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"Isn't it funny how day by day  
nothing changes but, when we look  
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*C.S Lewis*

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

For many of us in the Northeast, winter is a quiet time when it comes to training and trialing our dogs. It can also be a difficult time to fill a NEBCA newsletter due to the paucity of club activities to



report on. I appreciate the efforts that Maria, and all of those who have contributed to the articles here, have made to put together another issue full of interesting news and features.

Actually, I don't think that most of us in the Northeast can complain too much about the winter weather this year. Record warmth and limited snowfall have left my training fields here in New Hampshire with nothing but patchy ice as we head into March. Unless early March weather is much more like a Lion than the forecasters are predicting, I expect to be able to start regularly training my dogs here very soon. I just sent my first 2016 trial entry in. Spring feels like it is just around the corner!

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the National Sheepdog Finals are returning to Virginia in 2017. If you have never attended the finals, either as a participant or as a spectator, you should make every effort to get to this one. The Finals represent the pinnacle of sheepdog trialing in North America and give us the opportunity to appreciate what the very best teams can accomplish.

Personally, the timing of the 2017 Finals on the east coast is perfect. I have never competed in the Nursery Finals. My pup, Chance, will be just the right age to do that. Of course, while he has a lot of enthusiasm, it is too early to know how talented he is, or whether I have the training skills necessary to have him ready to compete at that level that quickly. But, I am excited about having the possibility out there as a goal. I expect that many other NEBCA members are having the same dreams about their young dogs. It will be great fun to watch them all come along in their training.

Finally, it takes a lot of work, and a lot of money to make big sheepdog trials successful. NEBCA members have been tremendously supportive of previous east coast finals. Let's do the same in 2017.. - Chris

If you are a host to your guest, be a host to his dog also.

- Assyrian Proverb





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## 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 #5 - the sensitive speed demon. This dog solves his problems by going forward, whether a very fast flank or fast coming straight forward. Not extremely confident, but because he comes forward gets the job done. He's generally biddable and quite handler sensitive. His sensitivity comes out in flustered behavior with too much handler pressure. His stop is reliable with moderate maintenance. His flanks are a decent shape with moderate maintenance. He has average presence that when combined with the fast movement keeps the stock unsettled.

### Denise Leonard's Comments

I would want to know a bit more about this dog and his handler. I'm going to assume this is a young dog with a less experienced handler. I would want to both train better pace as well as figure out how best to handle this dog. The experience of the handler will also affect how this dog reacts.

As a trainer, I feel that part of training a dog is to assess its strengths and weaknesses to determine what should be trained and what should be handled around. The older the dog, the more I am going to put into solving the problem by optimizing its handling while I would be trying to fix problems in a younger dog. This dog has a reliable stop and decent shape to his flanks and I would continue to maintain that so that it could be reliably handled around its main flaw of fast movement. As a trainer, I would want to be sure that I make sure the flanks and stop stay correct. It should be squaring its flanks appropriately and stopping as soon as told with no extra steps forward.

Part of this dog's "confidence" comes from its pushy behavior. I would want to teach it pace, but I would want to be careful that I didn't undermine its confidence by slowing it up too much so that the sheep questioned its authority. I would be teaching it to get up out of its stop slowly, by giving it a slow down command after its walk up or flank and possibly by stopping it as soon as it got up if it got up too fast. I might give it a correction if the pace seemed too fast to try and get it thinking about a more appropriate pace. I would want to be working this dog in a packed pen or close quarters and along a fence line to build its confidence in being able to move the sheep without shoving. I would also want to be taking this dog places on new fields and different kinds of sheep to broaden its experience and help it gain confidence.

It would be very important to be quietly assertive with this kind of dog. This is important with most dogs, but particularly with this one. Too loud a voice might just wind the dog up rather than act as a correction. The handler/trainer would need to determine just how much pressure this dog could take and be sure not to exceed it. Corrections should be well timed and of just enough pressure to change the attitude of the dog, but not cause the flustered behavior.

As a handler, I would want to be sure that my timing was spot on and that I was reading the sheep correctly. Handling this dog so that it didn't rush the sheep, but got a steady flow going would be paramount. Sometimes a less experienced handler will either stop the dog excessively or inappropriately. This might cause the dog to speed up to



### Faulty Dog continued

catch up with the sheep. Or the sheep might stop if the forward pressure of the dog was halted and the dog would then be constantly lifting the sheep rather than keeping a flow going. This dog, not being confident, might need rush the sheep to get them moving again. It would be important to maintain a steady flow of the sheep rather than starting and stopping them. In addition, the handler might be behind the dog in handling, being reactive rather than proactive. This could cause the dog to mistrust the handler's judgement and exacerbate the problem.

### Maria Amodei's Comments

My first thought with this dog is he needs quiet mileage. The sensitivity and biddable nature makes me think this dog is trying hard to get the job done for the handler, and adding pressure regarding specific style of work may just make him worse. There are a few ways to get mileage:

- 1 - Use long gathers and long drives, no nagging just test the brakes on occasion with a stop. Long gathers are great because the outruns help to tire the dog, get him to a place where he'll want to think rather than move.
- 2 - If you are lucky enough to have a lot of farm work, then use this dog, a lot. Work that requires him to wait, then work, then wait, then work should help settle his mind.
- 3 - With no access to a field for long work, and you don't have the shearer coming or some other all day job for him, leave a group of sheep in a training paddock and work the dog several times a day.

Let him tire a bit then see if you can quietly talk him down. I'd test him with a "Time" or "Steady" in a slow and heavy voice, more looking to evoke calm than a correction. If he gets up fast from a stop try hitting him with a check whistle almost the moment he is asked up. If you have a big field, try leaving him in a down well off the stock. Let him get up on his own and start walking in. Often a dog will move more quietly in this situation, allowing some practice of this better method. Always measure the success of your methods. If a training method is not getting results after a number of sessions, then either tweak the method or try a different method.

Slow pen work or corner work will also help, emphasis on slow. If needed, keep him on a line with you holding the line and walk him slowly around sheep beside you. In corner work watch how much pressure you can setup and still keep him quiet. Keep yourself quiet. Nothing is going to get away. Vary your voice and commands and see what works. Keep the exercise short. The dog will be better the next day; no need to make progress within the session.

