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The Girls of Fetch Gate Farm
Karen Gorman

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From the President

Hello, Fellow Members,

Fall is upon us and NEBCA's two annual year-end events are approaching. The trial committees are busy preparing for the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship in early October and Novice Finals in mid-September. Both look to be great events. Check the web site for more information or contact the trial committees.

September is also the time of year for the National finals, Internationals and this year also the World trial. It seems more than the usual number of NEBCA members are competing or attending the USBCHA finals in Colorado and the World Trial in Ireland. I for one am quite jealous and will be watching from afar. Best of luck to all.



The Nominating Committee for the 2015 election, consisting of Dave Sharp, Mike Nunan, and Barbara Leverett, is in place. There are two board of directors positions and the entire executive committee to filled. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the committee.

A brief update on the budget issues we've been dealing with this year: We started the year looking at a projected shortfall of \$1800 and that's after an actual shortfall of \$3400 in 2013. Between the costcutting measures and the benefit trials we now anticipate having a surplus this year. We still need to continue selling calendars and fundraising items and also meet budget projections for the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals trials. But it looks doable. Let me say that is one incredible turnaround and I again thank all that were involved.

At your service,
Warren

A Note from the Editor



Please take the time to read the notice from the Board of Directors

Cheryl Williams, Maria Amodei, Gene Sheninger, Joyce Geier, MaryLou Campbell, and Kathy Keats will represent their countries and NEBCA at the World Trials in Scotland in September. We will provide coverage if we receive it.

And the handler on the Summer issue's cover is Dave Fetterman. The handler on the Spring issue's cover is yours truly.

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.



Fetch Gate Farm SDT, July 3-6, 2014

Hosted by Heather and Roger Millen at their beautiful farm, Fetch Gate Farm SDT was held July 3-6 in Cortland, NY. The novice classes kicked things off on Thursday, with the day starting out hot and humid. Ugly storms rolled in through in the afternoon, causing a pause in the action, but ushered in nearly fall-like weather for the Open and Nursery classes running Friday through Sunday. The field was lush and green and the sheep were fit and healthy. Warren and Maria Mick shared judging duties on Thursday, and Michael Gallagher sorted the Friday-Sunday runs. Mary Thompson shouldered the set out duties and Ron Anderson handled the sheep pens. The quality of running was very high for all four days, even with our judge trying to come up with devious ways to keep the sheep out of the pen, involving flags and boards. Good dogs and cooperative sheep prevailed and scores stayed high through the trial. This is always such a nice trial, with the gorgeous scenery all around, exquisite attention to detail from the trial hosts, a lovely crowd of participants to pal around with all weekend, and even a beautiful clear creek for happy dogs to cool off in. The 2014 edition did not disappoint!

-Robin French

NOVICE 10 dogs

1 Krikorian, Nigel	Ben
2 Dawkins, Morgan	Jack
3 Quigley, Megan	Seamus
4 Robinson, Ian	Eve
5 Lippolis, Kim	Deke

PRO/NOV 36 dogs

1 Whitney, Leslie	Toddy
2 Brighoff, Mary	Cap
3 Zieser, Walt	Dot
4 Keats, Kathy	Taff
5 Obernier, Nancy	Spot
6 Lee, Sherry	Reya
7 Palmer, Cynthia	Duke
8 Geier, Joyce	Maid
9 Madison, Ron	Pepper
10 Palmer, Cynthia	Becca

RANCH 30 dogs

1 Millen, Heather	Scout
2 Sheninger, Gene	Ket
3 Billadeau, Mark	Eve
4 Graham, Tierney	Hawkeye
5 Billadeau, Renee	Tally
6 Murphy, Joanne	Gil
7 Clark, Linda	Meg
8 Quigley, Megan	Dot
9 Murphy, Jim	Jim
10 Millen, Roger	Finnegan

NUR 1 15 dogs

1 Hoeber, Tom	Quinn
2 Cox, Diane	Wull
3 Graham, Tierney	Hawkeye

NUR II 17 dogs

1 French, Robin	Spot
2 Eddy, Joyce	Wren
3 Higgins, Michele	Opal

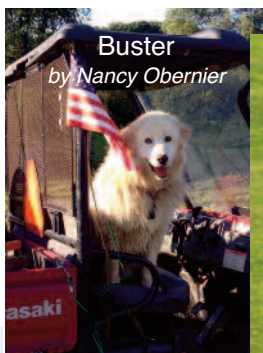
OPEN I 97 dogs

1 Williams, Cheryl	Fleet	91
2 Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna	91
3 Cunningham, Lori	Matt	87
4 Geier, Joyce	Jim	87
5 Obernier, Nancy	Lisa	87
6 Millen, Heather	Scout	87
7 Savage, Lorna`	Kaylee	86
8 Geier, Joyce	Tiz	86
9 Sheninger, Gene	Sweet	85
10 French, Robin	Bill	84

11 Billadeau, Mark	Peg	84
12 Thompson, Mary	Beauty	83
13 Cunningham, Lori	William	83
14 Palmer, John	Spec	82
15 Lambert, Bev	Nan	81
16 Polites, Michael	Taff	81
17 Mick, Maria	Nick	81
18 Madison, Ron	Greta	80
19 Sheninger, Gene	Nick	80

