sheep.

For the sake of this article, we will focus on "mechanical" flanks—trained flanks. A mechanical flank is a taught flank—a command that asks the dog to let go of his hold on the sheep and move to a new position in relation to the sheep. We hear the phrase "good flanks" and we hear the phrase "square flanks". What do they mean?

Most of those phrases are ones that describe how closely a dog moves around the sheep—the shape the movement follows as the dog moves. It describes whether or not it moves the sheep with this "flank."

A "good" flank is a flank that affects the sheep in a way that helps control the sheep, move the dog, but doesn't allow the sheep to gain any ground as the dog maneuvers around them. A "good" flank should not bump the sheep, causing them to move unnecessarily as the dog passes around them to be repositioned. If the sheep get "bumped", it will change the direction of the sheep and alter the relationship the dog and sheep have developed.

A square flank is a flank that sees the dog turn off "squarely" at the start of the flank. The dog and sheep are marching in a line. The handler wants to reposition the dog or correct the line (path) the sheep are taking and so "flank" the dog. In a square flank, the dog turns 90° and moves laterally and then is asked to turn ahead at a new point and continue moving forward taking the sheep on this new or corrected path. These flanks are effective so long as the dog has been taught to keep in contact with the sheep on its flanks and not get too "square." Depending on the type of sheep and the type of eye a dog has, a "square" flank may be unnecessary and even problematic, taking the dog artificially out of contact. This can be dramatic if the sheep then notice this lack of contact and take advantage of it to gain new ground.

I like to think of training flanks as a "clean" flank—flanks that move the dog around the sheep in way that takes into consideration the type of sheep and the necessary contact needed. A "clean" flank doesn't push the sheep as the dog moves around the sheep. Neither is the flank too wide, causing the dog to lose contact with its sheep. Training good flanking is an art and one of the basics of successful dog handling.

There are other factors involved in assessing your dog's flanks. In addition to seeing if the dog's flanks are "clean," look to see if the dog is anticipating where to end a flank. If you do a lot of driving and flanking, they can become accustomed to ending their flanks at a certain point. How far they go on a flank before they turn in towards the sheep can become a habit and not a maneuver based on the needs of the sheep. This can become apparent when you need a good flank on a fetch. If the dogs are mostly using flanks to go to a certain balance point, they may not be willing to give a full flank to turn the sheep on a fetch or when the sheep are breaking hard.

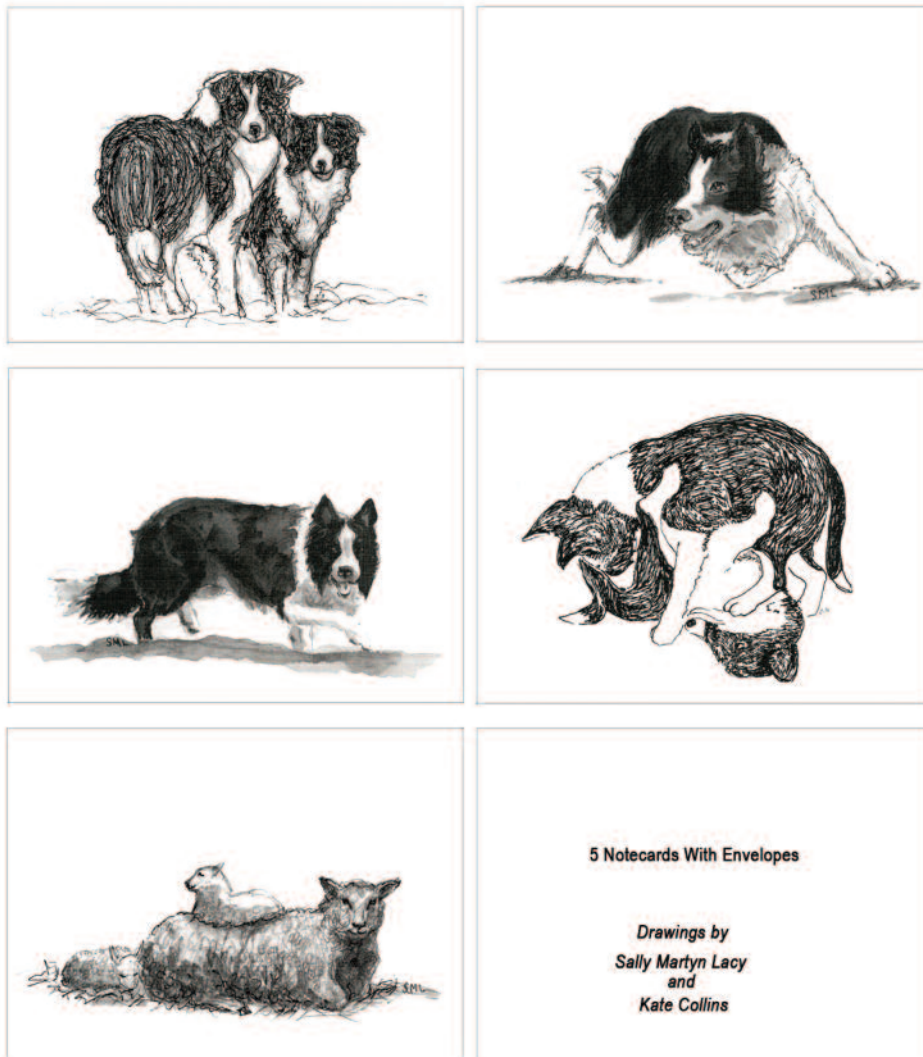
As well as "clean" flanks, a handler with a full box of handling tools may want to maintain the ability of a tighter flank in places where the sheep are very heavy and need a "bump" from the dog. If a "tight" flank moves the sheep, there are times you can use this and may need to.

