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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several weeks ago, I had to say goodbye to Jake, my first and, probably forever, favorite Border Collie. Jake took me from my first herding lesson in 2003, to my first novice trial in 2004, and on to many, many Open trial successes in the years that followed.



He was a great partner, and I miss him. As members

of NEBCA, I'm sure that most of you can appreciate the relationship that I had with this dog. However, recent events have caused me to spend time thinking about the fact that the most important contribution that our dogs make is the special humans that they bring into our lives. Through our mutual love and respect for our dogs and the amazing work that they can do, we develop close friendships and bonds with people, most of whom we would probably never otherwise be lucky enough to meet.

Much of the focus of this issue of the newsletter is on some of those great NEBCA people, three of whom we have recently lost

Ellen Rusconi-Black -Ellen passed away unexpectedly in April. Her love of, commitment to, and enthusiasm for the mission of NEBCA were second to none. She will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. Valerie Pietraszewska has contributed a wonderful tribute to Ellen to this newsletter.

Vergil Holland - Vergil passed away earlier in April after a long battle with cancer. While he moved away from the NEBCA region many years ago, he was a major contributor in our early days. Steve Wetmore documents some of his contributions and accomplishments in an article included here.

Jean Johnson (Jean Kennedy) - We also lost Jean recently. She was a woman of many talents, a devoted friend to many, and was a successful handler and significant contributor to NEBCA until health issues caused her to step away. Sue Schoen has provided us with her thoughts and memories of Jean.

In addition to those we have lost, beginning in this issue of the newsletter, Maria Amodei has initiated a series of articles about long term members who have made great contributions to our organization. Roger Deschambeault is clearly one who should be at the top of that list and he is the focus here of an article written by his daughter Lynn.

It has been a long, hard, snowy winter here in the Northeast. As I write this, a new trialing season is about to begin for many of us. I look forward to seeing all of you, and your dogs, under the handlers' tent.

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ELLEN RUSCONI-BLACK

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By Val Pietraszewska

Where and when I first met Ellen, I don't remember. If she were here, I'd send her an email and ask her, because she probably could tell me. Most likely it was about 10 years ago that we became friends at a dog trial or clinic. She was running a little tri-colored bitch named Stevie and I was running a look alike named Jess.

Our friendship developed working in the sheep pen at a trials where Ellen's positive outlook and practical analytic mind would be put to good use as we worked together to get groups of sheep out to the field for trial runs. We'd enjoy our time visiting and studying runs from our end of the field. Ellen always volunteered to do any job at a trial, knowing that it takes lots of people to make a pleasant and successful trial. Ellen was quick to offer congratulations on a nice run or commiserate on those runs that were not so successful. Together we advanced in our abilities and



understanding of sheep and dogs. Having a passion for working with our dogs was an important part of our friendship but the fun we had together was key.

Twice Ellen and I attended the Sheepdog Nationals in Pennsylvania and Virginia and twice we traveled to Great Britain to attend the World Trials. Having seen in the past that our USA team to the World Sheepdog Trials received no support from the USBCHA, Ellen invested her own money in having hats made with the team logo in order to help raise money for the team and show support.

In her professional life, Ellen had been Vice President of Marketing for a non-profit that worked with people with mental and physical disabilities. Retirement to Ellen meant running her own goose management company, doing investigations for the state of Connecticut into complaints on behalf of people with mental and physical disabilities, doing occasional sheepdog demos, and knitting and selling hats made from the natural wool of her own sheep. Ellen kept a vegetable garden every summer and was a fantastic cook. In addition, Ellen and her husband Bill were part of a family operation that hayed 29 acres of fields at their farm in southern Connecticut.

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Ellen Black continued...

For a number of years, up until the time of her sudden and unexpected death, Ellen worked as treasurer for NEBCA. At the same time, she managed the printing and sales of NEBCA t shirts which were sold as a fund raiser for the club. For several years, Ellen and I were members of NEBCA's Learning Trials committee, when it was first conceived. Ellen made many important contributions to the mission of the committee and advised on the administration of the funds that NEBCA had allocated to help novice handlers. If you look at some of NEBCA's past calendars, you will find some wonderful photographs that Ellen took and submitted for the calendar.

I think it is apparent, from what I've recounted, that Ellen was to be admired for her hard work, intelligence and her sense of responsibility. However, Ellen's sense of humor and good spirits are what made her so much fun.

I will tell one anecdote from our trip to the USBCHA Sheepdog Nationals in Virginia. Bill had kindly lent us his brand new car to drive. When we packed up, Ellen informed me that Bill's rule was that there was no eating in the car which would mean that it would be a different kind of journey since we both loved to snack. About an hour into the trip, Ellen asked me if I was hungry. I replied that I was starving! Out came the cheese and crackers and we tried our best not to drop a crumb. As the days went by at the trial, the parking areas suffered from heavy rain and became a muddy mess which coated Bill's beautiful new car. At some point a bag of chips spilled in the back seat while we were on the road. We laughed like crazy over the mess but thanked our stars that Bill wasn't home when we returned and immediately emptied the car and worked with the shop vac for about half an hour to remove all of the evidence of our fun.

Just a short time before Ellen died, I asked her if she planned on going to some sheepdog trials this spring. She replied that although she and her dog were rusty and hadn't had a chance to work together during this long winter, she was looking forward to going to a number of trials so that she could see friends and socialize.

Truly, it was Ellen's joy of life, her love of her husband, her friends, her dogs and sheep that made Ellen one in a million.

WAUPOOS

By Sue Schoen

"Sue, It's Amanda. Bob Fleguel just called. They are moving the sheep the last weekend in April. Can you make it?" I move heaven and earth in response to this phone call. When I broke my leg playing touch football on Thanksgiving Day a few years back, I lay on the ground groaning, "Waupoos. Waupoos. I won't be able to go to Waupoos....."

In March we drove 2000 bred ewes (the Waupoos Sheep) five kilometers to a field of stored hay. We tailed them en masse in a light falling snow along the snow-banked route. They moved along smartly and we were done with the second trip of yearlings and goats by lunchtime. It was a lovely day, which ended with a fantastic lunch back at the farmhouse. The work was excellent for my young Spy and Amanda's Howell. Lulled into complacency, we were.

The return trip was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. The yearlings, goats and desperately late term ewes had been moved Friday on a converted school bus. We had 2000 very pregnant ewes to move. Amanda and I took turns driving packets of 200 down the road to be barged to Waupoos Island . There, they would be shorn, lamb on grass and spend the summer. The timing was critical. The Lake thawed late so the barging was delayed. In previous years they have moved sheep across the ice, but the spring ice could be treacherous. The mainland hay was depleted and lambing was imminent. Time to hit the road.

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Waupoos continued...

So the trick was: No snow banks. Hungry, thirsty ewes veering onto the shoulder and lawns of sweet green grass and beckoning puddles of water in the ditches. In the first half-kilometer, the dogs broke the sheep to the reality of staying on the road. Despite my best efforts, the sheep got a chance to eat and drink. The first trip was the toughest. Each trip took about an hour- a good pace for gravid girls. I preferred walking to the quad bike. Amanda is handier on the bike and drove. My dogs benefited from my help on foot. The trip was a blur of sheep butts, a staccato of hooves on pavement and beautiful scenery. Lake Ontario gleaming blue to the south; a hodgepodge of vineyards, tidy houses and hamlets to pass through. Tourist and resident traffic was thick on a lovely spring Saturday. There was a bake sale. I was sternly warned to avoid one crabby neighbor's inviting stretch of green lawn. But I never got a good idea of where this actually was. As we passed each stretch of lawn, I fretted, is this it? Is this it?" Sheep parade Russian roulette. Of course, on the third trip my sheep got stuck there big time. Amanda came along



to the rescue. No shots were fired.

Invariably, just as the ewes were flowing, the signal would be given to let traffic pass. The dogs would hustle the ewes off the road to settle and graze as the traffic flowed by. Most motorists were happy and appreciative with IPhones held out the window uploading video to Facebook. We would locate and stop our dogs and wave and grin for the tourists.