OPEN II 89 dogs

1 Billadeau, Mark	Peg	92
2 Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna	91
3 Savage, Lorna	Kaylee	91
4 Mick, Warren	Eddie	90
5 Williams, Cheryl	Fleet	87
6 Millen, Roger	Taggart	87
7 Thompson, Mary	Frost	87
8 Billadeau, Renee	Bette	87
9 French, Robin	Bill	86
10 Williams, Cheryl	Scout	85
11 Thompson, Mary	Beauty	85



Tierney Graham and Hawkeye
by Norm Trigoboff



Fetch Gate Farm Trial Field
by Karen Gorman

How To Fill All Those Boring, Empty Days

So this is what you do: maintain a farm of 140 acres with 90 ewes who lamb every frigid February to provide for summer trials. Trials - plural. You plan, prepare, and host three trials every summer. You do this every year and have done so for many years. These trials are for Open, Nursery, and Novice handler/dog teams. The jobs on the acreage are obvious: cleaning fields, bush-hogging, mowing, repairing fencing and keeping the trial obstacles in good shape. And oh - the sheep. Shearing, foot baths, trimming hooves, feeding, guarding, taking care of health and well-being of all the stock. Not to mention taking care of 3 guard dogs, training many border collies, and teaching young handlers.

And what do you do in your spare time? Well, the husband works full time as a computer specialist at Cornell University and the wife owns her own business as well as keeping track and posting all of the points we have earned. As she says, "He does geek, I do goose."

These energetic and dedicated friends of all of us are Roger and Heather Millen of Fetch Gate Farm.

With many thanks and gratitude from all of us - Molly King



Fetch Gate Farm Trial

photos by Emma Kundro

Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Festival SDT, Cummington

Interesting is not always a good thing. Circumstances outside of the trial managers' control left us with a unmowed hay field for the trial at the Mass. Sheep and Woolcraft Fair in Cummington over the Memorial Day weekend. What this led to was an event more akin to a hunt in the Serengeti than a herding trial as sheep and dogs would become separated visually in the tall grass, only to have the dog pop out and panic the sheep or lose contact and become ineffective in terms of control. There were very few good, controlled runs in any class.

Bud and Mary Ames provided their Katahdin flock. The size of the flock meant limiting the number of runs each day so we started on Friday with two go-rounds of PN and one Nov. trial. It quickly became apparent that something needed to be done or there would be little chance of success. We herded the entire flock through the course several times in both directions, providing a somewhat reasonable roadway. The reaction of handlers, really without exception, was very gratifying. Everyone seemed to accept the situation and make the best of it. On Saturday and Sunday there were handlers out walking the course in a group in order to mat the grass down and others harnessed to a cattle panel dragging the drive lines.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this trial for their good humor and forbearance from complaint. For their patience we thank our judges: Bernie Armata, Sue Schoen and Steve Wetmore. A special thanks to Bud and Mary for maintaining equilibrium in the face of what turned out to be quite an ordeal for their sheep. We would also like to thank representatives from Poulin Grain who provided large bags of their Pro-Form dog food to winners in each class. They attended the trial on Saturday and answered questions about their product line.


We apologize for what were really unacceptable conditions and are, of course, concerned that this experience will cause handlers to avoid this trial in the future. We have started, in conjunction with the farmer who owns the field and the managers of the fair, the process of correcting this situation and feel optimistic that we will have a iron-clad guarantee of a mowed field. If this cannot be accomplished we will simply not advertise the trial. On behalf of all the trial managers, Kate Collins, Denise Leonard, Wendy Warner, Martha Walke and myself I ask that you not give up on us.

George Northrop

5/24/2014 Novice/Novice		1	Langdon, Janet	Arlo*	58	5/24/2014 Open	# of Runs	32	5/25/2014 Open	# of Runs	35
Fowler, Ellen	Celt*	72	Yazwinski, Emily	Tern*	56	Smart, Bruce	Hemp	1	Leonard, Denise	Emmie*	1
Snowden, Victoria	Prim	66	Kawalec, Kathy	Clark*	52	Leonard, Denise	Maggie*	2	Smart, Bruce	Hemp	2
Maillet, Debbie	Typhoon*	65	Collins, Kate	Tux	48	Armata, Barbara	Meg	3	Armata, Barbara	Meg	3
Gorman, Karen	Bryce	63	Brighoff, Mary	Chance	43	Leonard, Denise	Emmie*	4	VandeCar, Peter	Leif	4
Hunt, Pam	Torrie*	57	Drummond, Rob	Ali	43	Wetmore, Steve	Gile*	5	Amodei, Maria	Song*	5
			Prince, Ginny	Ida*	41	Amodei, Maria	Levi*	6	Amodei, Maria	Marcus*	6
			Holmgren, Bob	Slick*	28	Northrop, George	Annie	7	VandeCar, Peter	Bear	7
5/24/2014 Pro-Novice	1					Bowen, Chris	Bella	8	Mick, Maria	Bodie	8
Levinson, Barbara	Bob	75	5/25/2014 Ranch	2		VandeCar, Peter	Bear	9	Hanchett, Melody	Canon*	9
Drummond, Rob	Ali	66	Armata, Bernie	Sam*	77	Court, Emma	Maia*	10	Collins, Kate	Ben	10
Brighoff, Mary	Chance	65	Walke, Martha	Cy	73						
Eriksen, D. (Dana)	Quinn*	63	King, Molly	Allie	66						
Collins, Kate	Tux	61	Phares, Elizabeth	Juniper*	50						
Brighoff, Mary	Cap	60	Dickinson, Donna A	Dot	48						
Williams, Julie	Joe*	56	Stites, Clara	Kip	45						
Holmgren, Bob	Slick*	55	Black, Ellen	Peig	27						
Kawalec, Kathy	Clark*	53									
Peterson, Becky	Dot*	47									
Armata, Barbara	Natalie	45									
Prince, Ginny	Ida*	44									
Smart, Bruce	Moss	43									
Warner, Wendy	Vinnie*	43									
Freeman, Jean	Billy	36									
Hunt, Pam	Styx	32									