In looking at flanks, there is a lot to consider. The shape of a flank and the demands from the sheep determine how they need to be handled. To become a team, your dog needs the ability to flank properly and you, as a handler, need the ability to read the situation and know what to ask of your dog. There are times where it isn't a flank at all that you need, but merely the dog coming forward using its balance to turn the sheep. There is always a lot to keep in mind when training and handling. And as always, it isn't the same for every dog and every type of sheep!

If you are struggling with flanks, ask someone to video you and assess the flanking of your dog—if and how it is responding to the command and how it might be affecting the sheep. Watch the open trials and study the sheep and dogs. Look at how the sheep are behaving and see if the dog is flanking properly and settling the sheep, taking control, or bumping the sheep and making them flightier.

Penning and shedding are difficult to teach and be successful with if the flanks are not correct. Good stops and clean flanks are the key to successful dog training and handling.

NEBCA Note Cards in Time For the Holidays (or Year Round)



NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: January 18, 2014 (snow date: January 19 or 25). If you are in doubt, please check www.nebca.net! The meeting will start at 9 a.m.

Anything that needs to be placed on the agenda should be emailed to the president, Warren Mick, mick.nebca@nycap.rr.com, by December 16, 2013.

If you are NOT going to attend the annual meeting:

1. If you are not attending, please arrange for a proxy as a quorum will be needed!
2. Send in your ballot (for the BOD election) AND your membership renewal postmarked by December 31, 2013 to NEBCA Secretary Martha Walke (address located on all forms). For Official NEBCA Ballot and membership renewal form, please see insert included in this newsletter.

For those who are coming to the AGM in Antrim, NH the directions are below. Also there is a list of nearby motels should you need one. We will start at 9:00 am and break at noon for lunch and plan on going until finished. Lunch will be Pot luck. We have a small kitchenette with a sink and microwave. Plenty of outlets for plugging in crock pots.

Location:

Brailsford & Company, Inc.

15 Elm AVENUE (Note: Do NOT turn onto Elm Street which is approx. 1.5 miles from Elm Ave.)

Antrim, NH 03440

(603) 588-2880

Note: Dogs will be allowed in the building. If you do bring a dog, please pick up after it.

Directions:

From Northern New England

Head south on Interstate 89 to Exit 5 (Route 9/202). Take Route 9/202 (around 13 miles) into Hillsboro and exit from Route 9 onto Route 202 toward Antrim/Peterborough. There should be a light with a Rite Aid on the right a MacDonald's on left & a Ford dealer on the other side of the light on the left. Pass straight through the light and continue on Rt. 202 for 4.7 miles and look to your right for Elm Avenue. Go .2 miles and Brailsford will be on your right there is a white sign with the name at the driveway. Pull up and find a spot. Entrance is at the front of the building to the right as you come up the driveway.

Southern New England:

Head north on Interstate 91 and get off the Route 9 exit at Brattleboro, VT. Continue through the roundabout and follow Route 9 into NH. Follow Route 9 for around 14 miles into Keene and left onto Rt. 9/10/12 & follow Rt. 9 around 24 miles into Hillsboro. Exit at the Hillsboro Exit for Rt. 202 Antrim/Peterborough. Follow directions above to 15 Elm Ave.

From West

Get onto Interstate 91 to North Brattleboro, VT exit for Route 9/NH. Follow directions for Southern New England.