I'd work pretty hard to put a "time" on this dog. Stepping into him like you would train a stop. Given that it is against his nature I'd use it seldom as too much use will likely get him to ignore it or get you into a constant struggle over it. I would not require the dog to come back to a walk, just a clear change downward in his speed. If the change is imperceptible it is not there.

In all this work, pay attention to see if the dog is settling. Does he settle more as the day goes on? Are there certain triggers that get him back into fast movement? If you hold him back does he settle, or worry about losing his stock and rush. Will he settle for a series of short flanks rather than one long flank?

Handling this dog on the trial field will require the handler keeping their cool. Hopefully during the training the triggers for his faster work have been identified. In most cases this would be a dog you want to stop at the top, and I'm guessing it will be a dog you want to keep back off the stock. Don't wait for things to get hurried. Be proactive in keeping the situation on the field calm. Though it will be tempting to manage this dog by running a stop/flank style, it is a pretty safe guess that keeping him from maintaining contact with his stock will make him even more edgy and fast. This dog is going to make you improve your timing and stock reading. Don't forget to thank him for that.



## 2017 USBCHA NATIONAL SHEEPDOG FINALS

*Carolyn West*

The USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals will once again be held at Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown, VA. The USBCHA has accepted a bid to hold the 2017 Finals at Belle Grove from Tuesday, September 26th to Sunday, October 1st. Belle Grove is located in the northern Shenandoah Valley and is a National and Virginia Historic Landmark as well as a National Trust Historic Site and offers a lovely setting for a sheepdog trial with views of the Shenandoah Mountains. The historic plantation house is open for tours and offers various educational programs and much of Belle Grove's property is still used for agriculture.



The Finals were previously held at Belle Grove in 1999, 2010 and 2013. While 2010 is remembered for being very hot and humid and 2013 is remembered for the endless rain and epic mud (and the impromptu bridge building), the 2017 Trial Committee is looking forward to perfect Virginia fall weather and no rain in 2017! At this time, the daily schedule has not been set, but it should a similar schedule to 2013 with the Nursery and Open field running concurrently on separate fields.

The 2017 Trial Committee is being chaired by Sandy Payne and co-chairs are Robin French and Pam Gardner. The current list of volunteers is as follows:

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The website for the 2017 Finals will not be active until after the 2016 Finals are held in Carbondale, Colorado in September 2016. If you would like to keep apprised of the plans for 2017, please join the 2017 USBCHA National Sheepdog Finals page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1739943279569556/>) or follow @2017sheepdogs on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/>). The Finals Committee will keep both Facebook and Twitter updated as plans are made. The schedule will be posted in the next newsletter.





### 2017 National Finals continued

In the coming months, the Finals Committee is looking forward to hosting fun days and other events to raise funds for the Finals. If you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to host an event please consider doing so – your hard work will be greatly appreciated. The Finals are a huge undertaking and the successful finals at Belle Grove in 2010 and 2013 are a testament to the close knit and supportive sheepdog community. The Committee is looking forward to a lot of help from the sheepdog community to make 2017 a huge success!



Rob Drummond at the NEBCA pen - © Katherine Mercier

"My student tonight told me that he just thinks his singing stinks.

That's very hard for me.

If someone says their house is a disaster, that can mean anything from they didn't do the dishes before they went out to it was hit by a tornado and nothing's left.

A huge condemnation like saying his voice stinks is so all encompassing and general that it doesn't give any place for improvement to start or even to be noticed if it happens. If it stinks and he sings better on pitch, which he did, it doesn't compensate for the rest of the undefined stink which is looming.

If he tells me he cracks on high notes, I can help him, and he can notice progress. If he says he sings flat or runs out of breath, I can fix that.

If everything is defined of part of a terrible package, fixing one thing at a time, won't do any good, but all I can do is fix one thing at a time.

Even in the house hit by a tornado, there's a starting point to rebuild. I have to look at the remains and make decisions, but if I never define the problem more than saying it's a disaster, I might not notice that all that's really wrong is a few dirty dishes in the sink."

- Rae de la Crétaz – [\*Claim your Voice and Sing\*](#)

*Editor's note: This discusses an utterly different type of training, yet includes good insight on how identifying the core of a problem not only allows you to work on specific improvements, but also to recognize progress. If your definition of a problem is too broad you will be unable to see success and focus your methods accordingly.*



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## WEAK LAMBS

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*Stacey Rember*

A brief intro....My husband, Michael & I own Hazel Hill Farm located in Ormstown, Quebec. The farm was founded by his family in 1829, our 2 daughters are 8th generation. We are mainly cash crop reintroducing sheep to the farm in 2005. It all began with 6 ewe lambs. We shipped 4, kept 2 and borrowed a neighbor's ram.



**Rideau Arcott ewe with F1 twins – © Stacey Rember**

Today we have 225 ewes and 6 rams. We produce purebred Suffolk, purebred Rideau Arcott and Suffolk/Rideau ewe replacements as well as meat lambs. Oh, and of course I have a few Border Collies to help on the farm....which has ignited a passion for training and trialing!

I have been asked to write an article about dealing with weak lambs. This is a vast subject of which whole books are written. Weak lambs need to be dealt with ASAP as the situation can spiral out

of control. One symptom which causes another symptom and so on. I would suggest becoming familiar with newborn lamb problems and seek the advice of a veterinarian when necessary.

Observation is key to preventing weak lambs. Ultimately it all starts with your ewes. They should be in good condition if expected to produce and raise strong, healthy lambs. Vitamins and minerals throughout the year are vital and vaccine/deworming protocols are important. However excellent mothering ability is essential, for the duration of time it takes to raise the lambs.

The most common cause of weak lambs is Hypothermia. It is caused by a fall below normal in the lambs body temperature. Normal newborn lamb temperature is 39-40°C (102-103°F). Hypothermia can be caused by exposure(chilling) or energy deficiency(lack of colostrum). There can be various stages...mild-cool mouth, stands with head down and arched back, moderate-cold mouth, curled up trying to preserve body heat, severe-very weak, eyes are closed and may be unconscious.

Newborn lambs are born with enough energy reserves to last about 30 minutes. They are also very wet and will lose an enormous amount of heat through evaporation. This is where the good mothering comes into play. The ewe should quickly get to work drying off her lambs and encouraging them to stand and nurse.