Open Champions Denise Leonard and Emmie

photo by Kate Collins



5/24/2014 Ranch	1	
Armata, Bernie	Sam*	68
Black, Ellen	Peig	43
Dickinson, Donna A	Dot	38

5/25/2014 Novice/Novice	2	
Maillet, JP	Hurricane*	74
Belliveau, Betty	70	
Shaw, Elizabeth	Jura	69
Eriksson, Barbara	Dozen	62
Fincher, Holly	Maat*	61

5/25/2014 Pro-Novice	2	
Freeman, Jean	Billy	75
Northrop, George	Tot	73
Brighoff, Mary	Cap	73
Prince, Ginny	Dar*	72
Williams, Julie	Joe*	69
Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	68
Hunt, Pam	Styx	67
Court, Emma	Chevy*	66
Leonard, Denise	Chloe*	66
Levinson, Barbara	Bob	64
Armata, Barbara	Natalie	63
Smart, Bruce	Moss	60
Eriksen, D. (Dana)	Quinn*	60

Open Champions Denise Leonard and Emmie

photo by Kate Collins



Cascade Farm SDT, 4-6 July 2014

The Cascade Farm SDT trials started with quite a few bangs, loud and close, provided by Mother Nature as an intense thunderstorm passed through the White Mountains on Thursday evening as handlers were arriving. Rain came down heavily throughout the evening and showers continued into Friday. The sheep and dogs appreciated the rain and cool weather as it continued throughout the day. Barbara Armata judged the Novice courses with Bernie Armata judging the Open runs throughout the weekend. Both judges held the handlers to a tough but fair standard.

As part of the mentoring program Novice handlers were paired over the weekend with two Open handlers for a critique of their runs. Denise Leonard graciously videoed each competitors run. The Novice handlers were encouraged to help their dogs find the sheep and were allowed to finish the course even though they were retired.

The sheep were tough, quickly taking advantage of inexperience or hesitation. The drive portion was the undoing of many runs. In Open on Friday there was a tie for second. Maria Amodei and Chris Bowen were evenly matched and chose to break the tie with a toss of the coin and a split of the pot. Friday evening there was a BBQ by Jim, followed by Hatchland's ice cream with homemade brownies and hot fudge sauce.

With better weather Saturday the runs seemed much smoother with more handlers finishing the course and receiving scores. Novice handlers were competing for Champion and Long Road. Open handlers were competing for a slot in the Top 20 Double Lift to be held on Sunday. There were ties for first in both Ranch and Open. Ranch was a three-way between Bernie Armata, Martha Walke, and Molly King. Open was a two-way between Dave Young and Bruce Smart. Each handler and dog ran an outwork course to decide final placing.

On Sunday the top 20 combined scoring handlers and dogs were entered into a Double Lift competition. There were two lifts with 3 sheep each, drive (30 points), pen then a split for 150 points. The majority of the handlers made it all the way through with various techniques being used for a successful shed. For some it was their first double lift and the look-back was hard. Handlers were able to go help their dogs before exhausting their sheep. Maria Amodei with Levi was the Double Lift winner with 148 points losing one point on the outrun and one point on the fetch. Maria Amodei with Song was Grand Champion for the three days and will receive a portrait of Song drawn by Heidi Osgood-Metcalf, www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com. Barbara Levinson with Ryn was Reserve Grand Champion and will receive a Cascade Farm Blanket.

Many thanks to all the handlers that helped with setting out, scribing, exhausting, setting up and taking down. Kudos to Betty Murray for tabulating and posting scores. Pen crew fantastic: Ginny, Carlene, Becca, Eric and Bud. Ellen and Joanne thanks for all your help. Betsy and Bordercollics Anonymous you're the best!

Bud and Mary Ames / Cascade Farm

Novice Friday: 10 Dogs

Stacey Rember QC Moss
Pat Bacskey NY Tara
Stacey Rember QC Teg
Wally Dury NJ Fate

Novice Saturday: 10 Dogs

Karen Gorman MA Bryce 64
Stacey Rember QC Moss 52
Stacey Rember QC Teg
Pat Bacskey NY Tara
Liz Shaw NH Jura
Novice Champion: Stacey Rember/Moss
Reserve champion: Pat Bacskey/Tara
Long Road: Pat Bacskey/Tara

Pro-Novice Friday: 23 Dogs

Denise Leonard MA Chloe 69
Sherry Smith MD Merry 68
Dana Eriksen NH Quinn 68
Jean Freeman CT Billy 66
Steve Wetmore VT Stu 61
Bruce Smart ON Moss
George Northrop MA Tot
Pam Davies NJ Dily's
Ginny Prince NH Ida
Kate Collins MA Tux

Pro-Novice Saturday: 21 dogs

Pam Davies NJ Dily's 74
Sherry Smith MD Merry 73
Bruce Smart ON Moss 72
George Northrop MA Tot 70
Denise Leonard MA Chloe 67
Rob Drummond NH Ali 64
Ginny Prince NH Dar 64
Ginny Prince NH Ida 62
Steve Wetmore VT Dart 56
Pam Hunt MA Styx

