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From the President

Hello Fellow Members,

I note with regret the passing of Eleanor Jagger, a long time NEBCA member and friend to many of us. Eleanor was a great supporter of the Border Collie and a fixture at trials when I was just starting. Undoubtedly Walt's biggest fan, she wished everyone well and loved the trials and the dogs. An obituary appears in this newsletter.

The board's efforts to resolve the 2014 budget shortfall are proving very positive. Many members have contributed to this effort. Dana Erikson obtained some competitive quotes for newsletter printing (a real home run) and four special fundraising events were organized by Sara Reiter, Mary Ann Duffy & Barbara Leverett, Denise Leonard and Bud & Mary Ames. Also, many members have elected to switch to the online newsletter, helping reduce newsletter printing and mailing costs. At this rate, we could eliminate the shortfall by the end of the year. Thank you all.



There appears to be a significant increase in the number of entries to trials so far this spring. Some are way overfull on the opening day. We did lose a few trials this year, but we also added about the same number of new ones. It appears the number competitors and dogs is simply increasing faster than the number of trials. The only solution is more trials. If not, more of us will find ourselves missing out on our favorite activity.

To our non- or seldom trialing members: Please let me, the board or the committees know what you would like to see from the club. It could be training activities, library additions, newsletter contents or help in connecting with other members near you. Part of NEBCA's mission is provide information on training, health and breeding. If there's information you'd like to get, let us know.

At your service,
Warren

A Note from the Editor



Please take the time to fill out the Open Trial Committee's survey on page 12. They need this information to better serve you. Also send us your guesses as to the identity of the handler on the cover. No prize; just fun.

Please keep Martha Walke informed of any change in your e-mail or mailing addresses. We often send copies to addresses that are no longer valid, so the newsletters cannot be delivered and must be resent, costing us unnecessary money paid out of our dues.

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 blue. Sizes small to 2XL. Artwork by Betsy Drummond. A new tote bag, also with artwork by Betsy Drummond, comes in stone.

New sweatshirts for 2014 are 1/4 zip 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. Bucket hats come in red and tan.



NEBCA's Learning Trials and Clinics Are Popular Events

Many NEBCA volunteers have come forward this year to support NEBCA Learning Trials and Clinics by offering some new events. Many of these events have become fund raising functions for the Novice Finals and the Fall Foliage.

Sara Reiter of Windsor, NY, sponsored the first event of this season on April 12th. It was a beautiful day, and a great opportunity to get out and see friends we haven't seen all winter, have fun with our dogs and get feedback on our runs. With the help of Barbara Leverett and Mary Ann Duffy, who donated their time, Sara offered a trial for NN, PN, and Ranch dogs. The goal of this event was to provide an opportunity for early season novice class-type runs with feedback on rules and strategies provided by Barbara. Participants helped with the judging, holding out, pens, exhaust, recordkeeping and videoing runs. Each participant received two runs and the event was centered around a pot luck lunch.

On April 26th Sara offered a follow-up run through event. The two events netted \$550.00 for the NEBCA Novice Finals. Special thanks to Barbara Leverett, Mary Ann Duffy, Mary Brighoff, Roger Millen, Gail Van Wicklen, Sharon Garland and Kim Lippolis, who donated their time to make these events successful.

On April 26th a Double Lift Workshop coordinated by Mary Ann Duffy was held at Barbara Leverett's Longview Farm and Training Center in St. Johnsville, NY. Warren Mick kindly donated his time as clinician for the 10 working dogs that participated in learning the grand design of gathering two groups of sheep using the look back command. From this event \$903.00 was sent to NEBCA to benefit the Fall Foliage Trial.

Denise Leonard hosted a Training/Handling Clinic that was open to dogs and handlers from Novice through Ranch at her Tanstaaf Farm in Greenfield, MA, on May 3. Chris Bowen donated his time as a clinician to help Denise at the Novice Trial Training/Handling Clinic on Saturday and judged for the 30 dogs that participated in the Novice Trial (NN and PN) on Sunday. Denise, Emily Yazwinski, Ginny Prince, Janet Langdon and Becky Petersen kindly volunteered to hold sheep. Julie Williams was the scorekeeper for the trial. Mary J. Wasielewski worked the sheep pen the entire weekend with the aid of Jan Marcotte and others. Most NEBCA events have great fare, this event was no exception as Denise provided volunteers and participants with tasty homemade soups, breads and desserts. The proceeds from these events will be donated to the NEBCA Finals.