Then the dogs would have to get them organized and moving again. This got progressively more difficult as

the day wore on and the dogs became exhausted. The trade-off was by the end of the day the dogs knew the job and got on with it more efficiently. Amanda and I pooled our resources and did the last (tenth) trip together on bikes. It was a long, hard, exhausting day.

Spy wore her pads off and had to retire during the third trip. I had no time to diagnose her lameness so I tossed her, soaking wet, onto the lap of the nice WWoofie in the chase truck, As I walked on I glanced back to see my Spy eagerly peering through the windshield at the sheep ahead of her. That poor Woofie.

Monty was touched by a slow moving vehicle on the second trip. He was fine when all was said and done but that mishap cast a pall over the day. I had sheep on the road when Amanda raced up to tell me. She thought he was ok. I raced to look him over and got word to her that he was ok. Until then, the job hung in the balance. His injuries were relatively minor and we were able to finish. Monty prefers that we not talk about the details.

Amanda's sister asked us that night if it was fun. It was totally awesome, totally cool, but never fun. It was the toughest thing I've ever done with my dogs, but I would not have missed it for the world.



THE FAULTY DOG

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There are no perfect dogs. You can pretend your dog is perfect or opine about his faults, or... you can work to train your dog to improve those faulty areas and handle your dog to capitalize on the strengths and avoid the weaknesses. This column will describe a faulty dog, and offer suggestions from different people on training exercises to improve the dog and handling methods to get the best work from the dog on the field. The dogs described will all be successful Open dogs (past or present) that have significant faults. The absence of faults does not make a great dog. The presence of remarkable abilities makes a great dog.

Dog #2: 3 year old dog, some tension. Definitely works to partner, but sometimes struggles with commands when worried about controlling the stock. Good stop. Direct on a walkup and will come into pressure. Reasonably confident with resistant stock. Quite handler sensitive. Primary fault: Wants to run too wide on flanks.

Barbara Leverett's thoughts:

This type of dog is usually easy to start but attention must be paid to this fault early on because flanking wide if left alone usually gets worse not better. Since this dog will walkup and will come into pressure the wide flanking will be able to be dealt with by using these strengths that the dog has. Attempts to get this dog on unbroken sheep, not wild, but sheep that aren't people friendly would be very helpful. Last thing this dog needs is knee knockers.

Exercises to improve:

- If the dog flanks wide due to handler pressure or just handler presence I would stand sideways to the dog and avoid straight on pressure, especially in the early stages. When correcting the dog I would avoid correction followed by a flank. Make sure the dog is looking at the sheep and moving forward following a correction.
- Do work at hand in a corner and along a fence.
- Work on short flanks followed by a walk up.
- Condition the dog to a fast walk up.
- I start driving early with a dog like this. I would revisit the following exercise of walking behind the sheep and use the dog's name and "here, here", if the dog goes to flank out wide I would stop him and encourage him to move towards the sheep using myself by being animated and showing the dog this is where the fun is.
- Encourage the dog to turn in on sheep before it hits balance by using a there, walk in command.
- I encourage the dog to learn where the sweet spot is when handling side pressure. I do this by driving sheep along a fence line with some pressure out in the middle of the field and use a there/walk up command to keep the sheep flowing along the fence but not turning out into the field.
- Work sheep that have been shed off and move one group around the field while the others are standing there. Have the dog flank off the pressure and then catch them before the group can rejoin the others and then push them away with a fast walkup and praise. The handler should be moving around the field to make the balance point to the handler ever changing. Make it fun.
- I also train a counter flank whistle. For example the dog is flanking left and you know it will start bending out wider than he should, I give a morphed version of the right hand whistle. This morphed version is usually very quick and chirpy.
- I'll use the terrain in a field to help teach the dog the difference between a big flank and a short flank. If the dog goes to cast out around a knoll I would stop it with a there or down and give him a short flank whistle to direct him in on the near side of the knoll. This can be awkward at first but will be smoothed out over time. Dogs learn by showing them the difference in commands. With keeping that in mind I would also teach a widening flank whistle but I would spend more time pulling him in than whistling him out.

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Faulty Dog continued...

Handling methods:

- Start your flanks from a walk up position, not from a stop. The goal would be to have him moving forward before and after every flank. If the dog is too forward or the sheep are light, use a there command before each flank.
- Keep contact and flow by using your counter flanks and walk ups.

Remembering to use the handling tools you've developed for this dog can be difficult when things start happening fast. I find it helps to think of the goal as getting the dog to slice the end of his flanks.

Beverly Lambert's thoughts:

This sounds like quite a nice dog with one small problem. The "direct on a walkup" and "will come into pressure" would seem to indicate a dog with plenty of self-confidence not too worried about the behavior of the stock. Such a dog is worth the effort involved in dealing with the fault of being a wide runner.

I think that dogs run wide for two primary reasons. In the first case that is as close as they feel comfortable with their sheep and are hesitant about getting closer. Happily this doesn't appear to be the case with this dog and so I will leave how to deal with that problem to another writer. In the second case the dogs are comfortable, even eager to mix it up with the sheep but naturally flank away too wide when not otherwise engaged in pushing into the stock. Obviously in both cases the ideal situation is to recognize the tendency early and not allow it to develop into a full-grown problem.

The great danger is in the dog becoming wider and wider as his training progresses. These dogs can develop enormous wide outruns that look clever in a small fenced field and hopeless at the big trials. They can flank off their sheep so wide that they are constantly losing contact and never establish any sort of flow to their work. These are issues that on light sheep, in a smallish field are not major handicaps, but again at the big trials, on the tough sheep these dogs are going to find themselves at a huge disadvantage.

I have never found a magic cure for the too wide outrun or I would have used it many dogs ago. This is, however, a fault that is easy to see early on in training and as with other issues of wideness the best that I've been able to do is not make it worse.

I am training a young dog now who had a tight, up the middle outrun as a youngster but in circling sheep showed a tendency to go too wide. As a result I never made any effort to improve her outrun. I waited and worked with her at hand until she was almost two-years-old. I taught her to drive. I taught the commands for left and right. We worked on shedding and did pen work. Occasionally, when I would find myself somewhere with a place to practice outruns I would do outruns with her, but when she erred on being too tight I let it be and worked on her pace fetching.

It felt like a long wait. I didn't run her as a first year nursery dog as she had no outrun until she was almost two. By that time it had come right with a definite tendency to be too wide, as I had feared. Had I stepped in at the beginning of her training and pushed her out to correct her outrun I believe she would have ended up hopelessly wide.

Through all of her early training I was careful on her flanks and never allowed her to go too wide. This prevented her from developing a stupidly wide flank but did not prevent the tendency to be too wide. That tendency is bred in this dog, her father has it her grandparents have it and as far as I know it goes back to the first dog in her pedigree. It is part of the mix of qualities that make up this particular individual along with the color of her coat, her courage and her nice sense of pace and willingness to work with her handler.

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Faulty Dog continued...

In a mix of characteristics I otherwise like too wide is easily handled and trained around. The issue is to recognize early on that it has the potential to be a problem. It is too easy to congratulate oneself that the dog isn't too tight. The too wide dog is as wrong as the too tight dog and can't be allowed to be in the wrong place. It is disobedience, no different than not stopping or cutting the flank and needs to be dealt with as such.

Unlike with the tight dog, that can be gotten after with pressure the wide runner cannot be physically forced into closer proximity to the stock. The correction must still be made, however. The action must be anticipated so the correction is given at the right time; this is especially crucial because the handler can't use body language to reinforce the correction. This means that timing and consistency are even more important than with the tight running dog.

"Hey, get in here." Or "Hey, dog's name." Work for me.

I couple this corrective work with pushing sheep on to the dog and asking her to come in tight to turn them. Should this result in a grip I initially ignore the misdemeanor in favor of encouraging the desire to mix it up with the sheep and be in close. However, as training progresses a wide tendency is not a 'get out of jail free card' for any sort of bad behavior. The dog's training must progress, the wideness must move from undesirable behavior to a controlled tendency.

