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religion whose dog and cat are not  
the better for it."

Abraham Lincoln

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is a wonderful time in NEBCA country. Many of the early trials seem to include both Open and Novice classes on the same day and give us all the chance to catch up with friends



that we haven't seen in many months. Everyone seems to be happy and excited about the opportunity to get out with their dogs and back to trialing after the long winter break.

The NEBCA membership meeting in Cummington was a fairly quiet affair. The Novice and Open Trial Committees both have the planning of our year end trials well under way. Details are provided in the minutes included in this newsletter. There is no real

excitement or controversy on which I feel the need to opine in my space here. So, like any good NEBCA member does given the chance, I'll just talk about my dogs a bit.

My Open dog, Bella, is looking brilliant. This has to be the year where she shows everybody how talented she really is, right? If her handler can be anywhere near as good as she is, we will do just fine! I'll try not to let her down!

Henry is three now, and continues to remind me nearly every day why we call the job of training our dogs from pups a "Long Road". Friends keep telling me how nice they think he is, and I can't seem to stop myself from responding with various versions of "well, you just don't know him as well as I do". But, we keep working and slowly, slowly I am seeing improvement in the faults that had seemed so insurmountable. I promise that I'm working on responding a little more fairly when someone compliments him. The fact that the judge could only find 3 points to take off in our last Ranch run didn't hurt on that score! I had to agree that he was wonderful after that!

And, finally, there is my youngster, Chance. He's Bella's son and the first pup I've had from my own breeding. So, of course, he is extra special! Serious daily training began early this Spring. His attitude is wonderful and he seems to learn new things every day. I'm sure that his faults will become apparent with time. But, right now, I can't see them and when things go wrong, I just blame it on the sheep. Hopefully, you will see him on a trial field before the end of the year and maybe,... fingers crossed,... at the Nursery Finals in Belle Grove next year.

Have a great summer everybody. Hope to see you all at NEBCA events in the months ahead. - Chris

"The only thing two dog trainers can agree on is what the third dog trainer is doing wrong."

Anne Kent (breeder and trainer of working GSDs)





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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 #6 – The careful dog. This dog is wary of rattling his stock or making errors. His moves are slow and careful, never rash. Flanks are slow, and though he accelerates to cover if needed his careful nature overrides urgency even where speed is called for. Those careful moves also make it difficult to get quick adjustments on lines. He has a lovely slow walkup, but again his careful nature makes him unwilling to pick up the pace whether needing to push harder or because the stock is running and he needs to stay in contact. He is willing to walk directly into resistant stock.

### **Joni Tietjen's Comments**

Cautious dogs have talents often more suited to real work on sheep than they do for trialing. Their careful nature makes them not leave any sheep behind and not over pressure sheep through rough terrain and injure lambs. Their number one goal is to not make a wreck, a good quality when you're using the dog for real work at great distances or difficult country making it impossible for you to "manage" the dog's every move. However, if you're trialing this careful dog, you need to train the dog to be free and usually constantly moving. Keep training positive with speed drills and keep its work fun. To run this dog you need to learn how to run a trial course always keeping your "flow". Practice to get your timing better so you don't have to use many stops.

Drill this dog to change direction willingly without a stop so that you can better direct it without losing your flow. If at all possible, have this dog stop on its feet when you do have to stop it. Practice changing the speed of your sheep and get good at handing more quickly and thinking ahead. As mentioned above, always make it a priority to keep the training sessions positive for the dog. A cautious careful dog can easily be shut down and made slower, keep that in mind.

### **Barbara Leverett's Comments**

The careful dog can be nice to have but often turns into the too slow dog, leaving not enough time to pen and shed. This dog can be a dead end once it has to compete in open being unlikely to place when leaving 20 points on the trial field.

If I am starting a young dog that I suspect may be too careful due to knowing the breeding behind it, I start teaching a fast walk-up right from the start. I have had success with using the young dog's enthusiasm to get to the training field as motivation. As we approach the gate to enter the field, I'll have a line on the dog and will let it get ahead of me. I will then restrain it with tension on the line, adding in a stand command. When the dog is leaning forward I will release the tension and give a fast walk up command, be it either an upbeat whistle or verbal command. Once I get an exaggerated response from the dog, I do the same on sheep. Always starting a distance away from the sheep, not against the bubble. Once this behavior is established you use this just before the dog hits the bubble.

Throughout the dogs training work on being able to control pace with teaching both a slow walk and a fast walk.

I would also do an exercise up against a fence. Have the dog get closer and closer while holding the sheep in a corner or along a fence. Use a command that will encourage the dog to jump forward toward the stock, get up, shift them,



### Faulty Dog continued

move it, anything you like, at the same time, try to make the sheep burst away. Condition the dog to respond in a quick zippy way. Then this command can be used when things look like they may stall on the field. When running your dog you want to avoid letting the dog get too close to the sheep. Use your get up command at this time. Another variation of this would be drive the sheep to the corner and give your get up command with the sheep in the corner with you standing back away. You have to have a positive upbeat attitude while doing this, let the dog have fun and move freely. This dog is not described as grippy but use caution when doing this if your dog is grippy. Once the careful dog gets a little grippy you can ease off and work on careful lifting out of the corner.

To speed up flanks I would have the dog circle the sheep using a fast flank whistle. First getting the dog to do this toward a draw and then practice it flanking away from the draw. I would teach the dog to be able to change direction on the fly. I would also avoid doing a lot of repetition with this type of dog. Change things up, break your fetch, drive them away toward pressure then head them. Practice a fast walk up as the sheep are running to a draw. A good handling practice for this type of dog is to use a walk up after a flank, instead of a "there", especially avoid stopping this dog. There are advantages to a careful dog as long as the handler can keep the dog from being too slow. I find careful dogs are great listeners.



Denise Leonard's Jim on duty - © Joshua Blouin



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## WILLS FOR PETS

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Nancy Phillips

My husband and I are in the process of making out a will. Life today is more complicated and if you want to have a say about your money, possessions and dogs, then a will is needed.