### Weak Lambs continued

Once in the jug I check the ewe's udder and make sure that both sides are open and working. In the case of multiples I hold up each lamb to have a first drink and in extreme weather I help to dry them off. Every new set of ewe/lambs gets clean, fresh straw. So now I know that her udder is working, the lambs are drying off, their bellies are full and the bedding is dry. This hands-on approach is not necessary with every lambing, sometimes it is obvious that everything is 'textbook'. But be prepared to step in.

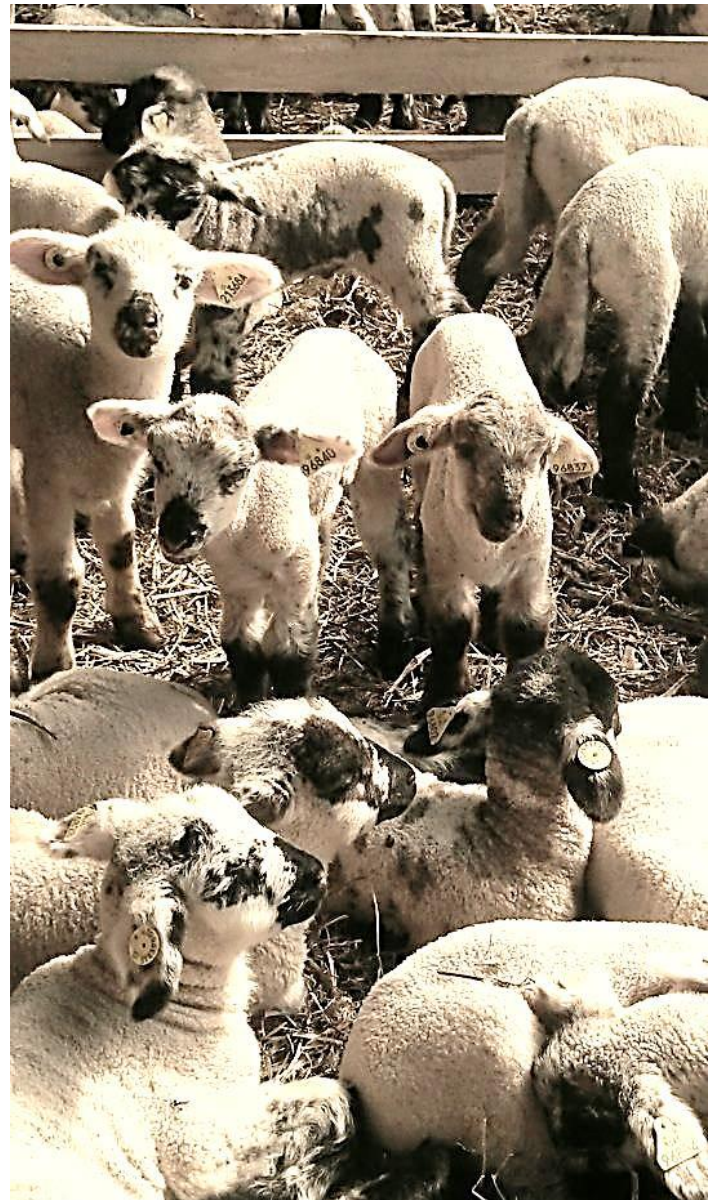
Another cause of weak lambs over 3 hours old is the failure to pass the meconium or fecal tar. Colostrum also acts as a laxative, if not enough colostrum is consumed the first stool doesn't pass and the downwards spiral begins. The lamb becomes dehydrated, weak and will refuse to nurse. It will become hypothermic if no action is taken. Treatment is fairly straightforward. The meconium needs to come out.

If the lamb is weak but conscious I address this right in the jug. Using a thermometer (always have one in my pocket ) insert gently into the lambs rectum and make small circling motions. Also a good idea to actually take the lambs temperature while you're there. A small syringe filled with warm, soapy water works well too.

The lamb may start yelling and forcing as the meconium starts to pass. Continue until everything has come out, don't be alarmed there is a lot! If caught before the lamb became chilled it will rebound before your eyes and head straight to its mother and nurse hungrily. If the temperature is low or the lamb is too weak to stand then it needs to be warmed up ie warming box, heating pad & towels etc. It may take a few hours to warm and for the temperature to stabilize. Once it is warm, can stand and is calling out I take it back to its very happy mother.

Lambing time is always hectic and a bit stressful. There are so many variables...weather, # of lambs, delivery of lambs, type of delivery ( easy, difficult, long etc ). It is impossible to know exactly what is going to happen. Observing your ewes' behaviour and keeping an eye on your newborns can prevent loss of lambs and hours of extra work.

Happy lambing!!



Suffolk/Rideau lambs – © Stacey Rember

*"Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That's the problem."--- A. A. MILNE*





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## USING DOGS AT LAMBING

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*Amanda Milliken*

My dogs are used at lambing time, all the time. Serious shepherding onlookers worry about the practice, but when they have trouble, they call me in with the dogs. There are few other settings where their mettle is tested so radically. Nowhere else are ewes as psychotic, gone mad with new motherhood. Such work makes nearly any other job a piece of cake. The lambing yard is no place for the faint of heart. You and your dog should be familiar work partners. The dog should have no thoughtless aggressive traits which could injure lambs or bring harm to ewes—no gratuitous grippers allowed.

I do not take young dogs into the lambing yard. I season the young ones with lesser difficulties. A favoured one of mine is crossing the icy creek below my training field. The sheep never want to go. Dogs learn a few tricks, of exerting pressure without the extremity or urgency, of lambing. Learning how to cope, in dribs and drabs, helps to prepare a young one for more trouble in their futures. Ways and means. Until they are mature, I leave them out of the lambing.



Dorey – © Amanda Milliken

All my ewes cannot be housed so I lamb outside and bring in individuals that need penning for one reason or another. I bring the lambs: the dogs bring the ewe. They are now accustomed to this job, so they spot the ewe to come in, slip in behind it, and off we go. I only allow one dog at a time, as two cause chaos. The feel for the sheep is the thing. When it goes beautifully, it is a perfection of point, counterpoint. The dog gives each move from the sheep a concise answer—a list, left, right, never too far, just enough to keep the forward flow.



## Using Dogs at Lambing continued

With a greener dog, I lure the ewe out to the lambs to give a little ground in which the dog can work. Experienced ones don't much need the ground. They can slice into difficult spots and take the ewe away. Dogs can have a tendency to over flank. Even if it is just by a hair, the job can be undone by it. A clever one will learn not to over flank, but dogs can be helped by a "steady", which is my invitation to hold a line and do it straight. If the job fails, I register my disappointment, but not so much I demoralize the dog. We start over again.