There is not a magic cure for the problems that are bred in the dogs. Every dog has faults. The trick is finding the dogs with whose faults the trainer is comfortable and then mitigating those faults as much as possible.

My young dog is too wide on her outrun, especially when she leaves my feet and this will on occasion costs us points. This is not the worst problem in the world as I have also had her do some outruns that flummoxed other dogs. She allows me to help her if she gets lost on her outrun and she is so fast and athletic that the wideness doesn't cost us any time.

I like this dog. I have had some tremendously successful dogs that wanted to be very wide. I have also had some very good dogs that wanted to be too tight. In each case it was the mix of qualities that determined if I liked the dog or not. One fault or one good quality do not make a dog.

VERGIL HOLLAND, 1944-2015

By Steve Wetmore

The Border Collie community lost a devoted friend and staunch supporter when Virgil Holland died on April 15th. In the early 80's, Vergil was an active NEBCA member and had a positive influence on the club, living first in Mass, then NY. He was NEBCA president from '84 through '86, and also was one of the region's most consistent handlers with his dogs Sugar and Robin. Robin was high points champion in 1983, and Vergil virtually owned the fall foliage trials, winning with Sugar in '82, Robin in '83, and Sugar in both '84 and '85. He also hosted the fall foliage twice, once in Mass and once in NY, as well as judging the fall foliage in 1988 when it was held in VT.

More recently, Vergil authored the book "Herding Dogs; Progressive Training", and founded the Training Center for Advancement of Working Stockdogs. He was an excellent teacher, and national level handler, winning many trials around the country, including Reserve Champion with Brooke at the 2011 Nat'l Finals in Col.

NEBCA sends sincere condolences to Vergil's family; he will be missed by many.

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By Lynn Deschambeault

Dad started out as a kid on a farm that always had working dogs of one sort or another. English Shepherds and probably some BC crosses. He was raised on a dairy farm and the dogs were expected to earn their keep working the cows. I heard stories as a kid growing up of Shep the English Shepherd, I don't remember him, but I do know he was a tough dog that demanded respect, he was not an easy dog. Next was Dusty a tall thin BC mix possibly, he got the job done, but was never the dog Shep was. Both were expected to bring cows in from the pasture and from the free stall into the milking parlor. Dad's dogs in those days didn't have much "real" training. When we lost Dusty we were without a dog, Dad found a litter of registered Border Collies at Wolf Neck farm, the pups were 12 weeks or so old

and there were 3 males left in the litter. We went to see them and Dad chose Jack a tri color with a crooked blaze. This was probably 1972 or so. My brother and I were thrilled to have a pup and taught Jack all kinds of "useless dog tricks". Dad was never really happy that he was being "spoiled" but Jack had personality plus and soon Dad was "spoiling" him too. Jack always finished the last little bit of coffee from Dads cup each morning. He knew each family member by name and would go wake each of us up as asked, he passed out Christmas presents, he climbed ladders and would go get the fencing pail when Dad needed supplies to fix fence. Soon Dad decided Jack must have a mate, he couldn't chance being without a dog again so as everyone at that time did, we called Edgar Gould! We started with a bitch that was a year or so old, she didn't work out, so back to Edgar she went and a tiny little black pup came to Nearfield Farm, she was named Jill by Dad, yes now we had Jack and Jill! Jill was a good farm dog and was deemed worthy of Jacks pups so we bred the 2. I believe there were 5 pups in I think it was '79 several went to local farmers, my



aunt Gabe got one, and we kept a female dad named Lady. Lady was the first dog that really was trained to trial level. Dad had met Maurice MacGregor through the farm. Maurice drove a truck that delivered supplies to the farm and told Dad about the competitions and so dad started to go watch and learn what these BC's could really do. Dad started to trial Lady, I believe in Open, there were only a novice trial or 2 back in those days. Soon I got a year old BC that came from Maurice, I started her, but had no interest in trialing so Dad took over Daisy and never looked back.

Daisy was Dads first NEBCA Champion, he has had several others since. He has trained most himself and he has also bred most of the dogs he now runs.

Dad has "stock sense" which helped him learn how to train BC's, he has the ability to watch someone else train and understand what and why they are doing what they are doing. I don't believe he has ever had a lesson or gone to a clinic, he has watched some of the greats Jim Cropper and Aled Owen to name a few at their farms training and can come away saying "did you see what he was doing and why".... me "NO", I would see what they were doing, but not understand why! Dad has been training and trialing for 35 years or better he started at the bottom. I know when he started going to trials the shed was optional many times, if you could do it you earned extra points, he often got those extra points.

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Roger Deschambeault continued...



In his first NEBCA
Finals, not sure if it was
yet called the Fall
Foliage he ran my Daisy
and I believe also his
home bred Lady and I
don't know if he
placed, but they
awarded him a Good
Sportsmanship award
voted on by the
handlers. I don't know
if any award since has
meant as much!

Dad is still actively trialing and training his own pups, breeding a litter now and then.

By Gabe Merrill

Roger started training his own young horse as a young man. He did very well with him in competitions. They say a lot of dog people started with horses. Roger had Border Collies on the farm helping with the dairy herd before he started trialing. I think it was Maurice McGregor that got him interested in trialing. Maurice was into trialing at the time.

It must have been in the early eighties that I remember Roger trialing. When he started I do not remember. I was busy with my own family at that time. The first time I saw Roger compete in a trial was the Fall Foliage in Pepperrell, Mass. I think he was running Lynn's Daisy. She wanted to go and watch so off we went on the adventure of finding

the field. It was there that Roger was given the good sportsman award. The only one that I remember there was Edgar Gould. I bought my first whistle there. Guess that is where I got the trialing bug. I had a border collie as a pet that my son had bought after losing our standard collie. We always had one with the kids growing up. So I messed around with him a little and the rest is history, I was hooked.

Roger had many trials in the small field in front of the farm, then he moved onto the big field where he has had many trials.

Over the years Roger has helped many along the way with their dogs. They would come and get help with so many problems. Many hours were spent in the field, working dogs with friends. Along the way we all met some notable handlers that stayed with him and judged the trials: Ralph Pulfer, George Gardner, John Harvey and Jim Cropper.







TRIAL RESULTS

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LONG SHOT FARM - 10 JAN 2015

Open 19 dogs

Doug Brewer Ben 81
Pam Gardner Midge 76
Walt Zieser Rose 63
Carolyn West Abe 62
Sherry Smith Bay 62
Pam Gardner Meg 58
Terri Chisman Howl 57
Terri Chisman Carmne 56
Nancy Obernier Spot 51
Nancy Obernier Nell 48
Nancy Liptak Zac 41
Sally Glei Lena 40

Ranch 11 dogs

Walt Zieser Dot 72
Doug Brewer Fly 52
Doug Brewer Ben 1 52
Sally Glei Wes 46
Kathy Thompson Grace 45
Pam Gardner Kena 42
Melynda Morgan Beck 35
Melynda Morgan Quelle 35
Pam Mueller Fly 34

Pro Novice 9 dogs

Pam Gardner Rody 50 Mark Soper Gyp 46 Albert Pritchard Moss 43 Lynn Roberts Spain 39 Nancy Obernier Liz 37 Josh Newcomb Cash 29

OBCC NEW YEAR'S DAY TRIAL - 1 JAN 2015

Open 15 dogs

	Handler	Dog	Results
1	Amanda Milliken	Dorey	97
2	Amanda Milliken	Monty	92
3	Kevan Gretton	Jake	86
4	Viki Kidd	Reed	85
5	Amanda Milliken	Howell	85
6	Carol Guy	Hank	78
7	Kevan Gretton	Clint	78
8	John Palmer	Preacher	76
9	Viki Kidd	Merle	75
10	Carol Guy	Will	68
11	Teresa Castonguay	Ross	59
12	John Palmer	Nickie	40
13	Janet Fahey	Dod	RT
14	Louise Hadley	Kate	RT
15	Victoria Lamont	Dizzy	DQ