Since we had to think about our dogs, I decided to post on the sheepdog list to find out what arrangements people were making for their dogs. There was a range of responses from conversations with friends or family to more formal arrangements. Most people felt they had things in order, but the reality is that only two people had a legal document, a will, that spelled out information about their dogs. Just having a conversation with a friend or family does not guarantee the care you might want for your dogs. Depending on the situation your dogs could end up in limbo until the court decides who will be the executor of your estate. Having family or a friend promise to care for your pet, does not mean s/he will after you are gone. Life circumstances change and the person may not be able to. Some states don't allow you to set up trusts for pets. A trust allows you to set aside money for the care of the pet(s). If your state doesn't allow this, it still would be worthwhile to put something in a will.

The person you pick to oversee your estate and care for your pets is always a judgment call. You are relying on their honesty and integrity, since it will be their discretion in the end what happens to your dogs. Give them some guidelines with flexibility.

Keep the information about your pets simple and offer alternatives. If you list the name of the pets in a will, then every time you get a new dog or the old one dies, you will have to change the will. That will cost you time and money.

There are numerous articles on line about estate planning for pets. Some are posted here. Making a plan ensures that your pets have a future that you would like for them.

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-primer>

[http://www.americanbar.org/newsletter/publications/gp\\_solo\\_magazine\\_home/gp\\_solo\\_magazine\\_index/petestateplanning.html](http://www.americanbar.org/newsletter/publications/gp_solo_magazine_home/gp_solo_magazine_index/petestateplanning.html)

<http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/2013/07-08/backup-plan-planning-for-pets-after-owner-death.html>

<http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/pet-trusts.html>

<http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/estate-planning-pets.html>

[http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip\\_Wills.php](http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip_Wills.php)

The following is an example from Eileen Stein, which directly addresses the fact that working sheepdogs can have significant value which may affect how they are handled as part of an estate:

*I give and bequeath whatever dogs I may own at the time of my death to X, if he survives me. If he does not survive me, I direct my Personal Representative to sell or otherwise place any dogs I may own at the time of my death to good homes where they will be well treated. In determining the placement of my dogs, I request my Personal Representative to consult with Y (address), and Z (address) for advice and assistance regarding placement of the dogs, and to give the dogs away rather than selling them if they can thereby be assured of the placement most desirable for their welfare. The happiness and well-being of the dogs is to be the sole consideration in determining their placement.*

Y and Z are friends who own working border collies themselves and would be in the best position to know what I'd want. The reason for the language beginning with "and to give the dogs away" through the end is because some of my dogs have significant monetary value as trained sheepdogs, and without this provision my Personal Representative (executor) would have a fiduciary duty to sell them so as to maximize the value of the estate.





## TRIAL RESULTS

### CASCADE NEBCA BENEFIT SDT MAY 7 & 8

#### *Bud and Mary Ames – Trial Hosts*

Handlers arrived on Friday with temperatures in the high 70's. Saturday dawned partly cloudy and cool, great weather for a dog trial. 69 dogs were ready to herd head strong, flighty, stubborn yearlings and just weaned ewes. Mary Ellen was the judge and Pro-Novice ran 16 dogs. For Melissa Perley and Sam it was their first dog trial. Fiona Robertson and Meg were the class winners with a score of 75. Dave Young was the judge and Ranch ran 19 dogs. Brenda Buja and River were the class winners with a score of 79. Mary Ellen Young was the judge and Open ran 34 dogs. There was a narrow chute in place of a shed. Beverly Lambert and Joe were the class winners with a score of 97. Payout was to eighth place. Mary Ames served a hot lunch of chili, cornbread and homemade cookies to benefit the NEBCA lending library. Saturday evening everyone gathered at the Ames house for a potluck, great conversation and laughter. Beverly Lambert was given her portrait of Joe done by artist Heidi Osgood Metcalf which she won at the Cascade Farm 2015 July Open Trial.

Sunday dawned cold with heavy cloud cover. The rain held off for Pro-Novice but was in full effect for ranch and most of Open. Mary Ellen was the judge and Pro-Novice ran 17 dogs. There was a runoff for first place between Brenda Buja's Gabe and Barbara Leverett's Becca. Brenda Buja and Gabe were the class winners with a score of 76. Dave Young was the judge and Ranch ran 19 dogs. Brenda Buja and River were the class winners with a score of 81. Mary Ellen Young was the judge and Open ran 34 dogs. Barbara Leverett and Bess were the class winners with a score of 95. Payout was for eight places. For lunch there was hot chili, cornbread and cookies.

The total amount raised for NEBCA was \$1,686.25. One-fourth of handler entry fees were set aside for NEBCA. Dave and Mary Ellen waived their judging fee of \$300 which was divided between Novice and Open. \$915 will go towards the Fall Foliage. \$641.25 will go towards the Novice Finals. The NEBCA Lending Library has \$130 to spend on new material!

Many thanks go out to the following – Judges: Mary Ellen and Dave Young; Betty Murray who tabulated and posted scores all weekend. She has never missed a trial hosted by the Ames including the year of her terrible car accident; Pen Crew: Bud Ames, Carlene Eitapence, Ginny Price, and Mike Nunan. Liz Shaw, Glenn Kopp, Kim Lippolis, Wendy Warner, Tim Molinero, and Sallie Butler stepped in to help when the pen crew ran their dogs, it's a dirty job! Scribes, Set-out and take down helpers we couldn't have done it without you!