From a handler standpoint, I develop a very high level of communication with my dogs. We have confidence in one another, in ways that were not doable before they worked on the lambings with me. I pretty much know what will precipitate a grip. They learn to get things done without gripping, even if very tough. There are hardly any sheep with which they cannot cope, afterwards. Most Northeasterners have lambings coming up. Time to ply your trade with patience.



Dorey – © Amanda Milliken

## TRIAL RESULTS

### LONG SHOT SDT DEC 12-13

Open 1 (29 dogs)				Open 2 (31 dogs)							
1	Julie Poudrier	Pip	109	1	Pam Gardner	Midge	93	3	Nancy Liptak	Ben	64
2	Sally Glei	Lena	104	2	Julie Poudrier	Pip	86	4	Tara Dier	Kelly	62
3	Doug Brewer	Ben	104	3	Sally Glei	Lena	83	5	Cheryl Hinton	Brew	61
4	Pam Gardner	Meg	102	4	Nancy Sharp	Mercury	78	6	Sally Glei	Wes	57
5	Steve Avery	Bell	101	5	Sylvia King	Dexter	78	Ranch 2 (12 dogs)			
6	Melynda Morgan	Beck	98	6	Walt Zeiser	Rose	78	1	Doug Brewer	Ben I	78
7	Sally Glei	Sid	92	7	Doug Brewer	Ben	77	2	Tara Dier	Kelly	75
8	Nancy Sharp	Mercury	89	8	Julie Poudrier	Lark	74	3	Sally Glei	Wes	72
	Heather	Flinn	86	9	Sam Furman	Max	74	4	Nancy Starkey	Nan	68
9	Nadelman			10	Susan Rhoades	Mist	74	5	Sylvia King	Brooke	67
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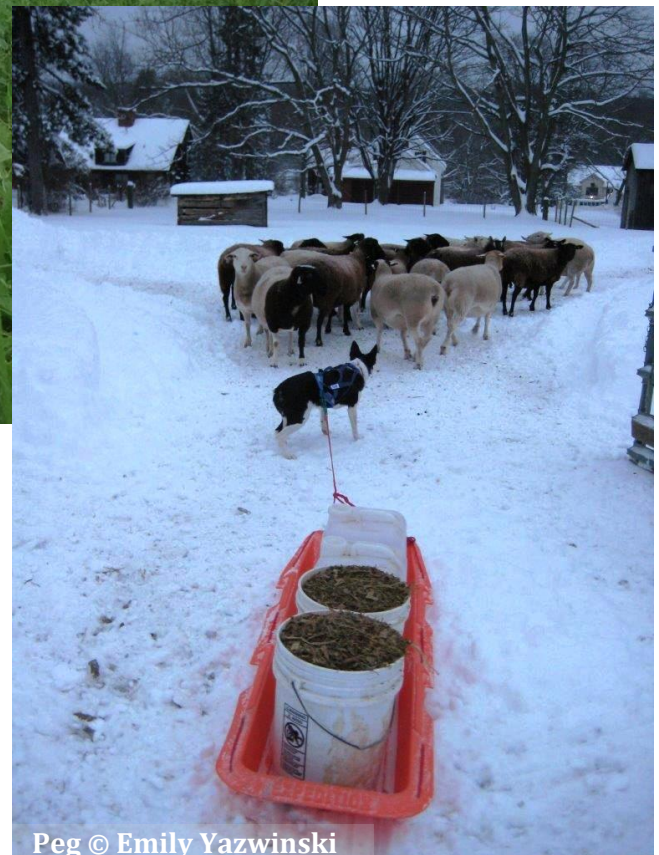
Merle and black & white puppies; occasionally started dogs. All breeding stock OFA certified/eye checked. Proven producers of trial and obedience and agility winners. Katahdin Sheep (originated in Maine), excellent for working dogs, no shearing/tail-docking necessary. Lynn Deschambeault, Merlynn Kennels, 342 Hio Ridge Rd., Denmark, ME 04009.

207-452-2898. [merlynn@fairpoint.net](mailto:merlynn@fairpoint.net)



Dar – © Virginia Prince

"The truth I do not stretch or shove  
When I state the dog is full of love.  
I've also proved, by actual test,  
A wet dog is the lovingest."  
*Ogden Nash*



Peg © Emily Yazwinski





## A good stop is essential for a working sheepdog.



© Maria Amodei

### WAR PONIES

*Maria Amodei (written March 2011)*

I trimmed feet on all un-bred sheep yesterday. There are 9 sheep in that little group, 6 yearlings and 3 older wethers. Song had a delightful time holding them in a corner for me so I could catch each one, flip it, trim the feet, and then mark it so I knew who was done. I was using a piece of red marking chalk that had fallen to the storage shed floor then been swept out with the leaves. I spotted the red lump sitting in some ice and decided to use it up. The chalk was fairly well saturated with water and rather crumbly so I marked up the front of their faces rather than into the fleece. The color came out extremely strong with the wet chalk, a rich red stripe up between the eyes of each animal.

This morning I had Fina push the sheep back while I put out feed. This little group was eager to dine and as I was working they came back towards me, stopping about 15 feet from Fina who was parked between us. They stood there, heads up, proudly defiant, but not quite ready to actually try to get past Fina. They were arrayed on a little knoll above me, and looked like a group of war ponies. Heads up; ears up; war paint on. Some are Clun mules so they even had speckled faces like Appaloosas. I almost expected them to shake their heads and snort.

"My dogs are my friends because I really truly trust them, and they truly trust me. No matter what happens I know I can depend on them. With that bond we can do some incredible things."

*Noah Pereira - getting ready his first Iditarod, 2016, 21 years old*



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## SPRING TRAINING

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*Maria Amodei*

As many of you know I've become addicted to running my dogs with a dog sled in winter. This leads me to read books and articles on mushing, as well as meeting and talking to other mushers. In addition I used to ride horses when younger and still follow a fair bit of information on riding. I admire the emphasis on conditioning for sled dogs. I tried to find a good article on sled dog conditioning that would fit in the NEBCA News format, but no such luck. Instead I'll provide a summary here, with some links to deeper information, not all of which is directly related to conditioning.