Nursery - 5 dogs

1 Amanda Milliken Puppa-Prince

Ranch - 5 dogs

1	Tara Dier	Kellv	
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Pro-Novice 18 dogs

			OBCC	NEBCA
	Handler	Dog	Results	Results
1	Kevan Gretton	Sid	70	68
2	Amanda Milliken	Puppa- Prince	68	59
3	Kelly Knowlton	Brynn	66	59
4	Stacey Rember	Teg	63	56
5	Victoria Lamont	Ed	61	56
6	Stacey Rember	Mac	62	58







CASCADE FARM NEBCA BENEFIT SDT RESULTS

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Saturday May 9, 2015 Judge: Maria Amodei

Pro-Novice: 16 dogs, Run-off for 1st

- 1- Chris Bowen & Henry 64
- 2- Brenda Buja & River 64
- 3- Danielle Eriksen & Quinn 63
- 4- Mary Brighoff & Dewy 56
- 5- Martha Walke & Jude 47
- 6- Ellen Court & Celt 47
- 7- Kate4 Collins & Tux 47
- 8- Barbara Leverett & Roxy 45
- 9- Liz Shaw & Jura 44
- 10- Bruce Smart & Moss 42

Ranch: 12 dogs

- 1- Linda Clark & Lyn 64
- 2- Mary Ann Duffy & Jet 53
- 3- Joan Worthington & Saint 31

Open: 22 dogs *=top 20%

1- Martha Walke & Cy 87* First Open Win!

- 2- Fiona Robertson & Mirk 83*
- 3- Warren Mick & Eddie 81*
- 4- Peter van de Carr & Bear 79*
- 5- Barbara Leverett & Bob 73
- 6- Emma Court & Maia 72
- 7- Sallie Butler & Roo 71
- 8- Maria Mick & Bodie 57
- 9- Sallie Butler & Sky 57
- 10- Fiona Robertson & Fen 54

Sunday May 10, 2015 Judge: George Northrup

Pro-Novice: 15 dogs

- 1- Chris Bowen & Henry 74
- 2- Mary Brighoff & Dewy 72
- 3- Brenda Buja & River 69
- 4- Kate Collins & Tux 61
- 5- Martha Walke & Jude 58
- 6- Barbara Leverett & Roxy 55
- 7- Liz Shaw & Jura 52
- 8- Danielle Eriksen & Ouinn 49
- 9- Ellen Fowler & Celt 49

10- Mary Ann Duffy & Stan 49

Ranch: 10 dogs

- 1- Deborah Donahue & Britt 68
- 2- Linda Clark & Lyn 64
- 3- Emma Court & Chevy 62
- 4- Joan Worthington & Saint 61
- 5- Mary Ann Duffy & Jet 55
- 6- Ginny Prince & Dar 46

Open: 24 dogs *=top 20%

- 1- Maria Amodei & Levi 89*
- 2- Fiona Robertson & Fen 88*
- 3- Kate Collins & Ela 85*
- 4- Peter van de Carr & Bear 84*
- 5- Maria Mick & Bodie 80*
- 6- Maria Amodei & Marcus 79
- 7- Sallie Butler & Roo 79
- 8- Maria Amodei & Song 77
- 9- Fiona Robertson & Mirk 77
- 11- Emma Court & Maia 73



To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace.

Milan Kundera





MASS SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL MAY 23/24

	Saturday Novice/Nov	rice (8 dogs)		8	Lippolis, Kim	Deke	66	11	VandeCar, Peter	Leif	79
1	Wickman, Diana	Abel*	59	9	Snowden, Victoria	Prim	64	12	Leonard, Denise	Emmie*	79
2	Warner, Wendy	Tessa	58	10	Reiter, Sara	Speck	63	13	Leverett, Barbara	Bess	78
3	West, Debbie	Fizz*	57	11	Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	62	14	Nunan, Michael	Сар	76
4	Fincher, Holly	Maat*	56	12	Fowler, Ellen	Celt*	61	15	Mick, Maria	Bodie	68
5	Dury, Wally	Fate*	27	13	Northrop, George	Tot	60	16	Hanchett, Melody	Canon*	64
	Sunday Novice/Novi	ice (9 dogs)		14	Prince, Ginny	lda*	50	17	Williams, Julie	Joe*	63
1	Wickman, Diana	Abel*	71	15	Shaw, Liz	Jura	45	18	Yazwinski, Emily	Teal*	44
2	West, Debbie	Fizz*	62	16	Ames, Bud	Jeb	37	19	Yazwinski, Emily	Mac	41
3	Wasielewski, Mary	Bryce	59		Saturday Ranch	(17 dogs)		20	Wetmore, Steve	Dart*	36
4	Crepeau, Sheila	Luna	55	1	Hunt, Pam	Styx	82	21	Butler, Sally	Sky*	31
5	Fincher, Holly	Maat*	50	2	Bowen, Chris	Henry*	82		Sunday Open (3	•	
6	Tsuruda, Lori	Ben	45	3	Court, Emma	Chevy*	80	1	Leonard, Denise	Emmie*	93
7	Warner, Wendy	Tessa	51	4	Clark, Linda	Lyn	77	2	Mick, Warren	Eddie*	88
	Saturday Pro-Novice			5	Duffy, Mary Ann	Stan	74	3	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	88
1	Duarte, Deb	Jillie	74	6	Duffy, Mary Ann	Jet	66	4	Leverett, Barbara	Bob*	85
2	Brighoff, Mary	Dewy*	73	7	Dickinson, Donna	Gel	61	5	Wetmore, Steve	Floss*	84
3	Snowden, Victoria	Prim	71	8	Prince, Ginny	Dar*	54	6	Drummond, Rob	Casey	83
4	Leverett, Barbara	Roxy*	69	9	Drummond, Rob	Joe	54	7	Leonard, Denise	Maggie*	80
5	Northrop, George	Tot	67	10	Lippolis, Kim	Becky	53	8	Collins, Kate	Ela	77
6	Collins, Kate	Tux*	67	11	Holmgren, Bob	Slick*	39	9	VandeCar, Peter	Leif	77
7	Hunt, Pam	Torrie*	64		Sunday Ranch (15 dogs)		10	Armata, Barbara	Meg	76
8	Walke, Martha	Jude	63	1	Hunt, Pam	Styx	85	11	VandeCar, Peter	Bear	75
9	Holbrook, Elayne	Glenn	62	2	Court, Emma	Chevy*	80	12	Armata, Bernie	Sam*	74
10	Reiter, Sara	Speck	62	3	Clark, Linda	Lyn	74	13	Leverett, Barbara	Bess	74
11	Snowden, Victoria	Gypsy	60	4	Holmgren, Bob	Slick*	74	14	Hanchett, Melody	Canon*	73
12	Maillet, Debbie	Typhoon*	59	5	Dickinson, Donna	Gel	61	15	Mick, Warren	Shep*	73
13	Maillet, JP	Hurricane*	57	6	Armata, Barbara	Natalie	60	16	Williams, Julie	Joe*	72
14	Fowler, Ellen	Celt*	56	7	Donahue, Deborah	Britt	57	17	Butler, Sally	Sky*	72
15	Prince, Ginny	lda*	55	8	Leonard, Denise	Chloe*	57	18	Armata, Barbara	Kate*	71
16	Shaw, Liz	Jura	55		Saturday Open (34 dogs)		19	Geier, Joyce	Jim*	71
17	Reiter, Sara	Chet	43	1	Leverett, Barbara	Bob*	96	20	Bowen, Chris	Bella	71
18	Lippolis, Kim	Deke	39	2	Court, Emma	Maia*	95	21	Fetterman, David	Emma*	69
	Sunday Pro-Novice	(19 dogs)		3	Levinson, Barbara	Bill	92	22	Northrop, George	Annie	69
1	Leverett, Barbara	Roxy*	77	4	Leonard, Denise	Maggie*	92	23	Yazwinski, Emily	Teal*	68
2	Holbrook, Elayne	Glenn	76	5	Geier, Joyce	Jim*	91	24	Levinson, Barbara	Bill	67
3	Brighoff, Mary	Dewy*	74	6	Wetmore, Steve	Floss*	91	25	Nunan, Michael	Сар	63
4	Reiter, Sara	Chet	74	7	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	87	26	Yazwinski, Emily	Mac	50
5	Hunt, Pam	Torrie*	68	8	VandeCar, Peter	Bear	85	27	Butler, Sally	Roo	0
6	Collins, Kate	Tux*	66	9	Mick, Maria	Nick	84		•		
7	Walke, Martha	Jude	66	10	Armata, Barbara	Meg	81				