Pro-Novice Champion: Sherry Smith/Merry
Pro-Novice Reserve: Denise Leonard/Chloe
Long Road: Denise Leonard/Chloe

Ranch Friday: 14 Dogs

Molly King CT Allie 59
Barbara Levinson NJ Bill 51
Pat Bacskey NY Vic
Martha Walke VT Cy
Clara Stites MA Tess
Jean Freeman CT Billy 50
Clara Stites

Ranch Saturday: 15 Dogs

Bernie Armata NY Sam 69
Martha Walke VT Cy 69
Molly King CT Allie 69
Barbara Levinson NJ Todd 66
Barbara Levinson NJ Bill 57
Ellen Black BT Peig 51

Ranch Champion: Molly King/Allie
Reserve Champion: Martha Walke/Cy
Long Road: Clara Stites/Tess

Open Friday: 37 Dogs 90 point course

Bruce Smart ON Hemp 78
Maria Amodei MA Song 73
Chris Bowen NH Bella 73
Steve Wetmore VT Floss 72
Barbara Levinson NJ Ryn 71
Lynn Deschambeault ME Flo 67
Nancy Phillips VT Dot 66
Kate Collins MA Ela 65
Nancy Joyce Simmons NJ Fly 62
Sherry Smith MD Bay 6

Open Saturday: 40 Dogs 90 point course

Dave Young QC Pic 79
Bruce Smart ON Hemp 79
Barbara Levinson NJ Ryn 76
Fiona Robertson QC Mirk 75

Barbara Armata NY Kate 73
Denise Leonard MA Emmie 72
Steve Wetmore VT Gile 69
Barbara Armata NY Meg 69
Chris Bowen NH Bella 65
Steve Wetmore VT Floss 64

Open Champion: Bruce Smart/Hemp
Long Road: Dave Young/Pic

Cascade Farm Double Lift July 6, 2014

Top 20 Combined Open scores competed
(Does not count for USBCHA/NEBCA)
Judge: Bernie Armata 150-point course
* denotes shed/split
Maria Amodei MA Levi 148*
Maria Amodei MA Song 135* Grand Champion
Barbara Armata NY Meg 121
Dave Young QC Pic 120
Sherry Smith MD Bay 120*
Barbara Levinson NJ Ryn 117 Reserve
Grand Champion
Steve Wetmore VT Floss 111*
Denise Leonard MA Emmie 109
Bruce Smart ON Hemp 107
Kate Collins MA Ela 107*

Awards were provided by:

Bordercollics Anonymous/ Betsy Drummond
Cascade Farm
3-Day Open Grand Champion Portrait -
Heidi Osgood-Metcalf
www.artofheidiosgoodmetcalf.com

Pictures from Cascade Farm SDT



Above: Bruce Smart and Hemp. Below: Dave Young's Pic.
Photos by Kate Collins



NEBCA Regular Meeting -- Cummington Fair Trial -- May 24, 2014

Minutes of the NEBCA Regular Meeting, Cummington Fair Trial, May 24, 2014

I. Call to order by Warren Mick, President, at 5:50PM

II. Minutes from the Annual Meeting approved.

III. Secretary's Report

As of May, 2014, there are 233 memberships. In 2013, the total number of memberships was 308.

IV. Treasurer's Report -- Ellen Rusconi-Black provided an update of the Jan-Apr financial activity. The current total account balance as of 5/27/14 is \$20611.47. Full report posted on NEBCA web site.

V. Board of Directors Report -- Barbara Armata

A. The issue of raising NEBCA dues is on hold until next year due to no consensus. The BOD is split on this item even after the straw poll at the Annual Meeting indicated support for raising the dues.

B. Discussed points system suggested by the Open Committee. Feel the explanations are unclear.

C. Fall Foliage: BOD would like input as to amount each handler must pay, per dog, to enter (\$25 or \$50). Not decided.

D. Discussion followed concerning what a person would get if they sponsored a handler:

1. get friends to sponsor; important to have recognition;
2. entered into a drawing for something;
3. if only 50 to qualify, how will this effect sponsorships;
4. takes 6 months of work to get sponsorships; need to be promoted;
5. maybe better for 2015 than 2014 Fall Foliage.

E. Memberships: been fairly stable last few years. Idea of levels of membership brought up as well as an item line for additional dollar donations.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. Open Trials Committee -- Rob Drummond provided an update on newly-sanctioned trials, the new high point system, the Fall Foliage and Fundraising for the Fall Foliage. Full report is posted on the NEBCA web site.

B. Novice Trials Committee -- Warren Mick

1. Wendy Warner is the newest member. One more is needed. If interested, contact Warren.
2. Site for the Novice Finals undecided at this time. Dates for it are September 13-14.

C. Newsletter

1. The electronic version of the Summer issue is up on the website. Printed copy out this week.
2. Jim Allen needs more articles.

VII. Select Committee Reports

A. Calendar Committee -- Kate Collins & George Northrup

1. There are 25-30 copies of the 2014 calendar left. Selling for \$1.00/copy.
2. The 2015 calendar is available. Need help taking them to trials.
3. It cost about \$3.50/copy for printing this year which is about half of former print costs.
4. We have a template now which means less work going forward. The price might increase a little bit.

B. Fundraising -- Ellen Rusconi-Black

1. New sweatshirts & bags. Betsy Drummond did the design.
2. Biggest issue is getting things sold at trials. Need help.

C. Learning Trials -- Deb Donahue
Report is in the summer Newsletter.

D. Library -- Martha Walke

1. Care of items is an issue.
2. Library circulation is slow this year.
3. One member made a monetary donation to the library.
4. It was approved for the library to buy new items and to replace items.