When people describe their sled dogs they often use terms like "good eater", "good feet", and "happy". It is clear that the physical side of the job is a higher priority than in stock work. Yet our dogs often work long and hard. And we can struggle with injuries. You will see sled dogs running in the big distance (1,000 miles) races at 9 and 10 years old. These dogs work hard and stay sound.

Conditioning serves two purposes. We tend to think of a dog that is not panting hard, recovers quickly after a vigorous stretch of work, as a fit dog. But this has only shown us fitness in heart and lungs and muscle metabolism. There is also fitness defined as the toughness of muscle, ligament and bone that comes from regular use. That is the fitness that keeps dogs sound in hard work. Structural fitness takes longer to build.

To build structural fitness you need to start training SLOW. Use short distances at low speed. Everywhere you see tips on conditioning your sled team (or your horse) the emphasis is on slow movement first. Build up the distances before you start adding speed. Walking and trotting. Speed creates higher impact and stress, higher risk for injuries. The slow conditioning builds the strength in the muscle, ligament, and bone that will support more animated activity later. I think this is particularly important with Border Collies as they can be so physically exuberant when working or playing. A dog with the long slow miles on it will be far better equipped to handle that fast turn on rough ground without injuring itself. The muscles and bones and ligaments will be stronger. Increase your distances gradually, and your speed even more gradually. Be aware of the surfaces you put your conditioning on. Frozen ground and pavement are much harder impact. You are travelling slowly to avoid impact. Don't add impact with a hard surface.

Go over your dogs regularly. Know what they feel like when they feel good so when they are stiff or sore you will recognize it immediately. This gives you a chance to identify problem areas before they escalate to a more serious injury. I've found that my dogs were physically resistant at first, not sure what I was doing. After a few days they relax and I can move quickly through range of motion, stretching legs both ways, folding the joints, checking the toes, feeling the muscles. Once they are used to the process it is easier to find any soreness as they are otherwise soft and compliant. If a musher can do this in a yard with 50+ dogs, we can do this. And the dogs love it.

In the old days farmers had a dog or two that spent the day with them trotting around the farm and working where needed. Few of us are full time farmers now, and those that are often have more dogs than needed so they don't get the steady exercise. Yet we still ask them to go out fast on an outrun, cover a wily single, or get the sheep across a brook on rough ground. We each need to find a way to get the conditioning on our dogs that will give them the physical strength to do their job for years to come.

Following are some quotes with links to full articles that I found interesting and helpful. These articles are not entirely specific to physical conditioning but you should be able to scan through to the parts relevant to our sport.





### Spring Training continued

**Seppala Kennels – J. Jeffrey Bragg**

**“WE JUST SAID THIS but it's worth repeating: the objective in fall training is not to go fast, not to put together a big team, but to get sleddogs into hard, fit physical condition...”**

<http://www.seppalakennels.com/articles/sled-dog-training-4.htm>

### **CONDITIONING INJURY AVOIDANCE IN THE SKIJOR DOG - Scott Dahlquist**

“The key to preventing injury or early season burnout is to start slowly and make it fun. Two things need to be addressed in a training program: one is the body and the other is the head. If one or the other is injured the end result is the same. The body's strength and endurance will give the dog the ability to work, but the mental state will allow its body to utilize those physical assets.” (Link may not work, but you can copy and paste it into your browser.)

<http://www.sleddogcentral.com/skijorarticles.htm#injury avoidance>

### **Mush with Pride – Exercise and Training**

“Start your fall training season with small, easily controlled teams and short runs, perhaps only ••• to 3 miles in length. Early season runs may require frequent rest stops. Decrease the number of rest stops and gradually increase mileage in subsequent runs as the dogs get stronger and fitter. If you have run the same distance over repeated training sessions and the dogs are finishing strong and happy, it is time to move up to the next level. In early fall training, don't push the speed too much. The dogs' muscles are not well-toned yet and it is easy to injure them. The goal of early training is to build up the dog's muscle structure to prevent injury later in the season.”

<http://www.mushwithpride.org/Exercise.htm>

### **Is Your Horse Fit? The Physiology of Conditioning - Lori Warren, PhD, PAS, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry**

Five major systems are affected by an adequate period of physical conditioning:

1. Cardiovascular system - improved capacity to deliver oxygen to the working muscles.
2. Muscular system - improved capacity to utilize oxygen and more efficient fuel utilization.
3. Supporting structures (bone, tendon, ligaments, muscle) - an increase in the size and/or strength of these structures.
4. Temperature regulating system- greater ability to lose body heat during exercise, thus avoiding excessive increases in body temperature.
5. Central nervous system - improved neuromuscular coordination, which means the horse is better able to complete the skills required for its particular discipline. All of these adaptations allow the fit horse to exercise more efficiently, as well as perform more work before fatiguing. Tired horses are more likely to take a misstep or overextend themselves; so proper conditioning may also prevent injury to muscle and supporting structures. The average amount of training needed to elicit these adaptations is presented in Table 1.

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/hrs6942](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/hrs6942)

### **Basic Conditioning of the Equine Athlete- My Horse University**

“Detraining is the sudden cessation of a conditioning program for reasons such as sickness or injury. During this time, the horse experiences a rapid loss of physiological training adaptations. Changes in muscle occur in two to four weeks, followed by cardiovascular and bone changes. Decrease in muscle size and strength occur in the shortest amount of time. Oxygen uptake and ventilation capacity decreases within three weeks of detraining.”

<http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/EE/August2013/BasicConditioning>



## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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### NEBCA Annual Membership Meeting – Hadley, MA January 23, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:12AM. 19 members present and 30 proxies.

1. Minutes from the Cooperstown meeting approved as written.

#### 2. Executive Committee Reports

**A. Secretary's Report** - At the end of 2015 there were 270 members (compared to 248 at the end of 2014). There were 203 Individual memberships; 61 Family; and 6 Life memberships. There are 90 members from 2016 who have not renewed. As of January 22, 2016, we have 31 new members.

**B. Treasurer's Report (following minutes)**

#### 3. BOD Report (presented by Maria Mick)

##### A. Summary of their activities for 2015:

The BOD reviewed a proposal for an increase in dues and approved an increase to the annual dues of \$5.00 for individuals and families to go into effect after the Annual Meeting. All other fees remain the same.