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BOBTAIL SHEEPDOG TRIAL MAY 30/31

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Open 1 (49 dogs)					Open 2 (50 dogs)				Pro Novice 1 (21 dogs)		
1	Henigin, Jeanine	Sam	90	1	Mick, Warren	Eddie	90	1	Molloy, Sally	Mist	74
2	Reitboeck, Werner	Sigi	87	2	Murphy, Joanne	Awel	88	2	Robinson, lan	Eve	66
3	Geier, Joyce	Jim	85	3	LeFever, Gwenn	Soot	85	3	Lamont, Victoria	Ellie	64
4	LeFever, Gwenn	Soot	79	4	Henigin, Jeanine	Sam	83	4	Drummond, Rob	Tom	62
5	Collins, Kate	Ella	79	5	Polites, Michael	Taff	82	5	Chute, Peggy	Olive	62
6	Hoeber, Tom	Quinn	78	6	Geier, Joyce	Jim	81	6	Davies, Pam	Dilys	60
7	Polites, Michael	Taff	75	7	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	80	7	Reiter, Sara	Chet	59
8	Davies, Pam	Teilo	74	8	Collins, Kate	Ella	80	8	Reiter, Sara	Speck	57
9	Nadelman, Heather	Во	73	9	Reitboeck, Werner	Roy	79	9	Palmer, Ann	Nell	51
10	Davies, Pam	Jet	73	10	Davies, Pam	Jet	78	10	Lamont, Victoria	Pepper	51
11	Palmer, Ann	Tess	72	11	Levinson, Barbara	Bill	77	11	Reitboeck, Werner	Molly	38
12	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	70	12	Molloy, Sally	Sid	76	12	Gambill, Judy	Finn	38
13	Murphy, Jim	Jim	70	13	Court, Emma	Maia	74		Pro Novice 2 (1	.8 dogs)	
14	Worthington, Joan	Dee	70	14	Murphy, Jim	Jim	74	1	Palmer, Ann	Nell	71
15	Wilentz, Eileen	Ray	69	15	Drummond, Rob	Casey	74	2	Liptak, Nancy	Ben	68
16	Chambers, Maggie	Mose	69	16	Nadelman, Heather	Во	73	3	Robinson, lan	Eve	63
17	Molloy, Sally	Gyp	66	17	LeFever, Gwenn	Nyx	72	4	Gambill, Judy	Finn	61
18	Davies, Pam	Patch	66	18	Smart, Bruce	Hemp	71	5	Molloy, Sally	Mist	58
19	Court, Emma	Maia	66	19	Wilentz, Eileen	Ray	70	6	Lamont, Victoria	Ellie	57
20	Molloy, Sally	Sid	65	20	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	70	7	Wilentz, Eileen	Celt	56
21	Hoeber, Tom	Mia	65	21	Chambers, Maggie	Strike	70	8	Reiter, Sara	Speck	56
22	Nadelman, Heather	Flinn	63	22	Sheninger, Gene	Ket	67	9	Collins, Kate	Tux	45
23	Court, Emma	Chevy	63	23	Hoeber, Tom	Quinn	69	10	Reiter, Sara	Chet	36
24	LeFever, Gwenn	Nyx	63	24	Molloy, Sally	Gyp	66	11	Lippolis, Kim	Deke	35
25	Chambers, Maggie	Strike	63	25	Davies, Pam	Patch	64	12	Schwartz, David	Jack	34
27	Palmer, Ann	Dot	53	26	Worthington, Joan	Dee	62	13	Kuckenbecker,	Aero	18
28	Levinson, Barbara	Bob	52	27	Dawkins, Morgan	Gillly	57	13	Barbara	Aero	10
29	Smart, Bruce	Hemp	51	28	Hoeber, Tom	Mia	55	14	Asten, Sue	Bea	Ret
30	Lamont, Victoria	Diz	45	29	Fossetta, Linda	Murk	52				
31	Asten, Sue	Jed	41	30	Worthington, Joan	Saint	51				
32	Worthington, Joan	Saint	35	31	Asten, Sue	Jed	48				



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Training (items in red are new to the collection)

Viv Billingham - One Woman and Her Dog

E. B. Carpenter - The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork

Iris Combe - Border Collies

Katy Cropper - A Dog's Life in the Dales (missing)

Bruce Fogt - Lessons From A Stockdog (3)

Eric Halsall - Sheepdog Trials (2)

Julie Hill - The Natural Way (Rev. Ed.)

Vergil Holland - Herding Dogs: Progressive Training (2)

John Holmes - A Farmer's Dog (3)

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ISDS - Training a Sheepdog: A Guide for the New Handler

H. Glyn Jones - A Way Of Life

Scott Lithgow - Training and Working Dogs for Quiet

Confident Control of Stock

Thomas Longton & Barbara Sykes - Training The Sheepdog (2)

Tim Longton & Edward Hart - The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training (2)

Sue Main - Hints and Tips for the Trial Field

Luke Pasio - Heather Jean: The Working Sheepdog (not

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Marjorie Quarton - All About the Working Border Collie

Pope Robertson - Anybody Can Do It (2)

Julie Simpson - The Natural Way (2)

Derek Scrimgeour - Talking Sheepdogs (2)

Barbara Sykes - Understanding Border Collies

Mari Taggart - Sheepdog Training: An All-Breed

Approach

John Templeton - Working Sheep Dogs: Management

and Training

Top Trainers Talk About Starting a Sheepdog

Delta Society - Professional Standards for Dog

Trainers: Effective, Humane Principles

American Humane Society - Guide to Humane Dog

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Shepherd's Life (items in red are new to the collection)

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John Barrington - Red Sky At Night

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David Kennard - The Dogs of Woodcutter Down: One

Shepherd's Struggle for Survival

- A Shepherd's Watch

Michael Mathers - Shepherders: Men Alone

Roy Saunders - Sheepdog Glory: The Story of a

Working Border Collie

Iain R Thomson - Isolation Shepherd

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American Rescue Dog Association - Search and Rescue

Dogs: Training Methods

Jane Burton - A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog

Family (photos)

Geri Byrne - Sheepdog Champions of North America

E. B. Carpenter - The Blue Riband of the Heather, The

Supreme Champions 1906-1988 (2)

Betty Cavanna - The First Book of Wool

Raymond Coppinger & Lorna Coppinger - Dogs

Angie Driscoll - The World of Sheepdogs: A Photographic Tribute (coffee table book)

Noel Flanders - The Joy Of Running Sled Dogs

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Bruce Fogle, DVM - The Dog's Mind: Understanding

Your Dog's Behavior

Colin Gordon - One Man's Opinion, An Approach &

Guide To Judging Sheepdog Trials (2)

Leo Gowan - The Craft of Stickmaking

Sheila Grew-Key Dogs from the Border Collie Family (2)



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Eric Halsall - Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends Edward Hart - Jim Cropper: The Dog Man

Pat Hastings - Puppy Development

Jon Katz - A Good Dog

Janet Larson - The Versatile Border Collie (2)

Donald McCaig - Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men

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Karen Pryor - Don't Shoot the Dog! The New Art of

Teaching & Training

Jane Simmons-Moake - Agility Training - The Fun Sport

for All Dogs

Christine Smith - Your Secret Coach

Eddie Straiton - Dog Ailments: Recognition &

Treatment

Barbara Swann - The Complete Border Collie

Elizabeth Marshall Thomas - The Social Lives of Dogs

Betty Levin - Away To Me, Moss

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1991 British International Championship(VHS)