The Learning Trials Committee applauds these people for carrying on with these events. If you would like to hold such an event, check the Learning trials section of the NEBCA website for information.

[This article includes input from Kim Lippolis and photos by participants]



Announcement:

If you are holding a trial or clinic with a learning component, you may apply for funds from the Learning Trials Committee to help offset the cost of the event. Please look under Learning Trials on the NEBCA website for our mission statement, suggested activities and for the application form.

Applications should be submitted to Valerie Pietraszewska as quickly as possible.



Season Opener at Tanstaaf Farm by Dana Eriksen

It seemed like an exceptionally long winter here in the cold, white north (east). Deep snow prevented me and many others from working our dogs for months and, as it melted, the treacherous footing tried our patience as we attempted to get our dogs fit for the upcoming season. I started sending out entries to trials, wondering how much time I'd have to hone my handling skills prior to standing at the post for the first time.

Denise Leonard and Chris Bowen are clearly sympathetic to the plight of novice handlers, because the Tanstaaf Farm novice clinic and SDT proved to be the perfect season opener for me and many of my peers. The clinic on Saturday provided opportunities for each of us to run our dogs in a trial-like setting, with the benefit of constructive comments from both Chris and Denise, along with the opportunity to try to fix anything that went wrong. Several of us jumped at the chance to try running at a higher level, and they even provided a short cross drive for those running in Pro-Novice.

Sunday's trial was as much fun as the clinic. The unhurried atmosphere and the friendly, supportive group of competitors made for another positive learning experience for handlers and dogs alike. The novice class had a run-off for first place, with Barb Eriksson and Dozen taking the blue with a beautiful run (see photo right). Emily Yazwinski and Tern took first place in Pro-Novice.

I'm sure I speak for many novice competitors when I say thanks very much to Denise and Chris for putting on this clinic and trial. Thanks also to Emily Yazwinski and Ginny Prince for spending so much time setting out sheep, and to Mary Wasielewski and her dog, Fizz, for spending all day Saturday in the set-out pen. Thanks also to Janet Langdon, Carol Bradford, Wendy Warner and all the others who set out or spent time in the pen, brought food to share, or otherwise helped make this event a success.



Borders on Paradise, May 9-11 2014

OPEN 1 9 May 14 91 dogs ran

1 Lambert, Beverly	Nan
2 Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna
3 Milliken, Amanda	Monty
4 Cunningham, Lori	Matt
5 Millen, Roger	Rock
6 Gardner, Pamela	Meg
7 Millen, Roger	Taggart
8 Sheninger, Gene	Sweet
9 Glen, Scott	Bliss
10 Court, Emma	Maia
11 Hoeber, Tom	Mia
12 Glen, Scott	Don
13 Wilkinson, Peggy	Liz
14 VanDerMerwe, Jeanine	Sam
15 Robertson, Fiona	Mirk
16 Glen, Jennifer	Hemp
17 Falk, Emily	Gabe
18 Davies, Pam	Jet
19 Williams, Dick	Mick
20 Murphy, Joanne	Awel

OPEN 2 10 May 14 86 dogs ran

1 Milliken, Amanda	Roz
2 Lambert, Beverly	Nan
3 Lambert, Beverly	Joe
4 Cunningham, Lori	Matt
5 Glen, Scott	Bliss
6 Fetterman, David	Duff
7 VanDerMerwe, Jeanine	Sam
8 LeFever, Gwenn	Soot
9 Sharon, Fran	Liz
10 Millen, Roger	Taggart
11 Keats, Kathy	Craig
12 Sheninger, Gene	Sweet
13 Armata, Barbara	Meg
14 Baker, Kim	Skip
15 Molloy, Sally	Sid
16 Molloy, Sally	Kip
17 West, Carolyn	Abe
18 Williams, Cheryl	Scout

NURSERY 11 MAY 14 16 dogs ran

1 Brothers, Michelle	Sky
2 Milliken, Amanda	Howell
3 Glen, Scott	Erin
4 Cox, Diane	Wull
5 French, Robin	Spot
6 Wilson, Tom	Kate
7 Glen, Scott	Ben

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In a change of normal practice, the NEBCA Open Trials Committee will host the 2014 Fall Foliage in collaboration with the PA State Championship. The combined trials will be held at the Harford Fairgrounds in Harford, PA, October 2-5, 2014.