Sat Pro-Novice (16 dogs)					Sat Ranch (19 dogs)					Sat Open (34 dogs)				
				Pts					Pts					
1	Fiona Robertson	Meg	75	4	1	Brenda Buja	River	79	3	1	Beverly Lambert	Joe	97	
2	Beverly Lambert	Lee	72	4	2	Mary Ann Duffy	Stan	76	3	2	Barbara Leverett	Bess	92	
3	Deborah Donahue	Cap	70	4	3	Mary Ann Duffy	Jet	72	2	3	Maria Mick	Bodie	90	
4	Lynn Deschambeault	Nan	68	3	4	Linda Clark	Lyn	72	2	4	Maria Amodei	Levi	86	
5	Maria Amodei	Poe	68	3	5	Brenda Buja	Josie	68	2	5	Maria Mick	Nick	86	
6	Val Pietraszewska	Bennie	66	3	6	Molly King	Allie	65	1	6	Dave Young	Bess	85	
7	Nancy Phillips	Dewy	65	3	7	Maria Amodei	Chord	60	1	7	Sue Schoen	Peat	84	
8	Victoria Snowden	Prim	50	1	8	Liz Shaw	Jura	53		8	Maria Amodei	Marcus	83	
9	Melissa Perley*	Sam	48		9	Martha Walke	Jude	44		9	Denise Leonard	Maggie	82	
10	Sue Schoen	Cora	41							10	Sue Schoen	Spy	76	



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### Cascade continued

Sun Pro-Novice (17 dogs)				Pts
1	Brenda Buja	Gabe	76	5
2	Barbara Leverett	Becca	76	5
3	Maria Amodei	Poe	73	4
4	Glenn Kopp	Bryn	72	4
5	George Northrop	Tot	71	4
6	Val Pietraszewska	Bennie	69	3
7	Deborah Donahue	Cap	68	3
8	Sue Schoen	Cora	66	3
9	Lynn Deschambeault	Nan	64	3
10	Nancy Phillips	Dewy	62	2
11	Melissa Perley	Sam	56	1

Sun Ranch (19 dogs)				Pts
1	Brenda Buja	River	81	4
2	Brenda Buja	Josie	76	3
3	Mary Ann Duffy	Jet	71	2
4	Linda Clark	Lyn	70	2
5	Deborah Donahue	Britt	70	2
6	Kate Collins	Tux	68	2
7	Maria Amodei	Chord	67	2
8	Kim Lippolis	Deke	65	1
9	Mary Ann Duffy	Stan	63	1
10	Martha Walke	Jude	61	1

### Sun Open (34 dogs)

1	Barbara Leverett	Bess	95
2	Beverly Lambert	Nan	94
3	Beverly Lambert	Joe	93
4	Dave Young	Bess	92
5	Sue Schoen	Peat	90
6	Sue Schoen	Spy	89
7	Maria Mick	Nick	82
8	Maria Amodei	Marcus	82
9	Sallie Butler	Sky	82
10	Bruce Smart	Hemp	82

### BORDERS ON PARADISE SDT MAY 13-15

Open 1 (90 dogs)			
1	Glen, Jennifer	Mike	93
2	Glen, Scott	Alice	92.5
3	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	90
4	Campbell, Mary Lou	Dyna	86.5
5	Williams, Dick	Mick	86.5
6	Ray, Barbara	Maverick	85
7	Millen, Heather	Scout	85
8	Williams, Cheryl	Fleet	84
9	Cunningham, Lori	Gideon	82
10	Fetterman, David	Emma	82
11	Ray, Barbara	Stella	82
12	Brothers, Michelle	Sky	81
13	Sheninger, Gene	Nick	80
14	Billadeau, Mark	Nell	80
15	Ferraro, Michele	Maude	79
16	Baker, Kim	Skip	76

17	Wilson, Tom	Meg	76
18	Glen, Scott	Don	75

Open 2 (90 dogs)			
1	Lambert, Beverly	Nan	98
2	Glen, Scott	Dave	88
3	Ray, Barbara	Maverick	86
4	Wilson, Tom	Meg	85
5	Wetmore, Stephen	Floss	85
6	Milliken, Amanda	Dorey	83
7	Polites, Michael	Taff	83
8	Billadeau, Renee	BJ	83
9	Ferraro, Michele	Maude	82
10	King, Carla	Shawn	81
11	Brothers, Michelle	Sky	80
12	Fetterman, David	Emma	80

13	Ray, Barbara	Stella	79
14	Brewer, Doug	Ben	78
15	Palmer, John	Spec	78
16	Murphy, Jim	Jim	76
17	Milliken, Amanda	Howell	76
18	Helton, Pam	June	75

Nursery (16 dogs)			
1	Glen, Scott	Anne	86
2	Glen, Scott	Coy	79
3	Wilson, Tom	Shon	77
4	Wilson, Tom	Dot	68
5	Milliken, Amanda	Quark	61
6	Cunningham, Lori	Lefty	47
7	Ray, Barbara	Star	47
8	Palmer, John	Mara	43



Steve Wetmore and Floss at Borders on Paradise - ©Kate Collins





## MASS SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL MAY 28-29

### Saturday, May 28

#### Novice-Novice (9 dogs)

1	Karen Gorman	Nashville	74
2	Victoria Snowden	Trim	72
3	Ellen Fowler	Sweep	70
4	Pam Wataha	Ace	65
5	Wendy Warner	Tessa	62
6	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	60
7	Deb Duarte	Remi	58
8	Sheila Crepeau	Zain	55

#### Pro-Novice (17 dogs)

1	Betty Belliveau	Ava	73
2	Maria Amodei	Poe	70
3	Sara Reiter	Chet	68
4	Brenda Buja	Gabe	67
5	Deborah Donahue	Cap	64
6	Werner Reitboeck	Rosie	49
7	Deb Duarte	Jillie	37

#### Ranch (18 dogs)

1	Linda Clark	Lyn	85
2	Brenda Buja	Josie	73
3	Barbara Leverett	Becca	69
4	Chris Bowen	Henry	68
5	Joan Worthington	Saint	66
6	Deborah Donahue	Britt	60
7	Brenda Buja	River	58

8 Denise Leonard Chloe 57

#### Open (36 dogs)

1	Dave Young	Bess	94
2	Bruce Smart	Hemp	93
3	Pam Davies	Dilys	92
4	Barbara Leverett	Bess	92
5	Barbara Leverett	Bob	90
6	Kate Collins	Ela	88
7	Chris Bowen	Bella	86
8	Emma Court	Chevy	85
9	Maria Amodei	Song	85
10	Denise Leonard	Emmie	84