VIII. Old Business

A. There was none.

IX. New Business

A. Kate Collins proposed that there be free shipping for calendars from December 1 to February 1 each year. Approved.

B. Policy for the rental of NEBCA's equipment has been posted and is on the Yahoo list. The inventory is also posted. The rental cost is the same.

X. Meeting adjourned at 6:36PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Walke, NEBCA Secretary

Bobtail Results, May 24 and 25 (held at Borders on Paradise, PA)

May 24

Open 1 37 dogs

1 Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi
2 West, Carolyn	Abe
3 Obernier, Nancy	Nell
4 Nunan, Sharon	Will
5 Reitboeck, Werner	Roy
6 Simmons, Nancy Joyce	Black
7 Murphy, Joanne	Awel
8 Polites, Mike	Taff
9 Chute, Peggy	KC
10 Hornung, Sandy	Meg

ProNovice 25 dogs

1 Levinson, Barbara	Bill
2 Chambers, Maggie	Mose
3 Quigley, Megan	Dare
4 Clark, Linda	Lyn
5 Brighoff, Mary	Chance
6 Worthington, Joan	Nick
7 Quigley, Megan	Dot
8 Mickey, Deb	Cait

9 Lippolis, Kim
10 Levinson, Barbara

Ranch 6 dogs

1 Klimek, Merry	Wren
2 Smith, Sherry	Bella
3 Shelden, Mark	Dot

Nursery 6 dogs

1. Cunningham, Lori	Gideon
2. Cox, Diane	Wull
3. Hall, Peter	Meg

May 25

Pro-Novice, 23 dogs

1 Smith, Sherry	Merry
2 Brighoff, Mary	Cap
3 Levinson, Barbara	Bill
4 Brighoff, Mary	Chance
5 Chambers, Maggie	Mose
6 Mueller, Pam	Fly
7 Levinson, Barbara	Todd
8 Quigley, Megan	Dot

Becky
Todd

Wren
Bella
Dot

Gideon
Wull
Meg

Merry
Cap
Bill
Chance
Mose
Fly
Todd
Dot

9 Shelden, Sherry	Ruby
10 Florentino, Terri	Mirk

Ranch, 8 dogs

1 Shelden, Sherry	Tom
2 Smith, Sherry	Bella

Nursery, 8 dogs

1 Cox, Diane	Wul (Runoff)
Fetterman, David	Emma

Open 2, 37 dogs

1 Polites, Mike	Taff (Runoff)
2 LeFever, Gwenn	Scot
3 Gardner, Pamela	Midge
4 West, Carolyn	Abe
5 Hoeber, Tom	Mia
6 Levinson, Barbara	Ryn
7 Madison, Ron	Duke
8 Hoeber, Tom	Quinn
9 Gardner, Pamela	Meg
10 Worthington, Joan	Dee

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

NEBCA Meeting – Cooperstown, NY, August 16, 2014

Call to Order:

The meeting was convened by President Warren Mick at 7:13 pm on Saturday, August 16th, at the Leatherstocking Trial site in Cooperstown, NY, with 37 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Rose Redick

Martha Walke was not present at the meeting. Membership status: 251 total memberships, 186 individual, 59 farm family, 5 life, 1 honorary.

Treasurer's Report: Warren Mick

Ellen Rusconi-Black was absent but sent a report (see Web site). As of 8/15/14 the total account balance was \$25,884.69. The work to date on the budget shortfall has been very successful. The predicted \$1800 deficit at the time of the annual meeting now looks to be a surplus. Almost \$4000 has been raised in benefit events for the Fall Foliage and Novice Finals. The benefit money will offset the funds NEBCA usually puts into these events. Calendar printing costs are about \$1000 lower than budgeted thanks to the work of Kate Collins and her sister, and Dana Erickson.

Board of Directors: Barb Armata said there was nothing new to report.

Nominating Committee - A committee consisting of Dave Sharp, Chair, Mike Nunan, and Barbara Leverett is in place for upcoming election. Four executive positions and two BOD seats are up for election. The terms of directors Lynn Deschambeault and Dave Sharp are up at the end of this year.

Open Trial Committee Report: Rob Drummond

Fall Foliage - The FF will be in Harper, PA, October 2-5. Entries opened 7/1 and closed 7/31. Currently there are 90 entries, with 8 more received after the closing date. The late entries will be accepted only if there are cancellations. The committee was hoping to keep entries below 85 but is leaning to take all 90 to avoid having a draw. This will allow the trial to be fully sanctioned with the USBCHA. A full list of all entries received before the closing date is published on the NEBCA website. The list is ranked in order of high points. The top 50 dogs will be eligible for the double lift final but this may change if cancellations occur. The cancellation deadline is Sept 1. Currently, the 50th dog has about 100 points. The preliminary trials may be run to a standard if needed in the event of bad weather or unforeseen events. The latest budget for the trial indicates less than \$300 of NEBCA money will be needed.

High Points Change - The new high points system went into effect on 8/1/2014. The new system mirrors USBCHA system, counting up to the dog's ten best trials. Gene

Sheninger has implemented the new system and it will be soon available on the web site. He will post a notice on Sheepdog-L when it becomes available.