Site: The trial location is a large field within the fairgrounds with great parking and access to the trial field. There has never been a trial on this site. There are slight dips and hills that will present a challenge to the handler and dog teams competing.

Sheep: The sheep are a local undogged commercial flock of at least 160 Texel-cross ewes.

Tentative Format: The Fall Foliage (FF) preliminary round will be run concurrently with the PA State Championship (PASC). The PASC will consist of two standard open trials run over three days and be limited to about 85 dogs. The two open trials will be USBCHA sanctioned. If the trial entry limit is reached and dogs have to be turned away, only the non-FF-qualified dogs will be eligible for USBCHA points. All entered dogs will be eligible for ribbons and prizes in the PASC. Only the FF-qualified dogs will be eligible to run in the double lift final run on Sunday. See NEBCA website for rules on qualifying for the FF and advancing to the DL final.

Watch the NEBCA Website for updates and entry posting.

A REQUEST FROM THE NEBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The mission of the North East Border Collie Association is to promote and protect the Border Collie as a working stock dog through the sanctioning and regulation of competitive herding trials and by providing information on training, health and breeding.

The main events that the club sponsors to meet these goals are the Fall Foliage and the Novice Finals.

In the past few years, the level of quality and prestige associated with these events has increased. NEBCA would like to be able to continue to host this level of topnotch event. The association commits and budgets funds for these events as they have always done, but as with any not for profit organization, these funds are limited each year. With the rise in the expenses—the cost of sheep rental, field site rental and judges, to name a few, additional funding is necessary. Without added money, this level of event is not possible.

NEBCA would like to ask members to pitch in and help generate funds to aid in putting on both year-end events. The NEBCA members are a generous group and always have been. In 2012, handlers raised over \$1800.00 to help support the NEBCA Final in NY. In 2013, the club members again worked to raise \$6317.00 to help support the National Finals.

There are already a number of benefit events being planned including clinics, trials, and handler sponsorships. Please watch the NEBCA website announcements, the main source of information and NEBCA Facebook pages for updates as well as other social media outlets, Sheepdog-L and NEBCA Yahoo groups.

The address for the NEBCA Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northeast-Border-Collie-Association/171757869532797> and the Handlers Tent address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/58773266565/files/>. If you are not already a member of the NEBCA Yahoo group list, consider joining!

If you have ideas for fundraising, please direct your ideas to the head of each committee—Rob Drummond for the Fall Foliage and Warren Mick for the Novice Finals. Money generated will be put into funds specifically for each particular event. Any monies not used each year will remain in a fund to be seed money for the following year.

So let us once again call on our own generosity and enthusiasm to help our club maintain the level of events we have become accustomed to.

NEBCA Board of Directors.
Northeast Border Collie Association

The Best Laid Plans, or How I Wasn't Planning on Whelping these Pups

by Denise Leonard

I probably have one of the most flexible jobs in terms of taking time off. I can call out in the morning if I need to care for a weak lamb or assist a ewe. I can work at home if I don't want to drive through a snow storm and work is open. I can decide to leave early if the spring weather is glorious. However, there is one time of the year that I CANNOT take time off and that is the third week in April when I run a conference on Dose-Response. The conference is the culmination of a year of work, determining the program, soliciting speakers, interfacing with Conference Services for facilities, overseeing travel arrangements, etc. And I have to be at work the days of the conference to oversee and put out brush fires.

Last spring I decided to breed Emmie on her next heat. She had been in in August of 2012 and was in in April 2013. Assuming a similar schedule she should be in December of 2013. Yeah, right! As the time went by with no signs of cycling, I became more concerned the whelping and conference would come at the same time. I even warned my boss that this was a possibility. And no, he didn't say (as he usually does) "No problem. Do what you need to do." Oh well. So when she started her cycle the first week in February, I thought maybe we would get by and get her bred so she would whelp before the April conference. But it wasn't to be and she finally was bred February 20 giving her a window of whelping during the conference. Not to worry. Several people offered to whelp her for me, including Sue Schoen, her breeder and a vet as you all know.



Emmie was obviously pregnant and as the time went on became bigger and bigger. About 10 days before the expected whelping, I started taking her temperature, looking for her trend and the drop in temperature that precedes whelping by 24 hours. Meanwhile Sue and I made plans to transfer her to Sue's house the Monday before my conference. The weekend approached with no temperature drop, but on Sunday evening it happened. It was cutting it a bit close, but if she whelped within the 24 hours, I should have been good for the conference starting on April 22.