The BOD began a review of the By-Laws in May. They identified some gaps in the rules and general operating procedures and developed and adopted four new rules areas and processes (all of which can be found on the website): Humane Rules for Trials; Standard of Conduct; Grievance Process; and Release and Waiver.

The BOD will conduct a thorough audit in the first half of 2016.

**B. The BOD approved two Life members. See Announcements.**

#### 4. Standing Committee Reports

##### A. Open Trials Committee (presented by Steve Wetmore)

Mich Ferraro assumed the responsibility of chair after Denise Leonard stepped down to become the NEBCA treasurer. The OTC met at Merck Forest and Kingston sheepdog trials to review the specifics of running the Fall Foliage at Old Chatham. They discussed, and eventually voted and approved, the status of the FF as a USBCHA trial versus a NEBCA only trial. This should be discussed for future FF trials. The OTC also met at Old Chatham to work on set up and break down of the site for the FF. The

work of Warren Mick and the OTC to put on the FF was exceptional.

##### B. Novice Trials Committee (presented by Wendy Warner)

The Novice Finals had 50 handlers enter and over 180 runs, each handler getting 3 runs for each dog entered. All made possible with an army of helpers. The NTC was budgeted \$1200 to run this trial but managed to actually make a profit of \$1357 due to the donations over the year of \$1500, the donation of the location and the sheep, and the judge offering her time for a very reasonable fee.

The NTC worked to clarify certain areas of the guidelines:

- 1) placing of a dog in Open as it affects Ranch eligibility was brought into line with the Open scoring so that a dog that places in the top 20% of any Open trial is not able to compete in Ranch;
- 2) all handlers should refer to the guidelines regarding Drop Downs to review changes made;
- 3) a further change will be made to the guidelines under Handler Categories defining an open handler as on who has gone to the post "competitively in any sheep or cattle open class" and, under Novice Finals, at the end of the second paragraph, "and have earned those points while a NEBCA member."

#### 5. Newsletter Report (presented by Maria Amodei)

Maria has agreed to remain the editor for another year. The Newsletter came in slightly under budget this year. She has been soliciting articles from outside the NEBCA membership. Discussion about notifying membership of the renewal and ballot on the website. The Newsletter is a big part of this organization and should be shared at trials and other places.

#### 6. Select Committee Reports

##### A. Merchandise Committee (presented by Barbara Eriksson)

Merchandise was sold at 9 trials and sales were highest at those trials that had significant general public in attendance. On-line sales of clothing was discontinued



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due to the complexity of keeping merchandise available for shipping and at trials. Volunteers were solicited, both before and at trials, to work the tables. This seemed to work quite well. All items to be sold are being reviewed by the committee and they have developed a list of criteria for the NEBCA t-shirt.

### **B. Calendar Committee (presented by George Northrop)**

There were only five 2016 calendars left as of the AM. In 2015 there were 51 calendars that went out with membership renewals; 38 via PayPal; and 17 were sent out free. There will be 300 calendars printed for 2017. The price for printing is going up by \$.07 per calendar.

### **C. Learning Trials Committee (presented by Wendy Warner)**

There were three Learning Trials in 2015. Well attended and well received. The results are seen in the improvement of trialing by the Novice handlers. They did not use any of their budget.

Rose is being asked by handlers from other regions for information about our mentor program. NEBCA is very good at implementing and sharing new ideas.

### **D. Membership Committee (presented by Rose Redick)**

In 2015 they helped get the NEBCA banner to a few trials; put out brochures at trials and gave some for members to distribute; gave brochures to Dave Kennard to distribute at his demos; posted the Newsletter at the Albany Dog Club (a test); encouraged handlers to talk on a one-to-one basis at the Fall Foliage (very positive feedback). Other ideas to pursue: get brochures to members selling puppies and to members giving demos.

The committee will continue to talk with individuals at trials and to work on ad exchanges with other organizations.

### **E. Library Report (presented by Martha Walke)**

In 2015 there were 24 transactions made by 21 borrowers for a total of 30 items loaned. There were five new DVDs and one new book purchased for the library. These are listed (in red) in the library holdings on the website. The library received a donation of \$113.00 from the Ames' Novice Trial.

## **7. Unfinished Business**

**A. Rob Drummond and Fiona Robertson are the new members to the BOD.** Election results: Rob Drummond, 57; Fiona Robertson, 50; Maggie Chambers, 34; Ron McGettigan, 22.

## **8. New Business**

### **A. 2016 Proposed Budget - Denise Leonard (following minutes)**

M/S (Emily Yazwinski/Steve Wetmore) to put \$200 in the Advertising Budget. - Approved.

M/S (Emily Yazwinski/Maria Amodei) to add \$350 to the Pamphlet budget for the printing of 1000 new brochures. Approved.

M/S (George Northrop/Barbara Armata) to change the Calendar budget to \$1500. Approved.

M/S (Emily Yazwinski/Deb Donahue) to accept the 2017 budget as amended. Approved.

### **B. Committee Appointments**

Open Trials Committee - Sallie Butler and Sally Molloy

Novice Trials Committee - Barbara Armata, Chair

Learning Trials Committee - Emily Yazwinski, Liz Shaw, Barbara Armata

### **C. Other New Business**

A discussion of the ABCA published list of breeders who register more than 30 puppies a year. The Newsletter will publish an article on this topic.

### **D. 2016 Meeting Dates**

Cummington, May 28

Cooperstown, August 20

### **E. Announcements**

There are two new Life Members approved by the BOD, Bud and Mary Ames. They were nominated by Steve Wetmore.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha M. Walke, Secretary

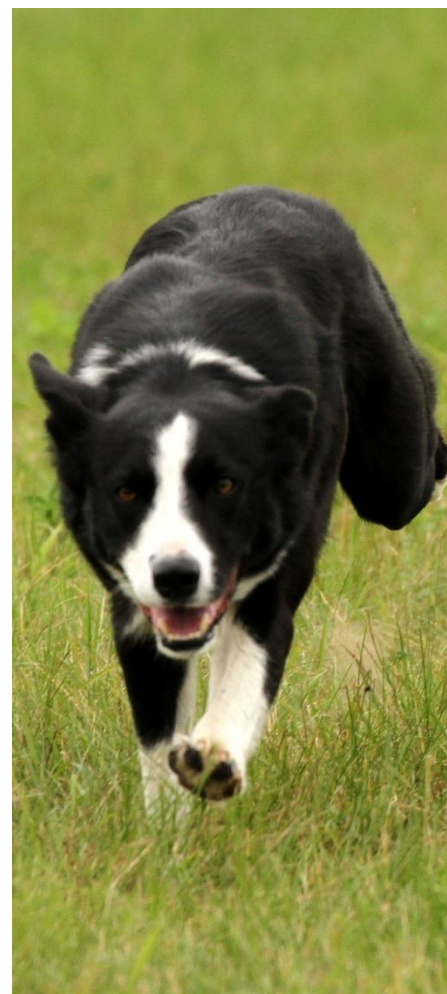
*"The Wolf says might makes right. The Sheepdog says might alone isn't strength, and compassion isn't weakness."  
- Lt. Col Dave Grossman, military / law enforcement motivational speaker and author of the book "On Killing"*