### Sunday, May 29

#### Novice-Novice (9 dogs)

1	Victoria Snowden	Trim	75
2	Ellen Fowler	Sweep	71
3	Pam Wataha	Ace	70
4	Karen Gorman	Nashville	65
5	Peggy Flanagan	Rory	65
6	Sheila Crepeau	Zain	46

#### Pro-Novice (17 dogs)

1	Victoria Snowden	Trim	73
2	George Northrop	Tot	73
3	Melissa Perley	Sam	72
4	Sara Reiter	Speck	72

5	Deb Duarte	Jillie	69
6	Deborah Donahue	Cap	67
7	Brenda Buja	Gabe	67
8	Betty Belliveau	Ava	65

#### Ranch (18 dogs)

1	Chris Bowen	Henry	87
2	Brenda Buja	River	81
3	Liz Shaw	Jura	80
4	Linda Clark	Lyn	74
5	Denise Leonard	Chloe	69
6	Brenda Buja	Josie	69
7	Martha Walke	Jude	66
8	Maria Amodei	Chord	62
9	Kim Lippolis	Deke	60

#### Open (33 dogs)

1	Warren Mick	Eddie	98
2	Kate Collins	Ela	97
3	Pam Davies	Teilo	97
4	Maria Amodei	Song	97
5	Bruce Smart	Hemp	94
6	Denise Leonard	Maggie	93
7	Dave Young	Bess	93
8	Dave Young	Pic	91
9	Rob Drummond	Joe	90
10	Steve Wetmore	Stu	89



Wendy Warner's Tessa at Mass Sheep and Wool Trial - ©Joy Elliott



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## TRUST

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### **Handler trusting dog / Dog trusting handler**

*Barbara Armata*

It's a two way street, this "trust" thing. The most common mistake I see is the handler not trusting the dog to lie down. And the dog has no trust in the handler to tell him the correct position to lie down. So, it's a fail all around.

Let's start with the outrun. The handler is yelling lie down when the dog is nowhere near the position to stop on balance to bring the sheep. They are so worried the dog won't stop, they start early with this command. It might be at 9:00 on the come by side or 3:00 on the way to me. Of course, the dog is going to run through this command because it is not given at a proper time. Also, the dog is learning NOT to lie down when told.

But, you say, the dog should lie down whenever you say it! That may be, once the dog trusts you. But say he listens at that position, the handler would then yell, "no, come by or way to me!!" because it's not really what they wanted. Confusion for the dog... "but you told me to lie down!"

Since these dogs have such a sense of balance, one should use it! Most dogs will turn onto the sheep at the correct point to bring the sheep to you. As soon as the dog turns, the handler should say "lie down". It will be immediate response as the dog feels this is correct. Dog trusts handler to tell them at correct time; handler learns to trust dog to stop!

Next is the fetch. Once again, trust the dog's natural instinct to bring the sheep straight to you. What happens often is the handler wants a small correction but tells the dog in a big way: "come bye" and the dog sweeps come bye only to be told immediately "no, way to me!" And so the pendulum begins. All dogs, at some point, may need direction to fix a line to you. It's important to do this in small increments. You don't want to frustrate the dog by flinging him back and forth. The dog won't have a clue as to what you are trying to achieve. If you are having problems with this, watch more experienced handlers and how they handle the fetch. And, of course, go to lessons and clinics!

Now you have established a trusting relationship with outruns and fetches. Now, there are a multitude of things a dog must learn to do that aren't as natural. You can't expect your dog to "know" how to get sheep off of a fence. Some have no qualms doing this tight work. Most, though, will fling themselves through between sheep and fence. It's tight and makes a dog nervous. Take the time to show the dog how to go slowly between sheep and fence. Make sure there isn't a nasty ewe that wants to pound the dog at this time! With patience, this will become another area of trust. Your dog will realize you are not putting him into a bad place.

Any time a training situation arises, think how to show the dog what you want. Showing and asking, not forcing. More trust will be built. If you find yourself in over your head, these are the times to just pull up stakes and stop. Quit for the day. You may feel the dog isn't getting what you are asking. You might be surprised, when the next day, your dog does exactly what you were trying to achieve the day before. Tincture of time might be all it takes!

Same thing on the trial field; if things aren't going well, best to call it a day! More will be achieved by stopping than continuing down a wrong road. The trial has identified a problem; now go home and work it out! Instead of destroying trust, you will have a better chance of keeping it.

An example of building trust over time: my Kate wouldn't grip on the nose. I know she had it in her but she didn't have the confidence in herself. I couldn't hold a sheep for her to grip; she wouldn't come in as she thought she was doing something wrong. I kept building her up by having her catch running sheep, heading them to bring them back to me.

I would lay her down if a sheep was stomping at her. The laying down took the pressure off the sheep but kept Kate from backing down. She trusted me not to get her hurt! Usually, with waiting, the sheep would turn. Kate won. Over time, she would trust me and herself. Just last month, Kate had to bring back a ewe with lambs; she held her patience but as it became necessary, she gripped that ewe's nose and turned her.





### Trust continued

Trust! It's a wonderful thing and it builds a wonderful working relationship that will last. There are dogs out there that are made to be obedient; but in a situation where it's necessary for them to do something on their own, they aren't able to do so. The handler is in charge. The dog can only respond, as no two-way street of trust was ever established. I don't see these dogs having a lasting career.

But, you say, the top handlers are whistling and whistling! Yes, in competition, accuracy is important. There is the element of obedience to many commands, but you'll also see the trust when a dog is bringing the sheep straight as an arrow without a command. Also, the dog that is told where to be on the drive and then holds that line and pace without another command. It's a beautiful thing! The handler trusting their dog to continue with what was asked and the dog trusting its handler and responding in kind.