1992 British International Sheepdog Trials(VHS)

1993 International Supreme Sheepdog

Championship(VHS, 2)

1994 International Supreme Championship(VHS)

1994 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (4 set

VHS)

1995 British International Supreme

Championship(VHS, 3)

1995 National Finals (VHS)

1996 International Supreme Championship(VHS)

1996 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (4 set VHS)

1998 International Supreme Championship(VHS, 2)

1998 USBCHA/ABCA National Finals, Top 20 (VHS)

1999 U.S. Border Collie Handler's Finals (VHS, 2)

2000 USBCHA Finals (VHS)

2001 International Supreme Championship(VHS)

2001 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)

2001 Bluegrass Classic Sheepdog Trial (DVD)

2001 & 2004 In the Mind of a Champion: Scott Glen & Alasdair MacRae & Their Winning Runs (DVD)

2001 National Cattledog Finals (VHS)

2002 British International Supreme Championship (VHS)

2002 ISDS Bala World Sheepdog Trials (VHS)

2002 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)

2003 ISDS International Sheepdog Trials (VHS)

2003 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (VHS)

2004 ISDS International Sheepdog Trials (VHS)

2005 ISDS World Sheepdog Trials, Tullamore, Ireland (VHS)

2005 ISDS World Sheepdog Trials: The Semi Finals (DVD) & The Top 5 Runs (DVD)

2006 National Sheepdog Finals: Top 2 Runs (DVD)

2007 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals (2 DVDs)

2010 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (6 DVDs)

2011 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (8 DVDs)

2012 National Sheepdog Finals: Semi Finals (4 DVDs);

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DVDs); Double Lift Finals (4 DVDs)

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Charles Bowden - The Last Shepherds (DVD)

Tony Collins - Training the Working Border Collie, Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS; DVD)

Katie Cropper - One Woman And Her Dog (VHS)

Gary Erickson - Training the Working Stockdog (VHS)

Julie Hill - The Natural Way (DVD)

Mike Hubbard-Stockdog Training Fundamentals (VHS, 2)

- Training Your Dog for Cattle (VHS)
- SDTF Out Work & Drives (VHS, 2)
- H. Glyn Jones Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training (VHS, 2; DVD)
- That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience (VHS, 2; DVD)
- Take Time! (VHS, 2; DVD)

Elvin Kopp - Training the Working Stock Dog:

Pt. 1 - Developing the Natural Instinct (VHS, 2)

Pt. 2 - Mechanical Training (VHS, 2)

Pt. 3 - Practical Applications (VHS, 3)

Scott Lithgow - How To Get the Most From Your Working Dog (VHS, 2)

Andy Nickless - First Steps in Border Collie Training: From Chaos to Control (DVD, 3)

Alasdair MacRae - A Shedding Clinic With Alasdair MacRae (DVD, 2)

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British Sheep Fairs and Crafts (VHS)

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Aled Owen - 'Time Well Spent' with Aled Owen (DVD)
Phil Phillips - How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs
(VHS)

Derek Scrimgeour - A Hill Shepherd Trains His Border Collies (VHS; DVD, 2)

- The Shepherds Pup (2 VHS set; 2 DVD set)
- Training Secrets of a Hill Shepherd (2 DVD set)

Patrick Shannahan - Building a Winning Team: Off to a Good Start (DVD)

- Building a Winning Team: Headed in the Right Direction

The Sheepdog Video: The Training & Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of a Small Flock (VHS, 2)

Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and Ducks (VHS; DVD)

Christopher Timothy - The Year of the Working Sheepdog (DVD; VHS)

Training and Working a Border Collie (VHS, 3)

University of Guelph Series: Pt. 1: Selections and Early Training of Border Collies (VHS)

Pt. 2: Basic Training for Sheep Work (VHS)

Pt. 3: Advanced Training for Sheep Work (VHS)

Stuart Walton - A Look

David C. Henderson – Lamb Survival (VHS)

Pryor & Wilkes – Sit! Clap! Furbish! How to Teach

Cues & Establish Behavioral Control(VHS)



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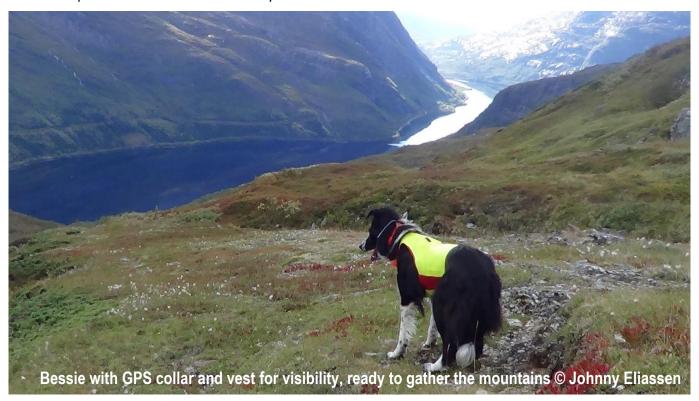


SHEPHERDING IN NORWAY

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Elisabeth Johansen & Johnny Eliassen

We are Johnny and Elisabeth. We live on a medium sized farm by North-Norwegian standards on an island with about 300 inhabitants, north of the polar circle. We have 70 goats in a dairy farm, and about 120 sheep. Half of the sheep stock is of the Norwegian White breed, the other half is of the Old Norwegian Landrace. The Landrace usually goes by the name "Wild Sheep" or "Viking Sheep", as it is the one breed we have in Norway that is closest to the old, wild sheep with all its "wild traits", the kind the Vikings used to farm. They are also much smaller and it's not a lot of meat on them, but they are considered a delicacy as the meat from the "Viking sheep" tastes more like venison. They get little to no pellets. They eat heather, branches, seaweeds and most of the stuff the more domesticated and crossbred breeds wouldn't touch. They are a pretty self-sufficient breed with little to no trouble during lambing and are generally built to live the tough life on the Norwegian coast. The Norwegian White sheep is a "synthetic" sheep breed, bred from foreign crossbreeds to give a meatier, fast growing, more prolific, larger sheep. The Norwegian White Sheep is considered to be the "money breed".



These days, sheep farming isn't very profitable unless you go big. A stock of at least 250 Norwegian White sheep is considered the least amount of sheep to have, to keep it economically sufficient, which is a challenge for a lot of farmers especially up north. There are a lot of reasons for this; lack of food for the winter, lack of space and also wild predators combined with the nature of the landscape gives it an extra challenge. A lot of sheep farmers have a job outside of the farm to make it go around economically, or combine the sheep farming with other agricultural jobs, like cattle, goat or pig farming which is more profitable.

We've been farmers since the 80s and we've been using sheepdogs since the very beginning. Soon after we started up with sheep, the need for a working dog became pretty clear. With high mountains and deep valleys it was nearly impossible to herd the sheep on two slow feet in this landscape. I got my first border collie in '81, and attended my first trial 1990. Since then I was hooked. Elisabeth got her first sheepdog in '88, and attended her first trial in '94,

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and has since won several championships in Northern Norway, and has also been the North Norwegian Champion and attended the Norwegian Nationals with good results.

The lambing season begins in May. In the end of May the ewes and lambs are herded away from the farm and out on free, open, wild pastures up towards the mountains, where they roam wild and free until fall. Where we live, we are fortunate enough to be surrounded by a few, smaller, uninhabited islands, where the rams from several farms

around here are shipped to, to graze for the summer.

During this time, we wander out to check up on them regularly and supervise them to make sure they're healthy and doing well. All the ewes have bells around their necks, so we walk until we hear the sound of their bells. The dogs learn to listen for the bells to search for them, while using their amazing sense of smell and sight. We know the sheep's nature of wandering and their favorite places to hang out in the wild, so we know where to look for them. Sometimes they wander quite far, and we have to use the dogs to



herd them closer to home. We have found them in gardens and strawberry fields at the other side of the island, which isn't always that popular amongst the villagers. A good working dog is needed to get the sheep out of the tempting strawberry fields! And also to keep them in check while we wander the long way home over the mountain.