Local motel:

1830 House Motel

626 West Main Street Hillsboro, NH 03244

(603) 478-3135

There are numerous major chain hotels that take dogs in Keene, which is 30 min. from Antrim.

NOTE: If you're coming from the South or West, your GPS may direct you to turn Right onto Elm Avenue from Route 9 before you get into Hillsborough. This will take you to our facility, but it is long, winding, and not very well maintained road which takes some confusing turns.

Please don't forget it's time to renew your membership. A bonus: People renewing NEBCA membership can buy a 2014 calendar for \$10 with renewal and get free shipping.

NEBCA 2014 Election

The terms of the members of the Board of Directors run for two years, with two of the four positions expiring each year. The following candidates have been nominated to fill the two positions that expire in 2014: Barbara Armata, Carol Campion, Nancy Phillips and Barbara Levinson, . All members are encouraged to vote for the candidates of their choice. Their brief biographies are shown on the next page.

Voting information

Complete and mail or deliver the enclosed loose-leaf sheet entitled **NEBCA 2014 Election Ballot**.

Mailed ballots or proxies must be received by December 31, 2013, at the address below.

Ballots must be mailed and cannot be given to the Secretary at the NEBCA Annual Meeting. See the voting rules in the ballot (or on the website).

No blank ballots will be available at the annual meeting.

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

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

Mail ballots to the NEBCA Secretary,

Martha Walke

P.O. Box 66

S. Strafford, VT 05070.

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

2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES

2014 NEBCA membership renewals are due by December 31, 2013.

- \$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
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Biographies of Candidates for the Board

Barbara Armata:

I got my first Border Collie in 1974. I was working on a horse and cattle farm. Tara was a pup I raised and trained; actually she taught me!

I watched my first trial in 1987 and 2 years later bought my first pup with trialling in mind. We started competing a year and half later. Bernie and I became NEBCA members around the time I got that pup.

I believe it was around 1991 or 92, I became treasurer. From that time forward, I was continuously on some committee. I've been on Nursery, Open trials, and Vice president. The last two years have been the first I haven't held some position. Now I'm ready to once again serve NEBCA. I would be very pleased to be on the Board of Directors.

Carol Campion:

I am running for Board of Directors position in NEBCA. Having served as NEBCA President, Open Trial Chair and a founding member of the Novice trials committee, I feel my knowledge of the group and its history will make me a valuable asset to help keep NEBCA moving forward with its mission in mind.

Having owned and trained Border Collies for 25 years and Bittersweet Farm for 18 years, my experience in training dogs and handlers, my experience in organizing Border Collie events and my participation in past NEBCA endeavors allows me a good perspective to work with the B of D and other NEBCA committees on NEBCA's behalf.

Barbara Levinson:

Over the past 17 or so years I have been a NEBCA member, I have noticed the way NEBCA has set itself apart from other organizations around the country. From the dual entry of Ranch and Open, which is a unique approach to helping handlers advance a dog to Open, to the institution of our learning and mentoring trials, and most recently the judging clinic held this past summer at one of the NEBCA trials, NEBCA is committed to its membership. As a club whose members volunteer their time and talent generously, NEBCA sponsorship at the finals stands out. NEBCA is active and involved; the club is prominent among regional clubs as being innovative. As an incumbent running for re-election as director, I would continue to encourage NEBCA to move in this direction.

Nancy Phillips:

I am Nancy Phillips from Fayston, Vermont, and I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.

My husband and I have a small hobby sheep farm. We raise grass fed lamb that we sell wholesale and to local customers. Besides using the sheep to train the dogs, the dogs help us manage the sheep.

I became a member of NEBCA when I got my first Border Collie in the early 90s, but did not start trialing on a regular basis until 2000. To give back to the Border collie community, my husband and I put on the Mad River Valley Sheepdog Trial for seven years. This past year I worked with a committee to complete the Trial Managers' Handbook. I am also a member of the Open Trial Committee that put on the Fall Foliage this past year at Cascade Farm in Bath, NH.

The Board of Directors manages "the business and property" of NEBCA. I feel my past experience with my local teachers' association makes me a viable candidate for the position. I served as treasurer, chief negotiator of contracts, and spent many years in the position of grievance chair. I believe that if one listens to all viewpoints, asks questions, and brainstorms the possible solutions, a good decision will be made. In the end the club and the working Border collie benefit from this process.