We decided to leave her at my house, thinking she would be done in time. She started nesting Sunday evening, so I slept downstairs to keep an ear out. Nothing Monday morning. No panting, no pacing, no anxiety, no signs of labor. But she still had the whole day. Mid-afternoon on Monday still nothing. Wanted to sleep in the whelping box, but no signs of labor. I brought her in to my vet for an x-ray Monday afternoon. There were about 7 pups in her. Meanwhile Sue and I decided maybe she should go to Sue's house. So around 4:30pm, I put the whelping box in the back of the truck, Emmie in the front seat on the floor on the truck and headed off to meet Sue at a mall in Franklin, MA. We planned to meet at Panera's, eat dinner and move the box and dog to her vehicle.

WELL, as soon as we started out, Emmie started panting, whining, and exhibiting those classic symptoms. I thought I should turn around and go home, but I also realized she could be in this stage for hours and still not whelp before I had to leave for work the next morning at 6:30 am. And on we drove. Me with one hand on the steering wheel and the other petting her head. About 20 minutes from the rendezvous she started licking a lot. When we got to the mall, I put her into the



whelping box in the back of the truck and yes, she had broken her water. Sue called to touch base, I looked, and there was a puppy! She came along to look things over. Emmie, being a first time mother, hadn't eaten the afterbirth so we clamped and cut the cord in the parking lot. Looking at the x-ray, Sue confirmed the 7 puppies.

We got dinner to go and sat in the truck eating, deciding what to do. Meanwhile Emmie had another pup and another was obviously on the way. We decided that I should just bring her home. Sue had a "dog quilt" which we rigged up in the back seat of the truck so the pups couldn't fall down under the seats and I started back home. It was a nerve-wracking, 1-½ hour trip. Every once in a while, she would whine and I would hear puppy sounds. I kept stopping to check that all was well, and the number of pups

began to build up in the back of the truck. At one point on Rt 2 through Fitchburg, MA, where there is no breakdown lane for what seemed like hundreds of miles, I was aware of a puppy in between the passenger door and the passenger seat. I was finally able to stop and put it back with her. About 10 minutes from home, another one fell in between the driver's door and seat. That one rode the rest of the way back in my lap with Emmie looking over the back seat asking for her puppy.

Finally, home, my husband, David, and I moved the whelping box back into the house and settled Emmie and her 5 puppies. She proceeded to have another puppy and then settled down like she was done. Meanwhile, Sue was sure she had 7 inside. Maybe she'd have the last over night? Another night of sleeping downstairs. Next morning still 6. Maybe we read the x-ray wrong. When I went out to go to work, I heard this mewing sound coming from the truck. Thought it was Bentley the cat in the truck. Then realized it was the 7th pup!!! Took me a few minutes but I finally located him in my fold up umbrella in the front passenger seat floor. He was cold and barely moving and I was convinced we'd lost him. Not being able to stay home for even 10 minutes I tucked him under Emmie's flank and left for work. Sue suggested some karo syrup on his tongue and I called David to ask him to do that and maybe warm him up on a heating pad. About 45 minutes later, he called to ask which puppy it was – they were all warm and moving and there were seven.

Well, all's well that ends well, but it wasn't a stress that I needed! And you couldn't have planned that if you had tried! Ironically, the conference was on Preconditioning and Adaptive Response. Or how a little stress will protect against a larger insult. I suspect all these pups, and especially "Umbrella Boy" have been preconditioned!

Eleanor Jagger

NEBCA Life Member Eleanor Jagger, 89, of Hop Bottom, Pa., passed away quietly at her home on Monday, April 14, 2014. She was the widow of Walt Jagger, with whom she had co-hosted the Pennsylvania State Championship, at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA, which started in 1983 and grew it into one of the most prestigious trials in the east. Though Eleanor never ran a dog at a trail, she was very much a sideline participant. If you dared to sit next to her while Walt, Dick, or Cheryl were running, you would certainly see the enthusiasm. Walt never ran the dog right, so she thought. Her favorites were Dot and Celt.

Eleanor worked with her husband, Walt, to build a highly successful Independent Insurance Agency in Hop Bottom, actually serving as Office Manager. She was a member of the First Universalist Church in Brooklyn, Pa.