Novice Trial Committee Report – The novice finals will be at Stonebridge Farm, Gansevoort, NY, September 13-14. Currently there are about 45 entries but anticipate 45-50 by closing date of 9/2 (after the Woolly Winds trial). The important elements of the trial are in place. It is projected that about \$500 of NEBCA funds will be used. This is well below the \$2200 budgeted for the trial. An ABCA promotional grant of \$50 was received.

Fundraising Committee Report: Ellen Rusconi-Black reports that fundraising items are selling well
Learning Trials Committee: Only \$150 has been provided this year for learning trial events. Mary Thompson is writing an article for newsletter on the impact of the learning trials program from an open handler's perspective.

Calendar Report: George Northrop said a few 2014 calendars are left and are \$1 each.

Library Report: Martha Walke reported that the library is looking to buy new materials and replace some old items. Lending is slow.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business - Barbara Levinson said the USBCHA is looking at the East Coast for a finals site for 2015 and 2017. The Belle Grove site is available again. Details will be in the newsletter.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rose Redick

Stonebridge Farm SDT, Gansevoort, NY, June 14-15

This trial, in its second year, was again a huge success and a handler favorite. Even the mud from days of rain preceding the trial could not dampen the mood! Once again, trial managers Rose Redick and Warren Mick provided handlers the chance to participate in, and learn, all aspects of putting on a trial. In addition, Joyce Geier conducted a judging clinic both days, offering commentary on runs from a judge's point of view.

The weather for the trial was perfect: a bit overcast and not too hot. Food was again provided this year, and was greatly appreciated by the handlers. Lunch was a wonderful assortment of deli sandwiches, and delicious pizza was delivered for Saturday's dinner. Prior to Saturday's dinner there was a salsa contest (the dipping kind, not dancing!). First place was won by Kim Lippolis and Wendy Warner took second.

Special thanks to Mich Ferraro, a fair and patient judge. Many thanks go to all the people who helped, including: Stonebridge Farm manager, Sue Vitro and her husband, Gary; farm workers Bernie and Alvina, who worked the pens; Eileen Keegan, who picked up coffee and ice every morning, scribed and did the scorekeeping, and NEBCA members Ed and Paula, who don't have a dog, but came and helped out.

Following the trial, Rose put out an email asking for feedback. The overwhelming consensus was that it was a thoughtful, well-planned trial, and that handlers hope to see Stonebridge become an annual event.

Leatherstocking SDT, August 15-17

The nineteenth annual Leatherstocking Sheep Dog trial was held on August 15, 16, & 17, 2014 on the lovely Clark field near Cooperstown, NY. The weather was changeable- cold and damp Friday, with some morning showers on Sunday. However we had almost 500 spectators on Saturday and the slightly overcast skies were ideal for working the dogs and livestock. The 87 sheep, mostly Scottish Blackface, Scottie crosses, and a few Katahdins, were provided by Barb and Bernie Armata of Taravale Farm in Esperance, NY. The sheep proved to be a challenge and quickly read the dogs, taking advantage when ever possible. Participants travelled from as far away as Georgia, Virginia, and Canada, as well as the usual number from New England and Pennsylvania. One handler competed with her Kelpie, otherwise the dogs were Border collies.

Lorna Savage from Elginburg, Ontario fairly and consistently judged all runs. There was a run off for first place in Open between Gene Sheneringer and Bev Lambert who both had scores of 90. Bev and Nan won the Grand Championship with Gene placing second and third with his dogs Sweet and Nick respectively.

NOV/NOV 9 dogs

1 Newcomb, Josh	Cash
2 Snowden, Victoria	Prim
3 Reiter, Sara	Chance
4 Mowder, Jan	Aidan

PRO/NOV 29 dogs

1 Lambert, Bev	River
2 Smart, Bruce	Moss
3 Duffy, Mary Ann	Stan
4 Leonard, Denise	Chloe
5 Mueller, Pam	Fly
6 Weeks, Dan	Bruce
7 Duffy, Mary Ann	Jet
8 Higgins, Michelle	Opal
9 Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy
10 Hunt, Pam	Styx

RANCH 29 dogs

1 Armata, Bernie	Sam
2 Davies, Pam	Teilo
3 Levinson, Barb	Bob
4 Murphy, Jim	Jim
5 Millen, Roger	Finnegan
6 Davies, Pam	Patch
7 Cunningham, Lori	Gideon
8 Sharpe, Liz	Hex
9 Hall, Peter	Meg
10 Hall, Peter	Bill

OPEN Saturday 73 dogs

1 Armata, Barb	Meg
2 Leverett, Barbara	Bob
3 Schreeder, Marianna	Cass
4 Lambert, Bev	Nan
5 Levinson, Barb	Ryn
6 Molloy, Sally	Kip
7 Mick, Maria	Bodie

8 Sheneringer, Gene

9 Sheneringer, Gene

10 Mick, Warren

11 Cunningham, Lori

12 Leonard, Denise

13 Armata, Barb

14 Davies, Pam

15 Leonard, Denise

Nick

Sweet

Eddie

Matt

Emmie

Kate

Jet

Maggie

3 Sheneringer, Gene

4 Cunningham, Lori

5 Bowen, Chris

6 Armata, Barb

7 Lambert, Bev

8 Leonard, Denise

9 Mick, Maria

10 mart, Bruce

11 Schoen, Sue

12 Sharp, Dave

13 Mick, Maria

Nick

Matt

Bella

Meg

Joe

Maggie

Bodie

Hemp

Flo

Cymro

Nick

OPEN Sunday 65 dogs

1 Lambert, Bev

2 Sheneringer, Gene

Nan

Sweet



Scotia SDT, July 19-20, by Brenda Buja

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Home of the Bluenose II schooner, Nova Scotia's "Ambassador of Goodwill." And for me, a prime sheep vacation destination, especially in July, when Hilary and Bill Flower host their annual Scotia SDT!