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NOTICE:

Seeking Input on Changes to the Open Points System

The OTC is presently discussing changing the points system to something similar to what the USBCHA is using. This change would be effective August 1, 2014 and it will be brought up at the Annual meeting in January. The OTC is seeking opinions from the membership and we would suggest writing your opinions and sending them either by mail or email no later than December 31 to:

Rob Drummond - Chair, NEBCA Open Trials Committee
200 Stowe Mountain Road
Hillsboro, NH 03244
(603) 478-0846
robnebca@bcaddict.com

Why We Are Fans of Sheepdog Trials! by Paula Nowakowski

I grew up on a small farm, with chickens and geese, a cow, barn cats, and always a dog. My mother had a small house dog that my 7 sisters and I were not particularly fond of. But my first dog was a farm collie who loved herding any children who happened to be around. So I have always had and cared for animals.

Ed's son had a sheep farm and a border collie near Cortland, New York. We once went for a visit and attended a dog trial. We were hooked immediately—the setting, amenities, and kindness of the people engaged in this sport was a treat. Subsequently, we have gone to watch many trials, and each venue has had its own charm—especially the country farm atmosphere.

It is wonderful to see handlers relate in such a friendly way to each other. Rather than being overtly competitive, they are supportive, often cheering on the competition. They want to win, but if they don't, they are happy for the folks who did well that day.

That good-hearted energy is always evident. When help is requested, responses are quick and usually a "yes!" The judge's decisions are accepted, and when a handler is offered praise, they humbly attribute their success to the dog. When a comment or two is made, it is about what they gleaned from their run.

It is obvious that the dogs are well cared for, fit, healthy and attentive. And the handler knows the various personality traits that each of their dogs has. The trial dogs rarely bark, but may start an 'operatic' chorus when their owner is on the field with another dog.

We have learned that the sheep are interesting, too. There are many breeds and different behaviors in different flocks. They are not timid and will sometimes confront a dog by facing it and stamping a foot or attempting to butt the dog. They sometimes provide entertainment by attempting to escape by jumping a fence or running off into the woods. But owners of stock take very good care of their flock and want to avoid any injury.

Trial hosts work very hard to make everyone comfortable, often arranging for food for those who have entered the trial.

And lastly, it is an inspiration to see the sincere partnership between handler and dog. The awareness and respect they have for each other is sincere and an example to live by. Ed and I feel lucky every time we attend a trial, and we are grateful for the acceptance we experience.

Editor's Note: Paula and Ed Nowakowski travel to every trial they can reach in the NEBCA area and beyond. They were busy volunteers and observers at the recent USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals in Belle Grove, VA.

LEATHERSTOCKING SHEEPDOG TRIAL submitted by Tina Pabst

The 18th annual Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trials were held August 16, 17, and 18, 2013 on the spacious Clark Field near Cooperstown, NY. The weather was picture perfect both Friday and Saturday, with cooler temps, sunny skies, and a nice breeze. Sunday was a bit cloudy but wonderful for working both dogs and stock.

The 101 sheep were primarily Scottish Blackface, Scottie crosses, and a few Shetlands, Leisters, Scottie- Montadales, and Katahdins. They were pretty to see out on the field. Each run contained a lamb and two ewes. In the Novice classes Denise Leonard from Greenfield, Mass. patiently and carefully sorted each run. The 74 open runs were judged by George Northrop of Royalston, Mass. Hundreds of spectators over three days enjoyed the event.

The novice class was won by Pat Bacskay with Winslow. Barb Leverett came away with first in Pro Novice, and Bernie Armata picked up the top score in Ranch with all three winning the Long Road award as well. In Open on Saturday Lorna Savage and Tyler had a 93 for first, and on Sunday Gene Sheninger and Nick scored a 92.

Overall Champion and Long Road winner was Mary Lou Campbell and Dyna with Reserve Lorna Savage and Tyler.

We welcomed our vendors including Butternut Valley Spinners, Generation Farms, Abigail McEnroe and Deb Dutcher with handspun products, Upstate Inspirations, and knitted alpaca and woolen items from Irene and Martha. Savvy Beast treats donated some of their profits from sales back to the trial, and Pat DeCoux generously donated the monies from her walking stick sales back to us.

The set out and pen crew did an outstanding job. Scribes, gatekeepers, announcers, our sheep hauler, the Clark Foundation, Fly Creek Methodist Church, our caterer, advertisers, and Heather Millen entries- all contributed to the trial's success.

We want to gratefully thank our sponsors Dana Rice from Dog Wild Canine Supply, Blue Seal, and Lupine Pet. Dana also put the brochure together. The trial committee of Bernie and Barb Armata, Linda Hotchkiss, Barb Leverett, Warren Mick, Tina Pabst, and Heather Millen (entries) hope to see everyone back next year!