For many years she and Walt hosted the Pennsylvania State Championship Stock Dog trials. She also served as statistician for NEBCA, of which she was long a valuable supporting member. She was the statistician before computers and would paste a huge chart of all of the handlers and dogs with their points on the side of her camper for all to see. People would sometimes question the points and would find out that she was seldom wrong... She loved her shelties as well.

Walt and Eleanor traveled all over the country to dog trials but especially loved the northeast trials. We shall miss her dearly.

[Many thanks to Cheryl Jagger Williams and Annie Palmer for their input.]



Heather Millen of Fetch Gate Farm, NEBCA's Numbers Maven

Molly King

In one of many emails that go back and forth between Jim Allen and me, he thought it might be interesting to learn from Heather what is involved with keeping track of all of our scores, points, placements, classes, and so forth. Great idea! Very few of us know how it all works—all we have to do is go to the NEBCA website to see where we stand!

I contacted Heather and asked if she'd be willing to let us in on her magic. She agreed, so I came up with a list of questions as the basis of an information article. Heather's expertise makes it all look so simple—maybe it is because she has been doing the Novice points since 1993 and Open points since 2004!

What follows is the result:

What is the procedure for getting trial scores for each dog? Are the trial managers responsible for getting scores to you, or the committee for the class?

Trial managers are responsible for reporting their results to me. If I don't get them, I email the host(s) asking for them. If after a few times I still don't have them, I inform the committee so they can pursue it.

Given the changes every year, about how many trials are there each year? Generally, about how many dogs do you keep track of in a year?

NOVICE CLASSES: There are 776 dogs in the Novice database(!). But a lot of dogs are no longer running, handlers who may have stopped competing, dogs who have passed away, etc. There were 39 novice trials in the 2013 season.

OPEN: There are typically about 150 dogs in the Open standings whose handlers are NEBCA members. There were about 60 Open trials in the 2013 season.

It all sounds pretty complicated. Do you have a computer program that keeps track of points for each dog, or do you have to do it manually? Do you have someone to help you?

NOVICE: I use an Excel spreadsheet for the novice points. It automatically tallies each person, but I manually enter the points earned.

OPEN: I use the program Gene Sheninger created for the USBCHA. He modified it for NEBCA. It's a database, but again I manually enter the results (top 10 or top 20%). The program calculates the points, standings, how many trials, etc. which then updates the website.

I don't have help doing this.

How often do you update the scores? After each trial? When you update scores, do you also update the points page on the website?

For both classes, I try to keep up during the height of the season. It often depends on how quickly people report to me.

NOVICE: I send the edited spreadsheet to Joanne Murphy to post on the website.

OPEN: The program automatically updates the High Points page.

Is it up to the handler to know when his/her dog has pointed out?

Yes, it is. When in doubt they can always get a hold of me. They should keep track and know when they are getting close to pointing out so they can watch their scores at subsequent trials.

What happens if someone hasn't kept track and runs a dog in a class after pointing out?

I will let the Novice trials committee know and they will contact the member.

How are Open points handled differently? Do you keep track of the number of trials each dog runs in?

The program does that automatically when I enter the results.

The Novice list carries over from year to year and points are kept whether they are NEBCA members or not. Open starts over with each year for NEBCA members only, with points accumulating for the high points standing.

Do trials in Canada count toward the totals?

NOVICE: Not all novice trials in Canada are NEBCA sanctioned, but most are.

OPEN: Yes, they typically sanction all their Open trials with NEBCA.

Is there some way trial managers and NEBCA members can make your job easier?

Reporting the results in a timely manner is always good! I hate to have to bug people... And all members can help by letting me know what dogs can be removed from the list.

Are people pretty good about letting you know when a dog is no longer running in trials?

NOVICE: Not necessarily. I do hear from people sporadically telling me they are no longer running a dog. It would be helpful if handlers would keep me informed, or if they know about other people, to tell me if they're out of trialing, no longer have the dog, or what-

ever, so I can remove them. If a dog places in Open, I often catch it and remove them from the Novice list, but it's not always easy to keep up to date.

What happens if there is a mistake, or if someone claims there is a mistake? Do you have to do the follow up with the trial manager, or is it up to the handler to correct it with the trial manager, after which the manager resubmits the corrected score to you?