Liz Shaw and Jura - ©Joy Elliott

"Fatigue makes cowards of us all." – Vince Lombardi

*Fitness is the trainer's responsibility. A physically taxed dog will have much less mental reserve for the work.*





## WELCOME TO THE BLUEGRASS: THE VIEW FROM THE NOVICE FIELD

*Pamela Mueller*

When I decided to take my dog Fly to the Bluegrass Classic to run in Ranch, I asked various people what the trial, and more specifically the field, would be like. No one knew. While some in the Northeast do go to the Bluegrass (especially the Canadians!) and some do quite well, it seems that to many NEBCA members Kentucky is a distant planet. (Hmm--- a Texas contingent drove 17 hours – are they sturdier than Yankees? Or crazier?) This article won't be about scores or winners – you can read those on the website (HandlersPost.com)—but rather about the things I wondered about beforehand and some of the general flavor, in case you too want to experience the Bluegrass. To be sure NEBCA does make a showing; I recognized among the handlers at least the names, if not always the faces, of Cynthia and John Palmer, Tara Dier, Pam Hunt, Carolyn West, Nigel Krikorian, Mary Thompson, Michael Polites (possibly others I don't know, since I don't know lots of you!). Beverly Lambert (Nan) and Amanda Milliken (Dorey) made it to the Double Lift Finals, finishing in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> place respectively. For the rest of you, here is a snapshot of the event.

One of the best things about the Bluegrass, I think, is that it allows Novice handlers (like me) to not just attend but actually participate in a national-level event, with all its pageantry, little extras that lend an air of festivity, and the “big hat” handlers you hear about but normally never watch or meet. This is because all the classes are run, from Novice-Novice up through Open, and no pre-qualification is required. We (Novice Field handlers) did however get an email a few weeks before the trial advising us that, due to the large size of the entry, no one would be allowed to go up the field to help their dogs, and dogs would be called off for “lack of progress”, so anyone who felt their dog might not be up to the field or the sheep was asked to voluntarily withdraw because there were 50 entries too many. This gave me pause but I decided to carry on, hoping my dog would not embarrass me (and she didn't). As it turns out I don't think the judges were told about this rule, for the only DQs I saw were for sheep lost to set out and for grips, of which there were a fair number as dogs became frustrated with the sheep or sometimes with their handlers.

### The Lay of the Land

The Bluegrass is described on its website as “one of the longest running, largest, and most prestigious trials in the country”. I don't know about the age or prestige, but at 750-plus runs over four days (not counting Sunday's Double Lift final), it surely must be one of the largest. This year the Committee generously decided to allow extra dogs in, resulting in 130 Open dogs, 65 Ranch dogs, 65 Pro-Novice dogs, 14 Novice-Novice dogs and 53 Nursery dogs. Which led to the first day on the Novice field running from 6:45 am to 9:05 pm! All dogs had two runs except Nursery dogs, who had four. The Bluegrass Classic was, I believe, first run in 1960. For a glance at how the sport has evolved: in 1995 there were 23 Open dogs, with five of the handlers female. In 2016, 130 Open dogs, with 71 female handlers.

Kentucky is the South for sure, but the trip is not that onerous. Drop down from wherever you live to northern Maryland then pick up I-68, a newish freeway, and cross West Virginia – a pretty and mostly empty drive. Of course you do have to have a chunk of time available, because you'll want to spend the whole five days there to get the full



Finals Scores - © Pamela Mueller



### Welcome to the Bluegrass continued

experience, unless you are running Novice or ProNovice in which case you don't need to arrive until Friday. The weather in Kentucky in May can range from dry to wet and cold to hot. This year Mother Nature elected three days of drizzle, one day of downpour and two days of partly sunny, with daytime temperatures ranging from high 40s to low 70s. If you go, take layers, coats, raingear, sunscreen and mud boots.

The site, Masterson Station Park just west of Lexington, is a gigantic and beautiful park with acres and acres of space. Lots of meadowland for walking dogs and, after it pours down rain, a nice stream for dog swimming. The two fields (Open and Novice) lie on either side of a park road, with plentiful space for campers along the edge, so everything is quite close. No hookups, however, and no tent camping allowed. And be prepared to pay that tractor owner \$25 to pull your rig out of the mud at the end. Those like me not fortunate enough to have a camper stay mostly at the Red Roof Inn 7 miles away, reasonably priced and willing to turn a blind eye to the Red Roof official “only one dog per room” policy. It helps to have earplugs if you are a light sleeper, since you might have a convention of 40 bikers staying at your hotel too....

Naturally it takes a village to put on an event like this and in addition to the local Organizing Committee and prominent non-local leaders who manage everything from sheep to vendors, volunteers to sponsors, prizes and the site, and of course the judges. Open/ Nursery judges this year both hailed from Wales (Gwyn Lightfoot and Nigel Watkins), while the rest of the classes were judged by Linda Tesdahl and Ron Enzeroth. Many handlers offer to assist, and I got quite lucky, being assigned to scribe for the Welsh judges multiple times – what a fantastic learning experience that was—worth the whole trip I would say. And don't forget the shopping opportunities: from vendors to the Silent Auction of sheep and border collie paraphernalia, and of course the obligatory Tshirts and hats.

### The Fields

The Novice field, on which runs Nursery, Ranch, Pro-Novice and Novice-Novice, is not especially large. In fact you have probably been on fields as big or even bigger at NEBCA events. The Ranch/Nursery outrun to the top of the field was perhaps 200 yards. However, it is tricky. It slopes up – something everyone in NY is familiar with! – but also slopes sideways to the exhaust, and has many dips, swells and terraces. No trees, swamps or creeks, however. When the Bluegrass is not there this is a dog park, so the grass is well cared for and there is a tall and very solid perimeter fence – no escape for sheep. On the first day the Montana Targhee yearling ewes were not too sure of themselves. But they learn fast and by the second day knew where the exhaust was. They had probably never seen a pen on the Montana range and consequently the first morning penning proved nearly impossible. But they learned fast there too. Handler talent was also critical in successful penning.