In the beginning of September, it's time to bring the sheep down from the mountain (and the rams from the uninhabited island). We use GPS-collars on the dogs and use Walkie-Talkies between ourselves. Then we spread out and look for the sheep, me with my dog, Elisabeth with hers. The sheep tend to walk higher up on the mountains to find fresh food to eat, as most of the grass longer down will have been eaten or withered at this point. It's not that hard to find them up there, but the real work is to get them back down from the mountain and home to the farm. This is where the dogs are priceless in their work. With the help of the dogs, we can guide the sheep through steep hills and mountainsides with ease. Also, since the sheep have been wandering mostly alone out in the wild, they tend to become more wild and shy of people. The dogs are a tremendous help to get the semi wild sheep back down.

When the sheep are safely home, we weigh them and sort out the ones that will become dinner. Lambs over 50 kg (110 lbs) go straight to the slaughter house, the rest are held back to fatten them up until they reach the right weight, then they are sent to the slaughterhouse too.

We live so far up north that in the summer, we experience daylight 24/7 until late fall. This makes the sheep walk around grazing at all times, day and night, which gives great growth for the lambs.

Not everyone practices this type of mountain grazing and herding. Further south in the country, there are less mountains and less valleys, but more open spaces and larger fields that open up for rotational grazing in fenced in areas. But up north there are mostly mountains, and the fields are used to harvest winter feed for the sheep while they are roaming free in the wild. As far north as we are, it's normal to get one harvest from each field during the season. Further south they get two, sometimes even three harvests from the same field if it has been a long and warm summer.

Most farmers shear their sheep during fall and keep them inside in the winter. But we live by the coast and have a relatively mild climate, so we make it so the sheep can decide themselves if they want to stay inside or outside, as

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they please. We feed them outside straight from the "tractor egg", and they have shelter to seek to if the weather gets too cold. The dogs get a winter vacation, but we do try to keep them sharp by training them, or hooking them up in front of the kicksled for a run.

The Border Collie as a sheepdog is mostly used by sheep farmers. It is not common at all to herd cattle like we herd sheep, as Norwegian cattle farms keep their cows in larger, fenced enclosures. We have at a couple occasions helped out a local cow farm to herd a couple of calves that ran away, but it's not something that's common.



As helpful as a sheep dog is on a sheep farm, not every sheep farmer has one. Sometimes we step in to help other farmers to herd their sheep back home during fall, or because their sheep are threatened by predators out in the wild. Since we live on an island, our only predator enemy is the golden eagle and the odd dog who's gotten off the leash. But on the mainland other farmers have the lynx, wolverines, golden eagles, foxes and sometimes bears to worry about. In the middle part of Norway and down south they have all that, including wolves.

We also use the dogs to find sheep cadavers, sheep that have been killed by predators. It is important to find and document these cadavers to make sure that the animals hasn't gotten lost and is stuck somewhere, and because sheep death by predators needs to be documented properly to get economic compensation from the authorities for the loss of the animal.

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The Norwegian Trialing organization is "Norsk Sau og Geit" (Norwegian Sheep & Goat). It is the same organization that has to do with Norwegian sheep and goat farming. They arrange over a hundred trials around the country during a year, most of the trials run through August to October. Both farmers and "hobby herders" attend these trials, but mostly sheep farmers. The Border Collie is the most used breed in these trials, but the Kelpie is also relevant. Depending on where the trial is held, the attendance on these trials varies a lot from 10-15 people to 100 people, but there is often an audience. Also some people have to travel quite a bit to get to these trials so it usually goes over a weekend, so it becomes a social event too.

Both Elisabeth and I are trial judges, and I myself have judged in the Norwegian National Trials two times. During the Norwegian Nationals we've sometimes had to drive up to 48 hours (one way) to get to the trials. Norway is a small country but with big distances, and as the Norwegian sheep herding community in the North of Norway is a fairly small and wide spread community, travelling long distances to attend trials is to be expected.

Our dogs are good working companions, good friends and a wonderful hobby, and the dogs has also given us friends from all over the world online! We've even had the pleasure to meet some of these people in real life, which is amazing. The Sheep dog community is a great place to be, with a lot of great people!



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ROAD WARRIORS

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By Joyce Geier

You've heard them talk about it. You've dreamed about joining their ranks. You've fantasized about spending week after week trialing on new and different fields. You've dreamed about becoming.....

A Sheepdog Road Warrior.

Well, it isn't always what it's cracked up to be. There's something about sitting in your camper in Colorado in late May, watching golf-ball sized hail dent your truck. Or being sidelined for days on end and missing trials because the road between you and the handler's post is closed for hundreds of miles due to weather. Or trying to find an RV dealer because your camper is self-destructing in the middle of nowhere.

There's also something about "just stopping by Yosemite" between trials, or detouring down Old Route 66, or being invited to work at someone's home ranch, that just can't be beat.

So here it is: tips from some of the most seasoned Road Warriors in NEBCA.

Road emergency service (AAA, Good Sam, or other) goes without saying. After that, planning is important.

It was unanimous: mechanical preparation is vital, and Amanda Milliken summed it up nicely. "Have your vehicle and your camper in good running order before you start. Repairs are easy at home and a frustration on the road. Choose easy." Bev Lambert added: "It's easy enough to have something go wrong, so don't start out asking for bad luck."

Speaking of planning, deciding how far to travel each day is an important but personal decision. Bev and Amanda plan a route, and then drive until they are tired and stop for the night. Cheryl and Dick Williams aim for 500 miles a day. Jim and Joanne Murphy take a different approach; after planning their route, they break it into more leisurely 250 to 300 mile increments.

One piece of important advice: leave an extra day or two for the trip. It's "just in case" time; just in case there is a breakdown, just in case you caught in weather, just in case you stop at Yosemite.....well, you get the picture.

And then there is the question "where" to stop each night. The road warriors were fairly evenly divided; WalMart, truck stops, campgrounds, parks, and visiting friends were all common stops. Amanda also mentioned camping at or near hotels, and Joyce Geier likes Cabella's.

Everyone used tools or guidebooks of some sort to help locate overnight stops. After dividing the journey into 250-300 mile segments, Jim relies on web apps to find truck stops or Walmarts. Then, he uses satellite imagery (from MapQuest, or similar) to determine if there is likely to be a parking space large enough for their camper, and enough open space to walk the dogs. And one advantage of the shorter travel days was arriving early enough to claim those nice spots.

Let's not forget the dogs. While they might spend most of their travel time sleeping, long trips are still stressful for them.

A first aid kit – well stocked, and particularly containing anti-diarrhea medicine – was standard issue. Carrying enough dog water for two or three days (minimum) was mandatory. Dog booties, tweezers, tick pullers, and a muzzle also made several kits.

Consider the local health hazards for your dogs, and spend a bit of time learning about them. In the west, for instance, consider fox tails and poisonous snakes; in the dry desert areas of the southwest, there are some fungal infections that can occur.

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Road Warriors continued...

Keeping dogs fit and exercised on the road requires a bit of extra effort. Bev walks her dogs 2 or more miles, twice a day; Amanda uses a bike. Jim runs his using the golf cart about a mile twice a day. And, everyone works whenever and wherever they are invited.

Without exception, everyone carries enough food to last the entire trip. A common comment: "I feed a nationally available dog food, and I can still have trouble finding it. Bring enough for the entire trip."

If you're traveling west, don't forget about the altitude. It's not unusual to have trials at a mile or higher, and the dogs do need acclimation time. Plan to arrive early. How early? Some handlers report that their fit dogs need only a day or two, but science tells us that it can take up to a week to fully acclimate. And by the way – that acclimation applies to you, too.

When asked what things they wouldn't travel without, our Road Warriors had many things in common (GPS, cell phone, iPad, Platinum Credit Card) and also a few surprizes (Espresso maker, mystery novels). Robin French states that her most important travel tool is a book, The Next Exit 2015: The Most Complete Interstate Hwy Guide., and more than one person mentioned "a dog that will do something useful at the trials, or it can be a very long drive

home".