Open Saturday	74 dogs	Michael Dathe	Q
Lorna Savage	Tyler	Maria Mick	Bodie
Marylou Campbell	Dyna	Kathy Keats	Craig
Charlie Hurt	Deacon	Lorna Savage	Kaylee
Roger Millen	Rock	Roger Millen	Rock
Michael Dathe	Q	Joe Evans	Chip
Stephen Wetmore	Gile		
Jan Berger	Moss		
Gene Sheninger	Sweet		
Michael Dathe	Keef		
Dave Sharp	Tot		
Warren Mick	Eddie		
Kate Collins	Ela		
Maria Mick	Kit		
Mary Thompson	Beauty		
Marianna Schreeder	Cass		

Open Sunday	74 dogs
Gene Sheninger	Nick
Marylou Campbell	Dyna
Warren Mick	Eddie
Chris Bowen	Bella
Barb Armata	Meg
Roger Millen	Taggart
Rob Drummond	Casey
Marianna Schreeder	Penny
Gene Sheninger	Sweet



Leatherstocking Overall Champion and Long Road Award winner Marylou Campbell, Judge George Northrop, and Sunday winner Gene Sheninger. *Photo by Tina Pabst.*

Pipedream Farm SDT Mark & Renee Billadeau

This was the third year of the Pipedream Farm Sheepdog trials and this year we changed the trial field. Our farm is not flat and we took advantage of the main hill on the farm. The Open outrun was about 225 yards with a 160ft elevation gain from the post to where two ewes and two lambs were set. The fetch included a 10' steep slope off a small ridge that runs across the face of the hill. The drive was short but we offered a long cross-drive up the hill and across the ridge. The drive was followed by a split, pen, and then a single. Our farm flock of Katahdins was mostly consistent throughout the day with a few groups becoming difficult due to weather conditions.

Friday's weather was beautiful and because we had the time we decided to offer a double-lift final, just for fun, to the top 5 handlers from that day. Each team gathered two groups of four sheep, drove the course, split off 4 sheep and penned them. The ridge was challenging but the teams did a great job walking the sheep down the ridge on the fetch and driving them up on the cross-drive. Saturday started off pleasant, but as a cold front approached the wind picked up midday and eventually we had light rain. Fortunately the heavy rain held off until after the end of the class. Due to the rain we chose not to offer a double lift final.

By Sunday morning the rain had passed and we again had beautiful weather for Ranch, ProNovice, and NoviceNovice. For Ranch the sheep were set below the ridge in the middle of a nice bowl-shaped field. The drive was the same as Open and the cross-drive was along the same line as open but below the ridge. The courses for ProNovice and Novice Novice were in the same bowl shaped field as Ranch. Two ewes and two lambs were set for the novice classes and most groups were willing to stop when the dogs stopped. Most groups had to be put into the pen.

We wanted to host a trial with a relaxed atmosphere that feels like a bunch of friends gathering to work their dogs. Home baked muffins, fruit, coffee and water was available each day in our bank barn which served as our hospitality area. We hope everyone enjoyed their weekend, we did.

As in past years we had a long list of volunteers for helping during the trial; Renee and I appreciate all the help and would like to thank all the volunteers. Todd Layfield helped us get our farm "cleaned up" and ready for the trial. He also worked the set-out pen all weekend, quietly moving sheep into the chutes and out onto the field. Sue Rayburn drove down from West Virginia simply to help with anything during the trial. Jim and Joanne Murphy jumped in to help with posting and ranking scores, making sure the judge's and handlers' tents was set and secure, and offering to judging the double lift. Finally, Renee and I really appreciated everyone's help (especially Jim, Joanne, and Pam) tearing down the trial field after everything was over.

In addition to the great job Pam Gardner did judging all the runs, a special award was given to the most promising young handler. Morgan Dawkins was awarded this prize for his stock sense and handling style. Congratulations Morgan!