### Welcome to the Bluegrass continued

The Open field, by contrast, is, to quote an (in)famous presidential candidate, HUGE. I asked several people the length of the outrun and got multiple answers ranging from 375 to 500 yards, so I really don't know, but it looked awful far to me! The field is as wide as long, rather bowl-shaped, with the fetch gates lying in the base of the bowl and a swampy bit just behind them, causing grief to not a few handlers. Trees line one edge, providing obstacles for the double lift outrun. Extremely competent set-out crews provided consistency for every run on both fields (Julie Poudrier, who set out the Novice field beautifully, walked I believe 67 miles over the course of four days as recorded on her Fitbit). If you plan on entering in Open, be sure your dog won't flinch at running out around a horse. Excellent spectation, with bleachers and tents, was available at both fields and the bright red and white, flower-bedecked pens made the courses look very professional.



### The Sheep

Targhee sheep were developed at the US Sheep Experiment Station in Idaho beginning in the 1920s by crossing Rambouillet, Corridale, Lincoln and Columbia sheep. These sheep are popular on Western ranches today. They produce a heavy fleece (10-14 pounds) of  $\frac{3}{4}$  fine,  $\frac{1}{4}$  long wool as well as excellent meat lambs. Rams weigh in at 200-300 pounds, ewes 125 to 200. The Bluegrass sheep, from Hollenbeck Ranch outside Billings, were young replacement ewes who had been sheared but left with woolly legs: they all looked like they were wearing brown leggings. Five hundred ewes were shipped in one BIG truck (and went home again afterwards). Although handled by shepherds with dogs on the range, these sheep could not be called dog broke. On the first day they seemed unsure which way to run, but they wanted to run somewhere. However, calm and confident dogs resulted in sheep that worked well. Excitable, sticky or less confident dogs tended to result in sheep that bolted or, as the week wore on, stalled out and were hard to move, but very few actually faced down dogs. Like at any trial, there were some sheep and some packets that did not play well together and splits occurred but for the most part the sheep were remarkably consistent, it seemed to me. And none jumped over the fence although a few did try to bash their way through.

### The Order of Play

The trial was very well organized, with an army of volunteers keeping things moving. Scores on the Open field are posted nearly instantaneously to the main scoreboard, to the leader board if they make the cut, and to a tall metal score thingie where big numbers are hung after each run and then replaced after the next run, making it seem like we were watching the Olympics.

Nursery, Open and Ranch started on Wednesday, with Ranch finishing Thursday, Pronovice and Novice-Novice running Friday and Saturday, and the top 20 Double Lift with International Shed on Sunday. Because of a three way tie, 22 dogs actually ran in the Final. As a Ranch handler, I got to run twice (Wednesday and Thursday) then spent the





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rest of the week watching, scribing, shopping, chatting and walking my dogs.

Saturday night after the last Open handler runs there was a pizza dinner under the tent, with Awards Ceremony and a suspenseful drawing of the run order for the Finals. There are large ribbons, all sorts of nice “made in Kentucky” prizes, and payback checks to five places. Not that I have personal acquaintance with any of these things, but I watched them given out!

The Double Lift finals on Sunday are really not to be missed at least when you make your first trip. The day starts at 7 AM with the Boy Scout pancake breakfast and a church service, then dogs start to run (25 min each). At 10 AM, once spectators have gathered, a break is called. All Finals handlers and dogs line up on the field for the Presentation of the Flags: riders on horseback with their accompanying dogs (I believe these were the set out crew) canter the long way down the field from the set out pens carrying flags, to the strains of “My Old Kentucky Home” and “America the Beautiful”. Then a prayer of thanksgiving and the action resumes. Watching the dogs negotiate the two sweeping outruns (first left, then a Look Back and run out to the right – which not every dog could figure out), and the handlers attempting to master the International Shed of splitting five collared sheep off of twenty, did not get boring, despite the hours it took. Many lessons in handling are to be gained here.

OK so I said this article wouldn't be about scores but did watch the Finals to the very end and can't resist sharing the nail-biter finish. Tommy Wilson ran third and posted, after a memorable International Shed, a 144 (out of 170). This score stood and stood. Scott Glen at number 18 sadly lost a sheep as he was about to pen, causing him to have to restart his International Shed, which he then did not finish. Finally Alasdair MacRae ran at number 19 for a 149 with Alba Sweep and his 11<sup>th</sup> Bluegrass win.

If you go, be sure to volunteer (you'll have plenty of time) and when you read in your volunteer instructions about the “White House”, don't imagine, as I did, a stately, columned, southern plantation mansion. The White House is a small (about 8 x 12') rolling shack, painted white, brought in to sit ringside and be Command Central for the trial. And the other thing about Kentucky, in case you did not know: the people are VERY friendly.

Last October I showed my green dogs to 2 handlers. The second handler, whose opinion I had travelled to seek. Both men had won international competitions. I had a black dog and a white dog. The first handler said keep the black dog but sell the white one, he's no good. The second handler said keep the White dog but sell the black dog, he's no good. Which advice should I have taken... I still wonder!! - *Paddy Fanning*

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## NEBCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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Cumington, MA June 26, 2016, Meeting called to order at 5:10PM.

I. Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting approved.

II. Executive Committee Reports

**A. Secretary's Report (Martha Walke):** Currently, 215 members - 7 lifetime; 160 Individual & 55 Family (compared to Cumington Mtg., 2015: 232 members -6 Lifetime; 174 Individual & 52 Family). There are 58 members from 2015 who have not renewed.

**B. Treasurer's Report (Denise Leonard):** Summary – 2016 income \$4,749.67, expenses \$3,429.25, balance as of 4/30/2016 \$32,879.72.

III. Board of Directors: given by Chris Bowen from Joyce Geier's report.

There was no audit in 2015 due to the sudden switch in treasurers. An audit will be done by the Audit Committee in a month and we will be back on track for 2016.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

**A. Open Trials Committee (Steve Wetmore):** the Fall Foliage Trial will be held at Old Chatham, NY, depending on its availability. The sheep will be Mich Ferraro's. It will take place the weekend of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, instead of Columbus Day weekend, and will be a three-day trial.