## 2016 NEBCA OPERATING BUDGET

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Membership Dues	\$ 8,800	\$ 6,000
Calendars	3,000	3,000
Breeder's Directory	220	300
Advertisements	275	250
Merchandise	4,500	3,800
Library	250	250
Interest	50	35
Rental of Equipment	50	80
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,145</b>	<b>\$13,715</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Calendars	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200
Pamphlets	350	331
Newsletter	2,500	2,300
Merchandise purchased	3,000	3,000
Fall Foliage Contribution	2,800	2,800
Novice Finals Contribution	2,100	2,100
Insurance	650	650
Library	350	300
Administrative	600	600
PayPal transaction fees	45	25
Advertisement	200	
Awards/Gifts	700	350
Learning Trials	600	600
Fencing	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,395</b>	<b>\$ 14,256</b>
Net Income (loss)	\$ 1,750	\$ (541)



Notes: 1) Membership dues includes \$2,000 that was received in 2015 but booked in 2016  
2) Awards/Gifts includes purchase of awards for 2015 High Points winner which was not done in 2015

Proposed 1/23/16  
Approved: Date:1/23/16

"I can't think of anything that brings me closer to tears than when my old dog -- completely exhausted after a hard day in the field -- limps away from her nice spot in front of the fire and comes over to where I'm sitting and puts her head in my lap, a paw over my knee, and closes her eyes and goes back to sleep. I don't know what I've done to deserve that kind of friend."

*Gene Hill*



## Financials continued

INCOME		Sub totals	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2014 Actual
Membership Dues			4,393	6,000	6,120
Calendars	Members	1,990	2,300	3,000	2,885
	Non-Members	310			
Breeder's Directory			220	300	280
Advertisements			285	250	225
Merchandise	Members	5,123	5,247	3,800	4,462
	Non-Members	124			
Library			201	250	298
Interest			34	35	34
Rental of Equipment			20	80	80
Miscellaneous			90	0	147
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>12,790</b>	<b>13,715</b>	<b>14,531</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	—				
Calendars			1,078	1,200	1,027
Newsletter			2,174	2,300	2,229
Pamphlets			331	0	0
Merchandise			4,019	3,000	0
Fall Foliage			608	2,800	(630)
Novice Finals			(1,357)	2,100	599
Insurance			625	650	625
Library			360	300	128
Administrative			237	600	636
PayPal fees			46	25	32
Advertisement			0	0	0
Awards/Gifts			0	350	368
Learning Trials			0	600	150
Fencing			0	0	0
Miscellaneous			106	0	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$8,227</b>	<b>\$13,925</b>	<b>\$5,164</b>
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>			<b>\$4,563</b>	<b>(\$210)</b>	<b>\$9,367</b>

Account Balances	12/31/15	12/31/14
Bank of America	\$22,907	\$18,181
Capital One	\$8,649	\$8,614
PayPal	\$4	\$0
<b>All Accounts:</b>	<b>\$31,560</b>	<b>\$26,795</b>

Some dogs will pace themselves and these are the dogs that often have a touch of eye, whereas the looser eyed dog tends to lack some of that natural pace.

If the speed of the sheep slows down then the dog needs to apply more pressure to lift that pace/speed again by means of pushing.

A kind dog or a light dog may have problems pushing sheep and in these instances the sheep often become heavy, knowing that there is little threat from this type of dog and tend not to move off the dogs.

One of the biggest faults apart from these is to slow a dog right down when first starting to drive or fetch. Over training the young dog, allowing it to follow rather than learn how to push may result in the dog stopping when the sheep stop rather than pushing them and keeping them moving. It is harder to get a dog to push after it has been slowed down than it is to get it to slow down after learning to push. But beware!!! that your dog, once it learns how to push and gets that feel good feeling, doesn't take control of you as well as the sheep (been there got the T shirt).

Having the dog work too close can also prevent the dog from pushing as it needs distance to be able to walk in on the sheep and lift the pace. Too close and it has nowhere to go.

Too much flanking is another thing that hinders a dog from coming forwards. They tend to flank off rather than walk into the sheep.

— Sue Main & Gwyn Jones



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## NEBCA LIBRARY HOLDINGS

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### BOOKS

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#### Training

- E. B. Carpenter - The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork
- Iris Combe - Border Collies
- Katy Cropper - A Dog's Life in the Dales
- 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)
- Tony Iley - Sheepdogs at Work
- *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 bound - 2 copies)
- 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 Training

#### Shepherd's Life

- G. M. Anderson - Times Remembered
- John Barrington - Red Sky At Night
- Charles Bowden - The Last Shepherds
- Louis Irigaray & Theodore Taylor - A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings
- Phillip Keller - Lessons from a Sheepdog
- David Kennard
- The Dogs of Windcutter Down: One Shephard's Struggle for Survival
- A Shepherd's Watch (2)
- Michael Mathers - Shepherders: Men Alone
- *James Rebanks - The Shepherd's Life*
- Roy Saunders - Sheepdog Glory: The Story of a Working Border Collie
- Iain R Thomson - Isolation Shepherd

#### General

- 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
- 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
- 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)
- 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
- Olivia Mills - Practical Sheep Dairying
- Monks of New Skete - The Art of Raising a Puppy
- Anne Priest - Trafficking in Sheep: A Memoir
- 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

### Fiction

- James Herriott
- Dog Stories
- Only One Woof
- Dick King-Smith - Babe: the Gallant Pig
- Betty Levin - Away To Me, Moss
- Clara Stites - Sand and Gravel