Sept. 20 Open

1. Linda Tesdahl	Suede 98
2. Linda Tesdahl	Juno 94
3. Renee Billadeau	B.J. 92
4. Linda Tesdahl	Krew 91
5. Carla King	Floss 89
6. Charlie Hurt	Deacon 88
7. Victoria Wilcox	Pat 86
8. Mark Billadeau	Peg 85
9. Tom Wilson	Roy 81
10. Sylvia King	Dexter. 79
11. Karen Karkow	Jade 74

Sept. 21 Open

1. Mark Billadeau	Nell 102
2. Mark Billadeau	Peg 100
3. Renee Billadeau	Bette 94
4. Karen Karkow	Jade 94
5. Chris Bowen	Bella 91
6. Charlie Hurt	Deacon 89

7. Charlie Hurt	Josey 88
8. Linda Tesdahl	Juno 87
9. Carla King	Floss 86
10. Chris Bowen	Sam 84

Sept. 22 Ranch

1. Barb Klein	Wes 79
2. Dee Penatzer	Queen 75
3. Jim Murphy	Hemp 75
4. Dee Penatzer	Floss 75
5. Doug Brewer	Fly 72
6. Mark Billadeau	Eve 71
7. Renee Billadeau	Tally 70
8. Charlie Hurt	Shep 70
9. Morgan Dawkins	Gilly 69
10. Doug Brewer	Kate 68
11. Nancy Liptak	Rusty 63
12. Liza Williams	Sue 62

Pronovice

1. Kathy Thompson	Grace 74
2. Amanda Winecoff	Chet 59
3. Peter Hall	Bill 58
4. Peter Hall	Meg 56
5. Robert McNaney	Jillie 53
6. Sylvia Broderick	Brody 51

NoviceNovice

1. Don Desrosiers	Panda 55
2. Jean Ponstingle	Daisy 42



Long Shot Farm SDT, November 1-3 2013

Open 1 47 dogs	Nursery 2 6 dogs	Ranch 1 22 dogs
Gene Sheninger Nick	Diane Cox Wull	Anne Devine Becca
Gene Sheninger Sweet	Emma Court Chevy	Pam Davies Teilo
J. van der Merwe Sam	Linda Tesdahl Glyn	Nancy Starkey Rye
Linda Tesdahl Suede	Barb Klein Wes	Joanne Murphy Gil
Pam Helton Ellie	Michelle Brothers Sky	Pam Davies Patch
Michelle Brothers Sky	Jeanine vdM Jay	Jim Murphy Hemp
Sandy Hornung Meg		Pam Davies Jet
Sally Molloy Kip	Pro-Novice 1 20 dogs	Barb Klein Wes
Walt Zieser Rose	Alex Tkacenko Jock	Heather Nadelman Flinn
Nancy Starkey Kep	Nancy Obernier Bonnie	Dan Weeks Anna
	Emma Court Chevy	
Open 2 42 dogs	Pat Bacskey Vic	Ranch 2 18 dogs
Gene Sheninger Sweet	Linda Tesdahl Glyn	Pam Davies Teilo
Gene Sheninger Nick	Sally Molloy Gyp	Pam Davies Jet
Walt Zieser Rose	Pam Davies Dilys	Anne Devine Tessa
Suzanna Gansky Cap	Alex Tkacenko Maggie	Sharon Nunan Will
Nancy Obernier Lisa	Sherry Sheldon Ruby	Linda Tesdahl Gus
Anne Devine Maybe	Judianne Davis-van-	Heather Nadelman Flinn
Nancy Ortiz-Sharp Mirk	Norstrand Teeca	Liz Sharpe CS Hex
Sally Molloy Kip	Pro-Novice 2 14 dogs	Dan Weeks Anna
Nancy Starkey Kep	Pam Davies Dilys	Jim Murphy Hemp
Heather Nadelman Bo	Alex Tkacenko Maggie	Liz Sharpe Joss
	Pat Bacskey Vic	
Nursery 1 5 dogs	Sherry Sheldon Ruby	
Michelle Brothers Sky	Nancy McMullen Shade	
Barb Klein Wes	(J DvN) Teeca	
Diane Cox Wull	Carol Lockhart Jazz	
J. van der Merwe Jay	Anne Devine Erly	
Emma Court Chevy		



The view at the top at Long Shot.

Photo by Debbie Ferguson Crowder

Again Sherry Smith hosted another successful trial at Long Shot Farm in Maryland on the 1-3 Nov. The weather was showery on Friday for the Novice classes, which were run twice. Saturday and Sunday were chilly and windy for the open class. The sheep were light and feisty but co-operated if handled correctly otherwise would really test both handler and dog. Rob Drummond aptly judged the runs with consistency. Set-out was done by volunteers and the pen was expertly

handled by Deb Crowder. As always Sandy Hornung made sure handlers were ready, the judge had coffee, scores were posted and she even had time to run her dogs. The hospitality and organization at Long Shot trials should be a model for all trials in NEBCA. If you haven't attended one, come on down. There are two one-day trials in December and January. See the Trials Schedule for dates and entries.