**B. Novice Trials Committee (Wendy Warner & Sara Reiter):** the Novice Finals will take place Sat., Sept. 10th & Sun., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Bud and Mary Ames' Cascade Farms, Bath, NH. They are looking at using a different flock of sheep. No judge, as yet, has been decided upon. There will be a Novice Finals t-shirt available for pre-order. Sara Reiter's trial and the Ames' May trial both made contributions to the Finals and Denise Leonard's Novice Trial will make a contribution.

A reminder to all Novice handlers to please fill out and submit the move-down form when a dog changes handlers.

**C. Learning Trials Committee (Rose Redick):** there has been no formal activity other than the judging clinic at this (Cumington) trial. Rose has been contacted by people from Canada, and from Virginia, for information on starting learning trials committees.

V. Newsletter Report (Maria Amodei): the next issue is running late. (See!)

VI. Select Committees

**A. Merchandise Committee (Betsy Drummond & Barbara Ericksson):** the Committee thanked Barbara Armata for her design for the 2016 t-shirts. All 2016 merchandise is available for purchase. It will be sold at the Leatherstocking Trial, Dancing Ewe Farm Trial and Taravale Farm Trial. Transporting the merchandise and logistics at trials are their biggest hurdles. All volunteers at trials are thanked for their help.

**B. Calendar Committee (Kate Collins):** 300 2017 calendars have been printed for \$817.06 and 1000 copies of the updated brochure for \$331.49.

**C. Library (Martha Walke):** borrowing is slow but consistent for this time of year. The Ames' Cascade Farm May trial contributed the proceeds from their lunch sales to the NEBCA Library.

**D. Membership Committee (Warren Mick):** a discussion was begun on using PayPal for membership payments. A committee was formed (Pam Davies, Maria Amodei, Denise Leonard, Chris Bowen, Martha Walke and Warren Mick) to consider this and will report back at the membership meeting at the Leatherstocking Trial (8/20/16).

VII. New Business - There was no new business.

VIII. Next Meeting - August 20, 2016, at Leatherstocking SDT, Cooperstown, NY.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55PM. Respectfully submitted, Martha M. Walke, Secretary



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## TRIALS OF A NEW TRIALER

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*Melissa Perley*

My alarm goes off alarmingly early. It takes a minute for me to remember where I am and why this persistent beep is waking me up. It is opening day of my second ever sheep dog trial. As a musician I keep late hours but, as Chris reminded me "Sheep dog trials don't keep musicians hours Melissa, they keep farmer's hours." I glance at the clock and push forward because, at least for today, I am a shepherd.

Our GPS shepherds us to the field. We find a shaded spot to park our car and look around. It is as if we have landed on another planet and, on this planet, everyone wears rubber boots and carries sticks. Sam leaps out of the car: he was raised in this environment, he knows it and he likes it. And, in his aloof border collie way, he rubs elbows with his own kind. I am greeted with a big hug from Martha in her beautiful summer hat. All at once I feel welcome, perhaps I am, in some respect, with my own kind as well.

The sun is beating down on us so my husband and I squeeze in under a tent. Fortunately I have the luxury of watching others ahead of me. I make note of the field, its shape and where the pressure is. I think about Sam and how he will react to different possible scenarios- the one most frequently going through my shaking mind being sheep scattered to all corners of the field.

We stand at the fence and he and I have a chat. Nose to nose we discuss our strategy. I promise to give the correct flanks and he promises to lie down...kind of. Finally it is our turn. Instructions whirling through my head, we walk to the post to begin. Suddenly I notice that I have forgotten my stick back at my seat. I'm a ship without a sail, a car without a wheel and clearly a person without a brain. I think about turning and asking my husband to vault the fence and bring it to me but fortunately for everyone, I decide against that course of action. I take a deep breath. Sam looks up at me and his eyes say "let's go" and so away we go, stickless.

When I am not on the field I have been assigned jobs. My first is to scribe. I take my seat next to Dave and immediately confess that I have never scribed before. We go over the task and the class begins. During the next half hour I write down each number he assigns and he kindly offers reasoning for why he takes points off and, probably more important, why he does not. While taking these notes I make a mental one to myself to remember while on the course to keep my lines straight!

My other job is in the set-out pen. Bud, Mary and Wendy greet me. My nervous stomach relaxes in this happy and fun atmosphere. Wendy pokes the sheep and pokes fun of Bud and he gives it right back. Mary sits in charge but can't help but laugh along. I'm right in the holding pen with the sheep and sweating to put them into the much smaller chute. I have four sons and this is not unlike trying to get them into the tub when they were small. When we are finished and Wendy and I are walking down the road I think about washing the sheep oil and sweat off my hands but it feels like a badge of honor so I decide to leave it.

I ask Sam to take a hard "come by" to bring the sheep around the gate and toward the pen. As he does I run my best rubber boot run over to the pen and open the gate. Sam follows and I quickly give him a "lie down" and he, reluctantly, does. The sheep, free from this dog for a moment, seem to decide that this pen doesn't look so bad after all. Bums tucked in I close the gate.

I hear the click and turn to look at Sam. The reason I am here is because I want to work with Sam doing what he was born to do. To reinforce the trust and the bond that we have between us. I look at him and he looks at me and I say the words that I have been waiting so long to say

"That'll do."