## VIDEOS/DVDS

### Trials

- 1988 International Supreme Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS)
- 1989 British International Supreme Pt. 1 & 2 (VHS)
- 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 (DVD, 2)
- 2010 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (6 DVD set)
- 2011 National Finals Sheepdog Trials (8 DVDs)
- 2012 National Sheepdog Finals: Semi Finals (4 DVDs); Finals (4 DVDs)
- 2013 National Finals Sheepdog Trials: Semi Finals (5 DVDs); Double Lift Finals (4 DVDs)





### Instructional

- Away to Me (DVD, 2)
- Faansie Basson - Laying the Foundation (DVD)
- 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)
  - 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)
- Chuck O'Reilly - Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way (VHS)
- 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*
  - *At Hand with Patrick: Putting Penning Pressure into Perspective*
  - *At Hand with Patrick: Sharing the Secrets of Shedding*
- 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 at Judging Sheepdog Trials (DVD)*

### General

- Babe (VHS)
- The Basics of Good Sheep Management (DVD)
- British Sheep Fairs and Crafts (VHS)
- David C. Henderson - Lamb Survival (VHS)
- Pryor & Wilkes - Sit! Clap! Furbish! How to Teach Cues & Establish Behavioral Control (VHS)

### AUDIO TAPES

- Hubert Bailey - Stock Dog Training Whistle Commands (Tape) (Tape)
- Kent Kuykendall - Gaining the Winning Edge with Whistles (CD)
- Alasdair MacRae - Whistle While You Work (Tape, 2; CD, 2)
- Charlie Ridener - Whistle Commands (CD)

"If you feel a lack of trust in yourself, or your horse, simply slow down. Go back to something you both know. RELAX. Only then return to a tiny next step. Resist the tendency to push through. Slow and methodical is where TRUST is born." *Barbra Schulte*



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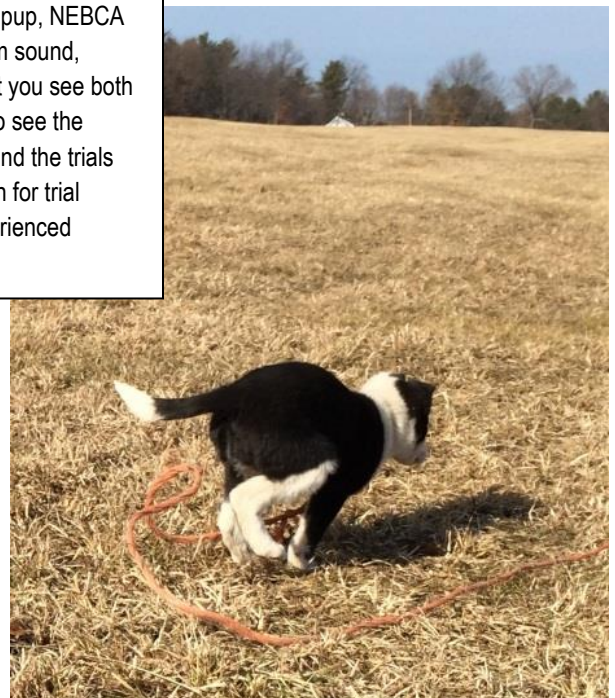
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## 2015 TRIAL SCHEDULE

DATE	TRIAL	LOCATION	CLASSES	CONTACT	INFO
May 7-8	Cascade Farm Benefit SDT	370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH	Two Open, Ranch, ProNovice USBCHA/NEBCA	Mary Ames 603-838-2018	Pending
May 13-15	Borders on Paradise SDT	Turbotville, PA	2 Open Over 3 days & 1 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Dave Fetterman 570-742-3527	<b>ENTRY</b> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
May 28-29	MA Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT	Fairgrounds, 97 Fairgrounds Rd, Cummington, MA	2 Novice & Open, 1 USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Kate Collins/George Northrop 978-249-4407 Entries: Martha Walke 802-765-4935	Pending
Jun 4-5	Bobtail SDT	Turbotville, PA	Two Open, Nursery, & ProNov NoPayback USBCHA/NEBCA	Dave Fetterman 570-742-3527	Pending
Jun 5-6	Fetch Gate Spring Nursery SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Two USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	Sunday PM Monday AM
Jun 9	Fetch Gate Spring Nursery SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Two USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	Thur PM
Jun 11-12	Taravale Novice Trial	Esperance, NY	NN, PN, Ranch Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Barbara Armata 518-875-6471	Pending
Jun 23-26	Caora Farm SDT	235 Sharon Rd, Millerton NY 12546	Two Open, USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Michele Ferraro & Kak Weathers 518-592-1320 Martha Walke, Entries	<b>ENTRY</b> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 1-4	Fetch Gate Farm SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Novice, ProNov, Ranch, Nursery & Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	Information
Jul 2-4	Cascade Farm SDT	370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH	Two Open, Ranch, Pronovice, Novice USBCHA/NEBCA	Mary Ames 603-838-2018	Double lift Jul 4
Jul 9-10	Dancing Ewe Farm SDT	Granville, NY	Two Open One Nursery USBCHA, NEBCA	Joanne Krause 518-642-1580	Pending
Jul 16-17	Merck Forest Open SDT	Rupert, VT	Two Open & One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Kathryn Lawrence, 802-394-2428	Pending
Jul 22-24	Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT	Cortland, NY Motels	Three Novice & USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Roger & Heather Millen 607-835-6584	Pending
Jul 23-24	Spring Valley Open SDT	Strafford, VT	Two Open & One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	Steve Wetmore 802-765-4466	Pending
Jul 31	Scotia SDT	Lunenburg, NS, B0J 2C0, Canada	Two Novice, Pronovice, Ranch, Nursery	Hilary Flower 902-634-4833	Pending
Aug 19-21	Leatherstocking SDT	Cooperstown, NY	Open USBCHA/NEBCA	Rose Redick 518-465-6808	Pending
Sep 3	Blue Hill Fair SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am on
Sep 3-4	Woolly Winds SDT	Taravale Farm & Kennel Esperance, NY	Two N-N, P-N, Ran Trials NEBCA	Melody Hanchett 518-221-8222	Pending
Sep 4	Northeast US Sheepdog SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am on grounds
Sep 16	Loon Mountain SDT	NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln, NH	One Open Points Trial NEBCA	Lynn Deschambeault 207-452-2898	Information
Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair SDT	Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Maine	One Open Points NEBCA	Gabrielle Merrill 207-935-2520	Pending