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Other Trial Results

Lancaster Fair- 24 dogs ran

- 1) Rich Seaman & Star
- 2) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
- 3) Dave Young & Bess
- 4) Roger Deschambeault & Bob
- 5) Sharon Perkins & Cash
- 6) Sharon Perkins & Roy
- 7) Jim Perkins & Ben
- 8) Lynn Deschambeault & Dru
- 9) Rob Drummond & Maggie
- 10) Rich Seaman & Roo

Loon Mtn 24 dogs ran

- 1) Lynn Deschambeault & Dru
- 2) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
- 3) Roger Deschambeault & Bob
- 4) Jim Perkins & Z
- 5) Lynn Deschambeault & Flo
- 6) Gabe Merrill & Roy
- 7) Sallie Butler & Sky
- 8) Dave Young & Pic
- 9) Jim Perkins & Ben
- 10) Rob Drummond & Casey

Sun View SDT

Open Saturday 8/31/13 29 dogs

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|---------------------|---------|
| 1 Karen Karkow | Jade |
| 2 Emma Court. | Maia |
| 3 Michele Higgins | Flint |
| 4 Nancy Obernier | Lisa |
| 5 Nancy J. Simmons. | Black |
| 6 Barb Klein. | McKenna |
| 7 Nancy O. Sharp. | Mercury |
| 8 Walt Zeiser. | Rose |
| 9 Pam Gardner. | Midge |
| 10 Dave Sharp. | Cymro |

Open Sunday 9/1/13 31 dogs

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Maggie Chambers. | Strike |
| 2. Sherry Shelden. | Chick |
| 3. Nancy O Sharp. | Kirk |
| 4. Suzanne Gansky. | Cap |
| 5. Dan Weeks. | Tilly |
| 6. Sherry Smith. | Bay |
| 7. Dave Sharp. | Tot |
| 8. Dave Sharp. | Cymro |
| 9. Michele Higgins. | Rush |
| 10 Nancy J. Simmons. | Fly |

Ranch 8/31/13

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|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Carolyn West | Tessa |
| 2. Nancy Liptak | Rusty |

Ranch 9/1/13

- | | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1 Carolyn West | Tessa |
| 2. Fran Sharon | Maid |
| 3. Sherry Shelden | Rose. |

Blue Hill Fair- 8/31 25 dogs ran

- 1) Rich Seaman & Star
- 2) Jim Perkins & Ben
- 3) Sally Butler & Sky
- 4) Lynn Deschambeault & Chip
- 5) Sharon Perkins & Roy
- 6) Sharon Perkins & Bett
- 7) Rob Drummond & Sammy
- 8) Rich Seaman & Roo
- 9) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
- 10) Betty Levin & Tyne

Indian River SDT 3 Sep

Pronovice 1 20 dogs

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|---------------|------|
| Kate Ash | Gael |
| Bruce Smart | Hemp |
| Bruce Smart | Moss |
| Louise Hadley | Kate |

Pronovice 2 21 dogs

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|----------------|--------|
| Bruce Smart | Hemp |
| Cathie Vodden | Roo |
| John Palmer | Nickle |
| Viki Kidd | Reed |
| Anne Wheatley | Dusk |
| Kate Ash | Gael |
| Eleanor Peavey | Lad |
| Peter Hall | Bill |
| Tracy Hinton | Dax |
| Heather Millen | Scout |

Novice 1` 5 dogs

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|---------------|------|
| Stacy Rember | Moss |
| Lynn Johnston | Finn |

Novice 2 4 dogs

- | | |
|--------------|------|
| Stacy Rember | Moss |
|--------------|------|

Ranch 1

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| Mary Thompson | Paris |
| Marilyn Terpstra | Meg |
| Linda Moyer | Rain |

Ranch 2

- | | |
|------------------|-------|
| Mary Thompson | Paris |
| Anne Wheatley | Glen |
| Marilyn Terpstra | Meg |
| Tom Hoeber | Quinn |
| Chuck Dimit | Joel |
| Joanne Murphy | Gil |
| Jim Murphy | Hemp |
| Peter Hall | Meg |

Northeast US Sheepdog Trial 9/1 25 dogs ran

- 1) Roger Deschambeault & Bob
- 2) Roger Deschambeault & Trim
- 3) Rich Seaman & Star
- 4) Dave Craven & Gwen
- 5) Sharon Perkins & Roy
- 6) Jim Allen & Nick
- 7) Lynn Deschambeault & Mij
- 8) Lynn Deschambeault & Dru
- 9) Jim Perkins & Ben
- 10) Rob Drummond & Sammy

NH championship.