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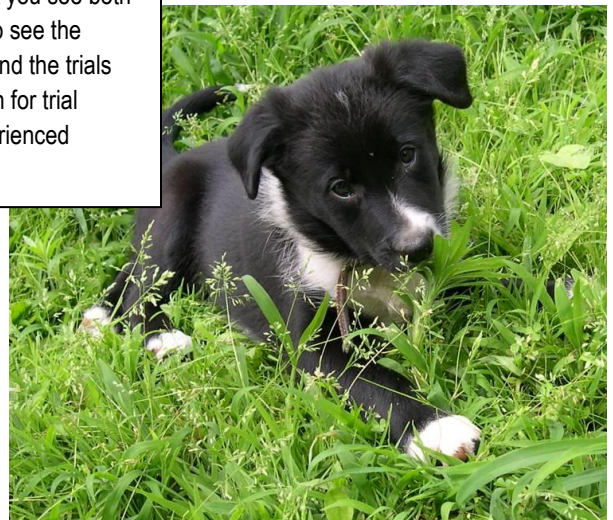
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## 2015 TRIAL SCHEDULE

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Jun 11-12	Taravale Novice Trial	Esperance, NY	NN, PN, Ranch Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Barbara Armata</a> 518-875-6471	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jun 19	Sugar Bush Gap Learning Trial	283 Williams Rd, Windsor, NY, 13865	Two Novice and Pro-Novice NEBCA	<a href="#">Sara Reiter</a> 607-655-2170	Entry <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jun 23-26	Caora Farm SDT	<a href="#">235 Sharon Rd, Millerton NY 12546</a>	Two Open, USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Michele Ferraro &amp; Kak Weathers</a> 518-592-1320	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jun 25	FGF Bridge Benefit SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Two Novice, ProNovice, Ranch	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 1-4	Fetch Gate Farm SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Novice, ProNovice, Ranch, Nursery & Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 2-4	Cascade Farm SDT	<a href="#">370 Pettyboro Road, Bath, NH</a>	Two Open, Ranch, Pronovice, Novice USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Mary Ames</a> 603-838-2018	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 7	Ossipee Valley Fair SDT	<a href="#">South Hiram, ME</a>	Two Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	Pending
Jul 9-10	Dancing Ewe Farm SDT	Granville, NY	Two Open One Nursery USBCHA, NEBCA	<a href="#">Joanne Krause</a> 518-642-1580	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 22-24	Fetch Gate Farm Novice SDT	<a href="#">Cortland, NY Motels</a>	Three Novice & USBCHA Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Roger &amp; Heather Millen</a> 607-835-6584	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 23-24	Spring Valley Open SDT	<a href="#">Strafford, VT</a>	Two Open & One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Steve Wetmore</a> 802-765-4466	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Jul 31	Scotia SDT	Lunenburg, NS, B0J 2C0, Canada	Two Novice, Pronovice, Ranch, Nursery NEBCA	<a href="#">Hilary Flower</a> 902-634-4833	Pending
Jul 29- Aug 1	80 Acres, Kingston, Ontario	<a href="#">Marclen Rd, Kingston, Ontario</a>	Two Open, One Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Amanda Milliken</a> 613-531-9405	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">Word</a>
Aug 3-7	Kingston Sheep Dog Trials	Grass Creek Park Kingston, Ontario	Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA/OBCC	<a href="#">Amanda Milliken</a> 613-531-9405	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">PDF</a> <a href="#">Word</a>
Aug 10-14	CBCA Championship	<a href="#">Shepherd's Crook Farm, Woodville, Ontario</a>	Two Open, Two Nursery NEBCA, USBCHA, OBCC	<a href="#">Dave Young</a> <a href="#">Tracy Hinton</a>	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Aug 19-21	Leatherstocking SDT	<a href="#">Cooperstown, NY</a>	One Ranch, Two Open USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Rose Redick</a> 518-465-6808	Pending
Aug 27	Vermont State Championship	Queechee, VT	One Open & Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Steve Wetmore</a> 802-765-4466	<a href="#">ENTRY</a> <a href="#">Word</a> <a href="#">PDF</a>
Aug 27-28	Tanstaaf Farm	Greenfield, MA	Novice & Pronovice NEBCA	<a href="#">Denise Leonard</a> 413-773-5232	Pending
Sep 1	Lancaster Fair SDT	Lancaster, NH	One Open Points NEBCA	<a href="#">Mary Ames</a> 603-838-2018	Enter day of trial
Sep 3	Blue Hill Fair SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am on



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Sep 3-4	Woolly Winds SDT	Taravale Farm & Kennel Esperance, NY	Two N-N,P-N,Ranch Trials NEBCA	<a href="#">Melody Hanchett</a> 518-221-8222	Pending
Sep 4	Northeast US Sheepdog SDT	Blue Hill, ME	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	Enter by 10am on
Sep 16	Loon Mountain SDT	<a href="#">NHHG Loon Mt, Lincoln,NH</a>	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Lynn Deschambeault</a> 207-452-2898	<a href="#">Information</a>
Sep 16-18	Pipedream Farm SDT	<a href="#">9416 Mt Tabor Rd Middletown, MD 21769</a>	2 Open, 1 Novice & 3 Nursery USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Renee Billadeau</a> 301-293-2797	<a href="#">Information</a>
Sep 23-25	Long Shot Trial	<a href="#">Church Hill, MD HOTELS</a>	Open, Ranch, Pronovice USBCHA/NEBCA	<a href="#">Sherry Smith</a> 410-708-2428	Pending
Sep 24-26	Indian River Fall SDT	<a href="#">Indian River, ON Accommodations</a>	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open USBCHA/ NEBCA/	<a href="#">Cynthia Palmer</a> 705-295-3351	Pending
Sep 27-29	Swaledale SDT	Blackstock, ON	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open	<a href="#">Andrea de Kenedy</a> 416-948-9331	Pending
Sep 30-Oct 2	Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT	<a href="#">Woodville, Ontario</a>	Two Novice, PN, Ranch & Open	<a href="#">Viki Kidd</a> 416-277-4313	<a href="#">Information</a>
Oct 2	Fryeburg Fair SDT	<a href="#">Fryeburg Fairgrounds,Maine</a>	One Open Points & Nursery NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Gabrielle Merrill</a> 207-935-2520	Pending
Oct 30	Milferns SDT	Truro, NS	Two Novice, Pronovice, Ranch NEBCA	<a href="#">Anne Hamilton</a> 902-897-7480	Pending
Dec 2-4	Long Shot SDT	<a href="#">Church Hill, MD HOTELS</a>	Open, PN, Ranch NEBCA/USBCHA	<a href="#">Sherry Smith</a> 410-708-2428	Pending