Short of meeting people they didn't expect, and a puppy almost blowing away in a wind storm, our Road Warriors had trouble recalling humorous moments but scary moments abounded, ranging from being sideswiped by a tractor trailer, caught towing in snow by surprise, and losing a dog (later recovered).



Bev summed it up well. "The most important part is the trip, the places you go and the people you meet. The dog trialing is part of the entertainment but it can't be the whole of it, or even the most successful runs will pale next to the driving. I've been to Indian pueblos, the top of Pike's Peak, to Mexico shopping, Crater Lake, walked in the rain forest of Oregon and seen Yellowstone on dog trial trips. These are a few of the things I remember. The actual runs my dogs delivered have faded with time (fortunately in some cases), but the other things tend to remain in my memory. So stop and visit a museum. Go see the local landmarks. Get away from the trial field if you have a day off, and smell the flowers."

The unanimous recommendation? Join the ranks at least once in your life, and enjoy the journey. And with that – we'll see you on down the road!

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JEAN JOHNSON (JEAN KENNEDY)

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Jean Johnson, who we all know as Jean Kennedy, was born in Hibbing, Minnesota. Her father was a game warden and raised Llwelyn setters. Hibbing was also the hometown of Bob Dylan whom she called "little Bobby Zimmerman." Jean and her late husband, Joe, had six children and many grandchildren. Jean kept the books for the family excavating business. She was the hub of an active, busy family for many years.

Jean was a warm, welcoming, caring person. She did not put herself forward but was a woman of many talents and interests. She was a trained nurse, beekeeper, master spinner, antique dealer and shepherd. She and Joe lived in an antique cape which they moved from another property in Sandwich and restored. Jean loved the Rolling Stones and opera. She was an active member of a successful investment club for several years. She was an adept story teller with a quite sense of humor. She was a keen observer of human nature, but never seemed to judge people unfavorably.

Jean and Joe were familiar faces at NEBCA trials for so many years. They were active and enthusiastic NEBCA members, hosting trials and clinics and serving on several committees. Jean ran successfully in open with both home trained dogs like Max, and started dogs like her beloved Beth, Fly and Bonnie. She told me that at the start of each season she would pick a handler she thought was better than her and would set her goal to reach that handler's skill level (aka, clean their clock).

Jean was one of the busiest people I know, but she always had time for a visit, for dog talk, a little gossip. I always felt welcome in her kitchen. When Em first arrived from China, Jean offered to watch her for a couple of hours. The second I pulled out of the driveway Em started to wail. Jean kept a jar of Tootsie Roll Pops on her counter. For two hours Jean popped one sucker after another into Em's mouth. "How'd it go? I asked nervously on my return, eyeing Em's sugar coated, tear stained face. "Oh, fine" Jean said. "We got along fine." Emily adored her.

Jean's failing health after Joe's death prevented her from continuing to train and trial. She lived in a house on the beach Sandwich for several years with her husband, Loring Johnson.

Others will have a myriad of stories about her. She touched many lives. She is a friend I will never stop missing.





2015 TRIAL SCHEDULE

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DATE	TRIAL	LOCATION	CLASSES	CONTACT	INFO/ENTRIES
Jun 13-14	Stonebridge Farm SDT	Clarke Road Ganesvort, NY	NN, PN, Ranch Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Rose Redick 518-465- 6808 / Warren Mick 518- 861-5854	ENTRY Word PDF
Jun 25-28	Caora Farm SDT	235 Sharon Rd, Millerton NY 12546	Two Open, USBCHA Nursery USBCHA	Michele Ferraro & Kak Weathers 518-592-1320 Martha Walke, Entries	ENTRY Word PDF
Jun 27	Sara Reiter Farm SDT	Windsor, NY	Novice Fun Trial	Sara Reiter	Pending
Jul 2-5	Fetch Gate Farm SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Novice, ProNovice,Ranch, Nursery & Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	Information ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 3-5	Cascade Farm SDT	370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH	Two Open, Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Mary Ames 603-838-2018	DblLift 5 Jul ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 9	Ossipee Valley Fair SDT	South Hiram,ME	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter on site 1 hr before trial
Jul 11-12	Shepherd's Crook Benefit SDT	Woodville, Ontario	3 Ranch,PN,NN & 2 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Viki Kidd 416-277-4313	Information ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 11-12	Cascade Farm Novice SDT	370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH	Two Novice, ProNovice, Ranch NEBCA	Mary Ames 603-838-2018	ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 18-19	Merck Forest Open SDT	Rupert,VT	Two Open & One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Tom Ward 802 394 7836	ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 19	Sara Reiter Farm SDT	Windsor, NY	Two Novice, Pro-Novice NEBCA	Sara Reiter	ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 24-26	Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Three Novice & USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 25-26	Spring Valley Open SDT	Strafford, VT	Two Open & Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Steve Wetmore 802-765-4466	ENTRY Word PDF
Jul 26	Scotia SDT	Lunenburg, NS, B0J 2C0, Canada	Two Novice, Pronovice, Ranch NEBCA	Hilary Flower 902-634-4833	Pending
Jul 31- Aug 3	80 Acres, Kingston, Ontario	Marclen Rd, Kingston, Ontario	Two Open, One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Amanda Milliken 613-531-9405	ENTRY Word PDF
Aug 5-9	Kingston Sheep Dog Trials	Grass Creek Park Kingston, Ontario	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Amanda Milliken 613-531-9405	ENTRY Word PDF
Aug 14-16	Leatherstocking SDT	Cooperstown, NY	One Novice & Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Barbara Armata 518-875-6471	Information





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Aug 22	Vermont State Championship SDT	Scottish Festival Queechee, VT	One Open & Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Steve Wetmore 802-765-4466	ENTRY Word PDF
Aug 29-30 Educational	Tanstaafl Farm	Greenfield, MA	Novice & Pronovice NEBCA	Denise Leonard 413-773-5232	Pending
Sep 5	Blue Hill Fair SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am Sep 5
Sep 6	Northeast US Sheepdog SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am Sep 5
Sep 5-6	Long Shot Trial	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	Pending
Sep 5-6	NEBCA NOVICE FINALS	Fabius, NY	Two or Three Novice	Pam Davies 908-361-1335	Pending
Sep 12-13	Williams SDT	Red Hook, NY	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Julie Williams 845-849-3275	ENTRY Word PDF
Sep 18	Loon Mountain SDT	NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln,NH	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter on site 1 hr before trial starts
Sep 18-20	Pipedream Farm SDT	9416 Mt Tabor Rd Middletown, MD	2 Open,1 Novice & 2 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Renee Billadeau 301-293-2797	Information
Sep 25-27	Long Shot Trial	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Open, Ranch, Pronovice; Nursery; USBCHA/NEBCA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	Pending
Sep 28	Big E SDT	West Springfield, MA	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Pat Canaday 518-861-6049	Pending
Oct 3-4	Woolly Winds SDT	Taravale Farm Esperance, NY	Two N-N,P-N,Ran Trials NEBCA	Melody Hanchett 518- 221-8222 / Mary Wasielewski 413-668-	Pending
Oct 4	Fryeburg Fair SDT	Fryeburg Fairgrounds,Maine	One Open Points NEBCA	Gabrielle Merrill 207-935-2520	ENTRY Word PDF
Sep 26-29	Indian River Fall SDT	Indian River, ON	Two Novice, Nursery & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Cynthia Palmer 705-295-3351	Information
Oct 1-4	Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT	Woodville, Ontario	Two Novice, Nursery & Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	Viki Kidd 416-277-4313	Information
Oct 9-12	NEBCA F	all Foliage	Two Open ,One Double Lift	TBD	Pending
Oct 30- Nov 1 Dec 12-13	Long Shot SDT	Church Hill, MD HOTELS	Open, Ranch, Pronovice USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Sherry Smith 410-708-2428	Pending

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