This was my second year making the 10-hour trip from Maine to the Scotia SDT, my Prius packed to the gills with 3 dogs, crates nestled in amongst the tents, chairs, and coolers. The blissful weekend begins on Friday evening with practice runs in the back field for early arrivals. Saturday offered more opportunity to hone our trial skills with a full day of learning runs and mentoring in the practice field. A festive potluck closed out that day with much food, drink and, of course, endless training and trialing chatter.

Sunday dawned on another beautiful Canadian day. Two trials were offered that day, with Novice, Pro-Novice, and for the first time, Ranch classes were run. The trial field is the most beautiful on the farm, sloping and rolling up to the set out, plenty of shade for handlers and dogs at the bottom, and views of Lunenburg Harbor behind the exhaust. The sheep were a mix of ages and appropriately light and challenging, with a strong pressure to the exhaust, swallowing more than a few runs. Our judge, John Carter, from British Columbia, was firm and fair in his scoring, and made for a full, fun day of competing, and many a chance to practice our handling skills, come what might!! The opportunity to trial twice that day was welcomed by many, especially the Novices and other handlers running young dogs! A fabulous day for all!

Passport Renewal: \$100. Gas and Travel: \$150 Practice and Entry fees: \$175

Spending a vacation weekend with Border Collie friends on the Flowers' sheep farm in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia:

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Brenda Buja,
True Colors Farm
Washington, Maine



Photos by Brenda Buja



Judge John Carter



Caora Farm SDT, June 27-29

Kak and I wanted to thank all those who helped us at the trial. People were so generous with their time and skills. We can not thank all of you enough. It was a pleasure to host.

Open 1

1. M Gallagher/Cain 90
2. Nancy Ortiz Sharp/Mirk 88
3. Amanda Milliken/Roz 86
4. Amanda Milliken/Monty 85
5. Denise Leonard/Maggie 82
6. Steve Wetmore/Gile 82
7. Barbara Ray/Tab 82

Open 2

1. Barbara Ray/Tab 91
2. Amanda Milliken/Monty 89
3. Mich Ferraro/Clive 86

Nursery 1

4. Dave Young/Bess 86
5. Warren Mick/Eddie 85
6. Steve Wetmore/Gile 83
7. Barbara Ray/Stella 82
8. Barb Armata/Meg 82
9. Maria Amodei/Levi 80
10. Denise Leonard/Emmie

Nursery 2

- Barb Leverrett/Bob 74
- Steve Wetmore/Stu 71

Nursery 2

- Amanda Milliken/Howell 74
- Lori Cunningham/Gideon 71
- Diane Cox/Wull 70
- Sue Schoen Spy 64



Lori Cunningham
& William

Photo by Kate Coillins



Amanda Milliken &
Monty

Photo by Kate Coillins



Barb Armata at the shed

Photo by Werner Reitboeck

***Hints and Tips for the Trial Field*, by Sue Main**

Reviewed by Molly King

Hints and Tips for the Trial Field is a very short book that serves as a reference guide to things that may seem obvious to an experienced handler and a mystery solver for the inexperienced handler. For the former, it is a good reminder of what is expected on the trial field in terms of polite behavior and good manners. For the latter it is a primer not only for trial etiquette, but also for how judges judge, how rules came to be and are part of the trialing process.

Sue uses practical language to explain trialing. I like that she cites ISDS guidelines and then explains them clearly, making the book useful for all readers... even including people who are on the sidelines watching skillful handlers and gifted sheepdogs but are not quite sure of the intricacies of what, why, where, and how?

Though we use the USBCHA handbook for our regulations, it is based on the ISDS rules that have been evolving over centuries. Following is the first paragraph in the USBCHA version:

The stockdog trials sanctioned by the USBCHA (HA) are modeled directly after trials in Britain where both sheepdog trials and the Border Collie originated. The “Rules for Trials” and “Notes for the Guidance of Judges” developed by the ISDS are recognized by the HA as the foundation of how HA trials are to be run and judged.

In its version, the USBCHA has attempted to clarify some of the ambiguities found in the ISDS version in order to make judging here as consistent as possible. However, as most of us have learned from trialing, not all judges see things exactly the same way. The HA has attempted to standardize the way trials are judged by providing more detail and specifics on the numerous situations that can occur and how they should be scored. One particularly gray area is the turn around the post, and Sue advises handlers to always ask the judge in the handler’s meeting what is wanted or expected.

This small book would be an asset on anyone’s bookshelf as a practical reference for trial etiquette as well as the basics of the trial field, explaining in words and in excellent illustrations what is expected of trial participants.

Sue Main has been training, handling and participating in sheepdog trials for over 25 years. She has judged Finals trials in the UK and internationally. She lives in Wales on a farm overlooking the beautiful Bala Lake, the largest natural lake in Wales. At this time, she has about 40 ewes and 30 lambs.

A limited number of copies of “Hints and Tips for the Trial Field” are available at bordercollicsanonymous.com, and the NEBCA library also has the book. It is also available from the ISDS shop on line.

Editor’s Note:

For a humorous and saddening and all too true counterpoint to Sue Main’s book and Molly’s review, see the item on the next page, submitted by Gabe Merrill. It is 24 years old, but still applicable. Thank you, Gabe, and thanks to the unknown author.