Usually the handler contacts me if they see an error. I will then double check what I entered, in case it was my mistake. If all is as it was reported to me, I will then contact the trial manager to see if there should be a correction.

Our thanks go out to Heather for helping the membership understand what goes into all the documentation we depend on as handlers. Her organizational skills in keeping all of this straight and updated provide a valuable service to us all.

Cascade Farm NEBCA Benefit SDT, May 10 and 11 2014

Cascade Farm NEBCA Benefit SDT Trials May 10 & 11, 2014

Bud and Mary Ames hosted two NEBCA Benefit trials on their farm Mother's Day weekend. One-fourth of entry fees from Open and Nursery classes went to the Fall Foliage Fund and those from Pro-Novice and Ranch classes went to the Novice Finals Fund. Home made lunch was provided each day by Mary Ames and all proceeds also went to benefit NEBCA. \$591.25 was raised for the Fall Foliage. \$206.25 was raised for the Novice Finals. \$133 was raised from lunch. Saturday started with pouring rain that turned into summer sunshine by noon. George Northrup was the judge for both days. Class order was Pro-Novice, Ranch, Nursery and Open each day. This was a first trial of the season for many dogs and the recently weaned sheep were a challenge for some of them. Some of the runs were more of a training session as handlers were asked to help their dogs find their sheep and bring them to the exhaust. Open handlers tried for sheds each day. Sunday was sunny and very windy. Prizes were given in Pro-Novice, Ranch and Nursery. Monies were paid to 5th in Open.

A pot-luck dinner was held in the Ames home Saturday evening with lots of delicious food.

Betty Murray recorded and posted scores each day. Betty also displayed and sold NEBCA merchandise and calendars. The set out pen crew for the weekend were Bud Ames, Buddy Murray, Carlene Eitapence, Sarah and Aaron Deuell. Handlers were great helping wherever needed.

Heidi Metcalf took pictures all day Sunday and will post them on her website for handlers to view and purchase. www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com. Heidi will also do dog portraits for handlers. You can view her art work on the website.

Results Saturday May 10, 2014

OPEN: 23 entries 100 points * denotes shed

- 1- Maria Amodei and Levi 87 *
- 2- Warren Mick and Eddie 86 *
- 3- Maria Amodei and Song 81
- 4- Peter van de Car and Leif 75
- 5- Steve Wetmore and Gile 72 *
- 6- Maria Mick and Nick 67
- 7- Maria Mick and Bodie 64
- 8- Nancy Phillips and Susie 60
- 9- Michael Dathe and Keef 53
- 10- Michael Dathe and Q 51

NURSERY: 5 entries

All Retired

RANCH: 6 entries

- 1- Peter van de Car and Bear 72
- 2- Rosemary Redick and Kensa 56
- 3- Elizabeth Phares and Juniper
- 4- Ellen Black and Peig

PRO-NOVICE: 11 entries

- 1- Kate Collins and Tux 62
- 2- Elizabeth Phares and Sage 55
- 3- Betty Levin and Morag 50
- 4- Bruce Smart and Moss
- 5- Nancy Phillips and Dahli

Results Sunday May 11, 2014

OPEN: 24 Entries 100 points * denotes shed

- 1- Steve Wetmore and Gile 86 *
- 2- Maria Amodei and Song 84 *
- 3- Jan Berger and Moss 80
- 4- Peter van de Car and Leif 79
- 5- Peter van de Carr and Bear 77 *
- 6- Warren Mick and Eddie 76 *
- 7- Bruce Smart and Hemp 66 *
- 8- Maria Amodei and Levi 66 *
- 9- Nancy Phillips and Susie 62
- 10- Michael Dathe and Q 57

RANCH: 7 entries

- 1- Peter van de Car and Bear 69
- 2- Deborah Donahue and Britt 54
- 3- Martha Walke and Cy
- 4- Ellen Black and Peig
- 5- Rose Redick and Kensa

PRO-NOVICE: 16 entries

- 1- Kate Collins and Tux 60
- 2- Maria Amodei and Chord 60
- 3- Betty Levin and Morag 57
- 4- Elizabeth Phares and Sage 54
- 5- Nancy Phillips and Dahli 52
- 6- Virginia Prince and Dar
- 7- Bruce Smart and Moss
- 8- Steve Wetmore and Stu

FALL FOLIAGE SURVEY FROM THE OTC

In order to learn more of what the membership desires in a Fall Foliage (FF), the Open Trial Committee would appreciate if you would fill out this survey, which has been distributed at several trials. Please copy this page and return the survey either at the end of a trial or mail or hand it to Stephen Wetmore or Nancy Phillips at any trial. Thank you!