30 dogs; possible 110 points

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| Maria A ./Song /100 |
| Steve W/ Gile/99 |
| Denise L ./Maggie/95 |
| Roger D./Trim/94 |
| Chris Bowen/Bella 93 |
| Roger D./Bob/91 |
| Jim Perkins/ Ben/91 |
| Maria M./Kit/87 |
| Denise L/Emmie/85 |
| Sharon P/Cash/80 |

Fryeburg Fair 2013

31 Dogs. Points trial

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| 32 possible points |
| Maria A./Cass/32 |
| Maria A. /Song/32 |
| Gabe M./Tess/32 |
| Steve W./Floss/32 |
| Lynn D./Chip/31 |
| Steve W./Gile/30 |
| Maria M./Kit/29 |
| Bruce S./Hemp/29 |
| LynnD./Dru/28 |
| Roger D./Trim/28 |

THANK YOU, NEBCA MEMBERS!

We want to express a debt of gratitude to the NEBCA members who assisted with the organization, sales, set-up and tear down of the combined NEBCA/BorderCollics booth at the National Finals. The rain likely dampened our sales potential, but not our spirits. Special Accolades to Barb Armata and Rob Drummond, who teamed up to hawk the 2014 calendars in the handlers and spectators tents; to Sally Butler, Joanne Krause, Deb Donahue, Roger and Krys Deschambeault, Martha Walke, Ellen Rusconi Black, and to Jim and Sue Allen. In addition to the NEBCA and BorderCollics merchandise, we were able to spotlight items designed and produced by several NEBCA handlers: Photo tiles by Joanne Krause, Rob Drummond's whistles, Denise Leonard's lanyards, Clara Stites' novel, and Steve Wetmore's maple syrup. It was an impressive display of the diverse talents of our club members. A special thanks to Lori Cunningham for positioning our booth in the "Front Row," where we were able to watch all of the Open runs without neglecting our duties. The wheels are already turning on how to improve and enhance a possible NEBCA booth when the National Finals return to the East!

Thanks again,

Betsy Drummond & Lynn Deschambeault

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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE, 2014

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Jan 4,2014
Long Shot SDT
Church Hill, MD
One Open, Ranch, ProNovice
& USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
410-708-2428

May 9-11
Borders on Paradise SDT
Turberville,PA
USBCHA/NEBCA
Dave Fetterman
570-742-3527

June 7-8
Fosterfields SDT
Morristown, NJ
2 one-day open trials, 2 one-day
nursery trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Heather Nadelman
hln@littlehats.net / 908-359-1808
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Jun 14-15
Stonebridge Farm SDT
Clarke Road
Ganesvort, NY
N, PN, Ranch Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Rose Redick
518-465-6808

Warren Mick
518-861-5854

Jun 27-29
Caora Farm SDT
235 Sharon Rd, Millerton NY 12546
Two Open, USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA
Michele Ferraro & Kak Weathers
518-592-1320
Martha Walke, Entries

July3-6
Fetch Gate Farm SDT
Cortland, NY
3 novice trials
Two Open and One Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger & Heather Millen
607-835-6584

July 4-6
Cascade Farm SDT
Bath, NH
4-5 July one-day trials in all classes,
6 July top 20 open double lift
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Mary Ames
603-838-2018

July 10
Ossipee Valley Fair
South Hiram, ME
Open Points Trial
NEBCA
Lynn Deschambeault

Entries accepted 1 hr before trialmer-
lynn@fairpoint.net
207-452-2898

July 25-27
Fetch Gate Farm SDT
Cortland, NY
1 novice/nursery trials
USBCHA/NEBCA
Roger & Heather Millen
607-835-6584
August 30
Blue Hill Fair SDT
Blue Hill, ME
Open Points Trial
NEBCA/USBCHA
Jim Davidson 88 Benner Lane, White-
field, ME 04353
Entries accepted Sat. on site

Sept 1
Northeast US Sheepdog SDT
Blue Hill, ME
Open Points Trial
NEBCA/USBCHA
Jim Davidson 88 Benner Lane, White-
field, ME 04353
Entries accepted Sat. on site

Sept 19
NHHG Loon Mt
Lincoln, NH
Open Points Trial
NEBCA
Lynn Deschambeault
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Sept 27-29
Long Shot Trial
Church Hill, MD
Pronovice, Ranch, USBCHA
Nursery & Two Open
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
410-708-2428

Sept 28
Fryeburg Fair SDT
Fryeburg, ME
Open Points Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Gabe Merrill
68 Misty Lane
Brownfield ME 04010
207-935-2520

Sept 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

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