A Primer on Sportsmanship, author unknown

Sept 17, 1990

As the 1990 trial season winds up I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard to put on trials and keep the whole thing going. Thanks!

Most of the time the sportsmanship and fellowship have been first class.

However, sometimes there are a few among us who take things too seriously and once in a while lose perspective. Here are some things I, as a novice, have learned from the few who have come to take sheepdog trials as ranking just a notch below nuclear war in overall seriousness.

(1) If one ewe splits on ranch run, complain and insist she not be run again.

Don't forget the next class is Open and you could end up with her. Never mind that the dog has just come on like an express train, rattled the sheep, sliced a flank - all at a full gallop - and sent the sheep slamming into a panel. One point which I don't get - if she was so bad that the open dogs couldn't work her, why didn't that ranch dog get a rerun, or at least some bonus points (not unlike the difficulty points in figure skating).

(2) If the scores are not high enough never let the public think that the dogs are doing anything wrong. This could reflect badly on your image, cut the amount of TV coverage and sneaker endorsements you get next season. Instead go right into action: come off the field, grab the PA and explain to the audience that these are the best dogs in the Northeast, they really can pen the sheep, but the sheep at this trial are not suitably dog broke. Sure, somebody may ask you, "Do they train the sheep as well?" You just have to ignore that question. In fact you probably won't even have time to answer. YOU will have to high tail it out of there before somebody pens the sheep and you look the fool.

(3) If you need to train your 10-month-old dog, the exhaust area is the best place to do it. Ignore the fact that the trial manager has sent someone out to exhaust sheep with a suitably experienced dog. Just tell him in no uncertain terms that you came here to give this puppy experience, then push on in. Odds are that the other fellow will back down, and then your puppy can chase sheep all afternoon. Maybe not the best training, but your puppy did have a long ride and can use the exercise.

(4) Sometimes the sheep are not in great - or even good - physical shape. Never offer to help the sheep crew at 6:30a.m. sorting out the bad ones. Just wait until you are in front of others and tell the guy putting on the trial what you really think. Of course this can hardly be called constructive criticism, but then again you paid your money so fire away.

(5) If your dog grips, let him hang on. What the heck, the run is already over. Let him get it out of his system. He'll feel more relaxed and the sheep will have learned a lesson for next time. Given the ovine capacity for abstract thought, that ewe will be fully settled for her next time out.

(6) If you run out of time at the pen, kick the gate when you slam it. This way everybody will know that you wished you had not run out of time.

(7) Never look things over, decide that you and Fido aren't up to it, and withdraw. Operate under the theory that once you've paid your money you are entitled to: (a) docile sheep that will cover you and your dog's errors; (b) run at precisely the time you prefer; (c) pen the sheep no matter where your dog is or how he behaves; (d) a score over ninety (you'll even take a second or third for every two firsts), and (e) complain aloud with fervor as soon as the thought enters your mind (ignore that fact that some poor S.O.B. has spent \$1,000 and endless hours putting the whole thing together).

I wish I had invented all these behaviors, but I haven't. Anyway, I thought a lighthearted look at the small percentage of poor sportsmanship (and it really is a very small percentage), might be in order.

By the time you read this it will probably be holiday season... may yours be happy.

See you next Spring.

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Note: Not all breeders listed here are necessarily handlers.

NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE, 2014

Sep 13-14 NEBCA NOVICE FINALS

Stonebridge Farm
Gansevoort, NY
Two or Three Novice
Pam Davies
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Sep 19

Loon Mountain SDT

NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln, NH
One Open Points
NEBCA

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Entries 2 hrs Before Start or Email

Sep 19-21

Pipedream Farm SDT

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2 Open, 1 Novice & 3 Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Renee Billadeau
301-293-2797

Sep 19-21

Adriance Farm SDT

Rhinebeck NY
Two Open, One ProNovice, Ranch,
USBCHA Nursery
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Julie Williams
845-849-3275

Sep 22

Big E SDT

West Springfield, MA
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USBCHA/NEBCA
Pat Canaday
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Trial data

Sep 26-28

Long Shot Trial

Church Hill, MD
Pronovice, Ranch, USBCHA
Nursery & Two Open
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
410-708-2428

Sep 27-29

Swaledale SDT

Blackstock, ON
Two Open, Novice & Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Sheri Purcell
289-314-0999

Sep 28

Fryeburg Fair SDT

Fryeburg, ME
Open Points Trial
USBCHA/NEBCA
Gabe Merrill
68 Misty Lane
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207-935-2520

Sep 30–Oct 2

Indian River SDT

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

Oct 2-5

NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship & Pennsylvania State Championship

Harford Fairgrounds
Harford, PA
Two Open
One Double Lift
NEBCA
Denise Leonard
413-773-5232

Oct 3-5

Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT

Woodville, Ontario
Two Novice, Nursery & Open
USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC
Viki Kidd
416-277-4313

Oct 26

Milferns SDT

Truro, NS
Novice, Pronovice, Ranch
NEBCA
Anne Hamilton
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Oct 31-Nov 2

Long Shot Trial

Church Hill, MD
Pronovice, Ranch, USBCHA
Nursery & Two Open
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Dec 6

Long Shot SDT

Church Hill, MD
One Open, Ranch, ProNovice
& USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
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Jan 3, 2015

Long Shot SDT

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One Open, Ranch, ProNovice
& USBCHA Nursery
USBCHA/NEBCA
Sherry Smith
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What are these handlers doing? Where?

Molly King