- 1 Are you an Open handler? Novice handler?
- 2 Have you run in the FF foliage? How many times?
- 3 What was your favorite FF? Why?
- 4 Is it a goal of yours to qualify for the FF?
- 5 Is having a FF important part of the NEBCA activities?
- 6 Does the location of the trial impact your decision to attend?
- 7 How far are you willing to drive to attend a FF?
- 8 Should the FF continue to rotate throughout the NEBCA region?
If not, where should it be located?
- 9 Does the type of sheep impact your decision to attend?
- 10 What do you like for sheep at the FF?
- 11 Should a double lift be included in the FF?
- 12 Are cash prizes important to you?
- 13 What is a reasonable entry fee for the FF with a double lift?
- 14 Should NEBCA continue to fund part of the cost of the FF?
- 15 What kinds of amenities at the FF are important to you?
- 16 What else do you want to tell us about the Fall Foliage?



The Winter of the Dog Sled by Maria Amodei

I look at the forecast, 50 degrees and rain coming Friday. This is New England and right now we have a very deep snow base. It won't all melt this weekend. Add some fresh snow on top and I'll be off on my sled again. But it is late February, few runs left at best for this winter.

Driving a dog sled is something I've wanted to do for years, much like working dogs on stock. I've always been one to go ahead and do what I want, mostly for the better. Certainly buying that sled last year turned out well for me. There were hours of work refinishing and re-lashing it, entertainment for the long winter evenings as the sled spent over a month on saw horses in the living room. Finally com-



plete, I knew nothing on training the dogs. I asked a friend if I could park at his place so I had room to work out the kinks of driving the dogs. Once we got rolling we could run right up into town forest from there. Hah, not so easy. Failed start after failed start, rearranging dogs, finally some 50 tangles later they all started in the same direction. Shushhhh, I urged them on and we flew! Not far, but enough to get the adrenaline racing and give me a high. It rained the next day. It was March and that was my one run of the winter.

This year I started with the first snow. It was a great year for snow. Again the sled spent time as the centerpiece of the living room while I installed new brakes, re-oiled the wood, altered a used sled bag to fit, made a glove bag, learned to splice rope and made a new bridle so it would turn better. Again dark winter evenings were enjoyed working on my sled. But this year we were always ready to go.

And go we did. Little by little my team came together. My nerves were jangled every time I hitched them, bucking, barking, and screaming like rabid apes at the start. I learned to tie the gangline off to the van or a tree while hitching the dogs, then pull the release and feel the snap as the sled takes off down the trail. At first the runs were barely a mile, stopping frequently to untangle the lines. As winter progressed we've gone from 1 to 2 to 3 to 6-mile runs. As the runs got longer, the dogs settled and learned to travel as a team. Good advice from experienced mushers helped me teach

them to work as a unit. I've learned to steer the sled better, work the brakes, ride the trails more smoothly. The dogs still start out like cheetahs. Indeed we've gone as fast as 24 mph, though mostly we travel at a quiet lope and sometimes I can ease them back to a steady trot. We've gone from short runs pieced together from bursts of speed between tangles to long runs that open with a mile of strong gallop and settle to a quiet lope. I still begin with an adrenaline-drenched high as I let them open out and run at the start. Now I move to the relaxed enjoyment of sliding through the snowy woods, working the turns, feeling the flex of my sled as it slips around a curve, watching the dogs stride along smoothly together, looking down the snowy path as we sweep along in relative silence. We still have to stop at most intersections so I can lead the team to the correct trail. I don't mind. It gives me a chance to give each dog a rub behind the ears and word of appreciation as I walk back to the sled.

Who knows what next winter will bring. Maybe good conditions for our trails, maybe not. I am not about to start filling my house with Alaskan huskies and give up the stock work. The few opportunities for my dogs to work sheep this snowy winter have given me and them great enjoyment, though only pushing the stock back into the drifts so I can put out feed. Regardless, I will always remember this winter as the winter of the dog sled. The winter my dogs and I learned to run together as a team, flying through the snowy woods with unabashed euphoria.

NOT TO BE OUTDONE, Carol Guy's Will and Hank show how they help out on the farm.



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